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Judged by the number of capable performers who showed rapid development during spring practise, the University of Minnesota football team will come even nearer to Bill Spaulding's ideal of a "bunch of fighting bearcats" next fall than it did last. At the conclusion of spring practise last week the head coach announced that he had at least two first class men for every position on the team; also that there was a "flock" of backfield material.

Minnesota will not enlarge its football schedule, the athletic office announced, following action by the Western Conference permitting an additional game. The Gopher schedule as it stands, with the crucial Wisconsin game coming at the end of October, offers fully as many stiff contests as Spaulding cares to back. The Homecoming Day game will be against Northwestern, and Iowa will be the other Big Ten opponent met on Northrop Field.

Two promising quarters in addition to Freddie Gross, 'varsity quarter last fall have been developed in Malcolm Graham, former Rochester star, and Pete Gury, the East High school expert. Fred Just, Herb Swanbeck, and Chuck Morris all are capable ends, and Spaulding does not expect to lose his 1922 wing players. Lidberg and Holmberg, averaging 190 pounds, are fast, plunging backs from Metcalf's freshman outfit, to whom Bill Spaulding looks for trouble to opponents.

The size of the turnout for spring practise this year was especially pleasing to Director F. W. Luehring and to the football coaching staff. Most of the spring work was taken care of by Spaulding and by Leonard Frank, line coach, as T.N. Metcalf, freshman coach, is also track coach and was busy with his sprinters, leapers and strong men.

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Minnesota track men are on the marks to see which of them will be taken to the National Collegiate Athletic Association's big meet at the University of Chicago June 15 and 16.

Selection of the Gopher representatives depends less on athletic ability among those who are speedy enough to compete at all than it does on the university examination schedule. Examinations begin on the sixteenth, and only men whose "finals" would not be interrupted by the trip to Chicago can be taken, Coach Metcalf has announced.

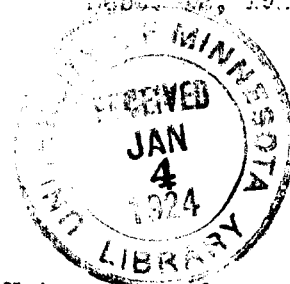
The men from among whom the examination schedule will select a squad for the N.C.A.A. games are Gross, weight man; Towler, hurdler and jumper; Campbell, high and broad jumper, and Gruenhagen, Schjoll and Brown. The last three each got a sixth at the Western Conference meet in Ann Arbor, being hairbreadth losers of the point counting fifth place, and Metcalf considers them good enough to score in a meet where they get the breaks.

At Ann Arbor Towler was second in the high hurdles, but the race was thrown out after a dispute between Michigan and Illinois. Metcalf believes Towler would have won had the race been run a second time. He took second in the low hurdles to the record making winner from the Iowa team, Brookins.

Louis Gross, Varsity football tackle, taking second in the shotput and third in the discus, was high point winner for the Gophers.

The team score, 13 without Towler's four points for second in the high hurdles, placed Minnesota sixth among the competing teams, five finishing above her and eight below, the latter including Chicago, Northwestern, Ohio State, Missouri, and Purdue.

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Hasrell Indians football team which the University of Minnesota will play at Minneapolis on October 13 is made up of big, rangy men who know the game, play a long schedule, and expect to win a majority of their games according to word brought back by Leonard Frank, line-coach under Bill Spaulding. Frank made a business trip to Kansas City last week and ran over to Lawrence to talk to the Indians' coach. Minnesota will have a fast and spectacular game when the Gophers and redskins clash, he predicted.

The Minnesota lineup of assistant coaches has been practically completed for the coming season, Headcoach Spaulding announced. Bill's principal subordinates in gridiron training will be T. N. Metcalf, who will have charge of the freshmen, and Leonard Frank, who will again take charge of the linemen. George Houser, who like Frank, is a Minnesota star of former years, will help with the scrubs and Blaine McCusick, wrestling coach, has been assigned to help Metcalf whip the freshmen into shape and teach them the fundamentals of the game.

R. T. Taylor, who last year was coach of the Aurora high school athletic teams and there developed the quint which won the state championship at the tournament in Kenwood armory has been added to the staff of instructors in physical education at Minnesota. During football season he will be another of the assistants with freshmen.

Red Loudon, All-American end from Dartmouth who helped in the coaching last year will be missing from Northrop Field this fall, his business duties demanding all his time. Whether Arnold Oss will return to help Spaulding & Co. has not yet been determined.

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WEEKLY ATHLETIC NEWS

SEPTEMBER 20, 1923

Skull practise and light drill through which Headcoach Bill Spaulding sent his University of Minnesota football squad on the first three days of practise proved so satisfactory that he has decreed actual scrimmage between the regulars and the scrubs as soon as the players have loosened up unaccustomed muscles and gotten used to the feel of uniforms.

Only two weeks will remain after this before Minnesota opens its season against the Ames, Ia. team, one which always has given a good account of itself against the Gophers.

Most of the men got the fundamentals of Spaulding's style of play drilled into them in spring practise sessions, and as Bill prefers to use relatively a few plays and do them well the team will soon be set to work in midseason fashion.

Addition of Ray Elliott, long an assistant coach at the University of Nebraska, was made this week to the Minnesota coaching group. Elliott becomes an assistant coach. He will give special attention to the backfield. At Nebraska he played from 1899 to 1902 as quarterback when Fielding H. Yost was coaching the Cornhuskers before he went to Michigan. Most years since then he has helped develop the Nebraska teams, which habitually win the Missouri Valley championship.

One after another all the letter men of last year's team but one and practically all of last year's freshman material on which the coaching force has been depending has shown up on Northrop Field for practise. On the Minnesota campus it is admitted that football prospects are brighter than they have been for two or three years.

Following the Ames game the Gophers will meet the Haskell Indians on Oct. 13 and North Dakota on Oct. 20. They will go to Madison Oct. 27 to meet Wisconsin in the first of four Western Conference Games bearing on the championship.

As usual, Spaulding is non-committal regarding the outlook for his 1927 football team.

"If we can find a team of athletes, we will probably make a showing this fall," he said. "The best football players are the men who are all-around athletes. Last year some of our men were athletes and some were not. I'm hoping that some of those who weren't will prove this fall to have developed into the real thing. And of course we will have a nucleus of a few players as good as any team can show."

Spaulding thinks Michigan and Chicago will be the teams that will make the most noise in the conference this fall. He expects to see Yost's men travel particularly fast.

Whether Ollie Aas, last year's captain and center, will return to the gridiron this fall is still problematical according to Spaulding. In his recent communications Aas, who is a law student, has been noncommittal as to his plans. Cooper, a student from Aberdeen S. D. who will be eligible this year and Kelliott, substitute center on last year's team will battle with other candidates for the passing point if Aas does not come back.

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WEEKLY ATHLETIC LETTER

SEPTEMBER 28, 1923

University of Minnesota, Sept ---: In the belief that Ames, Haskell Indians and North Dakota will prove to be the stiffest trio of pre-conference games that Minnesota has faced for many years, Gopher coaches worked the football squad both morning and afternoon until midweek, when the opening of class-work arbitrarily cut the schedule and deferred daily practise to the middle of the afternoon.

With Len Frank showing a weighty string of linemen the latest in crouching, charging, and blocking at one corner of the field, Bill Spaulding and Ray Elliott directing a fast charging squad of backs in another, and Nellie Metcalf teaching a flock of ends the latest in high and fast stepping, Northrop Field had the aspect of being just what it is--a school for intensive drill in the details of a sport that has progressed to a science.

Men who reported this week brought up to 100 percent the roll of players on whom the coaches have been depending. Among the late comers were Peter Guzy, candidate for quarter, who will be the lightest player in recent "Big Ten" history if he makes the team, Oliver Aas, last year's captain and center, Van Duzee, a fast backfield candidate, and two or three others.

Opening of classes will call three coaches, Metcalf, McCusick, and Taylor away from the 'varsity squad to attend to the freshmen, to whom the new Minnesota coaching machine pays particular attention, in line with the conference policy of striving to develop players and to discourage the transfer of students with athletic ability.

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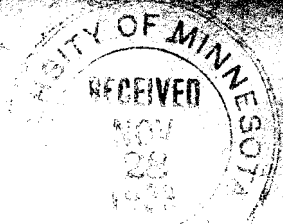
University of Minnesota, Sept-----: Exactly one man, Captain Earl Martineau, is assured of a backfield position on the Minnesota football team as Practise for the 1923 season enters its third week. In view of the fact that only one of last year's backfield men, Otis McCreery, was lost by graduation, while all the others are back fighting for their old jobs, this situation speaks worlds for the new material Bill Spaulding is watching.

Whether the wealth of material will prove to be only numerical richness or a tenstrike of athletic and football material is the concern of the coaches as the early-season games approach. Oster and Peterson, last year's fullbacks, are fighting it out with Holmberg, Freddie Gross, 1922 mainstay at quarterback, will have to shine over Malcolm Graham and Peter Guzy, and practically every one of the dozen to fifteen backfield candidates is a possibility for the half position opposite Captain Martineau.

Who will guard the flanks when the whistle blows in the Wisconsin, Iowa, Northwestern and Michigan games? Bill Spaulding doesn't believe in early decisions, so Ray Eklund, Carl Schjoll, Clint Merrill, Chuck Morris and Fred Just are showing every bit of speed and aggressiveness they possess. There is even less certainty regarding the line positions and Len Frank is sparing of predictions. He'd rather have the performances of his candidates do the speaking.

Meanwhile Ray Elliott's checkered pants are the only certainty on the squad and they are in danger of being ruled out as all below the belt.

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WEEKLY ATHLETIC LETTER

Minneapolis, Minn., Oct 4: Minnesota will go against Ames College Saturday with a mystery team. The mystery will not lie in trick plays, but in the personnel of the eleven. Practise has not shown who will make the team and who will not, neither has Bill Spaulding been willing to say who will be called upon to perform in the first start of the season.

"Bear" stories aside, Minnesota has endured some crippling mishaps recently. Captain Martineau has a broken bone in his hand. Pete Guzy, diminutive quarterback candidate, has a splintered finger; Foote, another promising quarter, is out for the season with a broken leg. The "breaks" have gone against the team in the second week of practise.

Ames will come up from Iowa with a heavy team picked from a squad that numbered 135 at spring practise, twice the number that turned out at Minnesota. Ames has played one game, against Simpson college, winning by a small margin. The Cophers have not been seen in action as yet, except for a public practise session at which the regulars downed the scrubs 26 to 0.

Interesting sidelights were thrown on the team in this display. At the halves, Lidberg and Graham showed ground gaining ability, but it was against scrub material. No one is predicting that they can find the same kind of holes in the opposing lines they will face during the year, nor that they will be able to speed through for corresponding gains.

About everything Spaulding has in the way of first class material was given a chance during the early days of the week. One thing is certain. Minnesota will not be a "one team" aggregation this year. When one player goes out with injuries, someone else about as capable will be there to fill the gap.

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Minneapolis, Oct. 4: - At least four of the regular performers in past years line will be seen when the University of Minnesota football team goes onto the field for major games this season. This is the prediction of fans, although Bill Spaulding, headcoach at Minnesota, is saying nothing.

Cox, Gross, Abrahamson and Schjoll, the last named an end, seem slated to start most of the engagements. Cox seems a fixture at tackle, the St. Paul boy having improved in strength and aggressiveness over a year ago. He also has avoided the injuries which kept him out so much last season. Gross may be used either at tackle or guard, though with Bennett and Gay there seems less use for him in the position next to center than at tackle. Abrahamson has been used steadily at the other guard.

Carl Schjoll's playing has showed marked improvement over what it was last year. He is being pressed by a world of good end material, but seems capable of breasting the torrent. On the other wing Eklund, a real star at whatever he does, is showing everything in football. Merrill and Just are other ends with whom the leading candidates will have to reckon at the start of every game.

Oster, Peterson, Lidberg, Holmberg, Johnson, Van Duzee, Graham and Ascher are players among whom will be chosen most of the backfield running mates to Captain Earl Martineau. With Foote out for the season, his leg broken, Fred Grose, last year's quarter, Malcolm Graham, and Peter Guzy remain as content for the bean position. Of the three Grose is the heaviest and most experienced. Graham is fast, Guzy a formidable passer, but very light. All probably will have a chance to show their caliber long before the 1924 football season is written down as history.

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WEEKLY ATHLETIC LETTER

Minneapolis, Minn., Oct. 18:—After the gruelling contests they have found themselves in on the past two Saturdays, Bill Spaulding's football warriors at Minnesota have cause to expect nothing less than a gigantic team of frenzied players when they line up Saturday against the North Dakota Flickertails.

If Ames and Haskell were "practise" games, Spaulding and Captain Earl Martineau are keen to be told what a real football contest is likely to develop into. At the same time the whole squad admits willingly that nothing could have been better to put the team on edge than the type of swift, aggressive football played by the season's first two competitors.

Loss of Cox, gallant tackle, for the season, when his knee was hurt in the first play he entered will be felt by the Gophers, and Stew Willson was added to the string of disabled quarterbacks for a week or two. Minnesota easily can boast the longest list of quarterbacks in the Western Conference, but of the lot—Grosé, Foote, Swanbeck, Willson, and Guzy, the last named alone is in condition to play Saturday. Except Foote, however, the others will soon be back in the game. Graham, a fast man, is being held apparently as a halfback rather than a quarter.

Captain Martineau showed against Haskell that he is the Marty of old. His sensational 41 yard run for a touchdown, holding the ball in a bandaged hand, was a thrill of the real variety.

"On Wisconsin" famous Badger march, is now parodied on Northrop Field, where the keynote is "On to Wisconsin." Spaulding's men will open their conference schedule at Madison on Oct. 27, and the 1925 football record of the Minnesota team will be officially written down beginning with that date. Judging from what has come from the Badger camp, it is anyone's game, with no one willing to try a prediction of the result.

With seven letter men back in school and a full dozen of promising new men showing talent in fall practise, the University of Minnesota's baseball squad will wait for spring in much better shape than last year when Myrum and Friedl were the only veterans anywhere in sight as practise began.

Bill Foote, captain-elect and George Myrum, third baseman and last year's captain will answer the first practise call, together with Moskowitch, second baseman, Sherman Anderson, First; Christgau, catcher; Kenneth Bros, right fielder, and Herb Hartfiel, one of last year's pitching string.

"Minnesota should have a chance to make its best showing in recent years in conference baseball" is the way it looks to Major L. R. Watrous, head baseball coach.

Two new men of known ability, Pete Guzy, a pitcher, and Herman Ascher, shortstop, will come up as 'varsity players for the first time. Both also are football players.

Newt. Doyle, an "M" man on the 1922 nine also is back in school, as is another veteran, Sampson. Other promising additions to the squad include Bill Franz, Racey, a catcher; Lee, pitcher; Hoar, second; Ross, shortstop; and Hall and Bellaire, infielders.

Coach Watrous put his squad through three weeks of vigorous practise this fall to give them an earlier start than is possible in a Minnesota spring with its late snows and cold weather.

Six dependable distance runners and a bevy of 25 others from whom to develop new talent make up the squad of cross-country men with whom Emil Iverson, new coach of the University of Minnesota hill and dale men is working in preparation for the 1923 season. Running against Grinnell college at Minneapolis this Saturday, Minnesota will continue its cross-country schedule when it meets Wisconsin at Madison next week on the day of the Wisconsin-Minnesota football game. The Iowa and Minnesota harriers will meet at Minneapolis Nov. 17, date of the Iowa game. The conference season will close Nov. 24 with the conference meet at Ohio State University, Columbus, O. A. C. Jacobson, captain, Don McLaughlin, last year's captain, Lyman Brown, L. L.

Wye, Roy Shuck, Roy Papkin and W. W. Lowther are leading competitors for places on the team. The first four are "M" men.

University of Minnesota

Weekly Athletic Letter

University of Minnesota, Oct. 24: - If it is to remain a factor in the 1924 western conference football race, the University of Minnesota team must play Wisconsin off its feet at Madison Saturday, and the thoroughness with which Headcoach Spaulding realizes this fact is shown by the hard, driving practises that have been going on this week on Northrop Field.

Gopher prospects are brighter, as a matter of fact, than some have been willing to admit. Although Captain Martineau's passing hand is still injured and the heaving must be delegated to someone else, none of the other first string men is incapacitated by injuries, as both Ted Cox, tackle, and Freddie Grose, quarterback, have been reintroduced into active play this week.

Hard Drill on running down under punts, tackling, blocking, and other fundamentals took up the Gophers time on Monday, and on Tuesday they were sent back for an hour's stiff scrimmage.

Instead of facing a team that is an unknown quantity, as would have been the case had Minnesota met the Badgers a week ago, Spaulding's men will be fighting Saturday against the aggregation that last week made one of the biggest scores ever piled up by one conference eleven against another. Without revealing much besides straight football, Ryan's aggregation totalled 52 points against Indiana. Minnesota also showed scoring power, with four touchdowns against North Dakota and at least one other score sacrificed by a fumble. Many in the stands thought the Gophers were playing under wraps and most of the better reserves got in before the game was three quarters finished.

Minnesota rooters, however, show no disposition to belittle the caliber of the North Dakota team, which showed a sterling defense much of the time and tackled hard and cleanly. The game also was unmarred by the injuries that hurt Gopher chances against both Ames and Haskell.

If Minnesota wins from Wisconsin Saturday, she should go through at least to the Michigan game without a defeat. As Spaulding said when he heard the result of the Wisconsin-Indiana battle, "If the team goes in there and fights, it makes no difference how good the opposition may be." This is the stand more than 1,000 Minnesota rooters will take when they start Friday for the Madison battle ground.

Fred Oster and Lloyd Pedersen showed the stands some of the best driving fullback play that Northrop Field has witnessed in two years when they cut through the North Dakota defense Saturday. Carl Lidberg, new halfback, also demonstrated that he can keep his feet and cut through. Lidberg was the stellar ground gainer in straight football tactics.

Whether Grose, Swanbeck, Graham or Guzy will prove to be the regular quarterback of the 1923 season will be known following the Wisconsin game. Little Pete Guzy had his first chance last Saturday. He ran the team in brainy fashion, but his passing game was weak. Guzy is rather light for hitting the line, but he injects pep and determination into his crew. Grose, Swanbeck, and Graham are all first rate good football players, but none of them has shown really stellar qualities. Grose has the experience, Swanbeck the ground gaining ability, and Graham the speed. Any one of them will command effectively if the team plays as a unit, gets its plays off with a snap, and works headily. Without these accomplishments a team can make any quarterback look foolish.

No one on the campus is going to Wisconsin expecting anything "inevitable". More look for a victory than fear defeat. "Badgers is Badgers" say the boys, and when Minnesota meets Wisconsin there is the certainty of a battle royal. All the victory yells are being adequately rehearsed.

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WEEKLY ATHLETIC LETTER

Minneapolis, Minn., Oct. 31:- No game of football played by a Minnesota team in more than three years has done so much to reestablish the old prestige of the "Giants of the North" as did the fierce battle on Randall Field, Madison, Wis., last Saturday in which the Gophers held the powerful and highly touted Wisconsin team to a scoreless tie.

Spaulding's men got the jump on the Badgers at the outset of the first period and hurled Wisconsin back towards its goal line with challenge after challenge, only to have a wet field and the battling of a nearly equal eleven deny them the one score that would have meant victory.

As a result of the Wisconsin game, Minnesota is the "surprise" of the season to those who talk of things with which they are not thoroughly familiar. Those who have watched closely the development of the team have expected much of it and are seeing it come through.

This week Headcoach Spaulding is re-pointing the team for its struggle with the Northwestern Purple at Northrop Field Saturday. He is fighting against any development of overconfidence, for Northwestern has been pointing to beat Minnesota ever since the Methodists succeeded in tying up the score in last year's annual conflict. Minnesota will give Northwestern everything it has in an effort to keep its unbeaten record clean.

The loss for two weeks of Louis Gross, who outshone all of the Wisconsin linemen, including Marty Below, is a blow to Minnesota, but Gross's injury is less serious than was at first supposed. It is a hip bruise, of a painful, but not serious, description.

Running the team in his first conference game, Malcolm Graham showed the Gopher followers that he is possessed of able generalship and loads of pluck. Though neither Graham nor Captain Earl Martineau, Minnesota's master speed merchant, was able to elude the Wisconsin ends for long gains, each contributed in consistent team play to the unity which carried the Gophers through.

If the Gophers can dispose of Northwestern Saturday as some believe they can, the Iowa-Minnesota game at Minneapolis on November 17 will be one of the great games of recent years in the west. Defeat of Iowa by Illinois two weeks ago has been offset by the Hawkeyes decisive victory over Ohio State Saturday by nearly as large a score as Michigan rolled up.

Whatever develops, Minnesota has showed its thousands of followers that it is again one of the big teams of the west, and Gopher supporters feel confident that from now on Minnesota will return to its proper place among the gridiron greats of the western conference.

Bill Spaulding has been receiving the congratulations of sports writers on the manner in which he has brought the Gophers back to even terms with their traditional rivals, Wisconsin, after a series of three straight shutouts.

It is a tradition in football that after a series of defeats, a scoreless tie one year usually means victory next time for the team that has been loser. That was the way Percy Haughton's famous Harvard team developed to score its series of crushing defeats against the Eli Blue. When Minnesota and Wisconsin fight off the two year tie in the new Minnesota stadium next fall the crashing will be plainly audible in Valdivostok.

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WEEKLY ATHLETIC LETTER

Minneapolis, Minn. Nov. 8:- Because the backfield has proved that it is as good as the line--a line that has outplayed every team it has been up against this year--the University of Minnesota football team will enter the remaining games on its schedule on equal terms. These games will be with Iowa and Michigan, and it will be the first time in years that a Minnesota team has been sent against those mighty elevens with the feeling that it is just as likely to win from them as they are to win from it.

When a team can go against the best teams in its class with a feeling that all is equal, it's a fine football team. That's what the Gophers have proved themselves to be this year--a high-class, fast, fighting crew, in which any single player is as likely to be the star of the game as any other.

The 34-14 victory over Northwestern last Saturday is history as far as news goes. Gopher followers predict that it will prove to have been history with a capital "H" as the first definite indication that Bill Spaulding and his effective assistants have a team that will be fighting for the championship until the season's last shin has been kicked.

With two weeks in which to prepare for the Iowa battle on Homecoming Day, Nov. 17, Spaulding and Captain Martineau will devote themselves to perfecting the Gopher defense against forward passes and to developing some new plays with which to put the eye out of Hawkeye. They will also concentrate on an effort to convince the Minnesota squad that it is the real thing. The boys have read so much about how bad they were of late years that they can't believe things, now that they have found themselves.

Every influence will be used with Ulysses Grant Purssell, Minneapolis weather observer, to have a dry day prepared for the Iowa battle so that the Gopher Monoplane, Mal Graham, and the celebrated Marty-Lidberg biplane can make their takeoffs with the same certainty that was possible Saturday. These, with Eklund completing the bomb attack, are expected to make several direct hits on great general headquarters, even if the goal posts do extend many feet underground.

Louis Gross, javeline of the Minnesota line at left tackle, will be back in time for the Iowa game, according to Health Service reports, and Graham's banged ankle is nothing for the generalissimo to worry about.

Minnesota vs Iowa will be the last of the great football games on Northrop Field, which is to be replaced by the new Memorial Stadium a year hence. Every seat probably will be sold long before the gates open, but there will be no just cause for complaint among those who do not get tickets, for the new system of advance orders has come as near as possible to giving everyone a fair chance. Those who have a definite link with the University get first chance, and anyone who wants to send in an advance order accompanied by a check, gets second. These two groups, together with the season ticket purchasers, take most of the big game seats except those accounted for by student books. But as everyone has an equal chance to send in an advance order up to the specified dates, there have been no grounds for complaint this year.

Last year Iowa crushed Minnesota. With the overwhelmingly powerful Gordon Locke leading the assault, the Iowans battered the Minnesota team into the ruck, just as they had served Yale two weeks earlier. Minnesota will put a different sort of team onto the gridiron on Nov. 17. It doesn't expect to grind Iowa in the mud—but the Hawkeyes will move mighty fast if they don't have a good deal of dust settling on them.

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WEEKLY ATHLETIC LETTER

Minneapolis, Nov. 14:--While Minnesota was inactive Saturday, football history was written in the defeat of Notre Dame and Wisconsin on the west and in Harvard's victory over Princeton in the east. This week Middle Western fans will again center their attention on Northrop Field where Iowa, eliminated from the championship race, and Minnesota, which can leap at the pennant if it wins, will fight things out in what promises to be one of the season's hardest goes.

Iowa's only defeats have come at the hands of Illinois and Michigan, which scored 9 and 10 respectively against the feared Hawkeyes. Minnesota is the only other Big Ten Team with a clean slate, and a victory over Iowa will mean that the Minnesota-Michigan game the following week will determine whether Gopher or Wolverine is to go into a tie with the Illini for top honors.

Spaulding will throw against Iowa an eleven that has been chosen by the severest policy of test and elimination. In the tests, every man has had an equal chance. In the eliminations, injury has stacked the cards against some gallant players who might otherwise be wearing the Maroon and Gold on Homecoming day. Freddie Oster, first string fullback, is definitely out of it, with his injured shoulder blade.

Minnesota fans feel confident that every position will be filled against Iowa by the man available who is best qualified to do the job. Cooper at center if he is in shape, Gay and Abramson at guards, Cox and Gross at tackles, and Eklund and Merrill at ends have everyone's confidence. In the backfield, Captain Martineau, Carl Lidberg, and Malcolm Graham seem certain to start. Loss of Oster leaves until the last minute the decision on a fourth in the backfield, with Peterson and Herman Ascher apparently receiving most consideration.

Minnesota's style of play is expected to be radically altered when the whistle blows Saturday. So many pass formations and end attacks were revealed against Northwestern that Headcoach Spaulding has thrown much of the old stuff into the discard and is developing some special plays for the Hawkeyes, knowing that they have done the same during the two weeks layoff that has been in effect. If the Gophers can score on Iowa by straight line plunging, it will be the first time that stunt has succeeded this year and Spaulding would like to turn the stick.

Gophers are chuckling yet over the point after touchdown made last year at Iowa City by Captain Earl Martineau's running the ball across from the ten yard mark instead of kicking. Although Minnesota was beaten, that performance considerable lessened the sting.

- Close followers of football feel that Minnesota will go onto the field this week at no disadvantage against Iowa. It will be a battle between teams that are nearly equal. If either can be called better, it must be Minnesota, despite the nearly impregnable defense of the Iowa line. The Gopher line is solid, also, and since the last quarter touchdown made by Northwestern by forward passing, Minnesota has been giving serious attention to blocking that means of advance.

Monday of this week was the first practice day this fall on which rain has fallen. Minnesota hopes for a dry field by Saturday, and most of the long distance weather predictors foresee one. But the team is not looking to fate or the weather for victory. It knows where there is a great big empty hook on which the Hawkeye scalp would look like a couple of flocks of United States treasuries.

University of Minnesota

Weekly Letter On Athletics

Nov. 21, 1923:- Will Minnesota beat Michigan?

The answer to this question is this: If the better team wins, it will be Minnesota's game.

No one knows better than Bill Spaulding and his assistant coaches in Gopherdom that the better team doesn't always win, especially after it has enjoyed the intoxication of drubbing a pet opponent in the way Minnesota put it over on Iowa on the 17th inst.

On form and comparative scores, Minnesota should beat Michigan in one of the closest and hardest fought games of football that can possibly be imagined. Minnesota's backfield and line didn't play better than it knew how on Northrop Field last Saturday in the 20 to 7 victory over Iowa. The team merely realized its full possibilities. If it can rise to the occasion and again do its level best at Ann Arbor, Minnesota will have an undefeated season.

Loss to Michigan of Uteritz and Blott is bringing no rejoicing to the Gopher camp, not only because they regret the injury of those men, but because it is plain that each position has been filled by a player of exceedingly high caliber. The Wolverine team will undoubtedly be at normal strength Nov. 24.

Present indications are, also, that Minnesota will put on the field exactly the same team that won Saturday. It will be the last chance for Captain Earl Martineau or Ray Eklund to take part in a victory over Michigan, a sweet which neither ever tasted. Peterson and Merrill have the same motive, and the rest of the team is just simply out to do Michigan whether they will be troubled to do it again next year or not.

Ho-hum. How dull life does become sometimes.

Spaulding is whittling a set of tent pegs to be used in coralling the ball in case of "tacked" passes, such as Michigan beat Iowa with, or "name it and take it" plays of the kind that beat Wisconsin. In other words, Minnesota is going to keep its eye on the ovoid implement of war, which is just plain football sense after all.

Several hundred rooters will accompany the team to Ann Arbor when it leaves tomorrow.

One handicap the Gophers will be under is that lack of time precludes the development of any new plays to be used vs the Michiganders. Michigan, of course, will be in the same boat, and can't be expected to show more than 30 or 40 formations not revealed before this year.

All stories beginning, "Whether Minnesota beats Michigan or not, the Iowa victory has made the 1923 season a success" will be entitled to prompt evisceration if presented anywhere near the Gopher campus. The thing the team needs to assure its proper development is just one more victory, and that's what they're going across the lake to get.

F. W. Luehring, director, and other athletic authorities are delighted over the improved spirit shown by the fact that those who couldn't get tickets last Saturday refrained from "crashing the gate." The football motive, they point out, especially in line play and at the admission gate, is "first come, first served." Minnesota is back to the point where her football is going to command the attention of all amateur sports enthusiasts. Next year, with the stadium up, a much larger share of the broad public demand for seats will be met.

Passing of the football season with the end of this week will center the attention of Minnesota sports fans on hockey, swimming, and basketball, the last mentioned standing out most prominently as it has most partisans.

While many of those on whom Dr. L. J. Cooke is depending for victories this winter are still wearing football togs, a resume of the available material indicates that the Gophers will be much stronger on the floor this winter than they were last. The season will open Dec. 8 and 10 with games in Minneapolis against Notre Dame. Minnesota will play Ames at Minnesota Dec. 15 and on Jan. 5 will open the conference season at home, entertaining Illinois.

At least six letter men are expected to be out among them Cy Olson, guard, Cy Pesek, forward, Frank Levis, guard, Ray Eklund and Carl Schjoll, forwards or centers, and Becker, center. Carl Lidberg, Don Sinclair and Louis Cross are a trio of football men who will be added to Dr. Cook's charges in basketball.

Some corking new material has come up from last year's freshman squad according to Dr. Cooke, who mentions in this group Rasey, a forward, Gillen, brother of the famous Rony Gillen, Swanbeck, Bourquin, and Frenzel.

Eklund, Schjoll, Sinclair, Lidberg, Cross and Swanbeck are the football men who will not be available for another week or so.

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Minneapolis, Nov. 29:- Additions to the Minnesota football squad next year, promised by Freshman Coach T. N. Metcalf from his first year squad, will include in their number some players to gladden the hearts of Head Coach Spaulding and his assistants. Minnesota may be without as brilliant a man as Martineau when the 1924 season commences, but as things look now, there will be less likelihood of general disruption if any one or two players become disabled.

In Bob Peplaw, freshman back from Connecticut, Metcalf is passing on to Spaulding a man who is Graham's equal in speed at least, who has a good change of pace, and has learned a good deal of the game. Carrying the ball, Peplaw can run the length of the field and come out 10 yards ahead of any other member of the freshman squad although the rest have both arms free. Clarence Schulte of Aberdeen S. D., Fred Borchers of East Grand Forks, Minn., and Shorty Almquist, former East High star are among the other capable backs who will pass on to the 'Varsity squad. Borchers is especially good at full, and Schulte is experienced and capable. Lewis Tiffany of Mason City, Ia., George Langford, 185 pound quarterback from Minneapolis West, Walter Kelso of Morgan Park Duluth and Joe Gordon of Minneapolis North are other backfield men to be reckoned with.

In the line Wendell Bredemus, Minneapolis East star and Red Elliot, the huge lineman from Shattuck school are looked to for a contribution of mass and power that will tower on both defense and offense. Bredemus weighs 235 and Elliot 230 pounds. Bruce Allison of Fairmont, freshman law student is a fast guard weighing 180 pounds and Henry Eliason, who hails from Oak Park, Ill., will be a tackle of parts. Considered fully as good as those already mentioned are E. F. Farmiloe, 215 pound guard from Minneapolis West, A. A. Mayer of Alexandria, who takes his place in the line at 180 pounds, D. H. Bailey, Minneapolis North and V. Fry, St. Paul Mechanic Arts, at tackle, and C. Gualter, a fast linemen from Marquette, Mich., Frank Baumann, a fighting tackle from

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Minneapolis, Dec. 14:

Games with Grinnell College, Iowa, on Dec. 28 and 29, both to be played at Minneapolis, will complete the pre-season schedule of the University of Minnesota basketball team, which this winter appears stronger than it has for some years past. Beating Notre Dame's strong team in the first of two contests and barely being nosed out for the second game gives a line of the Minnesota conference prospects. Five members of Notre Dame's crack football team are on the basketball squad and the entire aggregation is made up of natural athletes.

In Racey, Gillen, Lidberg, and Bourquin Dr. L. J. Cooke, headcoach, has some new material that means real strength to the team. These men, with the veterans of last year, promise to place Minnesota well up in conference competition. Cy Olson, veteran guard and captain, is playing a strong game this year, while Cy Pesek, also a veteran, is the high scoring forward of the quintet. Lidberg, a football star, has been a basketball surprise. His all-around athletic ability promises to mean nearly as much on the floor as it does on the gridiron.

The choice of Ted Cox, Minnesota's big right tackle, to captain the 1924 football team has met with general approval on the University of Minnesota campus and among followers of the team. Cox's election gives the captaincy to a St. Paul man for the first time in exactly 10 years. Boles Rosenthal, captain of the 1914 team was a St. Paul man, and one of the best players who ever wore a Gopher uniform. Minneapolis had the captain this year, Earl Martineau, while the 1922 captain was a North Dakotan, Oliver Aas.

F. W. Luehring, **director** of athletics at the University of Minnesota is a 100 percent believer in the Minnesota climate, and consequently he has set out to make the University of Minnesota the collegiate winter sports capital of the west, a purpose which there is every likelihood of his accomplishing.

Every available means is being used to boost "G.O.C." the Gopher Outing Club which was organized last year under Luehring's sponsorship, and which has met an immediate response from Minnesota students.

Fifty pairs of skis have been bought for the use of regular gymnasium classes, who will be taught the art by Emil Iverson, the Danish sports expert on the athletic department staff. When not in regular use, these skis will be at the command of outing club members under the direction of W.R. Smith, supervisor of intramural athletics. Hikes have been under way all fall, large parties covering specified routes each Saturday.

Groups which have indicated particular interest in other sports, such as snowshoeing, tobogganing, and ice boating, will be organized and encouraged to go ahead with their plans, but the university will be unable to help them obtain equipment.

Particular emphasis is to be laid on skating. A new rink has been flooded on the campus parade ground, where Emil Iverson, his brother, Kay Iverson, and E. H. Hirseth, the new assistant in swimming, will direct and teach fancy and speed skating, as well as less elaborate forms of the sport. Outing club members will help supervise and manage this rink under Mr. Smith's supervision.

The outing club now has 126 active members, together with a large number of prospective additions who have manifested interest. The president of the club is Wallace Dunham, a student from Salt Lake City, Utah.

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Minneapolis, Dec. 20:- Nearly 1,000 of the men students at the University of Minnesota took part in organized athletics last year it is shown by the official report of the University Senate Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics. According to F. W. Luehring, director of athletics, and E. B. Pierce, chairman of the committee, these statistics disprove the often heard claim that college sports are for "the few."

Other than this thousand, it is probable that half again as many were interested in healthful outdoor sports through the activities of the Gopher Outing Club and hiking units, while hundreds more followed unofficially sports to which they have been accustomed since boyhood, such as swimming, skating, tennis, and the like.

Minnesota teams during the year 1922-'23 took part in 70 intercollegiate contests and 99 athletes were awarded the coveted "M" for championship participation. The exact number who joined in organized athletics was 949.

Track led in the number of contestants with 302, football with 254 being second, and basketball with 103, third.

The table included in the report follows:

Sport	Men	Intercol. games	M winners
Football	254	7	20
Cross-country	20	--	5
Basketball	103	12	11
Swimming	70	6	13
Wrestling	50	5	7
Boxing	94	----	----
Gymnastics	35	5	2
Track	302	9	14
Hockey	45	12	11
Baseball	68	10	12
Tennis	11	3	4
Golf	2	1	----
Total	<hr/> 949	<hr/> 70	<hr/> 99

The report said athletics are in a healthy condition at Minnesota and the student morale high.

Niels Thorpe, coach of swimming at the University of Minnesota, is called the best collegiate swimming coach in the United States in an article just published in *The American Swimmer*, a Boston publication.

An All-American collegiate swimming team, appearing in the same issue, lists eight of the last year Minnesota swimmers among the nation's best. These eight are Dow, Larpher, Faricy, Dinsmore, Merrill, Hanft, Bird, and Nutting. Of these men only three, Hugo Hanft, Captain for this season, Bird, and Nutting, are now in school.

The article rates Minnesota best in swimming, Northwestern University next best, and Yale third, with the United States Naval Academy coming fourth.

Faricy, who has broken a number of records this year, since leaving college, is rated as the best breast stroke swimmer in the United States as well as one of the best all-around swimmers.

The long tug to complete the Minnesota football schedule for next fall has at length been finished. The signing of Ames for Nov. 8 was the last stroke necessary. The completed schedule now stands as follows: Oct. 4, North Dakota at Minneapolis; Oct. 11, Haskell Indians at Minneapolis; Oct. 18, Wisconsin at Madison; Oct. 25, Iowa at Iowa; Nov. 1, Michigan at Minneapolis; Nov. 8, Ames at Minneapolis; Nov. 15, Illinois at Minneapolis; Nov. 22, Vanderbilt at Minneapolis.

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Minnesota is producing the strongest basketball team it has had for years in the belief of campus followers of athletics and authorities among the sports writers. Losing but one of its practice games, when it split even on a two game series with Notre Dame, and downing the Illinois five by a score of 36 to 20 in the first conference contest of the year, Dr. Cooke's aggregation appears to have the power to carry it to a high standing.

The return to basketball of Ray Eklund, who is an all-around athlete, and the development of Carl Lidberg, another football star, into a basket-ball player of fine quality, are factors in brightening Minnesota's chances on the floor. Pesck at center has been another heavy scorer. Racey was the third forward who played in the Illinois game, Captain Cy Olson, Wheeler, and Dunder being the men who handled guard positions.

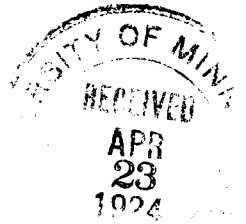
Dr. Cooke and his assistants, among them H. T. Taylor, coach of last year's championship Aurora High School team are working the men at high speed this week in preparation for the game with Indiana on the Minnesota floor Saturday night. Indiana will visit Minnesota with a reputation for strength, speed, and craft. The Hoosiers have come within a single field goal of beating Wisconsin and have had a fine record during their practice schedule. Minnesota will have to play well to show its heels to the Bloomington invaders.

Although snow has covered the university campus for only ten days, Major Lee Watrous, baseball coach at the University of Minnesota has issued his first call for baseball practice, informing the men that they must turn out in the Armory cage on Jan. 21. This will allow two months of indoor battery work and general practice before there is a possibility of getting outdoors in a Minnesota spring, but every effort will be made to overcome the weather handicap. With more veterans back than has been the case in a number of years and five or six first rate players advancing from last year's freshman squad, Coach Watrous finds the material to his liking and predicts that the team will better its record of last year by a considerable margin.

The rifle team from the University of Minnesota R.O.T.C. will shoot in competition during coming weeks against the Universities of Maine, Montana, Nevada and Washington; also against the Utah College of Agriculture. Minnesota has not met any of these teams hitherto. A team of 15 men headed by Cadet Lieutenant Herman Lesler will take part in the matches, which will be shot in the home armories of each university, followed by a comparison of scores according to Captain Andrew C. Nycksen, in charge of rifle instruction.

The Minnesotans on the rifle team are:- R.F. Molterstorff, N.B. Lillegard, H. Halverson, R. L. Seebe, Peter Felroth, D.E. Letson, Nobel Shadduck, K.H. Languth, J.B. Bucning, Harot Swanson, H.E. Stassen, A.A. Cooper, H.C. Elgie, and either H.W. Kelly or D.S. Gibson.

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University of Minnesota Athletic Letter



Minneapolis, Minn., April 3:-

The largest attendance ever recorded is expected by the department of physical education and athletics, University of Minnesota, at its third annual spring conference of athletic directors and coaches, which will be held in the University Armory, Minneapolis, April 16, 17, and 18.

Besides lectures and demonstration work in many fields of athletics and education, the Minnesota athletic department members under Director Fred Luehring will conduct general discussions on such points as proselyting, eligibility, amateurism, sportsmanship, and physical education programs in their relationship to the school. These will come at luncheons to be served on Wednesday and Thursday, April 16 and 17.

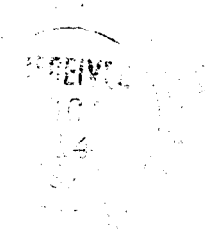
Subjects to be stressed during the conference will be football, track, basketball, baseball, swimming, hockey, gymnastics, and intra-mural athletics.

Instruction in the courses will be wholly free and will be given by members of the department of physical education and athletics. Classes and lectures will be offered at 9.50, 10.30 and 11.30 a.m., while the afternoons will be devoted to demonstration work.

The instructors who will offer the various subjects will be: Athletic problems, F. W. Luehring; football, William H. Spaulding; track, T. N. Metcalf; basketball, Dr. L. J. Cooke; baseball, Major Lee Watrous; swimming, Niels Thorpe; hockey, Emil Iverson; gymnastics, Dr. W. K. Foster; intra-mural athletics, W. R. Smith.

The attendance of high school coaches from all parts of Minnesota is particularly desired according to Mr. Luehring.

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University of Minnesota, Sept. 4:- Candidates for Bill Spaulding's Minnesota football team will begin edging up to the campus almost anytime now, preparatory to the opening of practice on Sept. 15, the legal date under Western Conference rules.

Spaulding and Captain Ted Cox plan to work like demons this fall to offset the traditional jinx that lurks in newly built Stadiums. Most teams playing for the first year in home Stadiums have had to think about the splendid structure to make them forget the scores, but Spaulding has vowed this must not be so at Minnesota. Harvard, Yale, Princeton and Ohio State are among the teams that have been mopped up despite their brand new "Horseshoes."

The Gophers have the nucleus, and more, of a splendid football machine for 1924. Last year's line is intact from tackle to tackle, inclusive, and whatever new material has been developed for these positions remains as a sturdy second line of defence, something that Minnesota too often has lacked. Last year's first string linemen were Captain Cox and Gross at tackles, Gay and Abramson at guards, and Conrad Cooper at center. Visible linemen in addition to these include Manning Rollitt, Mark Mathews, Percy Clapp, Swanbeck, Ziolkowski, McDonald, Bauman and Farmiloe, with still others in reserve.

End positions are open after the loss of Eklund, Merrill, and Schjoll by graduation. Morris, Just, Wheeler, and Tuttle will be in competition for the two wing jobs, with various shifts possible to bring other men into line for these important posts.

Despite the loss of the incomparable Marty from the backfield, together with Freddie Oster, Fred Grose, and others, Spaulding will have a splendid

skeleton organization in the ball carrying territory. There will be Malcolm Graham, Carl Lidberg, Herman Ascher, and Everett Van Dusee among the men from last year. Clarence Schutte, a speedy back with a triple-threat reputation, is sure to be in some of the big games, and Bob Peplaw will be looked for by those who watched his speed and agility during freshman squad practices a year ago. Considering the work put in on freshman players by Nellie Metcalf, George Hauser, and Blaine Mc Kusick, it would be surprising if some splendid playing did not materialize during the season.

Six of Minnesota's eight games will be played at home, as only Iowa and Wisconsin will be played on foreign fields. As their home contests, the Gophers will meet North Dakota, Oct. 4; Haskell Indians, Oct. 11; Michigan, Nov. 1; Ames, Nov. 8; Illinois, Nov. 15, and Vanderbilt, Nov. 22. The Wisconsin game at Madison comes on Oct. 18, and that with Iowa Oct. 25 at Iowa City.

All home games will be played in the new Stadium under present plans, all tickets for home games having been printed for the Stadium rather than for Northrop Field.

Louis Keller and Sherman W. Finger are new members of the department of Physical Education and Athletics at Minnesota who are expected to add general strength to the work this year. They will carry on, between them, most of the work handled last year by "Nellie" Metcalf, in addition to other duties. Keller will take over a considerable part of Metcalf's classroom work, while Finger will be track coach. Both have the rank of associate professor. Both new men made enviable records as athletic instructors before Director Fred Luchring obtained them for Minnesota.

University of Minnesota, Sept. 12. For those who wish to see University of Minnesota football games this fall act promptly, there will be no reason for anyone's failing to get tickets to the games he wants to see in the new Stadium, according to Dr. L. J. Cooke, ticket manager. With 50,000 seats available in the new field, the "sold out" sign is expected for only the biggest games, and with these nearly two months away there is opportunity now for anyone to place an order that should be certain of success.

Dr. Cooke has warned, however, that applicants should act at once if they want to make sure of seats. It has been the history of almost every Stadium that the public depended too much on increased capacity, only to find that the structure was none too large for the potential demand for seats. Capacity crowds have become the rule rather than the exception in many of the biggest Stadiums, and Minnesota may be expected to follow that precedent.

Mail orders will be filled this year in the order of receipt, rather than being drawn on the lottery plan, so the man who orders first will be first served.

Orders for season tickets and for the two home conference games, with Michigan and Illinois, have begun flowing into the University athletic office in large volume. Season ticket sales promise to be many times as large as they ever were before, Dr. Cooke finds. The Michigan game on Nov. 1, will also be Homecoming, and thousands of Minnesota alumni will return for it. Two weeks later, the dedication ceremonies for the Stadium, together with Minnesota's first "Dad's Day," will again draw thousands of graduates and friends to the campus. These are the two games for which prompt orders will be especially

desirable, although heavy turnouts are expected for other games, notably those with the Haskell Indians on Oct. 11, with Ames, Nov. 8, and with Vanderbilt, Nov. 22. North Dakota will open the season on Oct. 4. Mail orders must reach the ticket office two weeks before the day of the game. Cost of the tickets, plus postage for mailing them out, must be included. Season ticket sales will close on Sept. 29, a week before the first game.

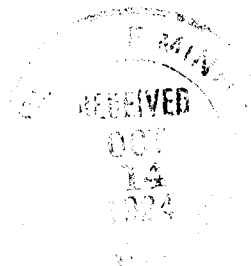
Both the seats and the playing field in the new Stadium have progressed to a point where football could be played right now if that were necessary.

Headcoach Bill Spaulding has tuned in the electric lights over his demonstration blackboard and knocked the chalkdust out of his eraser, preparatory to starting cranium drill the minute his veterans put in an appearance, beginning Monday, Sept. 15. Spaulding has already begun plotting the season's campaign with his assistants, while in other parts of the gymnasium Oscar Munson, custodian of equipment, and Dave Woodard, trainer, have everything in ship shape to meet the rush of enthusiastic players when it begins.

With a high class "first" eleven assured, Minnesota coaches will devote much time this fall to developing men who will be "just as good" in case any of the veteran stars are forced from a game either by injury or other circumstances. It has been a weakness of past Minnesota teams to have eleven men the equal of any in the conference, but an unfortunate dearth of capable reserves, who could enter the game and carry on without crippling some of the best formations, to say nothing of defense. This fall the coaches seem to have material enough to obviate this difficulty. Bill Spaulding is determined to leap the old hedoo of "one man to a position."

Weekly Sports Letter.

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Sept. 18, 1924:- Now it can be told. Minnesota will be one of the red hot teams in the Western Conference this year. No one who knows the difference between a pigskin and a yam would think of questioning this statement after seeing the initial dress rehearsal of Bill Spaulding's "Huskies of 1924". Whatever else happens, Minnesota needn't start agitation for a rubber gridiron that can be shortened at one end and lengthened at the other. Both offensively and defensively, the squad looks fine.

The Gophers have 14 lettermen back, including last year's regular linemen from tackle to tackle, Graham and Swanbeck, who won letters at quarterback, and Lidberg, Peterson, and Herman Ascher in the backfield. Swanbeck is working out with the linemen this year. Captain Cox and Gross at tackle, Cooper, Rollitt and Mc Donald at center, Abrahamson, Gay and Clapp at guard, and Mark Mathews, whom Spaulding may develop into an end, are the insignia winners who have turned out for practice.

Spaulding's immediate task, beyond the imperative drill in fundamentals, will be the discovery of some ends. After looking over the end candidates, one finds the problem less terrifying than it seemed when the season was a little while off. Rog Wheeler and Tuttle of last year's freshman squad, Chuck Morris, Freddie Just, Jack Towler, last spring's track captain, Mark Mathews, who won his letter at tackle, and several others, offer an assortment from which the wings seem certain to be satisfactorily manned.

The 1924 Gophers will have drive and they will have speed. They will have the same line that was so geologically in evidence last season, and they will have some backfield additions of straight 'varsity caliber, particularly

Schutte and Peplaw.

An example of the team's spirit is found in Malcolm Graham, who attended both summer sessions for the sake of a margin of credits that would leave no doubt as to his eligibility.

Captain Ted Cox reported weighing 231, an increase of 20 pounds over his weight last year. But he can plow down the field, leg braces and all, at a rate that keeps his fellow linemen on the steady move. Conrad Cooper, first string center in 1923, was the only man to report in poor physical condition. Cooper is suffering from a bad cold that will keep him on the sidelines for a few days.

Two weeks from Saturday Minnesota will meet North Dakota, and the following week they will face the Haskell Indians, who will come back to Minneapolis in the wake of the redoubtable John Levi. Levi's touchdown from kickoff in last year's game still leaves a sun spot on the vision of Gopher fans, who wonder if he will be able to repeat. It will be a first class game.

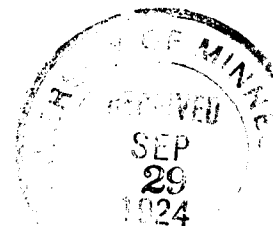
Emil Iverson returned to Minneapolis last week after attending summer school at Illinois, and announced that only two of his crack cross-country squad of last year, Captain McLaughlin and Lloyd Vye, will be out there running for Minnesota in this year's harrier meets. Brown, Jacobson, Brandes, Mathews, and Popkin have all been lost to the team, some for one cause, some for another.

Iverson announced that he will start building a new team from the ground up in anticipation of the matches with Iowa and Wisconsin, both over opponents courses on the day of the Minnesota football games against those universities. Director Fred Luehring is busy arranging a third meet to be held in Minneapolis, but the opponent has not yet been named.

The coach thinks he is playing in hard luck, now that he has lost so many veterans. In the conference meet last year two of his men lost shoes, one sprained an ankle and a fourth stopped to pick up an exhausted opponent, and even then finished well up with the leaders.

Weekly Sports Letter

University of Minnesota.



Minneapolis, Minn., Sept. 25:- Hunched over their keys in the pressbox of the University of Minnesota's stadium, specially skilled telegraphers will send approximately 250,000 words describing the action of the six home football games scheduled for this fall, according to a computation based on figures given by L. H. Miller of the Western Union Telegraph Company's staff.

Stations for 44 telegraph instruments have been installed in the new press stand, 34 of which will be equipped for instant use, so that a sending instrument can be put in use by merely plugging it in. The other 10 will provide for expansion. The 34 instruments will be kept somewhere in the University's athletic plant under lock and key, but ready to become vocal the moment a kickoff occurs.

Miller estimates that 30 direct wires will be in use for the Michigan and Illinois games, sending an average of 2500 words apiece, or 150,000 words for the two games. This will go to the national press services and to the many individual papers in Chicago, Detroit, Cleveland, Milwaukee, Columbus, Des Moines and elsewhere, which take a special interest in the Big Ten contests.

An average of eight wires will be in use for the North Dakota, Ames and Haskell games, sending a gross total of 60,000 words, and a dozen wires will probably send 30,000 words on the season's big intersectional contest between the Giants of the North and Vanderbilt, the football leaders of the South.

Interest was never before so keen in intercollegiate football as it is this year.

With a week to go before its first game of the season, with North Dakota, Bill Spaulding's Minnesota football team is still in its infancy, as teams go. It is a lusty, strong-lunged thing, with promise for the future, but it doesn't coordinate as a football team should, and there are a number of needed accomplishments that it lacks.

One of the teams' shortcomings is in the kicking department. Spaulding is unwilling to visualize a team that has to grind its way down the field hand over hand, only to be pushed back by a single graceful kick that wins back everything brawn and speed has gained. So he is setting himself to the development of a punter. He has to, and he admits it.

Then there are the ends. Or, are there? The Gopher coaching staff doesn't quite know whether there are or not. Len Frank has veterans to work with from tackle to tackle, not to mention some boys not so veteran, though right doughty. But even in the line there have been some big holes torn by reserve opposition, which downed the practicing backs for no gain, time and again.

Naturally, the traditional gloom fairly cozes from every Big Ten camp at this season of the year, but it is true that in kicking and end play, Minnesota is still very much up in the air. Another fact is that no passer has stood out with quite the brilliance that Spaulding craves. Little Pete Guzy has returned to the squad, of course, and no one doubts that Pete can pass, fast and accurately, but players weighing 126 pounds have sometimes found the conference standards a little strong. Goliath merely lacked the right kind of moral support when he met David.

Campbell Dickson, a brilliant end on Chicago elevens, has joined the Minnesota coaching squad. Next week will see practice cut down from twice a day to the hours of late afternoon as classes will begin, and after all, football isn't the only thing for which young men go to college.

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Minneapolis, Oct. 1:- Prospects for the future in Minnesota football reached a brilliant peak this week when the largest turnout of freshman candidates in the history of the university reported to Sherman W. Finger, freshman coach. The number had reached 150 on Wednesday, and at least 50 or 75 more were expected to appear by the end of the week. Beef, brawn, and speed, the time-honored football equivalent of "Evers to Tinker to Chance" were all in evidence among the yearlings. Fred Luehring, director of athletics looked them over and sent a hurry-up call to Headcoach Bill Spaulding, inviting him to cast an eye on that. Bill did this forthwith and had some difficulty in shifting his gaze. He liked what he saw, and he saw plenty.

Spaulding speeded up practice just a trifle this week in anticipation of the opening game against North Dakota Saturday. His early schedule is stiff and he has no intention of bringing the eleven to a high polish too soon. Haskell Indians, Wisconsin, and Iowa are growling in their lairs against the time when they meet the Minnesota team on the following three Saturdays, and for each of these squads Spaulding and Ted Cox have a wholesome respect.

The crew of candidates who turned out as the season began has been whipped into some form by now, and the team which will probably represent Minnesota throughout the season can nearly be picked. Whether Cooper, last year's veteran, Herb Swanbeck, or Rufe Christgau, who is this year's particular find for the central post, will become the regular remains to be seen. Illness keeps Cooper from practice. Swanbeck has most experience, but Christgau seems to have about everything else. The Mower county boy is more than holding his own.

Abramson and Gay seem fixtures at guard, Gross and Cox at tackles, Graham at quarter, and Carl Lidberg at fullback. Rog Wheeler seems to have made one of the ends, with Mathews, Just, Towler, and Morris scrapping for the other. Tuttle, one of the promising early season candidates, has turned in his suit. Studies have made him ineligible.

While there's not Marty himself, the backfield will provide plenty of assistance to Graham and Lidberg. Besides Schutte, Ascher, and Peplaw, each a corking halfback, Spaulding has Van Duzee, Peterson, who is as good as any of them at his best, Foote, Mason and Guzy for quarters, and a string of others.

Dr. L. J. Cocke, ticket manager, hopes that Minnesota fans throughout the state will bear in mind the fact that mail order for tickets close two weeks in advance of the dates of the games, which means that but two weeks remain for those who have not yet ordered Michigan game tickets. That game comes Nov. 1 and will also be University Homecoming day. Orders for the Illinois game, the other home Conference contest, will be received throughout October, as that game comes on Saturday, Nov. 15.

Spaulding thinks Nov. 1 an ideal date for the Michigan game and expects to keep the date of this prime contest about there. Yost has complained in past years that a late November date was too likely to provide snow on the Minnesota campus. The Michigan-Minnesota game is the big, traditional struggle in these parts. Spaulding has expressed confidence that Yost's plans to drop one conference game, following his booking of the Navy for next year, will not affect Minnesota.

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University of Minnesota, Oct. 9:- Who will make Minnesota football history in 1924? What names will emerge from the host of individuals in original lineups and substitutions that will take their places alongside those of Bert Baston, Johnnie McGovern, Arnold Oss and Earl Martineau?

It is an interesting fact that even the closest followers of Minnesota football have as little knowledge of the relative excellence among the men who will carry the ball as they had in the middle of September. Spaulding has maintained his method of giving everyone a chance and allowing no one to "grandstand" and has kept it up so successfully that one lineup seems as likely to be used in the big games as another. No one knows what man will mount the ladder of gridiron glory in the conference games.

Saturday's Haskell tussle will give a second line on the abilities of the Gopher backs and ends. These are the ones who remain shrouded in mystery. Of the line there is no doubt. Conrad Cooper has returned to his old post at center, having shaken off his cold and gained 15 pounds in weight.

Carl Lidberg of Red Wing seems the only backfield player who has a position assured him. Minnesota has no less than four quarterbacks, Graham, Foote, Guzy, and Mason. Which of these names is to be written large? The fans are asking. With Peplaw and Schutte, halfbacks, there are Gordon, a sophomore find from North high school, Minneapolis, Ascher, Peterson, and Van Duzee? These are five keen players, but which will have the real edge remains to be proved.

There is no questioning the fact that this situation adds spice and suspense to Minnesota's football outlook. Some of these men are stars, undoubtedly. But which? That is still an unanswered question.

American Indians from 20 tribes and 14 states, including Alaska are in Minneapolis today as members of the football squad from Haskell Institute, the United States government Indian school at Lawrence, Kan., which will play the University of Minnesota in the new stadium Saturday.

The famous John Levi, who ran for a touchdown from the kickoff against Minnesota last year is an Arapahoe from Oklahoma, and his Indian name is Big Buffalo, according to F. W. McDonald, athletic director at Haskell. Captain Carpenter, a Sioux from South Dakota is White Weasel in his native tongue, while Killbuck, the mammoth guard of the Munsee tribe in Kansas parades onto the field under his own name.

Pappic, a member of the squad who weighs 172 and plays halfback is a Minnesota Chippewa, according to advance information received from Lawrence.

Kick-his wife, Red Blanket, Slick Tail, Charging Skunk, Little Boy, Big Bone, Swift Deer, No Bally, Moon Shine and White Possum are among the Indian names on the squad. Others are No Bally, Mountain Cat, Takes-the gun, Sleeping Bull, Totem Pole, Fire Starter, No Smoke, Long Tail, Cactus Briar and Hungry Man also will appear. Cactus Briar is strong on the defense. Two Hatchets chops yardage off tackle as a halfback.

Tribes represented include the Creeks, Hydah, Hoop, Chiksaw, Onida, Chippewa, Sioux, Klamath, Gros Ventre, Yakima, Comanche, Blackfoot, Washoe, Sac and Fox, Arapahoe, Munsee, Shoshone, Bennach and Pima Indians. The Hydahs are the Alaskan tribe, which has two members on the squad.

Weekly Sports Letter

University of Minnesota



University of Minnesota, Oct. 16:- While Crusher Cox and his ten fellow marauders are quarrying the Wisconsin ledge this week-end, Minnesota football fans have an opportunity to size up the season as far as it has gone and train their mental telescopes on the future.

In one way of speaking, everything depends on the outcome of the Wisconsin game. There are teams in the Big Ten sufficiently strong to go through the present season undefeated, and the team on whom the rocks fall at Camp Randall will stand little chance of being at the top of the arithmetical standing when November snows come down.

Perusal of football history shows that among teams of approximately equal strength, a scoreless tie, like that in last year's Wisconsin-Minnesota game is often followed by a victory for the team which was beaten the year before the tie game took place. This is a minor item on the Minnesota side of the scales. This year it may mean nothing. Neither Badger nor Gopher has as yet shown his full strength.

Minnesota looked less like a football team against North Dakota than it had against the scrubs, while against Haskell it looked better against a fairly strong team than it had against the Flickertails the week before. The present week must see more improvement. A not unreasonable guess is that if Bill Spaulding's touchdown machine produces three scores, Minnesota will win.

After the hard Wisconsin game, Cox will lead his crew to Iowa City, a locale not famous as a dawdling ground. Iowa has most of last year's team, and with a year's added experience, they may be expected to make the Gophers work.

Michigan follows Iowa in the third very hard game of three weeks. That is a situation that can not be laughed off. Thousands of alumni will be back on the campus Nov. 1, demanding that Minnesota turn the tables on Yost's

team, which does not always look good, but has, nevertheless, an uncanny ability to make just a few more points than its opponents can. Needless to say, that is a process that wins many a game.

To see beyond the Michigan game is impossible. The steam that will arise from three contests between the Haskell and Ames games is bound to make the visibility extremely low.

Barring injuries, Minnesota should enter all three games with an even chance, but certainly with no better than an even one.

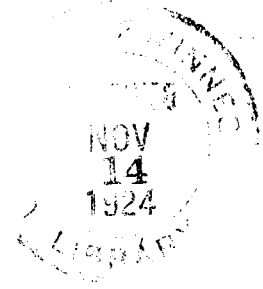
The development of Herman Ascher's punting has been an acceptable surprise to the Minnesota following, as it supplements his known ability to knock down passes, a trick he demonstrated last year. When Peplaw gets off his crutches, he and Ascher, Peterson and Gordon should make a dependable quartet from which to supplement the work of Lidberg, Graham and Schutte.

Minnesota has never been so well off in reserves as it is this year. This circumstance is fortunate in more ways than one. It assures competent substitutes if players are injured, and even more important, it keeps everyone from thinking that he has a first string job hog-tied.

At Iowa on Oct. 25, Minnesota is to meet up once more with its old Nemesis, Rollie Williams. Rollie and Shorty Barr used to do things to the Gophers when they were members of the Wisconsin team. Rollie is now assistant coach of the Gold and Black.

Weekly Letter on Athletics

University of Minnesota.



University of Minnesota, Oct. 22:- Luck seems to have been with Minnesota when it placed Illinois on its schedule for the final Conference game of the season. If the Gopher season goes along as it well may, without a defeat prior to Nov. 15, the set-to between Illini and Minnesota at the time of the Stadium dedication will just about decide the conference championship. The present writer believes that there are six chances out of ten that this will take place, and almost an even chance for Minnesota to conquer Zuppke's crowd when they travel to Minneapolis.

Despite its failure to get better than a tie against Wisconsin, Minnesota is a good team and will prove it as the season progresses. What it must have if it is to be a Minnesota team that will be remembered, is at least one more really good end. Of Wheeler's ability to hold down the left wing, there is little doubt, even though he is no Eklund as yet. At the other extremity of the line there will be danger until vast improvement has been shown.

The Gopher team has plenty of material, plenty of power and ability, and the best of coaching. If it takes 100 percent advantage of these it will be an unusually hard team to beat. If it goes through the games wondering what the Sunday newspapers are going to say, its opponents are sure to give the sports experts something to talk about.

The Iowa game Saturday looks like a Minnesota victory, just as Wisconsin did a week ago. But let no one think that the Michigan team that will face the Gophers at Homecoming can be judged by the score at Urbana. It will take every ounce of skill and strength that Spaulding's team has to beat Yost's crowd, or Little's, if it is the latter this year. The Little Brown Jug will have a neck-ache before it decides finally which way to turn.

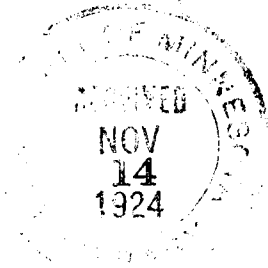
Peter Guzy, the diminutive substitute quarterback, demonstrated his known skill against Wisconsin and will be relied on more in games to come than he has been before. Graham had a very sore side, and when Bill Foote was handling the team he had little choice but to call for punts, since the ball was deep in Minnesota territory. It must be remembered that Graham and Peplav, both injured, represent the top speed of the Minnesota ball-carriers. With them in shape to perform at their best, the team will be able to astonish some of the fans.

Many a football player could learn a lesson from "Red" Grange. That statement seems obvious enough, but the fact is that Grange is a man who rises to tremendous heights when the moment of big demand comes. He has a frantic enthusiasm for outdoing himself in a major task. He seems to have the "plus" that the success and personality magazines talk about. And the "plus" is often the margin that wins. Grange happens to be better than almost anyone else without considering the "plus", but any really good man who frantically makes that fractional addition to his usual pace is likely to accomplish something that is noteworthy.

Coach Sherman Finger of the Freshman squad has cut his 135 players to 55, among whom is some material that will make Minnesota football history, provided the young men in question keep up their classroom work. Minnesota has been unusually fortunate this year in having players who were good in their lessons. For next year there must be a lot of good football material with satisfactory classroom technique, for the Gophers are going to lose most of their veterans when the curtain is dropped on the present season.

University of Minnesota.

Weekly Sports Letter.



Minneapolis, Nov. 5: Minnesota's senate committee on intercollegiate athletics believes that athletes who do not compete in their sport during a year of residence ought not to lose thereby a year of eligibility; in other words, that the football, track, or basketball man who drops out of sport during his sophomore, junior, or senior year should have a right to compete an extra year provided his work in a senior college requires an additional year of attendance.

Present conference rulings say that the man who spends three years in college after his freshman year uses up thereby his three years of athletic eligibility. Recently the Minnesota senate acted on the annual report of the committee on intercollegiate athletics and turned down the conference rule, substituting the provision that the man must compete in his sport during a given year in order to use up his eligibility.

The Minnesota interpretation must now go to the other conference universities. If they pass it over Minnesota's head, Minnesota must abide by the result. If they agree, the new rule will go into effect.

Such a rule has significance in universities with colleges of law, medicine, mines, and the like, where many students get interested in athletics after their first year or residence, but under the present rule find that they have already sacrificed much of their eligible period.

Little Ames, the Iowa State College team, cracked the Gophers hard last year, Minnesota winning by the narrow margin of 20 to 17 after the smoke and dust of the Cyclones' forward pass attack had settled.

There was nothing in that, nor has there been in the Ames showing this year, to make Minnesota think of Saturday as an "off-day", so Spaulding has been driving his team at top speed throughout the week's practice, Minnesota has hardly better than an even chance to beat Ames. It is a fact, however, that a victory this week would put the team in splendid fettle for the hardest game of the year on the following Saturday, that against Illinois.

To stop Grange, Minnesota has a flock of green ends. What more need be said. These men are determined, gritty chaps, without very much experience. How much the "Terrible Red" will succeed in circling them remains to be seen, but he may be expected to describe one or two circles at a minimum. But Minnesota is full of fight. Spaulding has the boys grinding their teeth and charging the freshmen with far more smash than has been displayed at any time this year.

Graham has apparently won his way back into the quarterback post, and Herman Ascher, by his splendid showing in the Michigan game, is at last a fixture at right half. This leaves only right end as a wide-open position, with Morris, Just and Fisher as the leading competitors. What the Gophers must have on the end is a man who can hang onto a forward pass when it is thrown into his very hands on the goal line. There have been perfectly executed scoring passes in every game this year, but the passes haven't been caught. In the words of one critic, the operation has been successful, but the patient has died.

So this week Minnesota is out gunning for Ames, and next week, if dreams come true--and they do sometimes--the Illinois scalp will be dangling at the belt of the Gopher tomahawkers.

University of Minnesota
Weekly Letter on Athletics



Minneapolis, Minn., Nov. 12: Contributions to the fund from which the new stadium at the University of Minnesota was built have been made by 17,255 individuals, alumni, students, faculty members, and friends of the institution, according to Thomas F. Wallace, president of the Greater University Corporation, the alumni body that carried on the campaign. The stadium will be dedicated Saturday between halves of the football game between Illinois and Minnesota. Mr. Wallace will present the structure to the University, turning over an engraved deed of gift to Fred B. Snyder, president of the board of regents, who will make a brief speech of acceptance. Due to the short period between the halves, the exercises will be very brief.

History has repeated itself at Minnesota in living up to the rule that the first season in a new stadium is usually unfortunate. Away back in 1907 when Harvard put up the first of the great concrete circuses, Dartmouth, then just entering on the "Big green team" era, walloped the Crimson 21 to 0 at the dedicatory game. Harvard gave Yale a grand beating the first time the two met in the famous Bowl at New Haven, and Michigan ran rings around Ohio State when the Columbus structure was opened. Illinois is the handsome exception. Grange kept Michigan dizzy in the dedicatory exercises at Urbana. It remains to be seen whether the \$2,000,000 worth of dedication he accomplished there will be increased by \$700,000 at Minneapolis Saturday. If he turns the trick, sports statisticians can add to his record that he has successfully dedicated more dollars worth of concrete grandstand than any other player in the history of football.

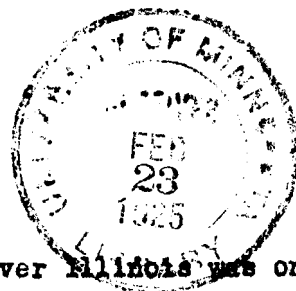
The best way to trick fate out of the bad first season in a stadium must be to put up the structure piecemeal. This will rattle the three sisters

and they will not know when to snip.

The art of alibi is too fatalistic to fit into the modern age, but there is one thing to be said for the Minnesota football team, and that is that the blocked kick which was converted into a touchdown against Ames four minutes before the end of the game was the first break the Gophers have had since Percy Clapp grabbed a fumble and wiggled through for a touchdown against Haskell. Take the word of one who watched every play in the Iowa and Michigan games for it that the scores, 13 to 0, reestablished the hoodoo qualities of the mystic figure 13. Not one single, solitary bit of luck did Minnesota have in either of those contests. Misplays contributed, of course, but all the little freaks of fortune went to the opposition. If the "law of compensation" counts, Minnesota is due for a better division of the breaks. To this extent at the very least, the game on Saturday may be expected to show the team in a truer light than it has reflected so far this season. On the other hand, Illinois is going in to use everything it has. It wants a championship, and the tie game with Chicago is going to create what might be called an "unfavorable technical situation" in the stadium market.

The Gophers will show their full strength against the Illini, barring the unfortunate absence of Peplaw. Peplaw's speed had been counted on at the beginning of the season. A speed merchant in the backfield is a necessity to a football team, and the fact that the Gophers' main reliance in this branch of play was relegated to the sidelines by injury has had much to do with the season's misfortunes.

The true interest in football as an art that exists in the twin cities will be tested by Saturday's game. There are always those who want to see the Varsity in action. They will be at the game. How many are there who will insist on seeing the greatest of the recent football stars because they are true lovers of football? Figures on those who pass the gates will provide some interesting data on that point.



Minneapolis, Nov. 18: Minnesota's victory over Illinois was one of the greatest demonstrations of team play that the gridiron world has witnessed, and to say that the team itself played as a unit, almost frenzied in its determination to vindicate its coaches and prove its own fighting spirit, is to tell less than the whole story.

A thing or two happened behind the curtain, matters that are now reported for the first time. Prompted by the fear that a growing critical attitude toward Minnesota football among some factions of the public was damaging the team's morale, both the president of the University, Dr. L. D. Coffman, and the chairman of the board of regents, Fred B. Snyder of Minneapolis, went quietly over to the Armory on certain afternoons before the game and told those boys that Minnesota was "for them", for all of them, heart and soul and will.

What President Coffman told the players, or what Chairman Snyder told the players, is a matter between those who spoke and those who heard. Whatever they said, one may be sure that it did not reflect on the ability of Minnesota coaches, nor on the intelligence or spirit of the plunging youngsters who took the job of dedicating the new Stadium off the shoulders of the Illini and did it themselves, heroically, and to a nicely done brown.

This is not told in any effort to detract the tiniest fraction from the credit due the men who guide and those who participate in the game of football at Minnesota. It is told to show that the basic organization would not accept defeat as disaster, nor admit the impossibility of success when every bit of data indicated that the Gophers should be a really splendid football team.

And a really splendid team they were as they outfought one of the greatest teams that has been produced, outcharged it, outspelled it, out-thought

it, defeated it beyond any alibi. Say meanwhile that Grange and his teammates were just as fine in defeat as in victory. They went down beaten, but untamed.

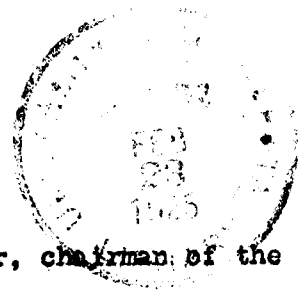
"As hard as Michigan" is the cry going up from the Minnesota practice field this week, referring to the outstanding southern eleven, Vanderbilt, which will come to Minneapolis Saturday for the closing battle of the 1924 season. Every scout that Bill Spaulding has sent out to watch the team from Nashville has assured him that the Vandies' defeat by Tulane in the first game of the season was due almost wholly to Vanderbilt fumbles when they were driving along for touchdowns. Vanderbilt's victory Saturday over Georgia Tech., a team that for years has been invincible on its home field, gives a far truer line on the power of the next opponents.

In two games played last year and the year before, Michigan was able to score but three points grand total against Vanderbilt, taking away a 0-0 tie and a three to nothing victory. Vanderbilt teams have also been playing on practically even terms against Yale and the Navy. No, the Vandies will be no set-up for the Gophers. Spaulding and Len Frank will do everything they can this week to keep that razor-like edge on the Minnesota team that Zuppke cut his finger on.

Minnesota may have been a revelation to many on Saturday, but to those who have watched the team, that game was more like the completion of an example in arithmetic after a couple of faulty attempts. Two and two makes four. That's easy. But every time the Gophers have tried to work it this year they broke their pencil just before they set down the "four", so everybody thought they didn't know the answer. But they did, and they gave it with a bang at just the right time, to dedicate the new Memorial Stadium and honor all those Minnesotans who have fought the good fight, whether on gridiron or battlefield.

University of Minnesota

Weekly Letter on Athletics.



University of Minnesota, Dec. 5:- Fred B. Snyder, chairman of the board of regents of the University of Minnesota outlined the university's attitude towards athletics and warned against pressures that might tend to professionalize college sports in his address at the annual "L" banquet, Dec. 3, when football and cross-country letters were given the players. In his address Chairman Snyder said:-

"Our athletic department has been an object of criticism. Perhaps a statement of what we are trying to do will help to clarify the situation.

"The management of the university is vested in a board of regents. The board elects a president and appoints the administrative and teaching staff. All are servants of the people. The university is not only a public institution supported by and responsible to the state but its development and growth is dependent upon the support and faith of the people. Therefore, public opinion should be based upon accurate information as to the plans and purpose of the University. When the legislature established physical education as a required subject in the common schools of the state it must have expected the university to provide a department of physical education to train teachers for the schools of the commonwealth and to develop the physical well being of the sons and daughters of the state who come to the university.

"Authorities agree, and the war statistics prove, that physical training is an essential part of modern education and that to be effective it must include within its scope every able bodied student. The university not only advocates that principal but attempts to practice it by making it a separate but integral department for both men and women. Mr. Luchring is the director and Mr. Spaulding is the head coach in the division for men. With these are associated Messrs. Finger, Keller, Cooke, Watrous, Frank, Taylor, Dunnigan and others. Only men of high moral character, skilled as specialists

in their line, respected by all who come under their care, and loyal to Minnesota, are employed. If any should be found wanting in these qualities their services will no longer be acceptable.

"Taken as a whole, the department of physical training at the university is not surpassed in its man power by any department of the same kind in the country. These men give their time and energies in doing for the greatest number the greatest good. It is not the primary aim of the department to produce a winning football team but we never lose sight of that goal and hope that it may be attained here as often as at any other university, but the good of the many must not yield to the good of the selected few. The pull of a favorite must be fruitless. Merit alone must govern advancement.

"The eligibility rules as to scholarship must be complied with. Good football players are eagerly sought and invited to come to the university but those who come must come on the same plane as those who come to any other department. They must neither be favored or discriminated against. Like all other students seeking an education at the university they shall have access to the loan funds of the institution to aid them in getting an education if they are in need of funds but the best of them is no better than the best of the outstanding men in other departments.

"The tendency of the times, fostered too often by an inconsiderate public, is to inject into our universities too much football bordering on the standard of professional athletics. If permitted to go unchecked this tendency will in the end destroy amateur football. It will deprive the people of one of the most fascinating, exhilarating and spiritualizing spectacles of any age.

"The university needs a better understanding of the purposes of the department of physical education. An enlightened public opinion knowing the facts should approve and commend the university for the work it is now doing."

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(Top, Harold T. Taylor, basketball coach at Minnesota; below, Sherman Finger, freshman football coach and track coach)

Mimeapolis, Jan. 28:- The University of Minnesota's regenerated basket-ball team, coached by Harold Taylor, has hung up what is believed to be a record by beating the Wisconsin team in two successive games. Sports experts on the campus say this is the first time such a thing has happened to Wisconsin under its present coach, Dr. Meanwell.

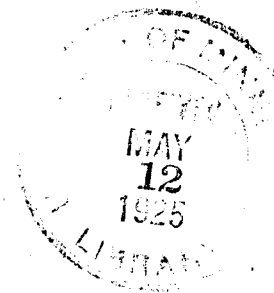
Minnesota will go against Ohio State in the Armory February 2 with a record of three conference games won and two lost, but with additional collegiate victories over Notre Dame and Creighton to its credit. Its second loss, that to Northwestern on the night following a hard-fought victory over Chicago, was by a single point. Baker of the Purple team tossed a field basket just as the game closed, changing a one point lead for Minnesota to a 15-14 score in favor of Northwestern.

Introduction of Merickel, a "find", at left forward as a running mate to the speedy and formidable Rasey has rounded out the best scoring trio the Gophers have had in several years, with Herb. Wolden, center, as the third of the basket finders. These men have been making it continuously hot for the opposition defense throughout the season. Captain Vic. Dunder, Rog. Wheeler, Ted Cox and Carl Lidberg, the last three all of football fame, are the defensive stand-bys of the Minnesota team who have held all opponents to low scores.

Sherman Finger, track coach, is whipping his material into shape for the series of indoor meets, beginning late this month, which will precede the outdoor track season of the spring. With mostly raw material, Finger is working hard to produce a squad that will give the Gophers creditable representation on the cinders this winter and spring.

University of Minnesota

Letter on Athletics



University of Minnesota, March 12:-

Rating second in the western conference in both swimming and hockey, winning a 500 percent rating in basketball for the first time in four years and defeating the previously unbeaten Illinois football team have been accomplishments in athletics at Minnesota this year which brand the collective athletics of the university a success. And with the approach of spring sports, the Gophers have excellent chances for a high conference position in baseball. With some of his best performers ineligible, Sherman Finger, track coach, is issuing some blue statements, although a few first class performers will wear the Minnesota colors on the cinder paths this spring.

Major Lee Watrous, baseball coach, will leave March 20 for a trip to Texas, taking with him a baseball squad that includes eight veterans and several men of promise who have not yet won the "M" on the diamond. Two games will be played with Texas A. & M., two with Southern Methodist University at Dallas, and two with the nine of the University of Texas, in Austin. Other games will be scheduled, the guarantees bringing the cost of the southern trip to a remarkably low figure.

Guzy and Tucker as pitchers, Captain Rufe Christgau, catcher, Foote and Rasey, outfielders, Ascher at shortstop and Hall at third, with Sherman also an outfield possibility, are among the men who will probably make the southern trip. The big holes in the Gopher nine at present are at first and second base. The graduation of both Ray Eklund and Cy Pesck left a gap at first for which no one has been developed as yet. Herb Wolden, the star center on the basketball team, and Jim Manahan, are possibilities at the initial sack. Other men who will be out for baseball include such athletes

as Mason, Wheeler, Lidberg, Schutte, Stephens, Wright, Redding, and Anderson.

Not counting a number of stars who are said to be ineligible, Sherman Finger's track squad will include Captain Craig Mattice, hurdler, Bill Grunhagen, who won second in the 300 yard dash at the Illinois relay carnival, Albert Johnson, also a quarter miler, Ted Hyde in the broad jump, Freddie Just in the high jump and Rohrer in the pole vault. Catherwood, Scarborough, Partridge, and others are men who can be depended on to give their best on the track.

Minnesota's galaxy of weight men, including Louis Gross with the discus, and Carl Schjoel with the javeline, have been reduced to a minimum by graduation or completion of three year's competition. Ted Cox will be out for the shotput, however, and some new material is expected to develop among the husky youths of the football squad.

With Herman Ascher a fixture at shortstop on the baseball team and Ted Cox taking his part in the shotput, Minnesota's past and present football captains will be doing their full share to uphold the athletic standard in other branches of sport.

"U" Athletic Field

Doubled in Size



Minneapolis, Minn., June 26: Without purchasing an acre of new land the University of Minnesota is doubling the size of Northrop Field, which is to be devoted to the general athletic and physical education program and to intramural sports, now that major sports are conducted in the stadium.

Filling in of the broad cut through which the Northern Pacific Railway passed before its tracks were removed from the campus makes the extension possible. The south wall of the old field, which rose above the tracks, has been torn out and the filled area has become a part of the huge playfield which will provide facilities for wholesome outdoor recreation for every male student in the institution.

Including last year's addition of the big stadium field, Minnesota now has three times the outdoor athletic grounds that she had two years ago.

First use of the enlarged field has been made by the men in the first summer session, in which approximately 3500 students, a record number, have been enrolled. A directed program of athletics for these students is being conducted by W. R. Smith, director of intramural sports.

Major Hill Ready

For Football Grind

Major Ray Hill, officer in the United States Army and celebrated football coach, has been transferred to Fort Snelling and is awaiting the opening of the football season next, when he will serve as one of the principal assistants on the University of Minnesota coaching staff. Several years ago when Howard Jones first went to Iowa, Major Hill was one of his assistants and was given credit for a considerable share of Iowa's great success. He was a star player during his years at West Point.

Taylor Re-engaged

At Salary Boost

Harold T. Taylor, basketball coach at the University of Minnesota, who turned out a team last winter which, while it did not win the championship, battled the best of them to a standstill, has been reengaged for next year at a salary increase of \$700. Under the new Contract Taylor will receive \$3500. In addition to his work as head basketball coach he assists with the freshman football squad, coaches golf and teaches athletics in the summer session, assisting Lou Keller, who directs the professional courses in physical education for teachers.

Taylor came to Minnesota two years ago from the Aurora, Minn. high school, where he developed a team that won the State High School Basketball title and put up strong competition at the national interscholastic meeting in Chicago.

Taylor will have much of his old basketball material back, and prospects are that Minnesota's 1925-'26 season will be considerably better even than last winter's was.

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Minneapolis, Aug.--- The ten long months that lie between one football season and the next have been whittled down until only three weeks remain before University of Minnesota stalwarts will be back in Memorial Stadium tearing up the sod and booting the pigskin high above the walls in graceful spirals. Minnesota's new headcoach, Dr. Clarence Spears, and Fred Luehring, director of athletics, have sent the warning call or first bell to waiting athletes and in all parts of the state the big boys are resigning summer jobs and buying the nice new suits that will hang useless in lockers for two months while they wear the moleskins.

Players who have been working in Minneapolis and St. Paul have been dropping in to shake hands with the new coach and he and the boys have been giving one another the mutual once over with results that seem perfectly satisfactory to both. He looks as if he knew his job and they appear capable of taking care of theirs. But they can't become better acquainted until Sept. 16, for conference rules set the opening of practise just three weeks before the season's opening game. This year it will come on Saturday, Oct. 3, the opponent being North Dakota.

Dr. Spears has spent a busy three weeks in Minneapolis receiving a unanimous glad hand from alumni, twin city business men and lunch clubs, former players and fellow workers at the University of Minnesota. His big, genial personality has been making friends instantly, and his aggressiveness bodes ill for those who think the Spears-coached teams will not fight.

The selection of a staff of assistants to Spears has been practically completed. Major Ray Hill, who has years of successful experience behind him, will coach the backfield. Bob Saxton, an old-time Dartmouth star will be a mainstay of Dr. Spears, also, as will Sig. Harris, who contributed so much to

the success of the Williams teams during Minnesota's palmiest football days. Sherman Finger, freshman coach, will have the assistance of Harold Taylor, best known as the Gopher basketball coach, and Merton Dunnigan, a Minnesota star of other days who was on the coaching staff a year ago. Other helps will come from Blaine McKusick, wrestling coach and others.

Meanwhile the ticket season is in full swing. Mail orders must be received two weeks before the date of a game, and those on the priority list must have their orders in three weeks early. Season ticket sales will close on Sept. 21. Homecoming will be on Oct. 31, date of the Wisconsin game, and Dad's Day on the Iowa Game day, Nov. 14th.

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DR. SPEARS FAVORS

SECRET PRACTICE

"Marty", Gopher All American Drops

In To Wish New Coach Good Luck

Minneapolis, Sept. 2; Earl Martineau, Minnesota's most recent All American and one of its most loyal alumni, dropped in at the University Armory yesterday to wish the best of luck to Dr. Spears, the new Gopher coach and to greet old pals. Marty is on his way back to Kalamazoo, Mich., where he coaches at Western State Normal. He predicts that Minnesota is sure to hit its stride in the near future and sees no reason why this should not be the year.

Secret practice on Northrop Field may prove to be real secret practice when Doc. Spears gets his season under way. The Doctor predicted as much today/

"Some call it secret practice when only your friends and card holders, who may number a hundred or so, get onto the field," he said. "I am inclined to the theory that secret practice is a matter between the squad and the coaches. In the early season, however, I rather expect to have open practice until well along in the afternoon, then secret practice, all visitors barred, under the floodlights. "

The new coach is delighted with Minnesota's football plant and apparatus he declares. He calls the Stadium a Corker and also likes the way in which the playing field has been constructed.

"My only possibly criticism is that the surface of the field is a little too soft," he said. "I'm afraid it will tear up a little easier than it should. Otherwise it is a perfect field. The team room, dressing and shower rooms, locker facilities and all that are very good indeed and should mean added efficiency on the field. "

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Sports Letter

Minneapolis, Sept----- Grinnell, which returns to the Minnesota football schedule this year after a long interim, is one of the ancient opponents of the Gophers, the first Minnesota - Grinnell game having been played in 1890. The point of the matter is, however, that Grinnell has not only beaten Minnesota twice, in 1895 and 1898, but has been the victim of two of the biggest scores any Minnesota team ever ran up, 102 to 0 in 1902 and 146 to 0 in 1904. The latter is one of the largest scores ever made by a Western Conference team.

Of recent years Grinnell has played much better football and Dr. Spcars' eleven is not looking forward to any walkaway when the two teams meet in Memorial Stadium on October 10. Grinnell's best scores against Minnesota have been the victories at 6 to 4 and 16 to 6 in 1895 and 1898 and a tie at 5 to 5 in 1899.

Like the return of the modified Minnesota shift in Dr. Spcar's pet bag of tricks, the resumption of play against Grinnell will have a savor of reuniting the old times with the new in Minnesota football. Incidentally, Minnesota stopped playing Grinnell about the time most members of the present team were born.

Continued drill in fundamentals is the portion that is now being served up to Minnesota's squad of nearly 60 capable players. Punting, passing, running back punts and shifting seem to be occupying most of the time. It is noticeable that Minnesota's practice gives relatively much more time to the kind of football that scores points than to the kind that holds 'em in the line, as compared with the tactics of former years. It would look to the casual observer as though this year's Gophers, other things being equal, would average from seven to ten more points per game than have the teams of the past two years.

The new headcoach is opposed to the stressing of personal accomplishments in reports of practice, for it is his idea that several men should be able to play each position. No one has any post cinched.

The spirit that is behind Minnesota football this year is indicated by such things as the willingness of the many student spectators at practice to stay behind the wire limits that Dr. Spears has had put up. Students and other spectators are not allowed near the side lines as they have been in other years but are held to two corners of the practice field. There has been no complaint against this wholly reasonable policy and it is to be expected that the student daily will approve the plan when it begins publication next week.

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Sports Letter

GOPHLERS A WEEK AHEAD

FRED LUEHRING SAYS

Squad under Dr. Spears Snaps Into practice with splendid spirit

Minneapolis, Sept. 21: "Minnesota is a week ahead of where it was last year at this time" is the judgment Fred W. Luehring, director of athletics passed on Dr. Clarence Spears' work as Minnesota coach as the first five days of practice came to an end.

He was watching the squad of 60 candidates for the first team prancing about Northrop Field under the direction of the headcoach and his assistants.

There is a noticeable air of business about the Gopher practice this year. The field itself is nearly twice as large as it was last year, due to the filling of the railroad gulch and the removal of the south fence. As far as numbers go, there is more material, though practice has not gone far enough as yet to reveal its quantity. Spectators are held to the narrow corner of the field near the armory, for Spears thinks of football practice as class work and believes that the public gets all it really deserves when it has a chance to witness the finished performance at a game.

The squad has already been divided up into a group of teams which the several coaches take, one after another for drill in backfield work, line work, charging, or chasing down the field under kicks. Spears is the general, and he is one who sees and directs everything that goes on.

Minnesota may develop a superior punting game this year, something she has seldom enjoyed in recent years. Both Captain Ascher and Malcolm Graham are showing big improvement in booting, and Mollie Nydahl is revealing a line of

drop kicking that may produce results. Minnesota has not scored by the aerial route for three years except for the point after touchdown affair. And while the three points do not always win a game they count heavily in morale as well as score. When a team lines up at the kickoff after scoring it almost always has a drive and spirit that give it a definite advantage during the next ten minutes of play. This alone sometimes makes it desirable for a captain to choose an aerial score from the 25 or 30 yard line instead of trying the battle route in the hope of a touchdown.

Dr. Spears has been expressing regret at the relative lightness of the Minnesota squad. He is right in his opinion that the material as a whole is light, and he realizes that he will have to build an offensive that mesh material can employ. One thing is sure-- no one has suggested or imagined that he will be unable to do so. Most fans prefer scoring with a light and fast machine to the traditional "holding 'em" with a heavy one.

Sometime this week a freshman aggregation will get into action. Last week someone asked where the freshmen were. The truth is, of course, that until college opens there are no freshmen, as the new class has not yet arrived and the men who turn up for early practice have advanced at least into the sophomore class. It has been impossible as yet to get a line on the yearling material that Minnesota is to obtain.

Sig Harris, besides helping with the coaching, will serve as chief scout for Minnesota this year and will direct the intelligence service which all Big Ten teams carry on by sending spectators to the contests of prospective opponents. As a man who has seen every football game he could slap an eye onto in the past 20 years Sig should do notable work in this capacity.

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GOPHERS FACE WEEK
OF GRINDING PRACTICE

Seven games still face Dr. Spears team;

get goin' now the motto

Minneapolis, Oct. 5: In line with the famous 99 blue bottles, there are still seven tan pigskins "ahanging on the wall" for the Minnesota football team, even if the North Dakota game is out of the way, and Dr. Spears is planning no let-up in practice during the next week or two. Grinnell, next Saturday's opponent, has been generally classified as a tough one this year, Wabash will be worse, if anything, and then will come the new but apparently perfectly capable Notre Dame eleven.

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Much time will spent this week in polishing off the crudities revealed in the contest with North Dakota. Meanwhile, Sherman Finger will make an effort to whip a freshman squad into shape to go against the 'varsity now and then in practice. Minnesota freshman will be drilled this year under a new plan, incidentally. Rather than trying each week to learn the plays of teams against which the 'varsity is to play, the fresh will be drilled in Minnesota's own type of football with a view to perfecting their own play against another year, when members of the yearling squad will almost certainly find some places with the regulars. This arrangement is especially pleasing to the freshman coaches for their men will develop in a way that they could not when they had to make a very sketchy study of a new style of play each week.

Lessons of the first game were driven home to the men in a long chalk talk today during which Dr. Spears meted out the praise due some and was not sparing in administering the gaff to others. Spears is an effective disciplinarian, but he can smile with a smile; the players know what to expect, and there is no hard feeling of any sort.

Nearly 1,000 high school football players made the trip to Minnesota for the opening game, to which teams were admitted free if they came in a body and brought a letter from the principal certifying as to the membership of the group. For the remaining home games high school teams will be admitted at 25 cents per man except for the Notre Dame, Wisconsin, and Iowa Games, for which the charge will be half a dollar.

Notre Dame is still in the lead as far as ticket sales are concerned the decision of the South Bend institution to make the Minnesota game the objective of its annual student trip being an important factor in the demand. The call for tickets to the Wisconsin and Iowa games is certain to be unusually heavy, however, due to the fact that each will be the occasion for a University celebration. Dad's Day, when the fathers of students are invited to the campus, will come on the day of the Wisconsin game, October 31, while the Iowa game is on Homecoming Day, the big annual foregathering of alumni and old timers of every sort. Mail orders for the Wisconsin game will close in less than two weeks, Oct. 17, to be exact, and it is the tip at the ticket office that those who want to see the two new coaches of the Big Ten in action against one another will do well to speak quickly. George Little, the Wisconsin coach, succeeded Jack Ryan at Madison at just about the time Spaulding resigned to be succeeded by Spears.

Ingwerson at Iowa is the only other conference coach who still smells of the store, this being only his second year. The others are mostly veterans, ranging up to Zuppke and Wilce, who have been at it a long time, and so to Yost and Stagg, who must have been present when the game was thought up.

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THOSE OUTSIDE TWIN CITIES

GET TICKET PRIVILEGE

Stadium staff will buy at public sale
for fans at a distance

Minneapolis, Oct.-----; Despite reports to the contrary and talk of a sell-out for the Minnesota Notre-Dame football game, ticket authorities at Minnesota announced today that they expect to have seats available for every Minnesotan outside the twin cities who wants to see the game, provided these act promptly.

Inasmuch as persons outside the twin cities will probably be unable to purchase seats at public sale in Minneapolis and St. Paul, a special arrangement has been made for them to send the price of tickets desired. Representatives of the ticket office will then act as their agents and buy the tickets at the twin city public sale, holding them at the Stadium ticket office until the purchasers call for them. Payment must be sent in one of three specified forms, cashier's check, postal money order, or telegraph money order at the rate of two-fifty per ticket.

Kenneth Wells, assistant ticket manager, announced that if necessary the athletic department will erect additional stands to care for the extra demand. He asked, also, that persons outside the twin cities realize that they have had the sale opportunity to take advantage of the advance mail order sales as those living nearby have had.

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SPORTS LETTER

Minneapolis, Oct.-----: Three games against teams from Indiana, but no game with either of the two conference universities in Indiana, Purdue and Indiana University, is the paradoxical offering of Minnesota's football schedule this year, and Dr. Spears' team is at work today polishing off a few new plays to use on the first of its Hoosier opponents, Wabash, which is due in the Stadium Saturday. Notre Dame, on the following week, comes to Minneapolis from South Bend, while, on Nov. 7, Butler will put in a menacing appearance from James Whitcomb Riley's old home town of Indianapolis.

The "Little Giants" of Wabash have already scalped Purdue, and there is nothing to indicate that the Gopher will have a restful afternoon on October 17th, any more than they did against Grinnell last Saturday. There was lots of truth in the statement of Grinnell's coach, Mike Hylan, that the comparative score of 35 to 6 was not a true picture of the game. Grinnell's chief fault, however, was that which Minnesota so often displayed last year, ability to gain plenty of ground in midfield but no steadiness to push it over from inside the 25 yard line.

Wabash will undoubtedly score a touchdown within the first three minutes of play. Both North Dakota and Grinnell have done so against Minnesota and the precedent looks to be authentic. They probably will boot over a 75 yard drop-kick or something like that, both the fumble route and the touchdown from kickoff having already been used. These early touchdowns seem to be just the salt that Minnesota needs on its meat.

Leonard Walsh of Superior, who went out for a backfield post and be-

came a guard, gave evidence of his backfield experience in Saturday's game when he picked down a forward pass and centered over the goal line for a touchdown. Walsh is a fast guard and he has a fast center beside him in the person of Cooper.

Minnesota fans will have their first chance the coming week-end to get a line of Notre Dame's 1925 ability against a first rate football team when Rockne's men go against West Point. The Soldiers, incidentally, are coached by Johnny McEwen, who gained his brown swimming in all these lakes up around Alexandria, which was his old home. McEwen later attended Pillsbury Academy and the University of Minnesota before joining the army. Notre Dame will have little more than an opportunity to reach home in South Bend, Ind. before leaving again for Minnesota, but Spears is not counting on that situation for any advantage.

Football enthusiasm will be at fever heat when Rockne's men play in Minneapolis, but there are plenty of indications that the Dad's Day game with Wisconsin on the week following will be just as much of a football game, if not much more. Wisconsin has plenty of veterans and suffers from a kind of chronic blood thirst where Minnesota is concerned, a condition that has not been remedied by the tie games of the past two successive years. The Badgers will learn a lot against Michigan Saturday and will have two weeks in which to take advantage of it before they come to Memorial Stadium.

A Wisconsin victory over Michigan would not be as significant, however as some might suppose, for George Little is thoroughly familiar with everything Michigan has and may turn the same kind of a trick on his old master that Ernie Bearg at Nebraska put over on Zuppke in the 14-0 victory over Illinois. Nebraska's defeat by Missouri Saturday would seem to indicate that the Cornhuskers are not actually world champions.

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Minneapolis, Oct.----Sherman Finger, former coach at Cornell College scouted the Cornell-Grinnell game for Dr. Spears last Saturday and came back to report that Minnesota will have another stiff game when it meets the Grinnell eleven in Memorial stadium Saturday afternoon. Grinnell, he said, covered up a good deal of its game with a view to springing the always hoped for early season surprise and handing the Gophers an unexpected beating. Minnesota is also looking wise over the Wabash game a week later, inasmuch as Wabash last Saturday took the measure of Purdue, a member of the Western Conference, albeit one that is usually in a humble place in football ratings. Wabash has a habit of turning out a crashing team every now and then and this seems to be one of its years.

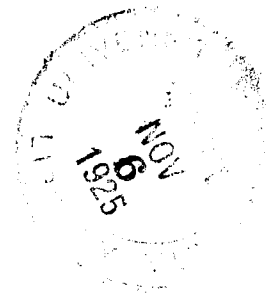
The Minnesota squad came through the North Dakota game in good condition, physically, and all the men who played the Flickertails will be in shape for subsequent games. Fans still have a chance to see some of the more talked of Minnesota players in action for the first time, Meili and O'Shields, for example, being new men who were not displayed in the first game, the former due to an injury. Graham and Van Duzee, also, are others who have yet to make their 1925 bow on the gridiron. Eldon Mason, who has shown promise in the backfield, was also on the bench during the opening contest, making a fourth in a complete backfield that might be called into action during almost any game.

Any team but Notre Dame might be expected to show up at Minneapolis in poor shape on October 24 after making a trip from South Bend, Ind. to West Point the preceding week and then a journey to Minneapolis with so few days rest between. Normal laws seem to have little effect on the rugged warriors of Rockne, however, and Dr. Spears is going to put his faith in hard work and good football, wholly without

respect to what has been happening in the other camp.

The speed shown by Minnesota's light backs and the rugged character of the defense, which kept North Dakota from making a first down, were satisfying to the stadium fans a week ago, but no one went away laboring under the impression that Minnesota had a polished team or prospects of beating the world. Dakota out-kicked the Gophers consistently and the home team showed nothing in the passing line, though this was probably from choice rather than necessity. Perhaps the most encouraging thing about the game was the realization that with its relatively strong line and its agile backs, Minnesota should have a first class defense this year against the passing game of its opponents. Ascher, Peplaw, Nydahl, Almquist and Gordon look like men who should knock down many a spiral during the season, to which should be added a good percentage of interceptions for gains. Minnesota has seldom been strong in this particular department of play.

If Harold Hansen manages to remove his present ineligibility before the more important games arrive he will be rated an important addition to the line's potential strength.



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Sports Letter

Minneapolis, Nov.---The fact that Iowa, which plays Minnesota a week from Saturday, will this week stack up against Wisconsin, which Minnesota outplayed so badly a week ago only to have the brand snatched from the burning in the last quarter, will add tremendously to interest in the Minnesota-Iowa contest at Minneapolis Nov. 14. The game will be played on Minnesota's Homecoming Day.

With four victories in the last five games, Iowa will come to Minnesota with its celebrated Nick Kutsch, and his husky cohorts, Fry, Graham, Raffensperger and Remcy, with a determination to add to its conference laurels by trimming the Gophers. It is hardly too much to predict that the Hawks will meanwhile have beaten Wisconsin. This will give Minnesota a second try at the Badgers in so far as comparative scores mean anything. But there is no doubt in this case that, if Iowa should beat Wisconsin and Minnesota beat Iowa, the scores would carry significance.

Doc. Spears is certain to have something garnished up to be served out to the Hawkeyes on what is so generally referred to as "the occasion of the renewal of these hostilities." And, although the most splendid spirit prevails between Minnesota and Iowa, just as between Minnesota and Wisconsin, hostilities will be right during the period of gridiron play.

This Iowa game should be particularly interesting because of the rather marked similarity in the style of play affected at the two institutions. Both teams incline to line and oftackle smashes rather more than to passing and end running, yet each is amply proficient in the latter departments to assure the spectators a varied and exciting contest. Whatever the outcome, this game will

should prove one between teams more evenly matched than any others in the Western Conference barring Chicago and Purdue.

Minnesota this week entertains Butler, coached by Pat Page, who, by the way, was one of the candidates for the Gopher coaching job after Bill Spaulding decided to accept the athletic directorship at Southern Branch, University of California. Pat will send the team he has against the team he might have had, and he will no doubt be interested to watch the outcome.

This will end the series of three games with Indiana teams which Minnesota has played this year. Wabash was beaten, Notre Dame won, and Butler is the rubber game.

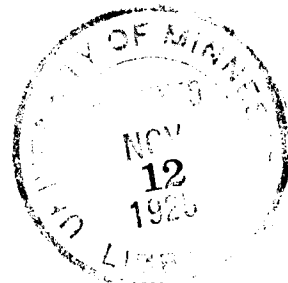
Incidentally it should be of interest to fans who are saying that Minnesota should play Notre Dame again, to remind them that the contract between the two schools calls for three successive games. Notre Dame and Minnesota will play in Minneapolis again next year and in South Bend the year following. So that is that.

Statistics showed that the attendance at the Minnesota-Notre Dame game was the fourth largest in the United States on that day. Illinois' huge stadium was occupied by 67,000. It has the largest seating capacity in the country. The Pennsylvania-Chicago battle and the Harvard-Yale game, both played in large eastern population centers, were the only others that drew bigger interest than did the battle in Minneapolis.

Besides the tackles who played at Michigan, Spears has two others, Hyde and Gary, both of whom will be eligible a year from now. The guards, Walsh and Hanson were splendid performers through the present season. Wheeler is a veteran end and Tuttle has been developing swiftly. Next year's backfield, if fortune smiles, will again include Joesting, Murrell, Almquist, Arendsee, Poplaw and Nydahl, together with some of the promising freshmen stars, men like Barnhart and Greer. The outlook is bright.

Minnesota looks forward now to the signing of a more satisfactory schedule than it had this year. Dr. Spears wants a hard schedule, meeting the tough and fast ones as rapidly as they come. With Iowa, Wisconsin, Michigan and Notre Dame games assured, at least one, and preferably two more conference games are wanted. Then with North Dakota as an opener and some team of the general character of Grinnell, Ames, or Wabash as the other game, Minnesota would have a schedule to satisfy the most exacting alumnus or fan.

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MINNESOTA TEAM

MOSTLY FROM OWN STATE

Statistics show that only 9 of 50 on
the squad come from outside Minn.

Minneapolis, Nov:--- Forty one of the fifty first squad football players at the University of Minnesota come from Minnesota itself and nine from other states it is shown in a compilation recently made by Prof. Otto Zelner of the College of Engineering. Professor Zelner is a member of the committee on intercollegiate athletics.

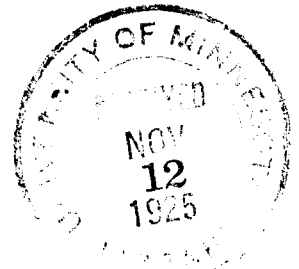
The records show that Minneapolis has contributed 26 players, one more than half of the whole number, St. Paul, Duluth, Crosby and Montevideo being tied for second honors with two players each.

Forty two members of the squad had no conference experience when the football season opened this fall.

The Distribution of players' home towns is as follows : Minneapolis 26, St. Paul 2, Duluth 2, Crosby 2, Montevideo 2, Fairmont 1, Haviland, Marshall 1, Rochester 1, Wayzata 1, Stewart 1, Oatonna 1, Rapidan, Virginia 1, Alexandria 1, Hibbing 1, Stillwater 1, Mankato 1, Superior, Wis. 1, Aberdeen, S.D. 1, Cavalier, N.D. 1, Fairview, Mont. 1, Regina, Sask. 1, Durango, Col. 1, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, 1, Cleveland, Ohio, 1.

Walsh, guard, is the man from Superior, Arendsee from Aberdeen, Cooper from Pierre, S.D., Hyde from Montana, Kapplin from Regina, Hess from Cleveland, MacKinnon from Durango, Col. Fisher from North Dakota and Murrell from Cedar Rapids, Walsh, Cooper and Murrell are regular members of the team, with Hyde, Arendsee, MacKinnon and Fisher making stiff bids for regular berths.

When the present season is over only a handful of Minnesota players will become ineligible for further conference competition, and the remainder will be



available for one or two years more of play. Malcolm Graham, Conrad Cooper, ~~Her~~ Everett Van Duzee, Fred Just, Chuck Morris, Ben Allison and Captain Herman Ascher are three year men who will play no more after this season. All the rest will have some more fight in them.

A Flock of the remainder will graduate after one year more, however, leaving a splendid opening for next year's freshmen, who will be advanced to the first squad in the fall of 1927. This year's freshmen squad, also, includes several members who are certain to make some of the regulars hustle.

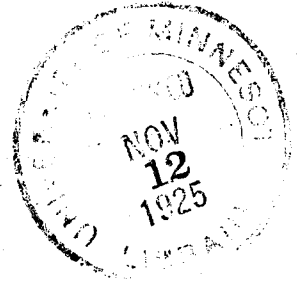
Minnesota is due for much the hardest game of its season Saturday, facing a veteran Iowa team that stings under the disappointment of last week's defeat by Wisconsin and realizes that it still has a chance to claim conference honors if the remaining breaks go in its favor.

The Gophers may also be expected to prove stiffer opponents than they have in any previous game of the 1925 season. The backfield has shown tremendous improvement. It should be 30 percent more effective on the offense than it was even against Wisconsin and 35 percent better on the defense. It would be ridiculous to assume that Iowa had an edge on the Minnesota team in anything but the matter of experience. Iowa has many seniors on its squad, among them such veterans as Raffensperger, Griffin, Roney, and Fry, all of whom will graduate next spring. These men have lost once to Minnesota had have won from Minnesota once, in the game at Iowa City a year ago.

Saturday's game will be a royal battle, and one twin city sports writer summarized the situation exactly when he said that Minnesota can win if it keeps possession of the ball enough of the time.

Michigan is a bugaboo around Minnesota, but if Minnesota beats Iowa it will have an even chance to beat Yost's great team, again provided the Gophers keep possession of the ball during their share or more than their share, of the time.

In any case, the two approaching football contests with Minnesota figuring



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as one of the contenders, make up the sweetest bit of football outlook Minnesota fans have had to look forward to for years. Victory in both and a clean slate to the conference title is by no means out of the question.

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SPORTS LETTER



OPPONENTS CAN'T STOP

ALL GOPHER BACKS

Backfield is so full of fast workers

there is no one to watch for

Minneapolis, Nov:---Splendid coaching, that has developed the team to its greatest power at just the time when that power is needed, and a balanced attack that makes it impossible for an opposing team to prepare against any one outstanding ball carrier, are the chief assets that have carried Minnesota's 1925 football team to its lofty position at the head of the western conference. Opposing teams that could watch for Almquist, Marrell, Jocating and Poplar at the same time would have to be made up entirely of Poes, Coys, Mahans, Eckersalls and McMillans. Such aggregations are still a trifle infrequent.

Comparative scores give Minnesota a true superiority over such teams as Ohio State and Illinois, which Iowa has defeated this year, but there are no comparative scores, even, to give one a line on the relative strengths of Minnesota and Michigan, so the natural assumption is that the championship game a week hence at Ann Arbor cannot be decided until the referee's whistle has blown at the completion of 60 minutes of play.

Defeat of Iowa gives Minnesota a two out of three advantage in the last trio of contests with that institution and clearly indicates the trend in Gopher football. It is so distinctly upward that Minnesota fans have a full right to chuckle, even though the Iowa series is the only one in which the Gophers lead, following three straight ties with Wisconsin and three straight defeats by Michigan. Minnesota's last games against Illinois, Ohio State, Indiana, and Northwest were each victories, so it does not appear that the Gophers' recent record is so very bad after all.

Minnesota's alleged "green" line looked reasonably well seasoned against Iowa. Tuttle at left end turned back plays in which four Iowa runners threw themselves against him simultaneously, and the guards, Walsh and Hanson broke through time and again to smother Cornhusker plays. The secondary defense, also, looked exceptionally good. Jocating's two interceptions of Iowa passes were beautifully timed pieces of headwork that nipped swift rallies and gave Minnesota the ball again.

Clarence Arundson of Aberdeen, S.D. more than justified Dr. Spicers' judgment in placing him in the backfield by his great interference and splendid defensive work, and Bob Poplaw, who took Sherty Almqvist's place in the second half, took his first opportunity to whirl off a 50 yard run through Iowa's left tackle, a run in which he outdistanced two Iowa tacklers who were placed where they would have troubled a less speedy man. After two years of hard work in which misfortune has dogged him, Poplaw deserves the credit he has been given for this sprint.

The fact remains that Minnesota has to beat Michigan if it is to be champion, and there is no laughing off Michigan's 54 to 0 win over Navy, nor its defeats of Wisconsin, Illinois and Ohio State. The Northwestern game was a pure freak, and while Northwestern's work must be given full credit for its effectiveness, the game must not be taken seriously as a piece of football.

Every man who started the game against Iowa will be back on the Minnesota team a year from now. It looks as though the halcyon days of Gopher football were about to return.

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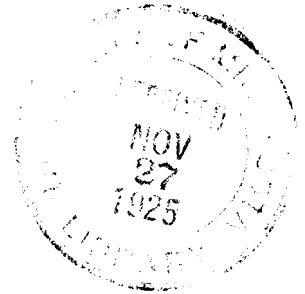
LETTER ON ATHLETICS

"U" FOOTBALL REACHES

NEW HEIGHTS, DOPE SHOWS

Season of 1925 brings no championship

but sport makes big gains



Minneapolis, Nov:--- With all talk of Dr. Spears quitting as coach definitely thrown into the discard by the doctor's own pronouncements and those of the men closest to him, Minnesota football fans were awake today to the fact that while Minnesota did not win the championship with its smashing sophomore team, it caused a larger splash in conference and national football circles than it has for many years. Outplaying one conference team which snatched a tie in the closing minutes of the game, beating another by five touchdowns, and losing to Michigan when that school has a team which its own famous coach calls his best in 25 years, is no record to be sniffed at. Around the University of Minnesota no one is sniffing, either.

Anyone who doubts that football is looking up at Minnesota may take into account a few of the facts.

Minnesota has four football gridirons, where a few years ago it had but one.

Minnesota this year had more than enough sophomore stars to make up an entire football team, so that only one junior and no seniors took the field at the kickoff against Iowa and Michigan.

Public interest in Minnesota football reached an all-time "highest" this year when the big new stadium was practically sold out for two of the big games, Notre Dame and Iowa.

Athletic records show that the demand for pictures of Minnesota players and news about the team has been approximately twice as great this year as ever before.

College spirit rose to new heights this year, both in attendance at rallies before the big games, in cheering and singing at the games, and in the support given the team on its one trip away from home.

Alumni co-operation and approval of coaching methods and coaching staff has been greater this year than for nearly 10 years past.

Football receipts, used to support and finance all activities in physical education for men, both inter-collegiate and intramural, have been greater than ever before, although the newspaper estimate of \$300,000 is 50 percent too large, the actual figure being in the neighborhood of \$200,000.

This year has seen the greatest advance interest in football, as reflected by purchases of season books and advance orders for individual games.

More visiting sports writers have come to Minneapolis to cover football games than ever before.

Many other points could be cited, but it may be best to stop when none of the arguments looks thin. There is no escaping the fact that football has been a success at Minnesota.

Perhaps the greatest accomplishment of all has been the fact that football has not turned the institution's head. Its membership realizes perfectly that the main purpose of a university is educational, but at the same time it has regard for the fact that as a source of college spirit and a legitimate way of letting the public at large participate in the more spectacular phases of college life, football is without an equal.

Practically all of this year's first squad will be back for another year of competition, a fact that has been pointed out so often that it hardly needs repetition. Captain Herman Ascher, Conrad Cooper, Everett Van Duzee, Fred Just, Chuck Morris, Malcolm Graham and Ben Allison are the men who will be lost to the squad, only the first two have gone through the present season as regulars.

Besides the tackles who played at Michigan, Spears has two others, Hyde and Gary, both of whom will be eligible a year from now. The guards, Walsh and Hanson were splendid performers through the present season. Wheeler is a veteran end and Tuttle has been developing swiftly. Next year's backfield, if fortune smiles, will again include Joesting, Murrell, Almquist, Arendsee, Poplaw and Nydahl, together with some of the promising freshmen stars, men like Barnhart and Greer. The outlook is bright.

Minnesota looks forward now to the signing of a more satisfactory schedule than it had this year. Dr. Spears wants a hard schedule, meeting the tough and fast ones as rapidly as they come. With Iowa, Wisconsin, Michigan and Notre Dame games assured, at least one, and preferably two more conference games are wanted. Then with North Dakota as an opener and some team of the general character of Grinnell, Ames, or Wabash as the other game, Minnesota would have a schedule to satisfy the most exacting alumnus or fan.

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"U" FOOTBALL PROFIT

TO GO FOR BUILDINGS

President Coffman Announces Policy That
has Been Adopted For Use
of Surplus

Minneapolis, Minn. Dec---President L. D. Coffman of the University of Minnesota has set at rest all doubt as to the use that institution will make of football receipts over and above the cost of the general athletic and physical education program by announcing that the surplus will be used to buy land adjacent to the campus and to help finance necessary buildings.

He pointed out that funds voted by the 1919 Legislature for a comprehensive building program are nearing exhaustion and that in future building programs demands on the state treasury can be reduced by what ever surplus earnings come from athletics.

President Coffman gave emphasis, however, to the view that football is and must remain a sport for sports sake. The fact that it has taken the public fancy to such an extent as to provide earnings of around \$200,000 a year is, he said, merely one of the unforeseen circumstances of the game's swift growth in public favor.

Money obtained from football games is handled just the way other University money is, he pointed out. Although it does not come from the legislature it is spent under a rigorous system of checks and safeguards, and all outlays are subject to the investigations of the state examiner.

The surplus football earnings from the 1924 season were used to buy some small tracts of land adjoining the campus and to complete some more sections of the stadium interior for the use of various athletic teams or in intra-mural games.

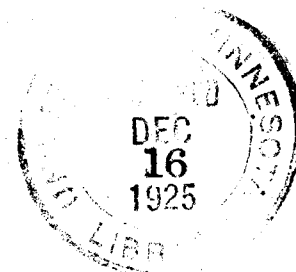


President Coffman has already called attention to the University's need for completing its athletic plant by the erection of a field house, such as is now possessed by Michigan, Iowa, Illinois, Chicago and other conference schools. A field house is especially important to the general physical education program of the institution, as it permits the student body to take part during the winter in sports that would be impossible out of doors. The average field house is a large enclosed area with an earth floor over which, on occasion, a temporary floor can be laid for basket-ball games and the like.

Completion of a field house will be a matter of several years, it is believed, as two or three other university structures are scheduled in advance of it, though they are to be built from the Comprehensive Building Fund, while it is not.

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News Letter on Sports



Minneapolis, Dec. 16.—There is at least a reasonable likelihood that Minnesota and Chicago will resume football relationship; not next fall, but the year after, and that the season of 1927 will again see these former rivals clashing on the gridiron.

This is the news that comes from James Paige, veteran member of the Minnesota committee on intercollegiate athletics. Mr. Paige is by no means inclined to predict this renewal as a certainty, but he has known Alonzo Stagg for many years, and he has been talking with Stagg some recently. He finds the Chicago coach by no means set against the idea of playing Minnesota once more, after the Midway school's foreign entanglements, such as Dartmouth and Pennsylvania have expired. Losing both intersectional games is no very likely cause for enthusiasm over the continuation of such arrangements in any case.

The recent meeting of faculty representatives in Chicago was the 42d that Professor Paige has attended as he has never missed one of the semi-annual meetings during the 21 years that he has represented the University of Minnesota on the Conference Faculty committee on intercollegiate sports. Only one Conference faculty representative, Moran of Purdue, has been on the committee longer than "Jimmie" Paige, and this year Purdue sent a substitute for Professor Moran, although the latter is still the official member for that institution.

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Mr. Paige was the ringleader in putting through the new four-game requirement between conference universities, which now reads that directors and coaches are "requested" to arrange four conference games. Although the wording was changed from "required" to "requested", the meaning has not been at all changed, he says, and the faculty representatives have every intention of enforcing the requirement.

Representatives of two conference schools appeared at the December meeting with instructions from their administrations to vote against the four game requirement and had no choice but to follow orders. The other eight, however, voted for the new requirement. Indications are, therefore, that if the rule fails the conference fails, and the latter outcome is not considered likely.

Greatly revived interest in wrestling at Minnesota is reported by Coach Blaine McKusick, who has more than 90 mat candidates out as the season opens. ~~Fencing and Gymnastic~~ Part of the interest is a result, he believes, of the Conference Wrestling, Fencing and Gymnastic meet held in the Minnesota Armory last year. The intercollegiate wrestling during that meet was of an unusual excellence and a large student following was attracted to the sport. Minnesota has lost some of its best wrestlers of last year, including Clarence Schutte, the football star, but McKusick expects to build up a strong team to take part in this year's schedule.

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SPORTS LETTER

'VARSITY SWIMMERS
WILL TOUR THE RANGE

Thorpe Plans Trip to Eveleth, Hibbing
and Virginia in January



In response to an invitation from swimming enthusiasts in the Minnesota iron range district, Coach Niels Thorpe of the University of Minnesota swimming squad has arranged to take a party of 13 University swimmers north on January 21, 22, and 23 to meet swimmers from the junior colleges and high schools in Eveleth, Hibbing, and Virginia. The towns will be visited on the three days of the tour in the order named.

Swimming has developed so rapidly in the Range Cities that have built tanks that Coach Thorpe expects to find some splendid pre-season competition among the divers and speed-men of the Mesabe communities.

Men from among ~~the~~ whom the Minnesota squad will be selected for the trip will include the following: Crawl; Sam Hill, Max Moody, Stanley Morris, Frank Lucke, Captain Harold Richter, Gordon Bjornberg, Dick Bennett, Emory Ensign, Melvin Cooley and Heine Koch. Divers; Clark Barnacle and Mickey Carter. Backstroke; Jim Hill, Ross Mahachok and Claude Enochs. Breaststroke; Charles Purdy, Harold Rush and Thurwin Dreveskracht.

Fred W Luchring, director of athletics, has announced the selection of Paul Clayton, Moberg, So. Dakota as assistant manager of swimming for this year and to become manager of the 1927 team.