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Jankowski, “South” Coach, Has Colorful Grid Career

Negaunee-Eddie J. Jankowski, who will handle the coaching chores for the South team in the Upper Peninsula all-star football game here Aug. 13, has a colorful career.

Jankowski's football days began in 1930, when he was a player for the Milwaukee (Wis.) East Side High School. He played three seasons with the team under the tutelage of Bernie Heselton and was named all-city back three years.

In 1934, Jankowski began earning praises as a member of the University of Wisconsin grid teams. He was named all Big 10 back in his last year, 1936, to rank among the best of the Badger greats. His coaches during the three years were “Doc” Spears and Harry Stuldreher.

Coached by Andy Kerr and Dick Hanley, Jankowski played in the annual East-West Shrine bowl game in San Francisco in 1937, and that same year was a member of the college all-star team in the game in Chicago. That squad was coached by Gus Dorais, Elmer Layden and Lynn Waldorf.

Turned Pro

Jankowski went into the pro ranks and played with the great Green Bay Packers' teams of 1937, 1938, 1939, 1940 and 1941.

In 1942, he enlisted in the Navy, and served nearly four years. In 1942 he was a member of the powerful Iowa pre-flight team, which was handled by Bernie Bierman.

Jankowski began coaching in 1944 and his teams lost but two games while winning 22. His first assignment was a backfield coach for the Navy Zoomers, Norman, Okla, in 1944. The team won six and lost none.

He was named head coach at Whitefish Bay (Wis.) high school in 1947 and his team won seven and lost two for the conference co-championship. The following year, his team won the conference championship with nine wins and no losses.

Schedule Set

Jankowski has already set his training schedule for the South team.

Boys on the squad will begin the day at 7:30 a.m. with breakfast, and the first practice session for the day will begin at 10:30. Lunch will be at 12:30 p.m., and he will meet with the boys at 2. Another drill session is set for 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Marshall A. Rieboldt, Jankowski's line coach, will serve as his assistant.