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All-Star Football Squads Arrive For Game Aug. 11

Negaunee-The cream of the Upper Peninsula's 1950 gridiron harvest began arriving here this morning to undergo training for the U.P. All-Star Game, August 11.

A dance for members of the All-Star teams will be held tomorrow night at the Youth Center in Negaunee from 8:30 to 12 o'clock. Music will be furnished by Gordon Lawry's orchestra. The dance is open to all teen-agers.

Before the day is over, 26 players on the North squad and 27 on the South squad are expected to have checked in. Scrimmage sessions were slated for this afternoon.

Ward Cuff, coach at Catholic Central High School and head mentor for the North squad, was on hand with his assistant, Bill Dessart, Kewaunee, Wis., High School Coach. The South's strategy board, consisting of Mickey McCormick, grid coach at Carroll College in Waukesha, Wis., and his aide, Harold J. Schumerth, Oshkosh, Wis., High School grid pilot, were expected to arrive during the day.

Both Cuff and McCormick, former coach at Menominee High School, starred with Marquette University football teams.

Crowning College Event

Cuff, record breaking track star at the Milwaukee School, was even more outstanding in football. The crowning event of his college career was Marquette's appearance in the first Cotton Bowl game in Dallas on January 1, 1937.

Following graduation, Cuff signed with the New York Giants pro football team. He was a 60-minute player and one who was noted for his uncanny kicking ability. Even had Cuff been unable to punt, Giants Coach Steve Owen has said he would rank the gridder on his All-time Giant Team. Cuff was the second highest scorer in Giant history with 319 points. Outstanding on pass defense and in on virtually every tackle, his all-around strength earned him a place on the mythical All-Pro League team on several occasions during his career.

McCormick played with the Hilltoppers in the early 20's under Coach Frank Murray, climaxing his outstanding college record with a 70-yard touchdown run from scrimmage against Navy in a game in which Marquette upset the favored Middies. His coaching career has been equally colorful. Upper Peninsula fans well remember his big Maroon squads at Menominee. While at the border city, his teams always were among the best in the Peninsula.

Cuff and Dessart met last night with members of the all-star game committee to go over details of housing players during their week-long training period prior to the game a week from tomorrow night.