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North Stars Use Single Wing Formation; Krueger Optimistic

Negaunee-It will be the North's single-wing back formation when the second annual Upper Peninsula all-star football game gets under way at 8:30 Saturday night under the lights on the Negaunee Playgrounds.

Arthur L. Krueger, North coach, said the single-wing back offense he plans to use against the South will vary little from the type of football many northern players have been used to playing high school. This has aided the North squad considerably in its drills.

Krueger and his assistant, Francis "Red" Mierzwa, both former Marquette University football stars in the early '30s, are very pleased with the way things have been going on the North squad, and expressed an entirely different sentiment from the pessimistic outlook given by South Coach Faust Ferzacca yesterday.

One thing does bother Krueger, though. "As a whole, the boys are small and light," he said, "and I don't know how they'll hold up during the game."

In Good Condition

"The boys were in good condition when they reported for practice last week, however, and we have been lucky in that injuries have not hurt us, like they have the South," he said.

Despite the unusually warm August weather, which has handicapped both squads, Krueger was pleased with the way practices have progressed. The North team opened drills Saturday with light exercises and running to limber up.

Sessions were held twice daily on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, with a light scrimmage Tuesday afternoon. Last night the North went through its most intensive drill under the lights.

Three Replacements

In comparison to the South squad, which has had seven changes, the North has made only three shifts in its original player roster. Larry Kirkish, Houghton tackle; John Petcoff, Bessemer tackle, and Robert Gaulbault, Ontonagon center, were the only players not on hand from the original squad.

In their places Krueger has Norman Hocking, 155-pound Negaunee end; Byron Zuchowski, 170-pound Ironwood tackle, and William Carlton, 170-pound Calumet center.

The addition of Hocking gives Negaunee three players on the squad. Others are Rolland Johnson, 165-pound guard, and Clayton Roberts, 140-pound back. Two Ishpeming players, James Engelhard, 175-pound end, and Jack Swanson, 155-pound back, and two Marquette boys, Aarno Aartila, 165-pound back, and Roger Benzie, 186-pound guard, complete the county representation on the team.