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**More Than 5,000 Fans Will See U.P. All-Star Grid Game Tonight; WDMJ Will Broadcast Classic**

Negaunee-Over 5,000 fans from all parts of the Peninsula will come here tonight to see the second annual Upper Peninsula all-star game at 8:30 p.m. under the lights at the Negaunee Playgrounds field.

The “dream game” of the year, originated last year by Oscar E. Wassberg, Negaunee high school athletic director, this year was promoted by the Negaunee city recreation committee, with Oral J. (Moose) LaCombe, Negaunee, as director, and a complete slate of Wisconsin coaches and officials.

Because of a Michigan High School Athletic Association ruling adopted last May, which forbids participation in any all-star contest by high school administrators, coaches and officials, “indirectly or directly”, it was necessary for the recreation committee to take over.

With a mythical division line, somewhat following Highway M-28 across the Peninsula, communities north and south of that line have contributed talent to the two squads. Twenty-five players comprise each squad, representing 10 North and 11 South cities.

**“T” Versus Single Wing**

Tonight it will be a battle between two types of football offense, the North’s single wing and the South’s “T” formation. Faust L. “Frosty” Ferzacca, and his assistant, Pat Malone, Green Bay, have worked hard this week drilling their South squad on the principles of the fast-breaking T-formation.

How the light backfield of the South will fare against the North is anybody’s guess. Coaches Arthur L. Krueger and Francis Mierzwa, Milwaukee, have instructed their protégés in the principles of the single-wing formation, with a bit of double-wing used for variety.

The game appears to be a toss-up, although most fans will give the North a slight edge because of its 21-7 triumph last season.

Krueger was uncertain of only one position today—right end, where either Ed Sows, Munising, or Joe Thibideau, Newberry, will get the nod. The North will line up as follows:

Jim Engelhard, Ishpeming, and Sowa or Thibideau, end; Anthony Autore, Sault Ste. Marie, and Joseph Moakwa, Ontonagon, tackles; David Rampanelli, Bessemer, and Roger Benzie, Marquette, guards; William Carlton, Calumet, center; Paul Pozega, Bessemer, quarterback; Ronald Cooper, Sault Ste. Marie, and Frank Furlong, Newberry, halfbacks, and Jack Swanson, Ishpeming, fullback.

In case the North kicks off, however, Gerald Steinhoff, Munising, will start at tackle in place of Hoskwa, since Steinhoff is the kick-off man.

## **All-State Center**

Spark-plug of the South squad is expected to be Donald "Pidge" Ladwig, Iron Mountain center, who made the first team on the all-state selections last fall. Ferzacca's other starters are John Gregory, Menominee, and Jim Thivegre, Gladstone, ends; Bob DeClark, Norway, and Marvin Melchiori, Stambaugh, tackles, and Bob Rubbo, Iron Mountain, and Wilmer Nording, Stambaugh, guards.

In the South backfield will be Bill Cousineau, Kingsford, quarterback; Bill Smith, Escanaba, and Donald DeBakker, Norway, halfbacks, and John Fitzgerald, Stambaugh, fullback.

If the south kicks off Eugene Timler, Gladstone, will start at tackle in place of DeClark.

Krueger, disappointed with Tuesday's scrimmage, was pleased with improvement shown by the North squad in Wednesday's intra-squad game. Since then the North players have held several dummy scrimmages and tapered off with a light practice yesterday afternoon.

This morning both squads went through the pre-game "chalk talk" on plays and strategy. Captains were appointed this afternoon.

### **"T" Baffling**

"It is hard to visualize how the T will work," Ferzacca said. "We have many light boys, but their ball handling and footwork have improved the last few days which may compensate a little for weight.

"I'm sure they will put up a good fight and give the fans the kind of game they want to see," Krueger said. "Don't give us any edge—the South has more all-U.P. and all-state players than we have."

Reserved seat tickets for the game were sold out early this week. In addition to the more than 2,000 stadium and bleacher seats, though, there will be accommodations for 3,000 fans who can buy general admission tickets. To eliminate much of the confusion at the gate before game time, general admission tickets went on sale early this week.

With the good selection of coaches for the game fans will see two well-tutored squads. Krueger and Mierzwa played football for Marquette University in the early '30s and have been coaching in Milwaukee since. Ferzacca, a graduate of Lake Forest (Ill.) College, learned the "T" formation from its originator, Ralph Jones, Lake Forest coach. Malone coached in Stambaugh before going to green Bay as assistant to Ferzacca.

W.H. Treloar, Ishpeming, will keep the crowd informed of the game's progress over the loud speaker system. Treloar, has carried over WDMJ, The Mining Journal radio station. Melvin Baldrice, sports announcer for WMIQ, the Iron Mountain News radio station, will give the account of the game.

Gordon Brozek, manager of WDMJ, said the game would be carried over the Marquette station as a public service feature. "There will be no commercials," he said, "although we will carry Army and Navy recruiting spot announcements."

There will be all the trimmings to the game worthy of an all-star attraction. The Negaunee city band, under the direction of John Violetta, will march to the field from the band hall and will appear in concert, starting at 7:45, from the field.

During half-time, the Cloverland post, American Legion all-girls drum corps, of Escanaba, will play and parade. The corps, made up entirely of high school girls, has won outstanding honors at several Upper Peninsula Legion conventions.

### **Introduction Of Players**

Each player on both squads will be introduced as he runs out on the field. When all are on the gridiron, the flag raising ceremony will be conducted and "The Star Spangled Banner" played. At the conclusion, the reserves will run off the field and leave the starting all-stars in their positions.

Honorary captains will toss a coin and the U.P.'s second all-star game will start.

History of the game is brief. One has been played, last August 17, when the North stars, paced by Bill Jennings, trimmed the South 21-7. Joe DeCook, Newberry, tutored the North team, and Allen Ronberg, Newberry, mentored the South.

All proceeds of the game, after expenses have been deducted, will be turned over to Upper Peninsula charity organizations.

Director of this year's game is Moose LaCombe, Negaunee's most prominent sports promoter. LaCombe's years of experience proved to be a wealthy background in getting the stage ready for the all-star actors.

Members of the Negaunee recreation committee, which worked long and hard in preparation for the game, are Leslie Richards, chairman, and Sam Ford, representatives of the school board; Dr. S.J. Bessolo, secretary, and Oliver Maki, representatives of the city at large, and Early Makela and Francis Phillips, representatives of the city council.

Officials will be John R. Biolo, DePere, Wis., referee; Al Reed, Green Bay, Wis., head linesman, and Fred Dillon, DePere, umpire.



Arthur Kreuger

Francis "Red" Mierzwa

Two former Marquette University football stars will direct the North squad in the U.P. all-star football game in Negaunee tonight. Kreuger is present Hilltopper freshmen coach and Mierzwa is athletic director at Milwaukee Bay View High School. The squad has drilled under the direction of the two Milwaukee coaches since reporting to Negaunee last Saturday.