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4,000 Fans See Cooper Pace North Stars To 25-6 Win Over South; Winning Grid Team Gets Early Lead

Negaunee-Sparked by Ronald "Bud" Cooper, Sault Ste. Marie, the North squad maintained its supremacy over the South with a 25-6 triumph under the lights here Saturday night before 4,000 fans.

High school football standouts of last year, brought together for the second year for the U.P. all-star grid classic, gave the big crowd an excellent exhibition of the sport in a game marked by hard running, excellent passing and tough line play.

It was a perfect summer night, and the weather was ideal for spectators and players. From the moment the whistle blew until the gun sounded to make the contest history, fans were treated to a clean, but hard-fought battle.

Cooper Here

Following in the footsteps of Bill Jennings, Negaunee, another North hero, who last year paced the North to a 21-7 victory over the South, Bud Cooper, Soo Blue Devil, was the individual star of the game. He displayed uncanny marksmanship on pass plays and ran and passed his mates to a clean-cut decision.

Cooper figured directly in every score the North made, including the only extra point, and came through with the most sensational run in the last quarter when he intercepted a South pass on his own 40-yard line and raced 60 yards along the east sideline for a touchdown.

Cooper was the North's captain, while Frank Ladwig, Iron Mountain center, was field leader for the South.

Besides Cooper, David Rampanelli, Bessemer; Jack Swanson, Ishpeming, and Ed Sowa, Munising, turned in sparkling performances. Standouts for the South were Bob DeClark, Norway tackle; Marvin Melchiori, Stambaugh tackle, and Don DeBakker, Norway back.

The North received and Cooper served notice immediately of his prowess by taking the kick from his 10-yard stripe to the 38-yard marker. Seconds later he scooted around end for a first down, and was followed by Swanson, who went through center for another first down. Several line plays proved futile and the North punted.

The South didn't have the ball long, however, as Cooper intercepted Bill Cousineau's pass on the 36. Cooper passed to Sowa for a nine-yard gain. After two line plays failed to gain ground. Swanson plunged to the 24 for a first down.

North Scores First

On an around-end play Cooper fumbled, but the ball was recovered by the alert Swanson on the 14-yard line. Again Swanson carried the ball through center for a first down. The first score of the game came on a razzle-dazzle play, with Swanson lateralling in the flat to Cooper, who pitched a perfect strike to Sowa in the end zone for six points. A placekick for the extra point failed.

Escanaba's Bill Smith returned the North kick from the 25 to the 38. Jack Fitzgerald, Stambaugh, gained three yards off tackle and DeBakker went around end for five more. Then the South punted, with the North pushing down to its own 44. John Gregory, Menominee, recovered a fumble on the 43-yard line, and Smith took the ball around end for six yards as the first quarter ended.

DeBakker started the second period by ripping off a 12-yard gain through center. Smith carried it for three yards on the new first down and DeBakker crashed through center again for eight yards and another first down.

Charles Mazzali, Munising smeared Fitzgerald on the 15-yard strip for a yard loss. DeBakker fumbled a scoring opportunity after digging down to the five-yard line.

Thiverge Scores

Instead of punting out of danger, however, the North tried a line play, which netted it nothing, and a double reverse which resulted in the South's lone score. The ball was fumbled as Swanson handed it to Frank Furlong, Newberry, and Jim Thiverge, Gladstone, fell on it behind the goal for a touchdown. The placekick was blocked.

After Swanson ran back the kick from his 15 to the 44, the North tried to push via the air, and punted after three plays failed to net any gains. The South began a sustained drive through the line, but off-side penalties twice set it back.

With two minutes to go in the quarter, Swanson made a first down for the North to the 35-yard line, setting up the winning touchdown. Cooper heaved a 30-yard pass to Sowa, who snared it on the 10 and ran the remaining distance for another six points. The conversion failed.

DeBakker led a desperate South attempt to score against time on a 20-yard runback from the 10 to the 30, where he was brought down by Rampanelli. With 15 seconds to go Cousineau passed to Smith for a 19-yard gain and a first down. Another pass by Cousineau failed. Cousineau tossed the pigskin to Bob Bizeau, Gladstone, good for 21 yards, as the half ended.

Fair Catch Fails

After an exchange of punts shortly after the start of the second half, Smith signaled for a fair catch, but failed to catch the ball, and North recovered on the South's six-yard stripe. On the first play Cooper rifled the ball to Pertile in the end zone for a touchdown. North's pass for the extra point was knocked down.

The South took to the air in a desperate attempt to get back into the game but whenever it got rolling, the North defense tightened up. Cousineau was doing most of the South's passing and DeBakker and Smith were carrying the ball.

Several attempts to penetrate the North line failed and the South lost to ball on downs on the 20. After a 35-yard gain was nullified by an offside, Cooper passed Pertile for a 30-yard gain to the mid-stripe. Cooper passed to Sowa for 16 yards on a first down as the third period ended.

Another Cooper aerial to Posega moved the ball deep into South territory. Timler recovered a fumble on the 22 and again the South took to the air. Ton Autore, Soo, fell on a free ball on the 44, and after several line plays fell short of a first down the North punted. DeBakker and Bizeau gained nine yards on three plays, but South punted rather than gamble. A 15-yard penalty for clipping set the North back to its own 14-yard line. North punted and South had possession of the ball on the North 47.

Cooper Steals Show

At this moment Cooper stole the show with a thrust to the goal after intercepting a South pass on his own 40. He then passed to Jim Engelhard, Ishpeming, in the end zone for the extra point.

South received and took to the air again in an attempt to counter-attack. Passes gave South a first down, but North took over on its own 38 after a second attempt failed. Aarna Aartilla, Marquette, met a stone wall on a center plunge as the game ended.

Summary:

Lineups:

North--Engelhard, Ishpeming, LE; Moskwa, Ontonagon, RT; Rapanelli, Bessemer, RG; Carlton Calumet, G; Benzie, Marquette, LG; Autore, Soo, LT; Sowa, Munising, LE; Cooper, Soo, LH; Furlong, Newberry, RH; Pertile, Bessemer, QB, and Swanson, Ishpeming, FB.

South--Gregory, Menominee, LE; DeClark, Norway, LT; Rubbo, Iron Mountain, LG; Ladwig, Iron Mountain, C; Nording, Stambaugh, RG; Melchiori, Stambaugh, RT; Thiverge, Gladstone, RE; Smith, Escanaba, RH; DeBakker, Norway, LH; Fitzgerald, Stambaugh, FB, and Cousineau, Kingsford, QB.

Substitutions: North--Hocking, Negaunee; Steinhoff, Munising; Johnson, Negaunee; Dynes, Soo; Campbell, Soo; Zuchowski, Ironwood; Bedell, L'Anse; Thibideau, Newberry; Pozega, Bessemer; Roberts, Negaunee; Crawford, Soo; Mazzall, Munising; Gaffney, Houghton, and Aartilla, Marquette. South—Johnson, Gladstone; Goodreau, Iron River; Parolini, Norway; Timier, Gladstone; Shaw, Manistique, and Bizeau, Gladstone.

Officials: Biolo, DePere, Wis., referee; Reed, Green Bay, Wis., head linesman; and Dillon, DePere, Wis., umpire.

Penalties: **North:** off-side, five yards (third quarter); and 15 yards, clipping (third quarter). **South:** off-side, five yards, twice in second quarter and once in last quarter.

Paid attendance: 3,959

Score by periods:

South.....0 6 0 0 -- 6
North.....6 6 6 7 -- 25