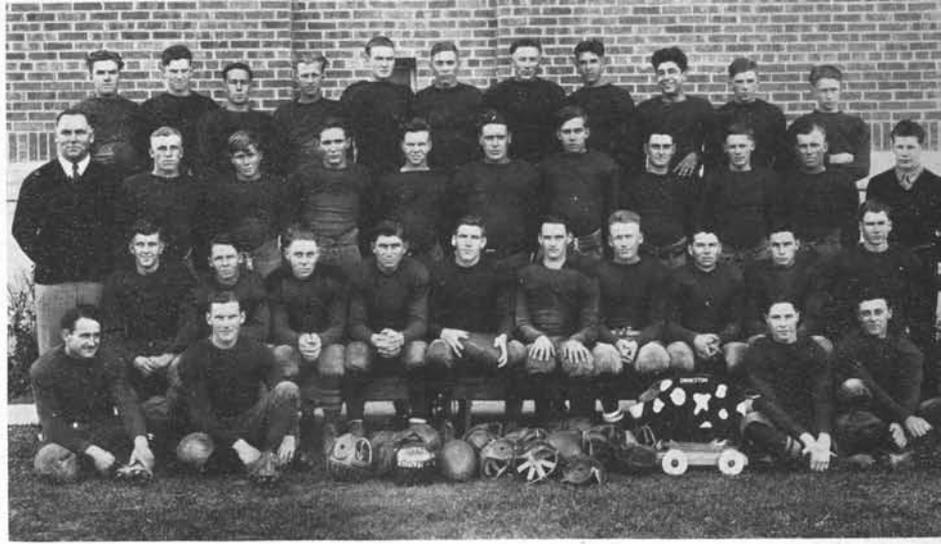


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G. Tasa, Morrison, E. Washburn, P. Billberg, D. Hanson, C. Eeg, G. Gunderson, R. Johansen, P. LeMasurier, F. Tack, R. Oen.
 Third Row—Coach Christgau, A. Nelson, G. Alseth, S. Anderson, P. Tandberg, N. Hanson, C. Stromberg, D. Gandrud, T. Morek, W. Johnston, A. Iverson.
 Second Row—P. Thorsen, A. Flesjer, E. Johnson, C. Weckwerth, L. Reese, R. Lindstrom, T. Boe, M. Wolden, R. Wentzel, S. Alseth.
 Bottom Row—W. Kimmel, G. Kersting, E. Ross, R. Sheldon.

game at guard. Rodney Lindstrom, at halfback, showed outstanding courage in trying off-tackle plays against a 260-pound tackle. Phil LeMasurier, at fullback, was all over the field.

The Bemidji Teachers' College game on October 21 resulted in one of the worst defeats the Aggie team has ever met but also brought our first touchdown. Late in the game Captain Reese, on a well-executed reverse play, literally ran over three defensive men to score a touchdown after Phil LeMasurier had carried the ball almost the length of the field on a fake kick, having fooled the whole Bemidji team. Alseth and Ross received several well executed passes for substantial gains, indicating that our passing game would be a valuable threat against the schools of agriculture.

On October 28 the Homecoming game with Grand Rapids was somewhat affected by a snow-covered field which became slushy and slippery after the snow was removed. Coach Cole's North Central Aggies were determined to win and made a very strong bid for victory with many long runs and a strong forward pass attack which failed of producing touchdowns only because of penalties. In the third quarter a sustained drive from our own 20-yard line, consisting of well executed reverses and LeMasurier's hard line bucking, with two successful passes, brought the ball to the 5-yard line where LeMasurier, with a powerful drive, carried it over. With the final score of 6-0 we were able to retain the little brown jug, the three-year-old trophy which goes to the winning team in the Grand Rapids game.

On November 4, we met the Walsh County Aggies from Park River, North Dakota, for the first time in football. In spite of the fact that it was their first football team, the Aggies, coached by George Lee, presented a very tricky, clever offense and scored two touchdowns with comparative ease on trick plays. Aggie fans will always remember the clever flat ball trick which was so well executed that it even fooled the referee. The final score of 26-13 indicated the developing power of our offense but the rather weak defense against fast, clever men.

The annual game with the Morris Aggies climaxed the season on November 11. Prospects for a dry field were not so good but on the morning of the

game the weather moderated and the field cleared of snow, putting the field in the best possible condition. The game opened with our team fumbling on the first play, giving the ball to Morris on our 40-yard line, from which point they succeeded in driving to a touchdown, mostly by line plays, within the first five minutes. Our offense failed to click against an inspired Morris defense. In the third quarter a better defense was presented against their line plays but a long flat pass over the goal line scored their second touchdown, with the extra point made in the same way. Throughout the remainder of the third quarter the advantage was in favor of Morris.

As the fourth quarter was about five minutes old the Morris fans became so certain of victory that a delegation of rooters descended upon the Crookston bench and stole the pig, "Oswald," our trophy, which had been in our possession for three years. Subsequent developments were very rapid, the first of which was a dash across the field by our substitutes to recover the pig from the impatient Morris enthusiasts. Immediately thereafter the boys on the field, having suspected something was wrong, began to put on an inspired drive in order to make it possible to keep the pig even after the game was over. A Morris punt fell within their 40-yard line; a third down pass to Captain Reese right down the middle after the defense had been pulled up to cover the ends brought the ball to the Morris 5-yard line. On second down with the defense apparently expecting an off-tackle play, Weckwerth sent a perfectly executed pass right over the middle of the line to Phil LeMasurier, who scored a touchdown. The extra point failed, leaving the score 13-6, with about 4 minutes to play. Morris received but was soon forced to punt. With the ball inside the 50-yard line, Captain Reese again showed his indomitable desire to win by taking the ball for a 30-yard run to the 5-yard line from where, after two plays, Weckwerth crashed through the middle for the touchdown. Our boys called time out to talk over the situation and after play was resumed, a tremendous drive by Phil LeMasurier carried the ball off-tackle for the extra point, which tied the game and permitted us to retain the pig and to win the school of agriculture football championship for the fourth consecutive year.