



Mr. Christgau

Football

The 1934 football season opened with the outlook none too bright for a strong team. Having lost through graduation such key men as Llewellyn Reese at halfback, Clarence Weckwerth at the plunging and passing fullback position, Carmen Eeg at tackle, and Arne Nelson at center, it became necessary to develop new men for these positions. Letter men who were candidates were Ross and Alseth at ends, Alseth being a kicker also, Sheldon at halfback, Noel Hanson at center, Edson Washburn as guard, who was brought back into the backfield as quarterback. At tackles Gilbert Gunderson and Torlied Boe were left. Ralph Risbrudt, letter man of two years ago, also returned, but an early knee injury handicapped him from the start. New men who showed promise were Bert Spence, halfback, and Carl Tiedje, tackle.

In the opening game against Minot Teachers' College at Minot, North Dakota, on October 5, a night game, the Aggies were hopelessly outclassed, although the last half found our boys battling the Minot reserves on fairly even terms. The final score was 59-0. On October 12 we met the Grand Forks high school reserves and succeeded only in tying them, 6-6. A well-executed pass, Sheldon to Ross, with a run of 25 yards, was responsible for our touchdown. Our defense was not effective enough to keep them from scoring.

The Homecoming game against Morris, our traditional rivals, was played in the usual mud. Ex-

cellent line plunging by Sheldon and the shifty running of Bert Spence, in spite of a muddy field, resulted in a touchdown early in the second quarter, after a fumbled attempt to punt gave them two points as Alseth recovered the ball back of our goal for a safety. A stubborn second half defense by our boys left the score unchanged, 6-2, giving us the possession of "Ossie," the pig, for the fifth consecutive season.

On October 28 we met Grand Rapids and went down to stinging defeat, against a fast charging, hard tackling, inspired team. The score was 41-0, a true measure of their superiority. Tricky cross buck line plunges, accurate forward passing, and an impenetrable defense gave them their first victory over us since football relations were started in 1930.

In the final game of the season, against Park River Aggies on their field, our team went into the game resolved to vindicate themselves for the previous week's defeat. Park River was lighter but admittedly faster, with an undefeated record, having the week previous held Grafton High School to a scoreless tie. A stubborn defense and a smooth working offense enabled us to defeat them 13-6. Sheldon's plunging and Alseth's kicking were outstanding.

The Ruettell honor sweater was unanimously awarded to Captain Ralph Sheldon, while Noel Hanson was elected captain of the 1935 team.

Top Row—R. Wentzel, T. Boe, C. Tiedje, G. Gunderson, C. Stromberg, E. Ross, S. Alseth, P. Billberg, B. Spence.
 Second Row—Coach Christgau, A. Bergh, R. Johansen, N. Hanson, B. Bergeson, H. Tangen, M. Wolden, D. Gandrud, Student Manager W. Munby.
 First Row—E. Lindberg, R. Oen, G. Tasa, Capt. Sheldon, R. Risbrudt, T. Strand, C. Freije, E. Washburn.

