

Football



1908 Team

Football is the oldest inter-school sport in the history of the Northwest School. The first team which is pictured above was organized in 1908 and coached by Mr. N. A. Thorson who also coached a team at the Crookston high school. The only game played was between these two teams, and Mr. Thorson was in the unique position of being not only the coach of both teams, but the referee as well.

This team was composed of Lenus Landby, Lewis Fossbakken, Julien Paulsrud, Chris Fossbakken, Albert Rindal, Otto Eidsmo, Victor Johnson, Albert Peterson, Ole Quern, James Richardson.

The school did not have another football team until 1916. This was the first team to be granted letters in recognition of their services and they played four games, winning only the last one against Crookston High School. This team was coached by Mr. Bahner. In 1917 and 1918 football teams were organized but no games played due to bad weather and illness. From then on inter-school

games were played every year.

In 1924 football relations with Morris began, and in 1930 the first game with the Grand Rapids Aggies was played. The records disclose that out of 85 games played, Northwest School teams have won 36 and tied 11. With many of these games being played against college teams and considering the seasonal handicaps that our teams have always had this is a very good record. Against the schools of agriculture in our conference our teams have won 10, lost 6, and tied 1.

A good deal of the credit for the success of the teams during the period 1929 to 1933 was due to the playing of Ed Widseth, now co-captain of the great Golden Gophers.

The season of 1935 was the most disastrous in recent years, with four defeats and one tie. In the opening game with Grand Forks High School Reserves our team played as well as could be expected after one week of practice and although our defense was ineffective we succeeded in scoring two touchdowns and an extra point for a 13 to 13 tie.

Park River came here on October 12 with a light but fast team, determined to get revenge for last year's upset defeat. With speedy end running and clever blocking they made two touchdowns while we were unable to score. This game proved disastrous as Gilmore Alseth sprained his ankle and was out for the season.

Against Mahnomen on October 18, we scored first, but they tied the score in the second quarter and our boys could not stave off their touchdown



1916 Team