

# U.P. Football All-Star Game History

## 1946-1951

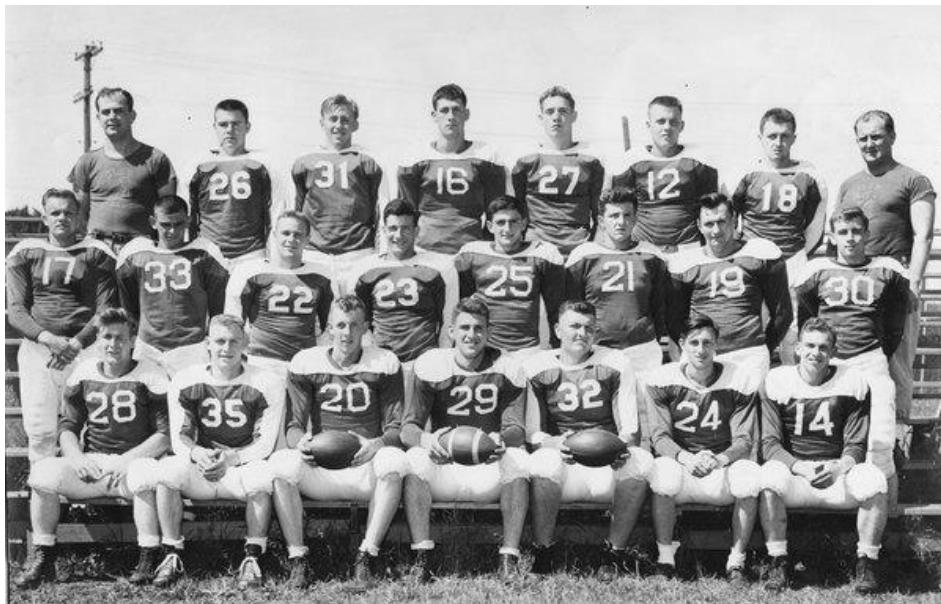
The U.P. Football All-Star Game first started in 1946. The idea was conceived by Negaunee High School Athletic Director, Oscar Wassberg, who envisioned an annual football game comprised of the U.P.'s top high school gridgers who had just graduated. There was no official title to the game, other than "U.P. All-Star Game". The All-Star Game was played at the Negaunee Playgrounds, with the players sleeping on cots in Negaunee High School's gymnasium for the first year. In an effort to stop U.P. coaches from organizing a U.P.-exclusive event, the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) declared that Michigan high school coaches and officials could not be associated with the game, under penalty of suspension from coaching and officiating for a year, possibly longer. The game appeared to be doomed after only one year. A "recreation committee" was formed, and with O.J. "Moose" LaCombe as the director for the second year, the game continued using Wisconsin coaches, and other coaches with various U.P. ties, to head the teams. The game was played for four more years, under the direction of Edward Stevens. The All-Star Game was played a total of six years, from 1946-1951.

1949



North Team

1950



South Team