

BUSY SEASON FOR NORTHERN MID-WEST

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The section immediately west of the Great Lakes is a hot-bed of basketball with five strong collegiate conferences operating in the territory. The Western Conference is represented by Minnesota; the North Central Conference by North Dakota University, North Dakota State, South Dakota University, South Dakota State, and Morningside; the Minnesota State College Conference by Hamline, Gustavus, Macalester, Augsburg, St. Thomas, St. Olaf, St. John's, St. Mary's, and Concordia; the Wisconsin State Teachers Conference by Superior, River Falls, La Crosse, Eau Claire, Stevensport, Platville, Whitewater, Milwaukee and Stout Institutes; the Mid-West Conference by Beloit, Carleton, Coe, Cornell, Knox, Lawrence, Monmouth, and Ripon.

Minnesota, with high morale following an exceptional football season, expects to go places on the court this winter. Coach Dave McMillan has his fine team from last year practically intact together with some good sophomores battling for positions. Gopher followers are certain that the squad will play an important part in the Big Ten race.

In the North Central Conference the squad at North Dakota U. coached by Clem Letich appears to be the bell cow. Last year the team won 16 and lost 2, and their failure to repeat would be a considerable upset. North Dakota State, South Dakota U. and Morningside will be strong contenders and either of the three may click often enough to stop the long string of titles being built up by Letich's teams.

Hamline University, ever-victorious for the last two years in the Minnesota State College Conference, will have nine lettermen back for the coming season. This record and prospects have permitted the St. Paul school to arrange an attractive schedule which includes Iowa, Minnesota, and Indiana of the Big Ten. While favored strongly to repeat in its league race stiff opposition is anticipated by Concordia, St. Olaf, St. Thomas, and Macalester.

Another spirited campaign is expected in the Wisconsin State Teachers College Conference with Superior, River Falls, and La Crosse considered the strongest teams in the eastern sector while Milwaukee, Stevensport, and Whitewater look good in the western part. Superior is honored with a place on Minnesota's schedule with an early season game on Superior's court.

Competition in the Mid-West Conference should be keen due to the desire of all members to keep Carleton from winning the championship for the eighth consecutive year. Unusual strength at Knox, Coe, Lawrence, and Beloit indicates a close race with some hopes of lowering Carleton's standing.