



—World-Herald Photo by John Van Heester.

Gene Haldeman made this one-hander from corner as Gophers Harold Thune (No. 9), Max Mehr (No. 8) and Don Carlson (in background with mouth open) close in to form the ring-around-the-rosey defense. . . Jays are Ralph Langer (rear) and Ed Beissar just behind No. 8. In left background No. 15 is Stuart MacDonald.

VIOLETS SHADE GOPHERS, 54-51

New York "U" Keeps Its Record Intact—Kansas Falls

New York. (AP)—New York university's veteran basketball team kept its perfect record for the season intact Saturday night, whipping Minnesota's Gophers, 54 to 51, at Madison Square garden after Fordham had turned back Kansas, 53 to 52. A crowd of 17,501 fans watched the doubleheader.

The New Yorkers had to go all out for their sixth win to defeat the well balanced Big Ten outfit that was ahead only twice, but never more than eight points back. The Gophers jumped out in front soon after the start and forged into the lead again right after the second half got under way. New York university led, 30 to 20, at halftime.

The score was tied six times in the first half and three times in the closing period, the last with six minutes to go when Bill Lind knotted it at 50-all. A layup by Mort Lazar and another basket by Ben Auerbach salted the game away for the Violets.

Lazar, Ed Stevens and Auerbach shared the brunt of the New York attack with 16, 14 and 11, respectively. Lind, Don Carlson and Harold Thune accounted for 35 of Minnesota's points. Lind and Thune counting for 12 each and Carlson for 11.

N. Y. U.				Minnesota			
Player	P	F	Pct	Player	P	F	Pct
Stevens	4	10	40	Carlson	4	10	40
Lazar	7	10	70	Epp	3	10	30
Davidoff	6	8	75	D. Smith	3	10	30
Davis	3	10	30	Epp	3	10	30
Schuman	1	0	0	Lind	4	10	40
Auerbach	1	1	100	Warhol	0	0	0
Kaplowitz	1	2	50	Thune	0	0	0
Turner	1	0	0	M. Twardog	0	0	0
				Mahr	0	0	0
				J. Smith	0	0	0

Totals 53 8 17 Totals 50 11 18

Score at half: New York U., 30; Minn., 20.

Free throws missed: New York U., Stevens 3, Lazar 2, Davis 3, Auerbach 2.

Minnesota—Carlson 1, D. Smith 1.

Lind 1.

Officials—Bill Griess and Pete Smith.

TERRIFIC EARLY PACE

The early pace in the N. Y. U.-Minnesota game was terrific, with ten points being scored in less than two minutes after the opening whistle. Lind broke the ice with a goal for Minnesota, but Auerbach scored twice for N. Y. U. Smith tied score, but Lazar sank a set shot to again put the Violet in front, 6-4.

Lazar made two layups, on passes from Kaplowitz, but Lind made a foul for Minnesota between his two shots. Davis converted one of two fouls but Lind doubled Carlson's miss for Minnesota and Carlson sank a one-hander from the foul line.

Auerbach dropped one in for N. Y. U., but Carlson made a foul and a corner set shot. Auerbach dropped one in from the foul line, but Thune's set shot tied the score at 14-14. Lazar made a layup, but Thune again tied the count.

FOUL SHOTS TIE SCORE

Kaplowitz again put N. Y. U. ahead, but Carlson tied the score for the fifth time in the half, with two foul shots. Lazar's set again nudged the Violet in front, but Smith sank a short set shot to knot the count once more. Stevens took a pass from Lazar to score, was fouled on the shot, and made the extra point to boost N. Y. U. into a 23-20 lead. Thune made another short set that left Minnesota a point behind, but N. Y. U. scored seven straight on goals by Auerbach and Schuman, two fouls by Kaplowitz and one by Lazar.

Excel cut into N. Y. U.'s skinn with a short set and Epp twice sank fouls. Warhol's one-hander at the bell cut N. Y. U.'s half time lead to 33-28.

Minnesota took the initiative at the start of the second half, with Carlson and Lind caging one-handers that gained a 32-30 lead. N. Y. U. regained the lead on Lazar's foul and Stevens' layup, but Lind's two fouls again put the Gophers ahead.

Stevens took a pass from Auer-

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McMillan coming through with ment, said, "The team again played in overcoming a five-point first half deficit after George Washington 1 eral times in the second half. The floor-v points in the second half. The floor-v that didn't help our game any. Net baskets from the middle of the floor last half minute. It was a tough one played well enough to win."

This'n That

THE GOPHERS ARE NOT DOWN three straight defeats and they company among their Big Ten rivals took it on the chin from Princeton up the round robin with only one vic Michigan had to go overtime to take win over Kentucky, the lone one in teams last night, was only the Big Te over the week-end....We will be hap ness is over. The long buildup has a tuning in on bowls tomorrow after west....At last! A Morning Tribune 50. Yep, we've got one. Mel Larson, sons goes to work for us tonight.... remain to think about a flock of 2 we probably will forget to make.

Ram, NYU Fives Win

By David Eisenberg
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bach and Turner dropped in a one-hander. Stevens converted another pass from Auerbach, and N. Y. U. held a 30-34 edge. Lind and Carlson scored for Minnesota, but Lazar's long set and Stevens' foul put the Violet four ahead, 42-38. Then Warhol made a goal and foul for Minnesota.

Davis and Stevens scored for N. Y. U. Thune made two straight goals for the Gophers. This was a tremendous game. Stevens layed one in for N. Y. U., but D. Smith kept Minnesota going with a goal. Davis sank a one-hander, but D. Smith's foul and Thune's one-hander tied the count at 50-50 with six minutes to go.

Coaching Job Gophers Against Neb

RETAINS POST WITH VARSITY

Team Off Color in Offensive Drill; MacMillan Awaits Culusak's Report

By BOB BIERE

Harold Thune, promising sophomore from Murdo, S. D., may find himself in Minnesota starting line-up tomorrow night when the Gopher campers meet their first major foe of the season, Nebraska at the Belknap.

His chances of winning a starting berth against the towering Huskers received another boost yesterday afternoon when he continued to work a nice first team at a guard position replacing Johnny Dick, the squad's lone veteran regular who so far this season has been unable to hit his stride of the past two seasons.

MacMillan Displeased

The South Dakota youngster has occupied a varsity guard berth nearly all week and the fact that he held the post in the last hard drill before the game may be indication that he will be there at the opening sport tomorrow night. Thune worked in a combination that had Fred Anderson at the other guard, Jack Pearson at center and Don Smith and the newly eligible Don Carlson at the forward.

The results of the workout in which the first squad drilled on attack against a defense of reserves was far from pleasing to Coach Dave MacMillan who was bluntly critical of the offensive side which was constantly being thwarted by the team's substitution of its own frequent errors.

Late in the afternoon, the first squad drilled on defense against the reserves.

ON FIRST TEAM



Harold Thune, junior from Murdo, S. D., who won his letter in basketball at Minnesota last year, was on the Gopher varsity at a guard position last night as the MacMillanmen started their final week of preparation for the opener with Carleton Saturday. He fitted smoothly into the first combination and did his share of scoring.

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Gopher Burden: Regular

Thune and Don Roth as probably the best varsity material, with several others nearly on a par with them.

The team as a whole, MacMillan says, will be good shots, good ballhandlers, smart and fairly fast, but these qualities will be counteracted by lack of size, ruggedness and experience. "An interesting team to watch, but lacking two or three things necessary to beat the top-notchers," is MacMillan's description.

As for the rest of the Big Ten teams, the Gopher coach sees Purdue and Northwestern considerably improved over last year, with Purdue perhaps having an edge.

Indiana and Chicago, while also improved do not stand up with these two. Wisconsin, Illinois and Michigan, he believes, will be just as strong, but Iowa and Ohio State will be weaker than last season.

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Don Roth, Don Smith, Harold Thune, Jack Pearson and several others nearly on a par with them. Roth and Smith are both Minneapolis boys, from De La Salle and Roosevelt, respectively. Thune hails from Murdo, S. D. Don Carlson, formerly of Minneapolis, was strongly counted on by MacMillan but will not be eligible until the end of fall quarter.

Advance to Meet Iowa Invasion Monday



Hal Thune 'At It Again'

Stress 'Galbraith' System

—Basketball—

Gophers Get Set for Test From Millikin

Hal Thune, speedster and "feeder" of the Gopher basketball team, starts his third and last year as a Minnesota basketball Saturday night, and Gopher fans know he'll "do the job up brown."

Starting at guard against Millikin as the Gophers open the 1941-42 season, Thune will join with Ken Esel, former Roosevelt grad; Bill Lind, North, at center, and Don Carlson, Edison, and Don Smith, Roosevelt, forwards.

Thune has never been a consistently brilliant scorer, but he's always been a strong team man, and has provided many a scoring opportunity for the Gophers.

Moreover, his speed has made him one of the best defensive cagers in recent Gopher records.

It's that speed which permits him to keep his job as regular guard for the Minnesota team which is expected to blossom out as a top-ranking outfit after the first of the year.

Moreover, Thune, well conditioned, is likely to play as much, if not more than any other player in the game.

Against Millikin, if the team is as strong as it is supposed to be, that will be something!

Don Smith came up with a slight cold yesterday, but it was not believed serious. Trainer Lloyd Stein said Smith didn't even

Cards Bank on Goldberg

Grange Says He Is Not Trying for Illinois Job

Jan. 3, two days after the regular Sugar bowl game in New Orleans, the army and navy will settle the football "championship"—with the eighth naval district titlists meeting the third army team . . . Joe Gould is pretty sure Kid McCoy, his new prospect, is gonna be the next welterweight champ of the world . . . Intersectionally, Fordham and Notre Dame were declared the best football teams of the country . . . for games with far-away foes . . . Ernie Mehl of the Kansas City Star is president of the National Federation of Baseball Writers . . . Bernie Bierman and Andy Kerr are in the east, putting their heads together for the East-West Shrine game New Year's day . . . The United Press picks Whirlaway as the horse of the year . . . Major Robert S. Maestri offered \$5,000 to make the New Orleans open golf tournament a free affair for the galleryites, but no snap . . . A record total of 111 horses are entered in the Santa Anita derby March 7 . . . Miami closes the season tonight against VMI . . . Unsung grid heroes from New England were winned and dined last night in Boston.

Fordham officials have arranged for a special train to take students to the Sugar bowl game New Year's day . . . Joe Williams says it doesn't mean

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est hitter of 'em all . . . The Rajah would take Joe DiMaggio, then Ted Williams, then Bill Dickey and then Bob Feller if he was starting out today with his choice of four players for his team . . . Mississippi State did not receive an invitation to participate in a bowl game, although it won the Southeastern conference title . . . Members of the first football team Bernie Bierman coached at Butte, Mont., today had telegraphed him congratulations upon being named the United Press' coach of the year.

University of North Dakota students join in the demand for the ouster of Jack West as football coach, but not for his football coaching ability . . . They say he doesn't co-operate . . . Jimmy Conzelman, Chicago Cardinals football coach, says his best strategy for a game with the Chicago Bears is for him to coop the Cards up 15 or 20 minutes before the game and "HATE HALAS TO PIECES" . . . He hints much of the attack will be built around Marshall Goldberg . . . Red Grange says he doesn't want the Illinois coaching job and will not be a candidate.

St. Paul Beaten, 2-1, in Overtime

—Hockey—

Hockey Club Holds Long Practices

Hockey fans attending tomorrow night's session between the Millers and Fort Worth will see the Galbraith system in action.

Manager Perk Galbraith called a long practice session yesterday—something unusual the day after a game—and another for today to polish the players on his system of play.

Here were the various changes Galbraith experimented with:

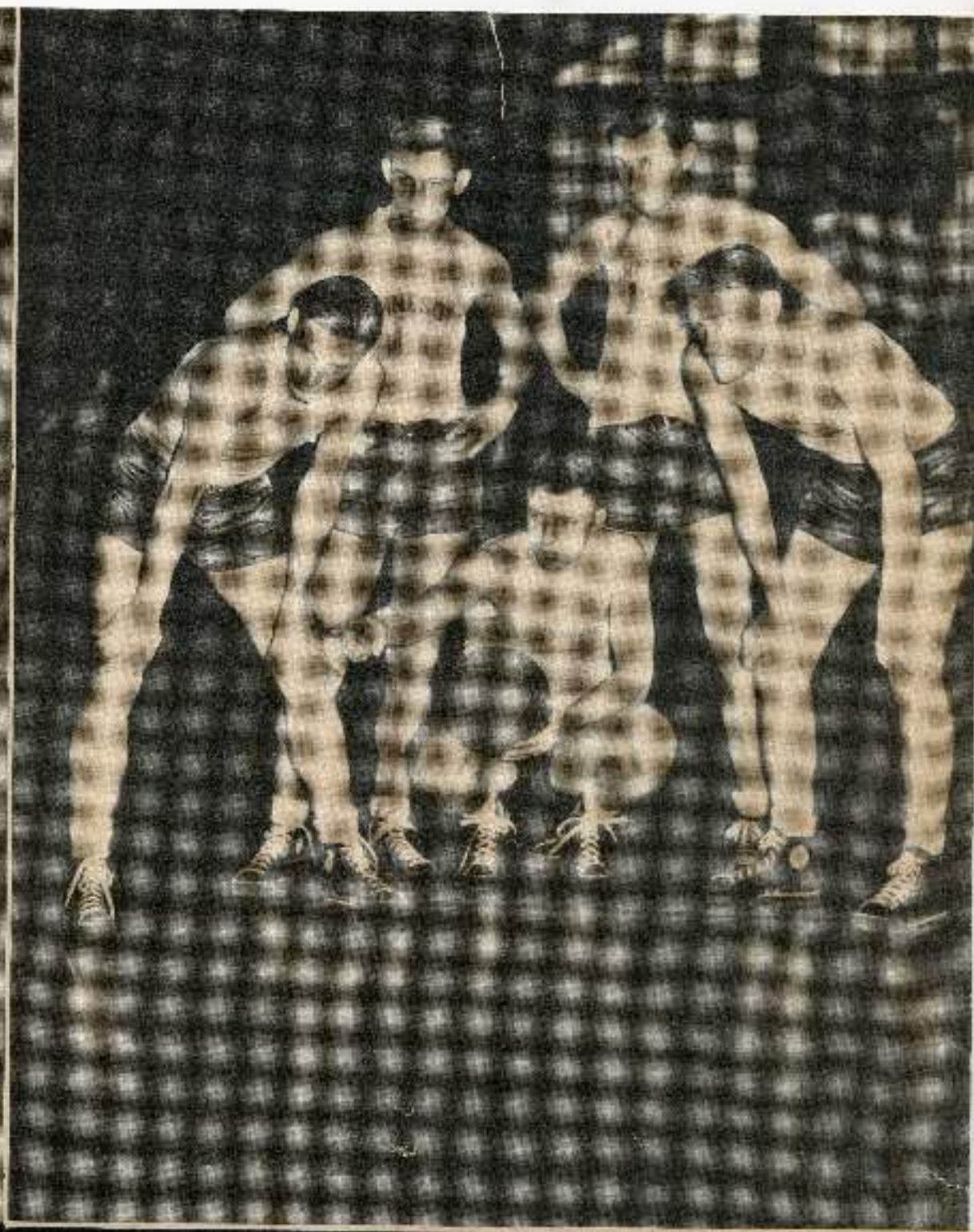
Harry Dick was tried at left wing on the same line with Joe Brown and Sammy Fasano.

Emil Hansen, who has not informed the club as yet as to his intentions—remain or make a deal for himself—also worked at left wing with Les Whittles moving from wing to center and Hal Dewey at right wing.

A third line had Oscar Hansen at center, Leo Lespi and Whitey Prokop at wings.

Along with the loss of Hor Pozzo, due to an injury sustained Wednesday night, the Millers lost the services of George Snell, center, who enlisted in the Canadian army. Getchell and Galbraith are after a left wing and center.

Bob Feller Will Enlist



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Gophers Ready Two-Style

Set to Play Either Way at Michigan

By JOE HENDRICKSON

Minnesota's two-style offense is Dave MacMillan's latest weapon which he hopes will carry the Gopher eagles through the stretch drive which lies ahead in the Big Ten basketball race.

And Benny Osterbaan's Michigan eagles are being forced to develop a two-style defense this week for Saturday's clash at Ann Arbor.

The Gophers were successful with their two in front, three in back offense at Purdue and they are spending considerable time with that attack this week. In addition, Minnesota still has its man in the hole plan.

Michigan plays its defense close to the basket as was in evidence when the Wolverines met Minnesota here. Gopher plays into the hole were not too effective until the second half when Don Mattson forced his way through to Michigan's ace center, Jim Mander.

MacMillan may have concluded that the "two man down" plan with the Gopher forwards breaking out of the corners may be the attack that will break up Michigan's defense.

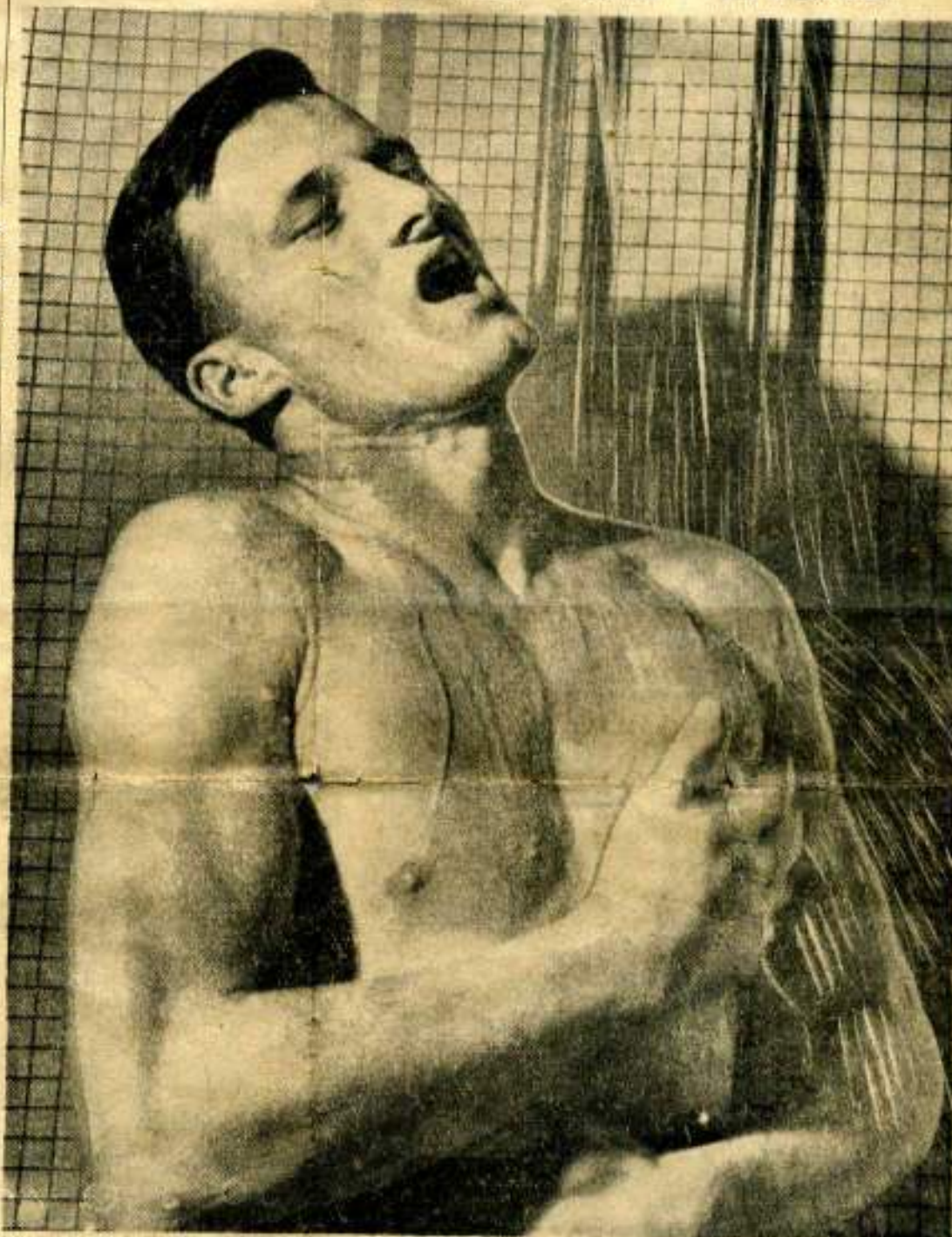
Working in this role last night were Bill Lind and Don Mattson with Ken Ekkel, Don Smith and Warren Ajax back. This does not mean that this combination will start Saturday. Tony Jaros and Hal Thune fit in the scheme of things, too, and MacMillan has considered this "Big Seven" his first team for some time.

The Gophers leave Friday morning.

HOERST SIGNS CONTRACTS

PHILADELPHIA—(AP)—Frank Hoerst has signed his 1942 contract with the Phillies.

MEET "HEALTHY HAL" THUNE



Hal Thune, Gopher guard who has a lot to do with Minnesota's basketball success, rubs his chest in the shower after a hard workout. Thune, always a steady cager, does a full schedule of work besides going to school and playing basketball. Yes, he is "Healthy Hal." (Star Journal photo.)

Pinch Hitter Hits 727

Honor Roll

700 COUNT

Don Olson 717

400 COUNTS

Emmer Dalphin 602

Shorty Chase 651

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Don Olson Fills in,
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Land Regular Job

By BILL HENGEN

Don Olson will be a regular in

Motoring Change to Boost Baseball