

More 1932 Minnesota

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Having been one of Bernie Bierman's football players in the 1930's, I would like to add some comments to the excellent article- "The Coming of Bierman and Lund", which appeared in the August issue.

In 1932, the potential quarterback was Myron Ubl, who, as a sophomore, was Fritz Crisler's Gopher quarterback. My Ubl, a product of Minneapolis South High School, was an All-City quarterback and an all-around prep athlete (also playing basketball and baseball).

Ubl's trouble began in the Spring of 1932 when he incurred a punctured lung during the rugged spring practices. He did not report the injury at first because the rivalry for starting positions was very intense. It almost caused Ubl his life. At one time, extra newspaper editions came out on campus saying that he had died. Infection set in and the lung was still draining when Fall practice began. Bierman left Ubl out of contact play, and had already decided that Ubl should stay out a year to mend properly. Ubl had spent the summer at a camp conducted by his high school coach, Evan "Bill" Williams, in an attempt to physically prepare himself for the 1932 season.

Ubl's father decided that if his son didn't play in Minnesota's opener, My would transfer to Drake where Williams was now coaching. Ubl was held out of the game and the following Monday he enrolled at Drake where he went on to play outstanding football. Ubl was a good punter, a heady quarterback and probably the best passer ever to play at Minnesota.

Lund was a halfback who ran with the power of a fullback. He became an All-American and is further noteworthy because he was a competitor who gave his full efforts to every play. His punts were not spiral beauties, but they went at least 35 yards with usually no runback and he was a fine passer.