While Kate Smith of Detroit Lakes was born into a golf family, she didn’t immediately take to the game. Instead, she tried other activities, until ultimately, finding an interest and elite-level skills in late middle school and into high school.

Smith was a six-time state tournament entrant and would make history in 2016 when she became Minnesota’s first, and only, five-time Minnesota State High School League champion. She won the Class AA crown from 2012-16. Previously, Minnehaha Academy’s Katie Detlefsen held the state record with four consecutive Class A crowns set in 2007.

Smith won the sole Class AA title in 2012 and 2015. In 2013, she was the co-champion with teammate Natalie Roth and in 2014, she shared it with Maggie Heggerston of Pequot Lakes. In 2016 when she set the record of five in a row, she shared the Class AA crown with Visitation’s Annie Heck. She was Minnesota’s Ms. Golf Award winner in 2016.

Smith moved on to have an impressive collegiate career with the University of Nebraska. In 2021, she set a school mark when she became the first University of Nebraska women’s golfer to win a Big Ten Conference championship. She was also a two-time All-Big Ten Conference selection and an All-American.

Editor’s Note: On June 23, 2022, Title IX, the landmark federal civil rights law that brought equality and athletic opportunities for girls and women, will celebrate its 50th year. Throughout the 2021-22 school year, the Minnesota State High School League will celebrate the trailblazers and share their stories.

Driving Force

McIntyre’s advocacy created change and opportunities

While she’s famously known for driving the bus, Dorothy McIntyre’s legacy will forever be known as that of a driving force that set girls sports in Minnesota on a trajectory that has created equal opportunities and equal facilities. With Title IX set to mark its 50th year of federal legislation passage this month, no Minnesota State High School League salute is complete without spotlighting McIntyre, who drove from border to border as Minnesota’s most visible proponent in a crusade to permit equal opportunities for girls.

“All I have to do now is to look at the face of a young woman that just accomplished something great to know that it made all of those years of blood, sweat and tears very worthwhile,” McIntyre recently shared with Connect.

McIntyre joined the League in 1970 as an associate director to assist member schools in developing girls sports programming. As it has in many instances over the past five decades, the League was a national trailblazer prior to Title IX legislation being signed into federal law in June of 1972. It was three years earlier that the League’s 32-member delegation approved the addition of girls sports following the efforts of community and state leaders urging official adoption.

Girls sports in Minnesota does date long before the enactment of Title IX.

During the recent NCAA Division I Women’s Final Four hosted in Minneapolis, McIntyre’s legacy and impact was revisited countless times by basketball historians. She was saluted for co-authoring “Daughters of the Game: First Era of Minnesota Girls High School Basketball.” The history of girls basketball dates to 1883, a handful of years after Dr. James Naismith invented the game.

By 1900, girls basketball in Minnesota was played from border to border. From 1929-39, the Grand Meadow High School girls basketball team won a state-record 94 consecutive games. That team was inducted into the League’s Hall of Fame Class of 2019. Girls swimming, too, was immensely popular in the early decades of the 1900’s, especially on the Iron Range.

But by 1942, girls basketball and girls swimming began to disappear in the wake of medical studies that claimed competitive sports could be harmful to a woman’s body. That void in organized athletics for girls would last for three decades.

Among those seeds for change in that decades-long void was McIntyre, a farm girl that grew up in Iowa, who knew that constant nurturing and cultivating could evolve into something vibrant.

In the early 1960s, and after a two-year stop at her first teaching job at Ellendale-Geneva in southern Minnesota, McIntyre took a teaching position in the Eden Prairie School District. One of her roles was overseeing the Girls Recreation Association, a club-type setting where girls could participate in sports and other activities. But it was just for fun. There were no games or other competitions.

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As we celebrate the 50th year of the passing of Title IX legislation, I have been reflecting frequently. My reflections range between gratefulness and a reminder of some improvements we have yet to make.

I was born after the passing of Title IX. People told me about it, but I could not envision a life without ample opportunities to participate in athletics. My mother often reminded me that the only organized athletic opportunity offered to her was cheerleading, yet in my youthful mind that seemed “so long ago,” that I just could not relate. And my father was the ultimate “Girl Dad” before the term was coined: Coaching my sister’s soccer team all the way through U-19, regularly playing tennis with me (on courts and against the garage door), helping me practice for my first 5K in 4th grade (by running a 5K the night before!) and regularly taking me to the playground to run around for hours.

For organized athletics, I spent:

- One winter speed skating
- Two years figure skating and dancing
- Four summers taking diving lessons
- At least seven or more years taking swimming lessons
- Eight years competing in track and field
- Ten years playing soccer
- And about 14 years in gymnastics.

Of course, the passing of Title IX made this possible, but I recognize that I was also fortunate to grow up in a family that could afford these activities.

I added to my athletic involvement by coaching, starting as a high school student coaching parks and recreation “mini soccer,” and preschool t-ball and “beginning ball skills.” In the following years, I coached middle school and high school soccer, preschool through high school gymnastics, and high school track and field.

I cannot begin to count how many different leagues, schools, clubs, organizations and other providers were included in the above. While I always appreciated and loved the opportunities, this was just normal. I could not relate to the very real fact that had I been born just a couple decades earlier, I would not have had these opportunities. I believed it but could not relate to it. I know many female readers share this feeling. It is important to take a moment to appreciate all the work done before us to make our sports involvement seem so very normal.

However, 50 years into Title IX, there are still areas where we need growth.

In nearly every sport, females and people of other communities are vastly underrepresented in officiating. For current participants to see people like themselves officiating their events, we need to improve recruitment and retention efforts. And we need to gain more representation of females and other under-represented communities on committees, on boards, in event management, and in other leadership roles. If one were to take a snapshot of all officials, coaches, administrators and other sports leaders, it does not come close to reflecting our current participation.

We can do better.

Finally, for those who are part of the traditionally represented population within sports officiating, coaching and leadership, help. First, and easiest, do not lessen the feelings and suggestions of under-represented groups. Hearing, “it’s a lot better than it used to be,” or “they just don’t want to do it,” or “I think it is pretty good,” or “it’s easy for anyone to apply” completely diminishes feelings and only further isolates those who are trying to hold space in the sports world. Listen to the feelings and thoughts being shared, and then help, even if you do not completely understand the feelings. You are not expected to fully understand before believing those feelings.

Then actively assist in making it better by encouraging the involvement of women and others from under-represented populations. Be bold, be a leader, make it a welcoming space, introduce yourself in meetings and at events, tell someone they would be good in a particular role, mentor new officials and administrators. Go out of your way to find an individual from an under-represented population and encourage their involvement. Invite them to a meeting, training session or game.

We did better 50 years ago. And we can do better now.

When we celebrate the 60th or 70th year of the passing of Title IX legislation, my hope is that women working in athletics will have the same feeling that I had when my mom used to tell me that the only sport available to her was cheerleading. Hopefully, they will appreciate efforts made before them, but only know a world in which females in athletics leadership is the norm.
McIntyre a tireless advocate for expanding girls’ opportunities

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The girls’ participants were also eager for more.

Many would approach McIntyre on a daily basis and inquire why they couldn’t have opportunities with games and competitions like the boys had. The inquiries merely stoked what McIntyre had been asking for decades. McIntyre took it from there and approached school administrators about a plan that would permit travel to nearby schools for unofficial scrimmages, similar to what the boys did. But travel was an issue. She was told that if she could learn to drive a bus and accompany the girls, the plan could proceed.

McIntyre wasted little time in becoming licensed to drive a bus, and the metaphor would stick, not only at Eden Prairie, but in the decades to come as she became a public advocate for change, namely expanded opportunities for girls and athletic opportunities.

“It was time to continue asking that singular question of why girls weren’t afforded the same athletic opportunities as boys,” McIntyre said. “It was a question that had been burning for decades. “Why not us?”

In 1966, McIntyre was honored for her tireless work on local, state and national committees to organize girls sports. While she is quick to say that she wasn’t alone in her efforts, she would become the primary voice of advocacy.

“If anyone had looked at my qualifications back then, they saw one big thing,” McIntyre said. “It was a question that had been burning for decades. “Why not us?”

In 1968, McIntyre and a group of advocates authored bylaws for girls athletics. Those bylaws were presented to the 32 delegates assembled at the famed Curtis Hotel in downtown Minneapolis. In a vote of 32-0, the delegation supported bringing back athletic opportunities for girls.

Her travels across Minnesota were marked by countless stops in the quest to educate on change. She and others visited communities in Greater Minnesota with small-enrollment member schools and large schools in the Twin Cities metro. Support was strong and enthusiastic, but advocacy wasn’t always a smooth road.

“People in the schools really encouraged us to keep talking and sharing the message that change was coming,” she said. “There were also days that were quite difficult in sharing the message because there was resistance. But as I look back, I wouldn’t change a thing.”

McIntyre shares a particular anecdote to illustrate the naysayers.

On a stop in northern Minnesota, there was a group of dads in the back row, including boys hockey coaches, with their arms folded and grim faces. McIntyre had shared with the group that girls hockey was coming fast.

“One of the guys in back said, quietly, “Over my dead body,” McIntyre shared. “I can read lips. I replied, that is your choice. I shared that change is coming, it is going to happen. Everyone had to give a little and learn.”

McIntyre was hired by the League in 1970 to implement girls sports programming and assist member schools in preparation.

“(President Teddy Roosevelt) said “Speak softly and carry a big stick,”’’ McIntyre says with a smile. “Our big stick was Title IX. It was a great stick to carry. With the charge of developing girls sports, I had a lot of friends and supporters that had my back. A lot of credit goes to me, but really, it was a huge community that were supporters and proponents of letting the girls take their place in the athletics world.”

When Title IX was approved on June 23, 1972, 37 words became the powerful force of the federal legislation:

No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving federal financial assistance.

“In Minnesota, when the ink was dried from the signing of Title IX, we were already well down the road,” McIntyre said. “While other states were wondering what the first steps would be, Minnesota was already developing programs.”

In the spring of 1972, the League hosted the first track and field state meet for girls. In McIntyre’s first seven years with the League, she administered the creation of 11 state tournaments for girls sports. Currently, there are nearly 30 co-curricular activities that girls have access to, in part, to Title IX requirements.

“I am forever grateful for the incredible opportunities I had through co-curricular activities and Ms. McIntyre was an incredible reason for that,” said former League Associate Director Lisa Lissimore, who participated in the 1976 girls basketball state tournament. “I remember her sitting in the penalty box area of Met Center where the tournament was played. She would look at everything that was unfolding with the tournament, and she’d smile. She was so happy for all of us to be able to experience that.”

Lissimore, who retired in April after 34 years of service with the League, helped St. Paul Central to the Class AA championship.

“Listening to the National Anthem gave me chills,” McIntyre said of that tournament. “Somewhere in that mix was No. 15, a sophomore from St. Paul Central. I might not have handed (Lissimore) a gold medal, but I’d like to think that I did. She earned it then and she’s earned one for all she’s done in her professional life. She moved through her college years and we would meet again. We were mentors for each other. It has been a wonderful journey with Lisa and watch her become the role model, the one challenging the doors.”

McIntyre retired from League service in 2002. A year later, she was inducted into the League’s Hall of Fame as well as the National High School Hall of Fame for her advocacy. Even in retirement, she enthusiastically engages listeners with the journey of girls sports in Minnesota.

“I look at what we were doing, and are doing, goes far beyond sports,” McIntyre said. “We are creating someone that is strong and will go out into the world and make a difference.”
Lissimore's work behind the scenes was a tireless service and commitment to providing co-curricular opportunities and leadership growth for the students of the League’s 525 member schools. Her vision, work ethic, and can-do attitude and selfless initiatives positively impacted the lives of thousands of Minnesota students and their families. Activities under her direction and leadership included Boys and Girls Cross Country Running, Boys and Girls Swimming and Diving, Girls Basketball, Synchronized Swimming, Badminton, Basketball, and Softball.

In addition to overseeing corporate sponsorships, Lissimore was instrumental in the growth and powerful impact of the League's recognition programs that included the Hall of Fame, and the Triple “A” Award, ExCEl and Spotlight on Scholarship awards that honor students.

At the national level, Lissimore served in various capacities with the National Federation of State High School Associations, including the Strategic Planning Committee, Citizenship Committee, the Student Services Committee and the Hall of Fame Screening Committee. In 2021, she was selected the recipient of the prestigious NFHS Section 5 Citation Award for distinguished service to schools not only in the section, but also throughout the country. Section 5 is comprised of Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas and Missouri.

“I’ve always been a servant leader; I’ve known that ever since I was selected to be a captain of my basketball teams that played not only in high school, but my college team as well,” Lissimore said. “I think God put me here to serve. Fortunately, all the people around me, the coaches, teachers, they, too, were servant leaders and it’s by their example that I learn to be this type of leader. I’ve always wanted to help others and I think through this role, I’ve been able to do that in more ways than I could have ever imagined.”

Lissimore got her first glimpse of the Minnesota State High School League when she was a standout player that helped lead St. Paul Central to Minnesota’s first Class AA Girls Basketball Championship in 1976. She marveled at the ability to leave the city limits to travel to suburban Bloomington to play at a professional venue, the Met Center. The pageantry, prestige and powerful moments of playing in the pioneering days of girls basketball would stick with her forever.

Her journey through co-curricular activities began in St. Paul’s Rondo Neighborhood. The athletically gifted Lissimore needed daily permission from her mother to walk the six blocks to Oxford Playground where she was introduced to a world of opportunity through athletics. This is the same playground that produced standout players like David Winfield, Ricky Suggs, Stacy Robinson, Linda Roberts and Teresa Tierney Mauer, the mother of legendary Minnesota prep phenom, Joe Mauer. Mauer would have a prolific 15-year baseball career with the Minnesota Twins. Lissimore and Tierney Mauer remain close friends, and it was powerful symmetry that Joe Mauer was also a part of the League’s Hall of Fame Class of 2022.

“St. Paul Central was where I learned that anything is possible,” Lissimore said. “My classmates and I were surrounded by a supportive team of educators that taught us to strive to make something of yourself, then strive to make the most of yourself. This type of affirmation made a huge difference in my life. It is the reason why I have such fond memories of my high school experience. Central also provided me with countless opportunities to test my athletic abilities and to develop leadership and teamwork skills. I firmly believe that a good athletic program with coaches that are good role models can be a life-changing experience for many kids. I am one of those kids!”

After completing a collegiate basketball and educational career at the University of Minnesota and then at Grand View College in Des Moines, Lissimore’s administrative career with the League began as a representative of the Minnesota State Board of Education to the Minnesota State High School League’s Board of Directors. That paved the way to becoming a League Associate Director in 1988.

“It was a great learning experience (to be a member of the Board of Directors) that changed the trajectory of my career,” she said. “I was coaching basketball at the University of St. Thomas and working for the Minnesota Legislature as a writer when I was approached by the State Board of Education to serve on the high school league’s board of directors. I was hesitant to serve at first, but after talking to my then-boss and mentor, I accepted the position to serve and give back. During that time, I had a close-up view of the League’s operations, services, and programs. I also worked with an incredible group of people that were committed to shaping the future of the League and its programs.”

During Lissimore’s administrative journey, her enthusiasm for service and energetic spirit positively impacted the lives of students, coaches and school leaders. Included in the joys she experienced in more than three decades of service: An opportunity to watch some of Minnesota’s most gifted and talented athletes compete, five members of her childhood neighborhood inducted into the League’s Hall of Fame, girls sports’ significant gain in popularity, state associations being led by African American administrators and the NFHS being run by a woman for the first time in its 100-year history.

“I came into this work because I believe high school activity programs make a difference in the lives of young people; providing them with opportunities to lead, learn, and grow,” she said. “To be part of this type of learning that takes place in schools throughout the country is truly a blessing. I am grateful for the opportunity and happy to share my talents with others. “To work in a leadership position for a local or national organization that serves others is meaningful and enjoyable work. Always remember that you are inspiring future generations through your work and your deeds. And finally, surround yourself with people that encourage you through success and failure.”

Frank White, a Minnesota baseball historian and League Hall of Fame member of the Class of 2005, shared this about Lissimore:

“Many years ago, I was at the Nacirema Club in South Minneapolis where community leaders were meeting to discuss the importance of selecting an individual to represent the African American community and promoting that selection as a hire to the leaders of the League,” he said. “I must say that those community leaders would be extremely proud of their selection in Lisa Lissimore. She has brought dignity, class, hard work, respect and a positive recognition to Minnesota and the nation. Thank you for a footprint and legacy that will remain forever.”
Journey for Equality Continues for Female Contest Officials

Editor’s Note: As part of the NFHS Salute to Title IX Series in High School Today magazine, the journey of female contest officials was explored with the help of Minnesota native June Courteau.

Growing up in suburban St. Paul, Minnesota, June Courteau was excited to participate in her first formalized physical education class. She was a middle schooler then and eager to run, jump, dribble and shoot a basketball like she had learned with the neighborhood kids. Filled with anticipation the first time she received the basketball in her hands, she wheeled and headed downcourt, her eyes focused on scoring – what was in her mind – a landmark basket.

Three dribbles into her blaze of glory, the shrill sound of a whistle stopped her suddenly. She was told by the instructor that only three dribbles were permitted. Courteau began complaining before bellowing, “That is a stupid rule.” It was one she didn’t know. In 1961, a three-bounce dribble was adopted in girls basketball. Five years later, an unlimited dribble was introduced.

Decades later, the memory is still fresh. “You had to fight all of the fights when it came to athletics,” Courteau said.

While the incident wasn’t the magic moment that would pave the way to a hall of fame officiating and administrative career that would span 51 years, it did trigger a thirst for rules knowledge, analysis of their application and a deeper understanding and appreciation of mechanics when she ultimately did answer the call to become an official in 1968 at the age of 20.

As the 50th anniversary of Title IX approaches, Courteau is a central figure in the journey of increased opportunities and equity through officiating for females as she became one of the nation’s most recognized and iconic leaders.

“I’ve been called a pioneer and I am proud to be a part of that pioneering path, but I am not alone,” she said. “There are many that came before me that helped create opportunities for me and others now.”

Celebrating the 50-year mark of the passage of Title IX, the landmark federal legislation that created equitable opportunities, has stirred memories for many of the journeys through officiating. Pinpointing when females began officiating is cloudy at best based on analysis of history books.

In 1891, Dr. James Naismith created the game of basketball with male students in mind. During that era, girls and women had other “sport” offerings that included archery, bicycling, fencing, golf, ice skating, riding horses, roller skating and tennis. According to “Daughters of the Game,” a look at the history of girls basketball in Minnesota, just weeks after the game of basketball was created, a group of women from a nearby elementary school asked for permission to watch the men play this new game.

Dr. Naismith was quick to agree and made arrangements for them to watch. Women were later permitted to play and did so wearing high-button shoes, corsets, and long-sleeved, full-length dresses. Later, bloomers were worn under shorter dresses. It was apparel that allowed girls and women to participate more freely. One of the first women players was Maude Sherman, who later would become Dr. Naismith’s wife.

So, who presided over the games and administered the rules to promote fair play? In the first guidelines of the game, all rules pertaining to officials refer to “he” or “him.”

The first female official might have been Senda Berenson Abbott, an inductee in the inaugural class of the Women’s Basketball Hall of Fame in 1999. One century earlier, Berenson Abbott was the first to introduce and adapt rules for women’s basketball at Smith College in Northampton, Massachusetts, just 19 miles north from where Dr. Naismith first did so in Springfield. Berenson Abbott would continue to edit and publish rules for the next 18 years.

In Minnesota, one of the earliest mentions of a female official is Gertrude Zeibarth Bloom, a physical education teacher who received her training at the LaCrosse (Wisconsin) Teachers College, the University of Minnesota and later in California, when she earned a doctorate. From 1926 to 1928, she coached girls basketball in Minnesota, just weeks after the game of basketball was created, a group of women from a nearby elementary school asked for permission to watch the men play this new game.

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An entry in the Proctor (Minnesota) yearbook during the 1922 girls basketball season notes that: “The 1922 season opened with a pep banquet with a toastmistress and the season was underway. The first game was played against Carlton at Proctor. Coach Gillesby was the referee. The next game was with (Duluth) Cathedral with Miss Allen of Superior (Wisconsin) as referee. Proctor won, 12-3.”

Fast-forward many decades and it is easy to trace the lineage of female officials. All began their officiating journeys at the high school level, and many progressed to breaking barriers at the collegiate and professional levels. The sparse number of female officials at the time created a fast track for the elite-level individuals.

Among them:

- **June Courteau** – One of the nation’s most decorated and respected officials in the history of women’s basketball.
- **Darlene May** – Recognized internationally as one of the best female officials of all time. Worked the 1984 Los Angeles Olympic Games and, in 1977, was the first female to officiate an international men’s game. She was also a championship coach at Cal-Poly Pomona.
- **Violet Palmer** – In 1997, became the first female to officiate a major American men’s professional sports league.
- **Dee Kantner** – Along with Palmer, one of the first two females to officiate in the NBA.
- **Marcy Weston** – Served as the NCAA women’s basketball rules editor, clinician and officiated the first women’s Final Four in 1982.
- **Sarah Thomas** – The first female official to work an NFL game.
- **Heather McDaniel** – The first female to officiate an NHL game in 1995, but worked just one game because of pregnancy.

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But the journey was never a smooth one as female officials blazed new trails while Title IX was in its infancy and in the years to follow. Breaking barriers, receiving equal accommodations, evening the unlevel pay scale would be among the common themes as women in officiating gained strength and momentum.

For Courteau, her career journey had its own share of highs and lows. Her intense interest in officiating took root in college while attending Winona State University. She was pursing a professional career as a teacher because of her love for teaching and communicating. She took an officiating course, got hooked and sought opportunities starting with the intramural program where she worked games and was an assignor.

“I discovered that if you can officiate the men’s faculty games, you can officiate anything,” she said with a laugh. “It was hard work, but a great experience.”

In 1984, Courteau attended a Division I officiating camp in Indiana with 40 participants. Of the group, she was the only female. During classroom sessions, she said, the male officials tended to choose words carefully in her presence while discussing topics which included handling coaches and players. Courteau didn’t want that kind of treatment. She wanted to be treated the same as everyone else at that camp.

“It illustrated what we as females were going through,” said Courteau, who would begin officiating fulltime in 1991. “There was that constant pressure that you were being watched and judged. You had to meet that head on and prove yourself with your work on the floor.”

“I knew perfectly well that women were being scrutinized. When someone said something (negative before a game), I’d reply, ‘You are in for a real treat tonight.”

While Courteau is grateful for the progress made through Title IX, she says work must continue on behalf of female officials at the high school level.

“What has to work better, especially at the high school level, is we still have a good old boy network,” she said. “Staying longer in the junior varsity game is also important than moving up too quickly. That is a leadership problem.”

Recruitment of female officials, women of color and retaining through mentorships are common goals by state associations across the country. The Minnesota State High School League, for example, has created an Officiating Diversity Equity and Inclusion Council with a focus on recruitment of officials of color and women.

Programs like these are critical to keeping the path that Courteau and others created clear for new officials to find success in officiating.

MBA scholarship recipients announced

Three graduating seniors from League member schools were selected recently as the recipients of the annual Minnesota Broadcasters Association Scholarship Award presented to students that plan to pursue a career in broadcasting.

The recipients are Angela Mergen of Albany High School, Northfield High School’s Adam Resietter and Jack Taggart of Lakeville North High School. The photos below are screenshots of their reactions when MBA staff shared the news that they were the scholarship award recipients.

Mergen will be attending Trinity Bible College to study Marketing and Communications. Resietter will attend the University of Iowa to study Mass Communications and Journalism, and Taggart will attend the University of St. Thomas to study Journalism and Video Production.

An in-person recognition for the scholarship award recipients is planned for June 17 at Target Field during the Baseball Championship Series.

“We look forward to following them in their education and broadcasting journeys,” said Tim Hyde, the MBA’s Director of Member Services.

quiz answers

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1. Albany High School; Laker Field, Avon.
2. True. The oldest all-time record under the current format is held by Bloomington Kennedy’s Vanessa Clarida, who set a mark of 54.36 seconds in the 400 in 2001.
4. New Ulm Cathedral’s Bob Mertz. He compiled 802 victories in 39 seasons and seven state championships. He finished his career with a .851 winning percentage (802-141).
5. The Minneapolis Journal Cup. In 1932, Luverne was the state champion.
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