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Gopher Gridders Here to Ski Sat.

More than 30 members of the University of Minnesota football team will be in Winona Saturday and Sunday as guests of the Silver Slopes Ski Lodge, Lodge Manager Howard Cohen announced today.

The group, which includes most of the "name" players on the 1951 Gopher squad, will spend Saturday night as guests of the Oaks in Minnesota City.

The players plan to go skiing at Silver Slopes Saturday afternoon and Sunday. They will come to Winona by private cars.

Cohen said the gridders probably will watch Winona's Winter Carnival parade through the downtown business district Saturday afternoon and then test their ability on skis later in the day.

Included in the group will be Paul Giel and Jack Mertes, both of Winona. Mertes and Cohen arranged the weekend of skiing and will serve as hosts for the two days.

Other players among the 30 or more will be Dick Anderson, next year's Minnesota captain, Dick Gregory, George Hudak, Mel Holme, Joe Hendrickson, Jim Boo and Scott Prescott.

Chef Kelly has arranged for a private dinner party at the Oaks Saturday at 7 p.m.

After skiing Sunday afternoon, the players will return to school in Minneapolis Sunday evening.

Skiing at the Silver Slopes Lodge will be open to the public both Saturday and Sunday.

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