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Summary: The 2011 Cougar football season kicks off on Saturday, September 3, against the McMurray Highlanders.

(August 29, 2011)-With the season set to start in less than a week, Cougar running back Todd Gramenz, St. Paul, begins his senior season in fine fashion, gaining Preseason All-America honors from D3PRODAY.com.

Gramenz was named to the first team, one of four running backs of the 19 players honored on the top offense. He was the only Upper Midwest Athletic Conference (UMAC) player on the first team, offense or defense, and is one of just six players from the conference on any of the four teams listed.

Gramenz enters his senior season after earning First Team All-UMAC honors as a junior, during which he finished second in the league in rushing with 103 yards per game (ypg), including a 108 ypg mark in UMAC contests. Gramenz rushed for 12 touchdowns in 2010, while catching another two scoring passes.

Four times he topped the 100-yard mark in a game, while also scoring multiple touchdowns in each effort. Against Northwestern on October 16, 2010, he broke out for 37 carries and 190 yards, setting the UMAC season high mark for carries on his way to earning his second UMAC Player of the Week honor.

Gramenz also gained UMAC weekly honors after the first weekend of the season, when he carried the ball for 149 yards and a season high three scores. Morris finished the season 4-1, when Gramenz topped the 90-yard mark.

Gramenz becomes the first player to gain All-American recognition under head coach Todd Hickman, as he leads the Cougars into 2011. Morris opens the 2011 season with Cougar Fest festivities, Saturday, September 3 at noon. The Cougars play the MacMurray Highlanders in Big Cat Stadium. Kickoff is set for 1 p.m.

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