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"UMM FOOTBALL SEASON OPENS OCTOBER 7, 1961"

The UMM Cougars open a season unique in Minnesota sports annals. A collegiate football game will be played for the first time in West Central Minnesota.

Coach Bruce Rolloff, athletic director at UMM, has a five game schedule set up for his squad. The first chapter of collegiate football will be written at 8:00 p.m., Saturday, October 7, 1961, at Miller Field on the UMM campus when the Cougars play host to the North Dakota State School of Science. Rolloff has a club which, though untried in collegiate football, has the look and spark of a dedicated squad.

Figuring strongly in the UMM grid picture are five area boys - Stuart Starner, Courtland Swenson, Marshall Nordquist and Jim Johnson of Hoffman and William Newton of Ashby. Mr. Newton is a 1961 graduate of Ashby high school where he lettered in football while the other four men are graduates of Hoffman High School where they participated in football and were letter winners.

With North Dakota State School of Science as the season opener, the Cougars will be faced by a team which has played three games to date. Paced by two fine running backs in Billy Sturdevant, 185 pound tail back and his brother, Terry, a 170 pound wing back, this pair operates a multiple offense coupling the single wing with the double wing behind a huge, mobile line. The line-up places light, fast pro-type ends along with the 220 pound class of interior linemen.

North Dakota can score fast and often with this formula and it will be for the Cougars to come up with a stiff defense to handle them.

The remainder of the football schedule is October 24, Concordia College Reserves (here); October 23, Bemidji State College Reserves (there); October 27, St. John's University reserves (there); and November 4, St. Cloud State College Reserves (here).