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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 the following men: William Newton, Ashby; Stuart Starner, Courtland Swenson, James Johnson, and Marshall Nordquist, all of Hoffman; Mike Fisher of Fulda; Joe DesMarias, Buffalo; Ronald Lovehaug, Milan; Craig Erickson, Middle River; Ronald Kolb, Ortonville; Don Sherman, Clinton; Paul Skrien, Hutchinson; Clayton Risdahl, Canby; Tom Knutson, Benson; Douglas Duncan, Appleton; Warren Enger, Madison; Robert Bucholz, Graceville; Gerald Grant, Graceville; Jerry Willert and Dennis Bakke, Morris; and Thomas Gullickson, Middle River.

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 pre-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 14, 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).