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Intercollegiate football will come to West Central Minnesota this fall when the one-year-old University of Minnesota, Morris fields its first team on October 7. Dates with Concordia, St. John's and Bemidji State College Reserves and the North Dakota State School of Science at Wahpeton have already been confirmed.

Recently named athletic director and head football coach at UMM is Bruce D. Rolloff, a member of the 1944 Patrick Henry championship football team and graduate of Gustavus Adolphus and the University of Minnesota. Rolloff came to the Morris campus from Lenoir Rhyne College, Hickory, North Carolina, winner of the MAIA football championship last year. There he headed the Department of Health and Physical Education.

Rolloff's most pressing problem at UMM is the search for players this first season. He has put out a call to all prospective footballers to turn out for the initial practice session on September 11. Uniforms are ordered, the lights are set, the field is in good shape, so all that's needed are the players.

After playing on the '44 and '45 Henry teams under Frank Cleve, Rolloff played three years under Gusty coach Lloyd Hollingsworth including 1950 when Gustavus won the MIAC championship and went to the Refrigerator Bowl. He also played four year of college baseball.

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Rolloff then coached football, baseball and basketball for two years at Lyle, Minnesota, and spend two years in the Army playing baseball and coaching at Fort Carson before going back to school to get his master's degree in physical education at the University.

Since then he has coached football, basketball and baseball in Kenyon, Minnesota, spend two year as head football and track coach and phy ed. director at Dana College in Blair, Nebraska, and worked on his doctorate degree at Collorado State.

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