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YANKTON--"It was a game of inches."

This is a familiar statement in the sports world and probably was never truer than last Saturday night as the ^{University of Minnesota, Morris} UMM Cougars won a hard-fought battle from the Yankton College Greyhounds 12 to 7.

Coach Borstad's footballers scored what turned out to be their winning TD in the opening minutes of the third quarter with the aid of two first downs, each gained by a slim ~~but~~ 6 inches. The last of these came on the 1 yard line of the Greyhounds and on the next play Stu Starner piled over for the Cougar's second TD of the game.

The game followed the pattern which Coach Borstad had predicted and the Greyhounds were every bit as tough as anyone had imagined. Game statistics favored the Greyhounds in every column except the most important -- the score.

Flashy bursts of offense and the steady play of the defense were the highlights of this first Cougar victory ^{of} in 1963. Paul Jorgenson showed that he will have to be watched all year as he broke away for ~~yards~~ of 46 and 25 yards in the first TD march.

But it was the solid hitting of the Cougars on defense that won the football game for them. This was proved in the first quarter of the game as the Cougars held the Greyhounds on their own 14 yard line on a fourth and three situation.

The Cougars first score came in the second quarter on a drive that began on their own 10 yard line. Jorgenson returned a punt 5 yards, two running plays and a pass gave the Cougars first down on the 27-yard line and then Jorgenson busted through the middle of the Yankton line for a 46-yard gainer. Further gains brought the ball to the Yankton 25 where it was fourth and eight for the Cougars.

Starner dropped back in what appeared to be an ~~apparent~~ pass, but handed the ball off to Jorgenson who broke through the line and raced 25 yards for the first score of the game. The kick attempt on the extra point failed.

Yankton charged back after this TD, returning the kick^off 25 yards. Two more first downs brought them deep into Cougar territory, but here the defense stood tough once more. An attempted fourth and three failed and the Cougars had the ball ~~once more~~. The half came after one more series of plays.

The Cougars strengthened their lead on the opening kick^off and following plays in the third quarter. The kick was filed on the 10 yard line and returned to the 37. Five first downs were needed in this 90 yard march, one came by a penalty and two more by inches (as mentioned earlier). The drive was one ~~kick~~ ^{of} those ~~kick~~ near-perfect football series. It can best be described as hard-driving, smart signal-calling and a complete team effort.

Only one pass was used although this had been the strong point of the Cougar offense in the first half. The yardage came harder once the Cougars were inside the Yankton 30, but two fourth down plays were successful and the Cougars found themselves on the 1 yard line. Stu Starner, who went ^{almost} the entire distance as quarterback, dived over on the next play. *Again the kick attempt ~~was~~ the penalty ~~point~~ ~~factor~~.*

But Yankton was not out of the game. ~~They~~ They marched ~~right back~~ down the field ~~over~~ 90 yards and scored on a 14 yard pass. Their TD, too, came on a fourth down situation -- fourth and four. Doug Carpa circled behind his defender ~~and was open in the corner of the end zone~~ and took the pass from the smart throwing quarterback of Yankton, Larry Ryken.

The fourth quarter was almost entirely dominated by Yankton's offense and the even stronger defense of the Cougars. Three ~~different~~ drives were halted during the quarter. One of these reached the 6 yard line before a fourth down and two attempt failed when the Yankton quarterback fumbled the ball and recovered for no gain. *by the Cougars*

Yankton's final push came late in the ^{fourth} ~~third~~ quarter when they reached the Cougar 47 yard line. ~~From here~~ they tried four passes, but the Cougar defense covered the receivers so well ^{and} that all were thrown incomplete. With 39 seconds on the clock, the Cougars had only more play before the final buzzer sounded with the Cougars holding a very slim 5 point victory.

Almost everyone of the 32 players who made the trip saw action. Coach Borstad used his second team quite liberally and was impressed with the performance of many of them.

~~All of the starters saw considerable action.~~ The ~~xxxx~~ first team plays both offense and defense; the second team saw only defensive action. There were no serious injuries to the squad and everyone ~~xxxx~~ should be ready for the second game of the season next Saturday afternoon against Upper Iowa University. The game is at Fayette, Iowa at 1:30 p.m.