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Cougars Play the Wildcats

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NORRIS--For the first time in the history of UMM football, the Cougars will be seeking a home victory for the seniors on the squad. The unsuspecting opponents are the "Wildcats" from North Dakota State School of Science (at Wahpeton). Game time is 8 p.m. at Miller Field on the UMM campus.

The University of Minnesota, Morris welcomed the first seniors to campus last Monday and among them were seven members of the Cougar football squad. They were David Moe, Morris; Chris Kamrud, Parkers Prairie; Stan Anderson, Hoffman; Courtland Swenson, Hoffman; Warren Eger, Madison; Craig Erickson, Morristown; Don Sherman, Clinton.

The Cougars now have an even, 1-win, 1-loss, record after their stunning 35-7 defeat at the hands of Upper Iowa University last weekend. They won the first game of the season from Yankton College 12 to 7. Coach Dick Borstad said yesterday that the squad "is not in real good shape."

Although the flu bug has been noticeable on campus only one Cougar has been ill this week. But the biggest problem which Coach Borstad faced this week was nuisance injuries. Jim Darr, Parkers Prairie, has been hampered with a pulled muscle, Stuart Nordquist, Hoffman, has been laid up with a lame back and Paul Miller, a new member of the squad from Elbow Lake, was lost for the season with two broken bones in his hand.

Despite all of this, Coach Borstad expects the Cougars to be up for this first home game of the 1963 schedule. "This hasn't been a good week of practice," he said, "but I am sure that once the boys get out on the field in front of the hometown crowd they will play a real good game."

The "Wildcats" have ~~been~~ beaten the UMN Cougars in both of the previous encounters, but Athletic Director Bruce Rolloff, who scouted them last week, said that this should be a real even game. "They are down from the last two year," he said, "and we have our best squad. It should be a good one."

This year's "Wildcat" line is as big as last year's and just as good, but their backfield isn't as strong. Three of their backfield starters from last year are now playing for North Dakota State University. There are two halfbacks that will give the Cougars plenty of trouble though. Curt Beyer, a scat-back type of runner, and Kenny Dillman both ran well in last week's 14-7 victory over Jamestown. The Wildcat's record on the year is 2 wins and 2 0 losses. The first game of the season they beat Dickinson.

Here is the expected Cougar starting lineup for Saturday's game:

Left End -- Don Sherman, 190 lb. senior from Clinton
Left Tackle -- Stan Anderson, 205 lb. senior from Hoffman
Left Guard -- Bob Ahlbrecht, 180 lb. sophomore from Carlos
Center -- Rick Fluegel, 190 lb. junior from Donnally
Right Guard -- Ricky Smith, 195 lb. sophomore from Hancock
Right Tackle -- Courtland Swenson (captain), 200 lb. senior from Hoffman
Right End -- Warren Enger, 155 lb. senior from Madison
Quarterback -- Stu Starner, 189 lb. junior from Hoffman
Right Halfback -- Jerry Grant, 160 lb. junior from Graceville
Left Halfback -- Paul Jorgenson, 190 lb. junior from Morris

Fullback -- Chris Kamrud, 175 lb. senior from Parkers Prairie

Next Saturday, Oct 5, the Cougars will host Sioux Falls College in a 2 p.m. contest. This is UNM's homecoming.

Season tickets, as well as individual game tickets, will be on sale at the gate.