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MORRIS--The UMM Cougars won their second game of the season and ended North Dakota State School of Science's winning streak at two games as they rolled passed the Wildcats to a 13 to 0 victory in the first home game of the season.

The University of Minnesota, Morris Cougars completely dominated the first half action, scoring all of their 13 points in the first quarter. Coach Dick Borstad said after the game that this was the finest effort the team has made all season.

The two biggest plus factors for the Cougars were the offensive punch in the first half and the solid defensive play in the entire game. "The team showed the best ability to move the ball in the first half that it has all season," Assistant Coach Noel Olson said yesterday. And, although not pushed often Saturday evening, the Cougars' goal-line defense was excellent. The occasions the Wildcats did get close to the UMM goal line, the Cougars held them on downs and usually pushed them back for substantial losses.

It appeared that the Cougars were going to have a scoring exhibition for the home fans as they pushed across two touchdowns in the first quarter and were close twice more in the second half. In the second half the Cougar offensive play slipped and both teams failed to score.

The Cougars opening touchdown came on a 15 yard run by fullback Steve Chason, Brahm, after the Cougars had held the Wildcats, who had previously intercepted a Cougar pass on their two yard line.

Danny Malherak, Truman, kicked for the extra point. On the ensuing kickoff the Wildcats moved to the 32 yard line. The Cougar defense held here and the Wildcats were forced to punt. Malherak fielded the ball on the 20 and moved up to the Cougar 39. Nine plays later the Cougars were over for the second TD of the game. Malherak led the entire march and scored the TD with a one yard sneak. The try for extra point was blocked.

In the second half the Cougars lacked the offensive punch that had been their pattern in the first half. They were able to pick up one or two first downs, but then would bog down and be forced to punt. The defense was continually strong as they gave up only an occasional first down to the Wildcats.

The Wildcats threatened in the waning minutes of the game, reaching the UNM 7 yard line, but the goal-line defense stiffened and forced the Wildcats back to the 16 yard line on the fourth down play.

Two injuries were encountered by the Cougars in the second half which could seriously hurt them for the remainder of the season. Jimmy Darr, Parkers Prairie, suffered a shoulder separation and will probably be lost for the season. Quarterback Stu Starner, Hoffman, was cut in the eye and may not be ready for next week's Homecoming game with Sioux Falls College.

The Cougars didn't pass as much in this game as they have in their first two, but the rushing game was its most effective of the season. Game statistics show that the Cougars had a 299 to 99 yard advantage in total yards gained. Of this, 43 came by passing and

256 by rushing. The Wildcats had 59 by passing and 40 by rushing. The Wildcats threw 21 passes, completing only 5; the Cougars threw 7 and completed 3. First downs favored the Cougars 15-7. The UMM Cougars are now 2 and 1 on the season.

Next week the Cougars will host the Sioux Falls College Braves in a 2 p.m. contest at Miller Field. This is the 1963 Homecoming game. The Cougars will practice this week with the hope that they can "Tip The Canoe and Sioux Falls Too."