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MORRIS--The University of Minnesota, Morris Cougars will be shooting for a 5 win, 3 loss season record this Saturday, November 2, when they meet the winless "Dusties" from Ellendale State College. The game will be played at Ellendale at 2 p.m.

The Cougars, who will finish with no worse than a .500 season, are proud of their record. And so is Head Football Coach Dick Borstad. Before the season started, Borstad said the season would be successful if the Cougars won 4 and lost 4.

The record is even more important to the athletic department of this young and growing liberal arts college of the University of Minnesota, when you consider that it is against a full slate of four-year colleges. Add this is only the third year intercollegiate football has been played at UHM.

The game against Northland College last Saturday at Morris was "our best of the season," according to Coach Borstad. This game marked the Cougars highest scoring effort of the season as they won 27 to 0. "Anytime you can score more than three touchdowns and hold your opponent scoreless, you have to play a good ball game," Borstad said.

Two of the stars on the Cougar squad this season have been Paul Jorgenson and Rick Fluegel. Jorgenson and Fluegel, both juniors, played their highschool football at Morris. Jorgenson attended the University of Minnesota his freshman year and played with the freshman team. Fluegel played his freshman year of football at the Coast Guard Academy under Otto Graham. This is their second year at UHM.

Jorgenson, 190 lb, halfback, has improved with each game this season and has played very fine football the last three games. He

better than average speed and smart open field running have made him a threat to score in every game.

Last Saturday against Northland he broke loose, scoring twice on end sweeps of 37 and 60 yards and on a 40 yard pass interception.

Flugel, 190 lbs., has played offensive center and right linebacker. "He is the most complete football player on the squad," according to Borstad. His rugged, smart and aggressive play on both offense and defense has been important to the team's success. His defensive signal calling has been excellent.

There are six seniors who will be playing their final game. "When you lose three of your top ends, 2 starting tackles and an alternate fullback, you have some holes to fill," Borstad said. This is the first time the Cougars have lost a player by graduation. UHM added its first senior class this fall.

The three ends are Warren Enger, 160 lbs., Don Sherman, 190 lbs and Craig Erickson, 227 lbs. Enger and Sherman have been with the team the three years football has been played at UHM. Erickson has played two seasons. "Their familiarity with our type of football and their leadership will be missed next year," Borstad pointed out.

The loss of Stan Anderson, 205 lbs., and Courtland Swenson, 200 lbs., at tackle will weaken those positions considerably. "The tackle position will be our hardest position to fill next year," Borstad added. (Swenson, team captain, and Anderson have been most effective on offense).

Chris Kamrud, 175 lb. fullback, has been used extensively in the last two games. His improvement over last year, his first year on the squad, has helped the Cougars.

Two improved sophomores have strengthened the guard spots. Bob Ahlbrecht, 180 lbs., and Rick Smith, 195 lbs., have strengthened the

middle of the line, and with Flugel, made it the strong point in the Cougar defense.

The Cougar's starting backfield is made up of two juniors and a freshman, quarterback Stu Starner and halfback Jerry Grant are juniors. Starner, 189 lbs. has been a fine field general for the Cougars. "Starner has good running ability, especially on the option play," Berstad said. Grant, 160 lbs., is probably the most consistent ballplayer on the Cougar squad, according to Coach Berstad.

A bright spot in the Cougar backfield is Steve Chaen, 170 lbs. Chaen has good balance and hits the openings quickly. "Steve has the ability to be one of our best by the time he is a senior," Berstad said.

Denny Halberak, alternate quarterback, handles the kicking duties for the Cougars. Of late, his punting has been excellent; last week he punted seven times, averaging 39 yards. He has missed only four points after touchdown attempts this season, and two of these were blocked.

Other members of the Cougar squad who have played extensively are: John Splitstoser, Stuart Nordquist and Ronald Coff, backs; Harvey Kraabel at center; Wayne Munstermann, Richard J. Boyer at guards; Doug Libby and Richard E. Boyer at tackles and Neal Nelson, and Tom Sallman at ends.

The Cougars schedule thus far is as follows:

UMM 12, Yankton College 7
UMM 7, University of Upper Iowa 35
UMM 13, Wahpeton State School of Science 0
UMM 14, Sioux Falls College 13
UMM 14, Minot State College 17
UMM 12, Bethel 33
UMM 27, Northland College 0

UMM, Bethel, Northland and Northwestern of Minneapolis have formed

a new athletic conference -- the Pioneer College Conference. Northwestern does not compete in football.

"Our coaching staff hopes the league can expand into a six team league," Borstad said. "We could have a complete league schedule then, instead of just two games." Basketball, wrestling, golf, track and baseball will also carry conference championships this year.

Last year the Cougars dumped Ellendale 41-0. However, this year Ellendale has a new coach and almost a completely new team. There are seven freshmen, ^{Two}~~Three~~ sophomores and two juniors on the starting eleven.