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## Golden Eagle Football Wraps Up Season at MSU Moorhead in Red River Valley Showdown



### CROOKSTON, Minn. - The University of Minnesota Crookston football team will take on Minnesota State University Moorhead in their final game of the season. The game will be third edition of the Red River Valley Showdown Sponsored by State Farm Insurance and Agent Andy Oman. The Golden Eagles won last year's battle and will look to hang on to the State Farm Traveling Trophy this season. The Golden Eagles are 0-10 on the season, while MSU Moorhead is 3-7.

MSU Moorhead has been led by quarterback Jake Hodge, who has over 1,900 yards passing this season and over 700 yards rushing. Running back Zayne Medhaug comes in with over 900 yards rushing, while wide receiver Adam Jiskra leads the way with over 1,000 yards receiving this season.

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**#PlayerOfTheYear**  
 UMC senior linebacker [Greg Lofquist](#) has been pretty simply the Player of the Year for the Golden Eagles. Lofquist has had eight straight games with 10 or more tackles and has 139 tackles this season, which is an all-time high for an UMC player.

**#TheFuture**  
 UMC freshman [Jake Newman](#) should be a player to watch during the next three seasons at UMC. Newman has come on strong late this season. The free safety has had two-straight games with 10 or more tackles and had an interception against Northern State University. Newman should be an anchor of the team in years to come.

**#Travon**  
 UMC freshman quarterback [Travon Hearn](#)s has had good moments and bad moments this season. Hearn has been the starter at the end of the season. He is 35-of-76 for 382 yards with one touchdown and five interceptions. On the ground, he has 46 carries for 115 yards and two touchdowns. Hearn should battle for the quarterback job for years to come.

**#MovingUpTheRecordBooks**  
 UMC senior wide receiver [Marcus Cheatham](#) continues to move up the record books at UMC. Cheatham is third all-time for receptions for the Golden Eagle football program. He recently surpassed Jor Grafsgaard for third. He needs 32 yards to move past Grafsgaard in fourth for yards. Cheatham's 10 touchdown receptions is third all-time. He needs just three touchdown receptions to move past Mark Olsonawski in second place.

**#TheRock**  
 UMC linebacker Andrew "Rock" Hall battled injuries early on this season but has come on as of late. Hall is third on the team with 69 tackles. He had 13 tackles against Minot State and notched 11 versus Minnesota Duluth. He had eight against Northern State.

**#100YardRusher**  
 UMC sophomore running back [Dre Person](#) became the first UMC running back to eclipse 100 yards this season with his performance against Northern State University. Person had 18 carries for 133 yards and a touchdown for the Golden Eagles. Person will look to finish the year out strong for UMC against MSU Moorhead.

**#FreshmanPhenom**  
 UMC freshman wide receiver [Adam Connette](#) has made the strongest impact of any newcomer this season. Connette has 45 catches this season for 502 yards with three touchdowns. He has been the biggest threat in the passing game for the Golden Eagles.

**#InSamWeTrust**  
 Senior co-captain [Sam Smith](#) has started all 43 games of his career and has been a consistent force at center for the Golden Eagles. Smith is scheduled to start his 44th-consecutive game for UMC against MSU Moorhead making him one of the only players in school history to ever start every single game of his collegiate career.

**#BattleForStateFarmTrophy**  
 The Golden Eagles will look to hold onto the "State Farm Traveling Trophy" as they take on Minnesota State University Moorhead in the "Red River Valley Showdown" Sponsored by State Farm Insurance. Both teams have each won one game in the series.

**#SelvestraTime**  
[Drew Selvestra](#) has been a steady force on the defensive line this season. UMC has started several different line-ups on the line due to injuries but Selvestra has been the consistent force. He has had a breakout season with 77 tackles, leading all NSIC defensive linemen. He has added six tackles for loss and three sacks on the year.  
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<b>#10 Marcus Cheatham</b> WR / 5' 11" / Redshirt Senior	<b>#41 Greg Lofquist</b> LB / 6' 0" / Senior
<b>#30 Andre Person</b> RB / 5' 10" / Redshirt Sophomore	<b>#91 Drew Selvestra</b> DL / 6' 3" / Redshirt Junior
<b>#71 Sam Smith</b> OL / 6' 0" / Senior	<b>Adam Connette</b> WR / 5' 11" / Freshman
<b>#2 Tra Hearn</b> QB / 6' 4" / Freshman	<b>#47 Jake Newman</b> DB / 6' 1" / Freshman

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