



FOOTBALL



[BOX SCORE](#)

	16	Minn. Crookston	0-1, 0-1
	58	Wayne State (Neb.)	1-0, 1-0

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	F
Minn. Crookston	0	16	0	0	16
Wayne State (Neb.)	21	22	6	9	58

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Wayne State Offense Guides Wildcats to 58-16 Win Over UMC in Season Opener



WAYNE, Neb. - Over 650 yards of offense including 397 yards on the ground led Wayne State College (Neb.) past the University of Minnesota Crookston football team 58-16 Sat., Sept. 5 at Bob Cunningham Field at Memorial Stadium in Wayne, Neb. The Golden Eagles tried to keep up with the Wildcats offensively but were unable to match the experienced Wayne State offense led by quarterback Zach Osborn, wide receiver Marcel Dunson and running backs Alex Kline and Ryan Ludlow.

The Golden Eagles had 276 yards of offense on the day led by quarterback [Tra Hearn](#)s (So., QB, Bloomington, Minn.), who was 11-of-23 for 137 yards with one interception. [Triston Richert](#) (R-Fr., WR, Oakdale, Minn.) had a strong debut for the Golden Eagles with four receptions for 86 yards and a touchdown, while [Adam Connette](#) (So., WR, Corona, Calif.) had one passing touchdown to Richert and had three grabs for 41 yards. On the ground, [Dre Person](#) led the way with eight carries for 39 yards.

Defensively, [Jake Newman](#) (So., DB, White Bear Lake, Minn.) led the Golden Eagles with seven tackles, while [Bubba Adeniyi](#) (Sr., DB, Miami, Fla.) added six tackles.

Wayne State was led by Osborn, who was 15-of-23 for 259 yards with four touchdowns. On the ground, Kline had 17 carries for 167 yards with one touchdown off the bench. Ludlow had the start and had 16 carries for 114 yards and a touchdown. Dunson led the receivers with seven receptions for 128 yards and two touchdowns.

Defensively, the Wildcats were led by Jon Davis, who had eight tackles, while DeWayne Scott had six tackles.

Wayne State started with a lot of offensive fire power quickly racing to a 14-0 lead after two touchdown passes from Osborn. He opened the game with a 17-yard touchdown pass to Nicholas Roth and then had a 61-yard touchdown pass to Marcel Dunson.

The Golden Eagles would stop Wayne State on their next drive as [Isaiah Armstrong](#) (Jr., DL, Fairfield, Calif.) came up with a big play to force a fumble, which was recovered by Newman. However, UMC wouldn't be able to do anything with it as they came up empty.

Wayne State would take the 21-0 lead on a nine-yard Lane Yates touchdown run for the Wildcats.

The Golden Eagles would come out and finally put things together offensively beginning with an 11-yard run for [Dre Person](#) (Jr., RB, Detroit, Mich.) on first down. The UMC drive would continue as Hearn found Richert for 39 yards. On a gadget play, Hearn would toss the ball backwards to Connette who was in the backfield. Connette would throw the ball to Richert for a 29-yard touchdown strike to cut the deficit to 21-7.

After a defensive stop keyed by a Adeniyi pass break-up, UMC would take over looking to do big things. But Jamaal Conway-Smith would intercept a tipped pass to give Wayne State great field position. A six-yard touchdown run for Ludlow would put Wayne State up 28-7 after the turnover. The two-point conversion would put the Wildcats up 29-7.

Wayne State would add to their lead with a 17-yard rushing touchdown by Osborn to put Wayne State up 36-7.

The Golden Eagles would come up with a big drive that could have been bigger. It opened up as Hearn found [LaMar Daniels, II](#) (Sr., WR, Toledo, Ohio) for 14 yards. Hearn would then find Connette on the next play for a 17 yard pass. A 19-yard run for Person would put the Golden Eagles in great position, however a chop block by the offensive line would move the ball back from the 24 to the Wayne State 39. On a big third down play, Hearn would find [Harold Halcomb, III](#) (Jr., K, White Bear Lake, Minn.) on fourth down, as Maw came through with a 41-yard field goal to cut the lead down to 36-10.

After a big defensive stop, UMC's offense would come out strong again. Hearn would find [Tommy Smith, III](#) (Sr., WR, Naranja, Fla.) on a 19-yard pass. Wayne State would look to possibly have an interception on the play, but an illegal hands to the face call would move it in the Golden Eagles' favor, moving it to the Wayne State 22. Soon after, [Harold Halcomb, III](#) (Jr., RB, Oakland, Calif.) would come through big on a draw play. A blocked Maw extra point would make it Wayne State 36, UMC 16.

Wayne State would end the half with a 34-yard touchdown pass from Osborn to Courtney Richardson to put the Wildcats up 43-16 at the break.

The Golden Eagles would be unable to do much in the second half. Wayne State would add three scores in the second half. They would open up scoring as Osborn found Dunson for the second time in the game for a 25-yard strike. In the 4th, a 55-yard touchdown run for Kline would put the Wildcats up 55-16. Sam Simon ended the game with a 33-yard field goal to give the Wildcats a 58-16 win.

[Stephen Day](#) (R-Fr., K/P, Eveleth, Minn.) had a great debut as punter. Day had 10 punts for an average of 37.8 yards including a long of 56 and three punts inside the 20. [Constant Jackson](#) (Sr., WR, Jacksonville, Fla.) also had a strong day on special teams, returning seven kicks for 144 yards with a long of 30.

UMC will look to get back on a winning track as they make their debut at Ed Widseth Field Sat., Sept. 12 at 1 p.m. against No. 17 University of Sioux Falls.

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University of Sioux Falls (S.D.)
9/12/2015 | 1 p.m.
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RECAP

LIVE STATS

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MATCHUP HISTORY

Team Statistics

	UMC	WSC
Total Yards	276	662
Pass Yards	218	265
Rushing Yards	58	397
Penalty Yards	10-70	8-86
1st Downs	15	30
3rd Downs	4-16	6-12
4th Downs	0-0	0-1
TOP	27:23	32:37

1ST QUARTER

	12:11 - WSC - Roth, Nick 17 yd pass from Osborn, Zach (Lindsay, Tyler kick) 7 plays, 71 yards, TOP 2:49	0	7
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	09:17 - WSC - Dunson, Marcel 61 yd pass from Osborn, Zach (Lindsay, Tyler kick) 4 plays, 72 yards, TOP 1:44	0	14
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	01:27 - WSC - Yates, Lane 9 yd run (Lindsay, Tyler kick), 8 plays, 53 yards, TOP 2:54	0	21
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2ND QUARTER

	14:52 - UMC - Richert, T. 29 yd pass from Connette, Adam (Maw, Mike kick) 5 plays, 64 yards, TOP 1:28	7	21
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	13:19 - WSC - Ludlow, Ryan 6 yd run (Ludlow, Ryan rush), 2 plays, 23 yards, TOP 0:32	7	29
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	10:13 - WSC - Osborn, Zach 17 yd run (Lindsay, Tyler kick), 5 plays, 46 yards, TOP 1:55	7	36
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	06:55 - UMC - Maw, Mike 41 yd field goal 7 plays, 51 yards, TOP 3:18	10	36
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	02:22 - UMC - Halcomb, Harold 22 yd run (Maw, Mike kick blocked), 7 plays, 60 yards, TOP 3:25	16	36
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	01:10 - WSC - Richardson, C. 34 yd pass from Osborn, Zach (Lindsay, Tyler kick) 7 plays, 74 yards, TOP 1:09	16	43
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3RD QUARTER

	10:33 - WSC - Dunson, Marcel 25 yd pass from Osborn, Zach (Lindsay, Tyler kick failed) 7 plays, 80 yards, TOP 2:52	16	49
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4TH QUARTER

	13:24 - WSC - Kline, Alex 55 yd run (Lindsay, Tyler kick failed), 1 plays, 55 yards, TOP 0:10	16	55
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	05:25 - WSC - Simon, Sam 33 yd field goal 8 plays, 31 yards, TOP 3:42	16	58
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Game Leaders

Passing Leaders

	#15 Cole, Nathan
CMP 5	TD 0
YDS 52	INT 2

	#11 Connette, Adam
CMP 1	TD 1
YDS 29	INT 0

	#2 Hearn, Tra
CMP 11	TD 0
YDS 137	INT 1

Players Mentioned

- #32 Bubba Adeniyi**
DB / 5' 7" / Senior
- #11 Adam Connette**
WR / 5' 10" / Sophomore
- #90 Stephen Day**
K/P / 6' 1" / Redshirt Freshman
- #2 Tra Hearn**
QB / 6' 4" / Sophomore
- #9 Constant Jackson**
WR / 5' 9" / Senior
- #82 Mike Maw**
K / 5' 7" / Junior
- #47 Jake Newman**
DB / 6' 1" / Sophomore
- #18 Triston Richert**
WR / 6' 0" / Redshirt Freshman
- #81 LaMar Daniels, II**
WR / 6' 2" / Senior
- #39 Tommy Smith, III**
WR / 5' 7" / Senior

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