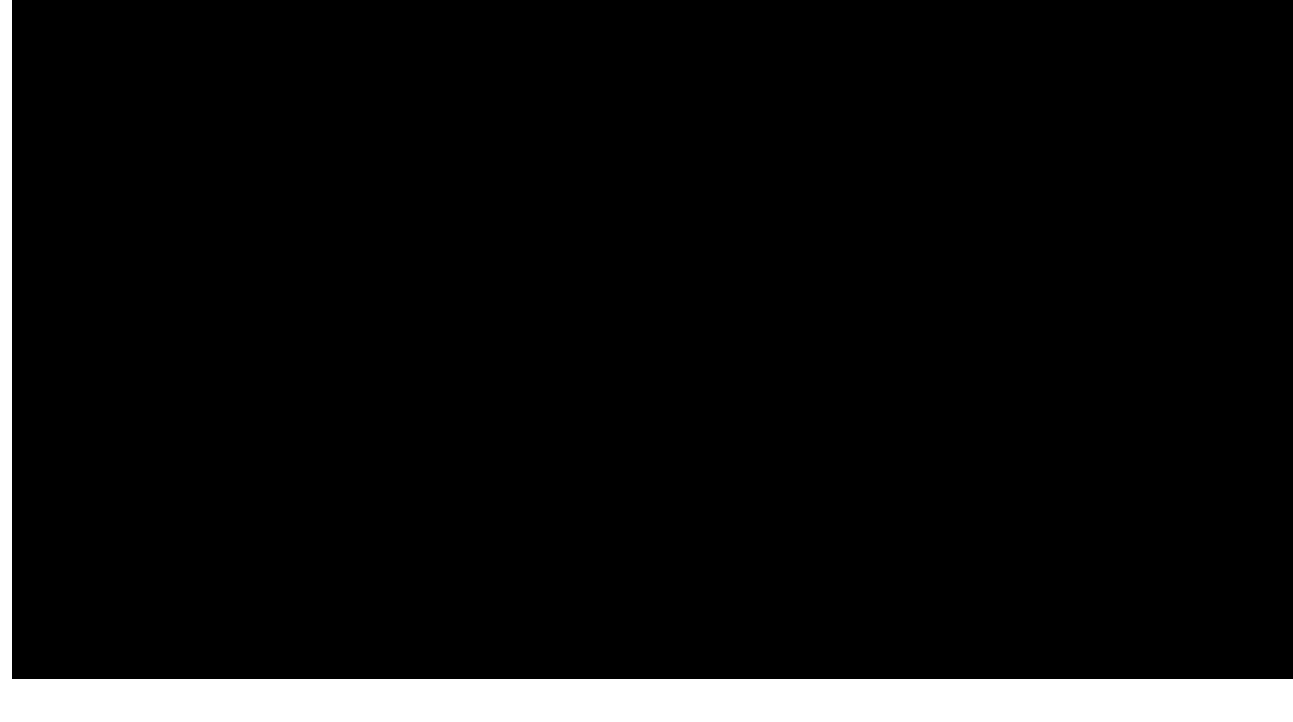




Football | 11/16/2015 4:47:00 PM | Shawn Smith, Sports Information Director

## Local-Product Davidson Bounces Back from Appendectomy to Finish Up Football Career



**\* Story appeared in game program prior to last Saturday's football game**

**CROOKSTON, Minn.** - You are two days into your final Fall camp heading into your Senior year playing Division II college football. All of a sudden, you feel a sharp pain in your stomach. One like you have never felt before and your world turns upside down.

This is what happened going into last season for UMC redshirt senior *Brody Davidson*. A three-year starter heading into his senior year, Davidson was forced to redshirt last season following an appendectomy during Fall camp.

"We were in meetings and I had this sharp pain in my stomach," Davidson said. "I sat out of practice for two days and stayed home and I couldn't move. So I finally I said maybe I should go to the doctor. Finally, I went to the doctor and it was misdiagnosed as something else. I went back into the doctor and one of the doctors said that my appendix was bursting."

Davidson immediately had surgery to remove his appendix and hoped that he would be able to get back on to the field with just missing a few games, but it would turn into a full year being missed for one of UMC's starting linebackers.

"I was hoping that I would miss maybe two or three games and it ended up being the entire year," Davidson said. "I lost about 50 pounds and got down to 170. It was tough sitting on the sideline knowing I could have helped the team. It was tough seeing my friends having to deal with this adversity with me sitting on the sidelines."

Davidson had thought it would be his final year playing football, but all of a sudden it wasn't. He would redshirt and have another year to play. It took awhile for Davidson to get used to being on the sideline.

That entire summer I was thinking that this is the final year and it all came crashing down really suddenly, luckily I still had another chance.

"It was definitely a change of pace," Davidson said. "At the beginning of this season I hadn't played football in about a year. Coming back in, it was my last chance, it was nice to know that I had a couple guys back who I was very familiar with like *Drew Selvestra*, *A.J. Wallace* and *Lethzee Calderon*."

His final year at UMC has been full of ups and downs, but last week all of the hard work Davidson and his fellow seniors and the rest of his teammates had put in finally came to fruition. The Golden Eagles picked up their first win since 2013, defeating Minot State 45-14 and putting up the biggest deficit over an NSIC opponent since 2000.

"This is the first time that we came out this far ahead," Davidson said. "We have rarely beat a team like we did Minot State. We usually come from behind or it is a close game the whole way through but this was the best team win I have been a part of during my time here. The defense was making great plays, the offense was making great plays and special teams was getting the job done. It was a total team effort. We really wanted it and we really prepared for it. It was good to get the win."

Now with one game to go in his career, everything is coming to an end for Davidson. The local boy from Crookston High School who chose to keep his talents right at home and play for the Golden Eagles, a decision he will never regret.

"I originally chose UMC because I wanted to be close to my family and I wanted them to be able to be at all of my games. They have actually been able to be at every one. It also helped coming in with the recruiting class that I did. They are some of the best people that I have ever met. Some of my best friends are part of the recruiting class I came in with."

Davidson's recruiting class was an example of guys sticking with eachother through adversity. Eight of those members graduated last season, while five more, including Davidson, will wrap up their careers this weekend. Almost every one of the 13 guys that stuck around for their entire careers were contributors for the Golden Eagles.

"I thought that our class was the first class where we really had a lot of guys to stick it out," Davidson said. "It helps a lot to a build a team. You have the experience from all of the older guys who have been through everything. And being able to get a team to stick together with the seniors as the base and other guys coming in and contributing. It is a really hard thing to do in football, especially at a smaller school, but I think our class started it and I think it is only going to get better from here on out."

Davidson and 15 other seniors, including his four other fellow redshirt seniors will suit up for the last time in a rivalry game against Minnesota State University Moorhead from just an hour down Highway 75. When Davidson first saw when the Golden Eagles would play the Dragons he was excited.

"I looked at the schedule and I saw that MSU Moorhead was our last game and I circled that one immediately. To me that is a game we have to win. It is them and Bemidji State, those are the two teams that no matter what I want to beat. Having this game be the last game of my career and the last game of the season is a double whammy. I am excited. I have been excited since Sunday already for this game."

It has been a long road for Davidson but it will all come to an end for him against the Dragons, hopefully with he and his fellow seniors hoisting the State Farm Traveling Trophy above their heads and Davidson getting to share the experience with his family and friends playing college football one last time in his hometown.

"I want to hold that trophy so bad right now," Davidson said. "I want to lift it and walk off the field while we are holding it. It would be really nice to show the effort that the seniors have put in. All of us being through what we have been through and going out and getting a win for the last game of our careers."

[Print Friendly Version](#)

PLAYERS MENTIONED ▾

<b>#3 Lethzee Calderon</b> DB / 5' 11" / Redshirt Senior	<b>#22 Brody Davidson</b> LB / 5' 11" / Redshirt Senior
<b>#91 Drew Selvestra</b> DL / 6' 3" / Redshirt Senior	<b>#99 A.J. Wallace</b> DL / 6' 4" / Redshirt Senior

### Related Stories

- 12.10.19 UMN Crookston Discontinues Golden Eagle Football Program
- 11.22.19 Minnesota Crookston Football Player Will Cross Leaves Behind A Legacy of Leadership and Heady Play
- 11.20.19 Three Players Earn All-NSIC Accolades for Minnesota Crookston Football
- 11.16.19 21-0 Run in First Quarter Propels UMary Past Minnesota Crookston 44-15
- 11.14.19 Minnesota Crookston Football Concludes 2019 Season on the Road at UMary

### Related Videos

- 03.13.23 Post-Game vs. D'Youville and Illinois-Springfield
- 02.26.23 Post-Game Reaction vs. Michigan State: Jackson Fuller and Jared Aamold
- 02.26.23 Post-Game Reaction vs. Michigan State - Steve Johnson
- 02.10.23 Mike Roysland Post-Game vs. MSU Moorhead
- 02.06.23 2022-23 Minnesota Crookston Hockey Hype Video