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# Golden Eagles Take On Bemidji State in Hub Cap Game



## CROOKSTON, Minn. - The University of Minnesota Crookston football team will look to snap their winless start to the season as they take on Bemidji State University at 1 p.m. at Chet Anderson Stadium in Bemidji, Minn. The game will mark the 11th annual edition of the "Hub Cap Game", as the two teams' battle for the Hub Cap Trophy. The Golden Eagles won the battle 16-14 in 2013, snapping a losing streak that dated back to 1998. Bemidji State is 1-4 on the season after picking up their first win of the season last weekend against University of Mary.

STATS		STATS	
13.0 PPG	390 RUSHING YARDS	19.8 PPG	498 RUSHING YARDS
1 RUSHING TDS	877 PASSING YARDS	5 RUSHING TDS	1401 PASSING YARDS
7 PASSING TDS	253.4 YARDS PER GAME	9 PASSING TDS	373.8 YARDS PER GAME
3-5 FIELD GOALS	32.8 YARDS PER PUNT	2-3 FIELD GOALS	32.9 YARDS PER PUNT
511.4 YARDS GIVEN UP DEFENSIVELY PER GAME		424.4 YARDS GIVEN UP DEFENSIVELY PER GAME	

### GAME NOTES

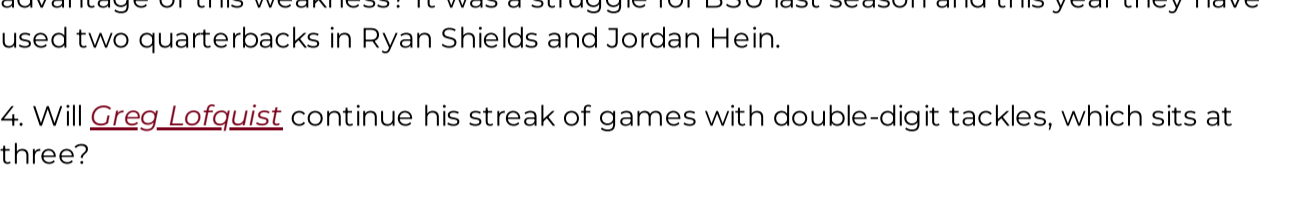
UMC will look to keep the "Hub Cap" as they take on rival Bemidji State Saturday in Bemidji, Minn. The Golden Eagles defeated BSU 16-14 in 2013. UMC will look for a full game from both the offense and defense. BSU has relied on their passing game and quarterback Ryan Shields this season. His top target has been Northern Illinois transfer Blake Holder.

**Oct. 11, 2014 • BEMIDJI, Minn. • Chet Anderson Stadium • 1 p.m.**  
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- #5StoryLines**
- Can the Golden Eagles win their second-consecutive "Hub Cap Game" against Bemidji State?
  - Will the UMC defense wear down? The Golden Eagles have allowed 88 points in the fourth quarter this season.
  - Will Bemidji State get productivity from their quarterback position or can UMC take advantage of this weakness? It was a struggle for BSU last season and this year they have used two quarterbacks in Ryan Shields and Jordan Hein.
  - Will [Greg Lofquist](#) continue his streak of games with double-digit tackles, which sits at three?
  - Will the running game be a factor for the Golden Eagles against Bemidji State?

### #KEEPTHEHUBCAPINCROOKSTON

UMC and Bemidji State will play in the 11th annual "Hub Cap Game" against the Beavers. The two teams have been playing for the 2004 for the "Hub Cap", which signifies the only 88 miles between Crookston, Minn. and Bemidji, Minn. on Highway 2. The Golden Eagles won their first-ever "Hub Cap Game" 16-14 last season in Crookston. UMC will look to retain the "Hub Cap" with a victory Saturday. The Golden Eagles are 2-19 all-time against their foes from just down the road. The "Hub Cap" is one of two trophy games for UMC.



### #TACKLINGMACHINE

Despite changing positions this season, Greg Lofquist hasn't lost a beat, as the senior currently leads the team with 66 tackles, which places second in the entire NSIC. In addition, Lofquist has 4.5 tackles for loss, one sack and one interception. Lofquist is currently averaging 13.2 tackles per game. Lofquist is coming off games with 19 tackles, 16 tackles and 13 tackles.

**66 TACKLES**      **1 SACK**  
**4.5 TACKLES FOR LOSS**      **1 INTERCEPTION**

**#41 GREG LOFQUIST**

### #THEKICKER

UMC sophomore kicker Michael Maw has a career-long 43-yard field goal for the Golden Eagles last week against St. Cloud State. Maw has continued to improve in the kicking game this season. He has field goals of 19, 37 and 43 this season. In addition, Maw is averaging 5.4 yards per kickoff with two touchbacks, while he is 6-of-7 on extra points this season.

**#82 MICHAEL MAW**

### #PASSINGGAMEOPTIONS

UMC's most successful part of their offense this season has been their passing game. Freshmen Adam Connette and Jordan Hester have been the top targets this season, along with senior tight end Jacob Pinder. Connette has 23 receptions for 224 yards. Hester comes into the weekend with 17 catches for 171 yards, while Pinder has 13 receptions for 126 yards.

**#11 CONNETTE**      **#6 HESTER**      **#40 PINDER**

### #PERHAMPROUD

Both Minnesota Crookston and Bemidji State have heavy Perham connections. UMC of course has starting quarterback Ben Bucholz, who has passed for over 800 yards this season, in his first season as the starting quarterback for the Golden Eagles. The Beavers have Jordan Hein, who has shared duties with Ryan Shields at quarterback. Hein is BSU's leading rusher with 198 yards on the ground and 338 yards through the air. Hein was Bucholz' backup at Perham High School. Also on the BSU team, is Hein's older brother, Jesse Hein, the team's starting center.



**#4 BEN BUCHOLZ**

### #PLAYINGWITHPURPOSE

UMC starting corner Robert Gausi has had a long road to UMC from Liberia, where he grew up amidst a Civil War. The junior has embraced his opportunity in America and at UMC and has had a strong start to his first season with the Golden Eagles. Gausi has 35 tackles and an interception on the 2014 season. He is currently fourth on the team in tackles. He is coming off a 13 tackle performance last weekend against St. Cloud State.

**35 TACKLES**  
**1 INTERCEPTION**

**#ROBERT GAUSI**

### #FIFTHALLTIME

With two receptions, including a 66-yard touchdown reception from Ben Bucholz against St. Cloud State Saturday, Cheatham is now tied for fifth all-time in receptions with 65 receptions, which ties him with Antoni Williams. Cheatham needs just 35 yards to tie Jordan Lecher for No. 5 all-time for receiving yards and has moved up to third all-time for touchdown receptions with 10.

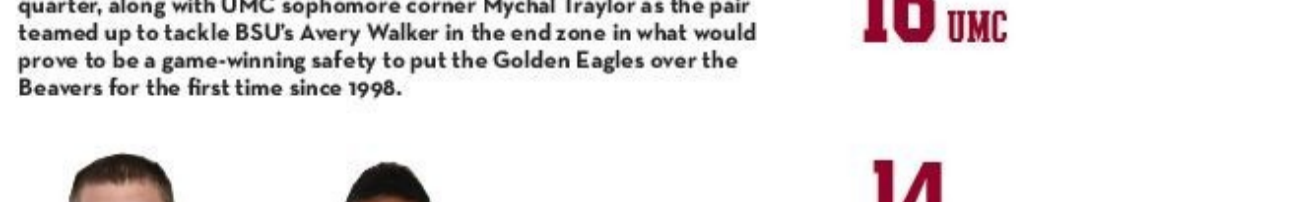
**770 YARDS**  
**35 CATCHES**  
**10 TDs**

**#10 MARCUS CHEATHAM**

### #GAMEWINNINGSAFETY

A year ago, UMC safety Tyler Hansen came up big late in the fourth quarter, along with UMC sophomore corner Mychal Traylor as the pair teamed up to tackle BSU's Avery Walker in the end zone in what would prove to be a game-winning safety to put the Golden Eagles over the Beavers for the first time since 1998.

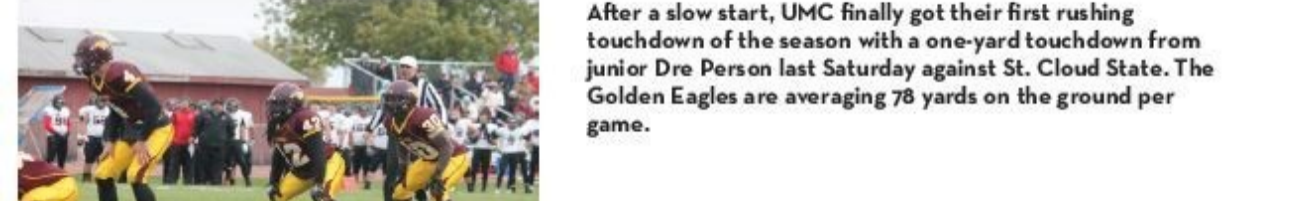
**16 UMC**  
**14 BSU**



**#21 HANSEN**      **#17 TRAYLOR**

### #IMPROVINGTHERUNNINGGAME

After a slow start, UMC finally got their first rushing touchdown of the season with a one-yard touchdown from junior Dre Person last Saturday against St. Cloud State. The Golden Eagles are averaging 78 yards on the ground per game.



### SENIOR CLASS

## 36 STRAIGHT

Senior co-captain Sam Smith has started all 36 games of his career and has been a consistent force at center for the Golden Eagles. Smith is scheduled to start his 37th-consecutive game for UMC against Concordia-St. Paul. Smith has been the most steady and consistent player for the Golden Eagles throughout most of his collegiate career.

**#INSAMWETRUST**

**#71 SAM SMITH**

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PLAYERS MENTIONED ▾

**#41 Greg Lofquist**  
 LB / 6' 0" / Senior

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