



# Football Report, October 14, 2006

## NCC Games

### **Augustana 27, St. Cloud State 23**

Sioux Falls, S.D. -- Tommy Flyger found Chris Pomerleau for a 51-yard touchdown pass with 3 seconds left in the game to lift Augustana to a 27-23 victory over St. Cloud State at Howard Wood Field.

The last-second touchdown capped a wild final few minutes. With 1:06 to play in the game, St. Cloud State's Jon Gutierrez booted a 47-yard field goal into the wind that barely cleared the cross bar. It was SCSU's first lead of the game.

The Vikings then took over at their own 22-yard line with 58 seconds to play. In 6 plays, Augustana moved the ball to the Viking 49 with 11 seconds on the clock. Facing a 2nd and 10, Flyger threw the ball down the right sideline where Pomerleau caught the ball in stride for the game-winning score.

Flyger finished the day by completing 16 of 31 passes for 312 yards and 2 scores, both to Pomerleau. It was Flyger's second career 300-yard passing day.

Pomerleau made the most of the passes thrown to him. He had 3 receptions for 138 yards, 2 shy of his career high, and 2 scores. He also hauled in an 80-yard touchdown pass with 42 seconds left in the third quarter that put the Vikings ahead 20-13, one play after the Huskies had tied the game.

SCSU quarterback Jon Quesnel finished the afternoon completing 28 of 47 passes for a school-record 377 yards and 3 scores. The Vikings did intercept him twice, once by Shane Yates and again by Matt Lien. Derek Sedin finished with 115 yards on 7 catches with 1 TD, while Zach Stover had 92 yards on 5 receptions.

Defensively, the Vikings were led by Nick Ovenden's game-high 11 tackles. Craig Bosch had 3 of the Vikings' 5 sacks, while Ovenden and Matt Muller each collected 1.

### **Nebraska-Omaha 21, North Dakota 20**

Omaha, Neb. -- Quarterback Zach Miller scored a pair of touchdowns, the final one with 8:44 left and the Maverick defense held North Dakota to two second half field goals Saturday in a 21-20 win in front of 7,812 Homecoming fans at Caniglia Field.

Miller scored on a one-yard first quarter run and gave UNO the lead for good on a six-yard run in the fourth quarter. He finished with 81 yards on 15 carries, while completing 7 of 13 passes for 131 yards.

The loss spoiled a spectacular passing game by North Dakota quarterback Reed Manke, who completed 25 of 31 for 232 yards with one interception, and a receiving performance by Weston Dressler, who caught 15 for 159 yards.

The Fighting Sioux had to settle for a 27-yard field goal by Hellevang with 12:27 left in the fourth after driving 56 yards to the UNO 10, giving UND a 20-14 advantage.

The Mavs drove 68 yards after the kickoff to take the lead back for good. Miller passed 26 yards to Troy Kush and followed that with another attempt to the sophomore wide receiver, but UND was flagged for pass interference.

Kyle Kasperbauer ran 8 yards, Nate Wurth 6 before Miller rolled right and picked his way to the goal line on second down.

The Mavericks drove to the UND 10 before giving the ball up on downs with 16 seconds left. UNO linebacker Rob Lewis ended UND's hopes by sacking Manke on the one to end the game.

Kyle Kasperbauer led UNO's rushing attack with 119 yards on 27 carries. UNO, leading the nation in rushing, had 212 yards on the ground and 343 yards in total offense to UND's 305.

Kenny Onatolu and Randy Kush each had eight tackles for UNO.

### **Minnesota Duluth 16, Minnesota State 13 (OT)**

Mankato, Minn. -- Minnesota State dropped a heartbreaking 16-13 overtime decision to Minnesota Duluth at Blakeslee Stadium.

Minnesota State - which scored all 13 of their points in the fourth quarter - had a 22-yard field by freshman Ben Spencer blocked to end the game. The field goal, had it been good, would have forced a second over time.

After trailing 13-0 entering the fourth quarter, Minnesota State came roaring back as Joshua Bryant connected with Adrian Battles for a 2-yard touchdown pass to cap off a 10-play 68 yard drive, and cut the Bulldog lead to 13-7.

Battles' touchdown reception marks the first time since Pat Moriarty caught an eight-yard touchdown pass against Augsutana on Nov. 1, 2003.

After trading punts, Minnesota State began its next scoring drive on the UMD

36-yard line. Spencer connected on his first field-goal of the day - a 27-yard attempt - to cut the deficit to 13-10 with 5:11 remaining in the game.

The Maverick defense kept UMD pinned near its own goal line as they punted on the ensuing possession to give MSU the ball at UMD 32 with 3:14 remaining in the game. Spencer knocked in season-long 36-yard field goal to force the extra period of football.

Minnesota State won the overtime toss and elected to defend to start the period. UMD's Britt Baumann then kicked a 26-yard field goal to give the Bulldogs the 16-13 advantage. The Mavericks would push as deep as the five yardline in their portion of overtime, however three incomplete passes set up Yelk's defensive heroics.

Bryant led Minnesota State with 171 yards rushing on 30 carries, while senior Bryan Alberty added 88 yards on 18 carries. The 265 yards rushing for the Mavericks is a season high and is the most since Sept. 18, 2004, when MSU rushed for 326 yards against Concordia-St. Paul.

Bryant completed nine-of-18 passes for 88 yards, while senior Tyrell Smith caught four passes for 53 yards to lead the Mavericks.

Ted Schlafke led the UMD offense, completing 24 of 47 passes for 196 yards. Keith Bizzle rushed for 14 yards, including UMD's lone touchdown.

### **South Dakota 42, Western Washington 10**

Bellingham, Wash. -- Quarterback Noah Shepard accounted for 263 yards of offense and running back Stefan Logan rushed for 149 yards and three touchdowns, as South Dakota scored touchdowns on all three of its first-half possessions and defeated Western Washington, 42-10, at Civic Stadium.

Shepard, a redshirt freshman making his first career start, completed 11-of-15 passes for 204 yards and rushed for 59 yards and a touchdown on 12 carries, scoring on an 8-yard run early in the second quarter.

Logan opened the scoring on a 3-yard run less than nine minutes into the game. He rushed for 121 yards on nine carries after halftime, including touchdown runs of 32 and 44 yards. He now has 933 rushing yards on the season, being just 67 short of his fourth 1,000-yard campaign.

South Dakota's other touchdowns came on a 59-yard run in the second quarter by fullback Tyler Evans, who busted up the middle on a third-and-one play, and a 28-yard pass from Shepard to wide receiver Jordan Murphy midway through the fourth quarter.

South Dakota had a 548-276 edge in total offense. The Coyotes, who entered the game ranked fourth nationally in rushing offense at 266.5 yards a game, rushed for 344 yards on 46 attempts.

Western quarterback James Monrean, who completed 18 of his first 21 passing attempts, finished the contest 23-of-34 for 209 yards, but the Vikings ran for just 58 yards on 23 carries against a USD defense that has yet to allow more than 85 yards rushing in a game this season.

Western moved inside the USD 20 on each of its three possessions after the Coyotes' first-half touchdowns. But the first two drives failed to produce points because of a missed field goal and a fumble before the Vikings finally reached the scoreboard with a 34-yard field goal by Robby Smith on the final play of the first half.

Western's lone touchdown came late in the third quarter. After a 47-yard kickoff return by Craig Garner, the Vikings moved 43 yards in nine plays, capped by a 1-yard run by Garner. Monrean set up the score with a 14-yard scramble.

## Non-Conference

Central Washington 28, Western Oregon 21

<b>Standings</b>	<b>NCC</b>	<b>Over.</b>
Nebraska-Omaha	4-0	5-1
South Dakota	4-0	6-1
North Dakota	4-1	6-1
Augustana	3-2	5-2
Minnesota Duluth	3-2	5-2
Central Washington	1-3	4-3
Western Washington	1-4	2-5
Minnesota State	0-4	2-5
St. Cloud State	0-4	2-5