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## Van Nest's arm, feet help MSU-Northern defeat Calgary Dinos

MEDICINE HAT, Alberta — Jeff Van Nest passed for two touchdowns and ran for another as the Montana State-Northern Lights opened the 2009 football season with a nonconference 30-19 victory over the University of Calgary Dinos.

The game was played with a hybrid of Canadian and American rules. On the 110-yard Canadian field, both teams played four-down football, and the two defences were forced to adjust to offensive schemes they rarely see. When Calgary was on offense there were 12 players per side on the field; when the Lights had the ball there were 11.

Calgary led 7-0 early on before the Lights tied it on Van Nest's 5-yard run. Northern scored on Tyrell Cochrell's 1-yard plunge and a 28-yard field goal by Great Falls native Luke McKinley in the second quarter.

The Lights outscored the Dinos 13-3 in the second half. Both Northern scores came on Van Nest touchdown passes, an 8-yarder to Kyle Kercher and a 10-yarder to former Cut Bank prep star Matt Stuart.

Cochrell rushed for 133 yards for coach Mark Samson's Lights, who are ranked 18th in the NAIA preseason poll. Stetson Koffman had a quarterback sack and Justin Montelius registered a team-high eight tackles for the unit of Lights' defensive coordinator Rick Wells.

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### First Quarter

Calgary—Chris Dobko 3 pass from Erik Glavic (Aaron Ifield kick)

MSU-Northern—Jeff Van Nest 5 run (Kyle Kercher kick)

Calgary—Matt Walter 5 run (Taylor Altilio pass failed)

### Second Quarter

MSU-Northern—Tyrell Cochrell 1 run (Kyle Kercher kick)

MSU-Northern—FG Luke McKinley 28

Calgary—FG Aaron Ifield 50

### Third Quarter

MSU-Northern—Kyle Kercher 8 pass from Jeff Van Nest (kick failed)

Calgary—FG Aaron Ifield 43

### Fourth Quarter

MSU-Northern—Matt Stuart 10 pass from Jeff Van Nest (Kyle Kercher kick)

## **Northern Calgary**

First downs 24 17

Rushes-yards 36-227 23-169

Passing yards 162 143

Total yards 389 312

Passes 13-28-0 11-22-0

Fum-lost 0-0 0-0

Pen-yards 6-48 9-100

Punts-ave 1-32 4-42.8

Time of poss 34:44 25:16

## **INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**

**RUSHING**—MSU-Northern Tyrell Cochrell 20-133, Stephen Silva 4-47, Jeff Van Nest 6-41, Jake Handley 1-2, Trent Thomas 1-2, James Chandless 2-1, Michael King 2-1; Calgary, Matt Walter 8-88, Steve Lumbala 9-38, Deke Junior 5-38, Erik Glavic 1-5.

**PASSING**—MSU-Northern, Jeff Van Nest 13-28-0—162. Calgary, Deke Junior 6-12-0—64, Erik Glavic 5-9-0—79, Taylor Altilio 0-1-0—0.

**RECEIVING**—Tyrell Cochrell 3-32, Coda Tchida 2-52, Kyle Kercher 2-23, Garren Hammons 2-21, Matt Stuart 2-14, Chase Young 1-13, BJ Palmer 1-7. Calgary, Nathan Coehoorn 2-38, Taylor Nill 2-26, Chris Dobko 2-11, Taylor Altilio 1-23, Shane Bonneau 1-19, Richard Snyder 1-13, Emilio Violato 1-8, Austin Prince 1-5.

**BILLINGS** — Rocky Mountain College's new head coach Brian Armstrong looks pretty good now that his Battlin' Bears have upset 15th-ranked Dickinson State 28-7 in the season opener for both teams Saturday at Herb Klindt Field.

Having a pass-and-receive tandem like Kasey Peters and Brian Guisti helps a lot, too.

Guisti, a 6-foot, 220-pounder from Centerville, caught three of Peters' four scoring passes, scoring from 25, 26 and 21 yards. His game totals were equally as impressive: seven catches, 163 yards.

Peters, a senior from Newport Beach, Calif., completed 28 of his 44 attempts for 421 yards with four scores, the fourth being a 59-yard bomb to fellow California native Nathan Barnett in the fourth quarter. Peters was sacked only once and had no interceptions.

All in all, the Bears (1-0) ground out 538 yards in total offense while holding the Blue Hawks to 331 total, 171 of that through the air.

The Blue Hawks (0-1), who were ranked 15th in the NAIA preseason poll, got their only score in the third stanza when former Baker standout Blaine Berg caught a 28-yard toss from Cody Holland.

**Dickinson State 0 0 7 0 — 7 Rocky Mountain 7 0 21 0 — 28**

## **First quarter**

RMC—Brian Guisti 25 pass from Kasey Peters (Bjorn Nelson kick), 12:41

### **Third quarter**

RMC—Guisti 26 pass from Peters (Nelson kick), 12:39

DSU—Blaine Berg 28 pass from Cody Holland (Cole Zamira kick), 10:07

### **Fourth quarter**

RMC—Nathan Barnett 59 pass from Peters (Nelson kick), 9:23

RMC—Guisti 21 pass from Peters (Nelson kick) 2:14

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### **DSU EMC**

First down 19 22

Rushes-yards 41-160 34-117

Passing 171 421

Comp-Att-Int 10-28-2 28-44-0

Punts-avg. 6-39.7 6-32.2

Return yards 77 71

Fumbles-lost 2-2 1-1

Penalties-yards 7-43 6-64

### **INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**

RUSHING—Dickinson State, Cody Holland 12-70, James Macey 14-34, Michael Cooper 2-22, Zach Hepperle 6-19, Jeremy Herr 2-7, Rashad Williams 4-4, Reed Lambert 1-4. Rocky Mountain, Michael Thomas 15-74, Sean Coleman 11-28, Kasey Peters 7-14, Pete Anderson 1-1.

PASSING—Dickinson State, Holland 10-26-2—171, Cooper 0-2-0—0. Rocky Mountain, Peters 28-44-0—421.

RECEIVING—Dickinson State, Blaine Berg 3-67, Max Pearson 3-62, Derek Pauley 2-17, Macey 1-13, Tyler Grosz 1-12. Rocky Mountain, Brian Guisti 7-163, Nathan Barnett 7-89, Levi Sutton 5-92, Matt Concienne 4-22, Cavan Cooney 2-43, Thomas 1-10, Shade Theriault 1-3, Coleman 1-(minus 1).

RAPID CITY, S.D. — Andy Smith kicked a 20-yard field goal to secure an overtime win for South Dakota Mines over Montana Tech Saturday night at O'Harra Stadium.

### **Tech SD Mines**

First Downs 25 23

Rushes-yards 49-163 37-30

Passing Yards 228 209

Today yards 391 239

Passes 17-36-1 24-42-0

Punts-ave 5-42.6 6-36.5

Fumbles 3-0 1-1

Pen-Yards 6-58 10-61

### **INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**

RUSHING—Tech, Knuchel 23-71, Wilson 1-30, Komac 13-33, Savage 7-22. SD Mines, Dale 16-40, Meneley 4-21, Luchini 1-13, Brill 5-11.

PASSING—Tech, Komac 16-35-1—211, Thomas 1-1-0—17. SD Mines, Russell 24-42-0—209.

RECEIVING—Tech, Lewis 7-99, McIntyre 4-69, Brenneman 2-35, Komac 1-17. SD Mines, Dale 8-34, Ostheimer 6-64, Berger 4-57, Barth 4-31.

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