Lear invited to play in D2 v. NAIA game
Wednesday, Dec 4

Derek Lear, a Fairfield High School graduate and quarterback from Northern Montana College in Havre, has been invited to play in the third annual D2 vs. NAIA Challenge football game Dec. 21 in Myrtle Beach, S.C.

This game was developed by former NFL players and is exclusively dedicated to showcase the top D2 and NAIA football players in the country. Organizers invite a few players per position to participate in the game.

A senior at Northern, Lear played his final game as the Lights quarterback at the end of the season. After redshirting his freshman season, Lear won the starting quarterback job outright the next season and served as a four-year starter with a long list of big games accomplishments and records.

In 2012 Lear was named second-team all-conference and in 2011 he was named first-team all-conference. Lear holds a list of school records at Northern, according to the Havre Daily News including, 32 completions in a game (2011/Eastern Oregon and 2012/Western), 205 completions in a season (2012), 538 completions in a career (not including this year), 532 passing yards in a game (2012/Western), 2,798 passing yards in a season (2012), 7,125 passing yards in a career (not including 2013), a completion percentage of 84 percent in one game (2011/RMC), 64 percent completion in a season (2011), 62 percent completion in a career (not including 2013), seven touchdown passes in one game (2012/Western), 26 touchdown passes in a season (2012), and 65 touchdown passes in a career (not including 2013).

Lear will graduate this spring with a teaching degree.

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