

WEEK TWO
FRENZO STATE AT MINNESOTA

MINNEAPOLIS -- Seth Green ran for two short touchdowns, including the game-winning 3-yard score late in the fourth quarter, and Antonio Winfield Jr. sealed the game with an interception off a trick play in the end zone as Minnesota held off Fresno State 21-14 on Saturday night.

One first-and-goal from the 4 with 1:18 to play, Bulldogs quarterback Marcus McMaryion handed off to fullback Josh Hokit, who floated a pass toward Jared Rice in the corner of the end zone. But Winfield reached back with both hands, snagged the ball and somehow got his foot down in bounds for the touchback.

"I saw the ball come over and I just went high up under the ball," Winfield said, who added he thought he was beat on the play.

Gophers (2-0) true freshman Zack Annexstad completed 16 of 26 passes for 175 yards, but struggled to find a rhythm after losing starting running back Rodney Smith to a first-quarter injury.

Despite being limited, Annexstad made his biggest throw of the night to convert on third-and-9 in the fourth. With all momentum with the Bulldogs (1-1), Annexstad scrambled right, came back left and threw high across his body to Tyler Johnson, who made the spectacular 13-yard catch on the sidelines to keep the drive alive.

"If we don't make that play, who knows how that game turns out," Minnesota coach P.J. Fleck said. "Because up until that point, it was the most important play of the game, period. Because it was the next play and it changed the whole outcome."

The Gophers caught an extra break on the play when the officials hit the Bulldogs with a 15-yard sideline interference penalty, and Green scored the winning touchdown five players later, and even added a two-point conversion toss to Ko Kieft for some breathing room.

McMaryion threw for 205 yards and two touchdowns, including a 45-yard score to KeeSean Johnson with 8:20 to play to give Fresno State a 14-13 lead. McMaryion also threw a 1-yard touchdown to Rice late in the third.

"I think I left a lot on the field that I could've taken advantage of more just by being more true to my progressions and staying within myself in the offense," McMaryion said.

Emmit Carpenter hit two 50-yard field goals for the second time in his Minnesota career.

Green scored his third and fourth touchdowns of the season after getting two similar short scores last week in their opener against New Mexico State.

THE TAKEAWAY

A week after scoring 79 points, the Bulldogs were held scoreless for nearly a full three quarters thanks to a Gophers defense that contained McMaryion into a series of a short-gain tosses all night long.

"I think it gives us something to think about," McMaryion said. "It's good that we had to face some adversity and see what our team is made of. Defense kept us in it the whole game, but we shouldn't have been in the position in the first place."

Minnesota responded well to a much stiffer challenge after blowing out New Mexico State in their opener, but the loss of Smith could hurt. Smith ran for 153 yards against the Aggies and had 12 yards from scrimmage before injuring his left leg after an 11-yard reception in the first quarter against the Bulldogs. The senior back was helped off the field, putting no weight on his injured leg, but stayed on the sidelines to encourage his teammates. After the game, Fleck did not share further details on Smith's status.

Final	1	2	3	4	T
FRES	0	0	7	7	14
MINN	7	3	0	11	21

Scoring Summary -----

	FRES	MINN
FIRST QUARTER		
MINN TD 2:46		
Seth Green 1 Yd Run (Emmit Carpenter Kick)		
14 plays, 80 yards, 7:17	0	7
SECOND QUARTER		
MINN FG 0:58		
Emmit Carpenter 53 Yd Field Goal		
9 plays, 55 yards, 4:25	0	10
THIRD QUARTER		
FRES TD 0:20		
Jared Rice 1 Yd pass from Marcus McMaryion (Asa Fuller Kick)		
4 plays, 17 yards, 1:13	7	10
FOURTH QUARTER		
MINN FG 9:43		
Emmit Carpenter 50 Yd Field Goal		
10 plays, 48 yards, 5:37	7	13
FRES TD 8:20		
KeeSean Johnson 45 Yd pass from Marcus McMaryion (Asa Fuller Kick)		
5 plays, 75 yards, 1:23	14	13
MINN TD 3:28		
Seth Green 3 Yd Run (Seth Green Pass to Ko Kieft for Two-Point Conversion)		
10 plays, 74 yards, 4:52	14	21

Team Stats	FRES	MINN
First Downs	14	22
Total Yards	299	307
Total Plays	58	71
Avg Gain Per Play	5.2	4.3
Net Yards Rushing	87	132
Rushes	24	45
Yards Per Rush	3.6	2.9
Net Yards Passing	212	175
Comp-Att	24-34	16-26
Yards Per Pass	6.2	6.7
Times Sacked	1	0
Yds Lost To Sacks	-6	0
Interceptions	2	0
Punts	7	6
Punt Average	0.0	0.0
Penalties	4	3
Penalty Yards	40	30
Fumbles	2	1
Fumbles Lost	0	1
Possession	23:19	36:41

Individual Stats

RUSHING							
FRES	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	Long		
Jordan Mims	10	41	4.1	0	22		
Dejonte O'Neal	5	26	5.2	0	13		
Marcus McMaryion	3	15	5.0	0	7		
Josh Hokit	5	8	1.6	0	4		
Chris Coleman	1	-3	-3.0	0	0		
MINN	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	Long		
Bryce Williams	25	87	3.5	0	11		
Seth Green	11	30	2.7	2	11		
Jonathan Femi-Cole	3	13	4.3	0	8		
Zack Annexstad	3	5	1.7	0	6		
Rodney Smith	1	1	1.0	0	1		
Team	2	-4	-2.0	0	0		
PASSING							
FRES	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Marcus McMaryion	23	32	205	6.4	2	1	140.1
Jorge Reyna	1	1	7	7.0	0	0	158.8
Josh Hokit	0	1	0	0.0	0	1	-200.0
MINN	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Zack Annexstad	16	26	175	6.7	0	0	118.1
RECEIVING							
FRES	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long		
KeeSean Johnson	6	89	14.8	1	45		
Jared Rice	5	31	6.2	1	9		
Jordan Mims	2	23	11.5	0	25		
Jamire Jordan	4	21	5.3	0	10		
Michiah Quick	2	19	9.5	0	11		
Josh Hokit	2	15	7.5	0	10		
Justin Allen	3	14	4.7	0	7		
MINN	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long		
Rashod Bateman	5	78	15.6	0	25		
Tyler Johnson	6	50	8.3	0	18		
Chris Autman-Bell	2	31	15.5	0	17		
Rodney Smith	1	11	11.0	0	11		
Phillip Howard	2	5	2.5	0	7		