

WEEK Three
MIAMI (OH) AT MINNESOTA

MINNEAPOLIS -- Zack Annexstad threw two short touchdown passes to Tyler Johnson, and freshman Bryce Williams had 176 yards total offense as Minnesota beat Miami (Ohio) 26-3 on Saturday.

Annexstad completed 12 of 20 throws for 142 yards in his third collegiate start and was resting on the sideline by the third quarter. Williams had 33 rushes for 141 yards as featured back in place of Rodney Smith, who suffered a season-ending knee injury last week against Fresno State.

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With fellow true freshman Annexstad under center, Williams and the young Gophers (3-0) looked the more-seasoned squad against older-but-injured Miami. The RedHawks (0-3) lost three offensive starters in the first half, including leading receivers Kenny Young and James Gardner.

With the RedHawks again struggling to run -- they had 91 rushing yards and still haven't broken 100 yards on the ground this year -- the Gophers steadily moved the ball and wore down Miami's defense on a steamy 90-degree afternoon.

Williams carried seven times for 40 yards on Minnesota's opening drive, capped by Annexstad's 7-yard touchdown pass to Johnson to give the Gophers a 7-0 lead. Williams also gained 35 yards on a screen pass on third-and-17 late in the first half, helping to set up Johnson's second touchdown -- a 7-yard toss from Seth Green. The junior wideout caught nine balls for 133 yards.

Gus Ragland completed 11 of 20 passes for 108 yards and an interception that set up the second Annexstad-to-Johnson touchdown in the third to make it 26-3.

THE TAKEAWAY

This is not the way Miami wanted to end its non-conference schedule. After a respectable season-opening loss to Marshall, the RedHawks are reeling after a 21-0 loss to Cincinnati and Saturday's sputtering performance in Minneapolis. Now they'll head into conference play wondering about the status of their starting running back (Young), top receiver (Gardner) and starting right tackle Tommy Doyle.

Annexstad continues to impress for Minnesota, and the Gophers appear to have caught a break with Williams as a more-than-viable alternative to Smith. The question is whether the two true freshmen, plus a host of redshirt freshmen and sophomores, will fare against Big Ten competition.

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M-OH	0	3	0	0	3
MINN	7	12	7	0	26

Scoring Summary -----

	M-OH	MINN
FIRST QUARTER		
MINN TD 6:17		
Tyler Johnson 7 Yd pass from Zack Annexstad (Emmit Carpenter Kick)		
13 plays, 66 yards, 7:11	0	7
SECOND QUARTER		
MINN FG 11:59		
Emmit Carpenter 44 Yd Field Goal		
6 plays, 21 yards, 3:01	0	10
M-OH FG 7:56		
Samuel Sloman 37 Yd Field Goal		
9 plays, 46 yards, 4:03	3	10
MINN SF 2:39		
Team Safety		
3 plays, -2 yards, 1:23	3	12
MINN TD 1:14		
Tyler Johnson 7 Yd pass from Seth Green (Emmit Carpenter Kick)		
5 plays, 68 yards, 1:25	3	19
THIRD QUARTER		
MINN TD 5:47		
Tyler Johnson 5 Yd pass from Zack Annexstad (Emmit Carpenter Kick)		
3 plays, 12 yards, 1:15	3	26

Team Stats	M-OH	MINN
First Downs	7	21
Total Yards	199	295
Total Plays	54	70
Avg Gain Per Play	3.7	4.2
Net Yards Rushing	91	118
Rushes	31	44
Yards Per Rush	2.9	2.7
Net Yards Passing	108	177
Comp-Att	11-23	14-26
Yards Per Pass	4.7	6.8
Times Sacked	3	2
Yds Lost To Sacks	-20	-15
Interceptions	1	1
Punts	7	6
Punt Average	0.0	0.0
Penalties	6	5
Penalty Yards	55	52
Fumbles	2	3
Fumbles Lost	2	1
Possession	25:29	34:31

Individual Stats

RUSHING							
M-OH	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	Long		
Davion Johnson	9	50	5.6	0	15		
Maurice Thomas	10	36	3.6	0	17		
Alonzo Smith	5	15	3.0	0	16		
Zach Kahn	3	7	2.3	0	4		
Gus Ragland	4	-17	-4.3	0	11		
MINN	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	Long		
Bryce Williams	33	141	4.3	0	17		
Seth Green	4	15	3.8	0	5		
Jonathan Femi-Cole	1	1	1.0	0	1		
Team	1	-1	-1.0	0	0		
Tanner Morgan	2	-18	-9.0	0	5		
Zack Annexstad	3	-20	-6.7	0	0		
PASSING							
M-OH	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Gus Ragland	11	20	108	5.4	0	1	26.0
Alex James Malzone	0	3	0	0.0	0	0	0.9
MINN	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Zack Annexstad	12	20	142	7.1	2	0	50.4
Tanner Morgan	1	5	28	5.6	0	1	2.8
Seth Green	1	1	7	7.0	1	0	100.0
RECEIVING							
M-OH	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long		
Jack Sorenson	3	27	9.0	0	13		
Luke Mayock	1	18	18.0	0	18		
Quentin Hardy	2	16	8.0	0	8		
James Gardner	1	15	15.0	0	15		
Andrew Homer	1	15	15.0	0	15		
Jaylon Bester	2	14	7.0	0	9		
Kenny Young	1	3	3.0	0	3		
MINN	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long		
Tyler Johnson	9	133	14.8	3	28		
Bryce Williams	1	35	35.0	0	35		
Chris Autman-Bell	1	15	15.0	0	15		
Rashod Bateman	3	-6	-2.0	0	0		