



RICKEY FOGGIE -

When Rickey Foggie left Waterloo and packed up for the colder climes of the University of Minnesota, the Golden Gophers had not been invited to a bowl game in seven years. With Foggie, who could run and throw with equal effectiveness, under center, Minnesota went to two and had three winning seasons.

Foggie was the greatest Laurens Raider of them all. He quarterbacked LDHS to a state championship in 1983 under

head coach Buddy Jennings.

At Minnesota, Foggie started four seasons and remains the school's all-time leader in rushing yards (2,150) for a quarterback. His passing yards (5,162) rank him sixth. Foggie led teams coached by Lou Holtz and John Gutekunst to three winning seasons, two bowl appearances and a 20-13 victory over Clemson in the 1985 Independence Bowl.

In the victory over Clemson, the Gophers won in Gutekunst's first game, Holtz having left 17 days earlier to become head coach at Notre Dame. Minnesota's placekicker was Chip Lohmiller, who would go on to kick in the NFL for the Washington Redskins, New Orleans Saints and St. Louis Rams. Among the Tiger standouts were quarterback Rodney Williams, running back Terrance Roulhac and defensive tackle Michael Dean Perry.

Foggie was the game's Most Valuable Player on offense, while linebacker Bruce Holmes won defensive honors.

Even as a true freshman, Foggie led the Gophers to an 23-17 upset victory over Iowa, and two years later, a 20-17 victory at No. 2 Michigan gave Minnesota ownership of the Little Brown Jug for the first time in nine years.

Foggie went on to play in the Canadian Football League for the British Columbia Lions, Toronto Argonauts (Grey Cup winner in 1991), Edmonton Eskimos (Grey Cup, 1993) and Memphis Mad Dogs, then played eight years of Arena Football League ball for the Minnesota Fighting Pike, New Jersey Red Dogs, Florida Bobcats, Detroit Fury, Toronto Phantoms and Carolina Cobras.