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Offense sputters in second half on route to sixth straight loss against Northwest Missouri State University

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It was not how the Bulldogs wanted the second half to go.

The first half was a runaway for the Bulldogs against the Northwest Missouri State University football team. Bullets quarterback Matt Ticich scored twice, both on deep passes, and the defense was dominant, allowing only one second-quarter Minnesota State-Mankato field goal. The Bulldogs led 21-3 at halftime.

In the second half, however, the Bulldogs offense disappeared. Ticich was forced out of the pocket on every play, and the defense gave up touchdown after touchdown. The Bulldogs lost 42-5.

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Standing on crutches and wearing a cast, Northwest Missouri head coach Shannon Currier highlighted his next few weeks.

"I wish there was a simple answer, but he's a true freshman," Currier said. "We've got to keep working on it."

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