



OWATONNA HIGH SCHOOL HUSKIES FOOTBALL



MANKATO EAST COUGARS

7-3 OVERALL (2024)



OWATONNA HUSKIES

11-1 OVERALL (2024)



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WEEK 1

OWATONNA SCHEDULE

AUGUST (0-0)

29 vs. Mankato East 7 P.M.

SEPTEMBER (0-0)

5 at Mankato West 7 P.M.

12 at Century 7 P.M.

19 vs. New Prague 7 P.M.

26 at John Marshall 7 P.M.

OCTOBER (0-0)

3 at Northfield 7 p.m.

10 vs. Mayo 7 p.m.

15 vs. Apple Valley 7 p.m.

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AUGUST (0-0)

29 at Owatonna 7 P.M.

SEPTEMBER (0-0)

5 vs. John Marshall 7 P.M.

12 Mankato West (N) 7 P.M.

19 at Chaska 7 P.M.

26 at Chanhassen 7 P.M.

OCTOBER (0-0)

3 vs. Waconia 7 p.m.

10 at Apple Valley 7 p.m.

15 vs. Hastings 7 p.m.

MANKATO EAST

Mascot	Cougars
District	Northstar South-Gold
Section	2-AAAAA
MSHSL Enrollment	1,110
Colors	Black & Gold
Head Coach	Eric Davis
Away (2024)	4-2
Final QRF (2024)	No. 13
Offense (2024)	33.9 PPG
Defense (2024)	15.5 PPG

OWATONNA

Mascot	Huskies
District	Northstar South (Maroon)
Section	1-AAAAA
MSHSL Enrollment	1,277
Colors	Royal Blue & Silver
Head Coach	Jeff Williams
Home (2024)	6-0
Final QRF (2024)	No. 2
Offense (2024)	31.0 PPG
Defense (2024)	13.5 PPG

OWATONNA KEYS TO THE GAME

1

ESTABLISH THE RUN

With a new quarterback to break-in, expect returning all-district tailback, **Tristan Graham**, to play an integral part of Owatonna's offense, especially early. Last season, he rushed for more 1,000 yards and 11 touchdowns as a junior.

2

START STRONG, STAY FOCUSED

The excitement and energy surrounding the season-opener can be overwhelming, particularly for the dozen or so new starters Owatonna will be introducing against the Cougars. Owatonna must galvanize behind their leaders, set the tone early and find a consistent rhythm against a team that will be motivated to show what their made of against one of the state's true powerhouse programs at Federated Field.

3

VALUE THE FOOTBALL, WIN THE TURNOVER BATTLE

Week 1 typically features more miscues and uncharacteristic mistakes than usual, so the team that can play the cleanest will have a huge edge. Owatonna lost a pair of fumbles and tossed one interception during its scrimmages sessions last weekend against Anoka, Rosemount and Woodbury,



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IT'S BEEN AWHILE...

The last time Owatonna squared off against Mankato East was on September 28, 2018 in Mankato. The eventual state champion Huskies posted a season-high offensive production en route to a 71-12 victory. The last time Owatonna hosted the matchup was almost exactly a year prior in 2017. The Huskies won that game, 48-0, beyond a monster game from Jason Williamson.

STRONG SCRIMMAGE SHOWING

Owatonna hit the road last Saturday and scrimmaged against a trio of Class AAAAAA opponents. The OHS starters controlled both sides of the ball in limited action in the first two sessions against Anoka and Rosemount before running into greater resistance against a fired-up Woodbury squad in the final matchup. Tristan Graham scored a rushing TD against the Irish and Aiden Tackmann completed 4 of 5 passes to begin his day against Anoka.