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IRON RIVER—West Iron's football team struggled all night at Northland Pines Oct. 5.

After falling behind 10-0 almost immediately, the Wykons had to cope with poor field position throughout the first half and a battering ram on the other team—star running back Austin Ramesh—as they fell to the unbeaten Eagles 46-6.

The loss drops West Iron's record to 3-4 overall, 2-3 in West Pac Conference play. No playoffs for the Wykons this fall. __PUBLIC__

Rough start: Bad mistakes have plagued the Wykons all season, and they didn't miss the team bus to Eagle River. When the Wykons went back to punt on their first possession, the ball was snapped over the punter's head. Ryan Rogers did well to knock the ball out of the end zone and concede the safety. Eagles, 2-0.

Before the ensuing free kick, Coach Mike Berutti said he was yelling, "Don't kick it to No. 4 [Ramesh]." The kick went right to No. 4, who ran it back 65 yards for a touchdown. Eagles, 10-0, just like that.

Both defenses took control after that. Late in the first quarter, the Wykons shanked a punt deep in its end. The Eagles took over at the WIC 16, and Ramesh scored on a nine-yard run.

Penned up: Throughout the first half, NP kept the Wykons penned up deep in their end. Berutti estimated WIC's average start on offense was between their 10 and 15 yard lines.

The Eagles scored two more times in the second quarter, on Lance Bontrager's six-yard run and a 30-yard pass from QB Cooper Kerner to Sam Lacko. Northland Pines led 34-0 at halftime.

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