



»GENERAL

School	University of North Dakota
Location	Grand Forks, ND (58202)
Founded	1883
Enrollment	14,406
School Colors	Kelly Green & White
Home Arena (Capacity)	Alerus Center (12,283)
National Affiliation	NCAA Division I
Conference	Independent
President	Mark Kennedy
Director of Athletics	Bill Chaves
Senior Woman Administrator (Interim)	Amanda Hajdu
Faculty Athletic Representative	Sue Jenou
Athletic Department	(701) 777-2234
Ticket Office	(701) 777-0855
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»HISTORY

First Year of Football	1894
All-time Record	645-405-30 (120 seasons)
All-time DI Record	55-56 (10 seasons)
All-time DII Record	590-349-30 (110 seasons)

»COACHING STAFF

Head Coach/Corners	Bubba Schweigert (Jamestown, 1985)
Record at UND	24-22 .522 (four seasons)
Career Record as Head Coach	45-42 (eight seasons)

Defensive Coordinator/OLBs	Eric Schmidt (5th season)
Offensive Coordinator/QBs	Paul Rudolph (5th season)
Special Teams Coord./TEs	Shawn Kostich (5th season)
Running Backs	Malcolm Agnew (2nd season)
Wide Receivers	Danny Freund (8th season)
Offensive Line	Luke Knauf (5th season)
Defensive Backs	Travis Stepps (3rd season)
Defensive Line	Jordan Gigli (5th season)
Recruiting Coordinator/Safeties	Joel Schwenzfeier (6th season)
Video Coordinator/ILBs	Carl Reinholz (5th season)
Athletic Trainer	Matt Seamon (2nd season)
Athletic Trainer	Jake Howard (2nd season)
Strength & Conditioning	Nate Baukol (16th season)
Equipment Manager	Travis Kahlbaugh (16th season)

»TEAM INFORMATION

2017 Overall Record	3-8
2017 Home Record	2-3
2017 Away Record	1-5
2017 Big Sky Record/Finish	2-6 t-9

Starters Returning/Lost	12/13
	Offense: 7/4
	Defense: 5/6
	Specialists: 0/3
Letterwinners Returning/Lost	37/21
	Offense: 18/8
	Defense: 19/10
	Specialists: 0/3

»2018 SPRING PRACTICE SCHEDULE

DATE	TIME
03/02 (Friday) No. 1	7:45 a.m.
03/03 (Saturday) No. 2	9:15 a.m.
03/05 (Monday) No. 3	7:45 a.m.
03/07 (Wednesday) No. 4	7:45 a.m.
03/21 (Wednesday) No. 5	7:45 a.m.
03/23 (Friday) No. 6	7:45 a.m.
03/26 (Monday) No. 7	7:45 a.m.
03/28 (Wednesday) No. 8	7:45 a.m.
03/30 (Friday) No. 9	7:45 a.m.
04/02 (Monday) No. 10	TBA
04/04 (Wednesday) No. 11	7:45 a.m.
04/06 (Friday) No. 12	7:45 a.m.
04/09 (Monday) No. 13	7:45 a.m.
04/11 (Wednesday) No. 14	7:45 a.m.
04/13 (Friday) No. 15	6 p.m.

All practices scheduled for the High Performance Center unless otherwise noted |

*Times and location subject to change

»2017 RESULTS

DATE	OPPONENT	RESULT	ATTEN	RECORD
08/31	at (25) Utah	L, 37-16	45905	0-1, 0-0
09/09	at Missouri State	W, 34-0	12057	1-1, 0-0
09/16	at (23) South Dakota	L, 45-7	9645	1-2, 0-0
09/23	Montana State*	L, 49-21	12342	1-3, 0-1
09/30	at UC Davis*	L, 48-24	9508	1-4, 0-2
10/07	Northern Colorado*	W, 48-38	10234	2-4, 1-2
10/14	at (24) Montana*	L, 41-17	25085	2-5, 1-3
10/21	Sacramento State*	L, 34-27	9259	2-6, 1-4
10/28	at Portland State*	W, 48-21	3002	3-6, 2-4
11/04	at (17) Southern Utah*	L, 47-21	7641	3-7, 2-5
11/11	(19) Eastern Washington*	L, 21-14	8271	3-8, 2-6

Home games listed in BOLD

* denotes Big Sky Conference games

»2018 REGULAR SEASON SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
08/30	Mississippi Valley State	Grand Forks, N.D.	TBA
09/09	at Washington	Seattle, Wash.	TBA
09/16	at Sam Houston State	Huntsville, Texas	TBA
09/23	Idaho State	Grand Forks, N.D.	TBA
09/30	at Northern Colorado	Greeley, Colo.	TBA
10/13	Montana	Grand Forks, N.D.	TBA
10/20	at Sacramento State	Sacramento, Calif.	TBA
10/27	Weber State	Grand Forks, N.D.	TBA
11/03	at Idaho	Moscow, Idaho	TBA
11/10	Portland State	Grand Forks, N.D.	TBA
11/17	at Northern Arizona	Flagstaff, Ariz.	TBA

Home games listed in BOLD

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UNIVERSITY OF NORTH DAKOTA

2018 Spring Football Prospectus

NO.	NAME	POS.	YR.	HT.	WT.	HOMETOWN/PREVIOUS SCHOOL
1	Cam McKinney	WR	RFR	5-9	170	Beaumont, Texas/Garfield (Seattle, Wash.) HS
2	Jade Lawrence**	LB	JR	6-2	200	Moorehead, Minn./Moorhead HS
3	Tyus Carter**	DB	JR	5-11	185	Greenwood Village, Colo./Cherry Creek HS
4	Brock Boltmann	QB	RFR	6-1	200	Edina, Minn./Edina HS
5	Brady Oliveira***	RB	SR	5-10	220	Winnipeg, Manitoba/Oak Park HS
6	Evan Holm**	DB	JR	5-11	180	Edina, Minn./Edina HS
7	Easton Erbes	WR	SO	6-0	180	Breckenridge, Minn./Breckenridge HS
8	Nate Ketteringham	QB	JR	6-3	200	San Diego, Calif./Sacramento State
9	Brad Heidlebaugh	WR	JR	6-4	220	Rugby, N.D./Rugby HS
10	Andrew Zimmerman	QB	JR	6-2	210	Monroe, Wash./Fresno City College
11	Travis Toivonen**	WR	JR	6-4	220	Red Wing, Minn./Red Wing HS
12	Hayden Blubaugh*	DB	SO	6-0	185	Aurora, Colo./Grandview HS
13	Mikey Griebel	WR	RFR	5-8	180	Littleton, Colo./Columbine HS
14	Izzy Adeoti*	WR	SO	5-10	180	Plano, Ill./Plano HS
15	Jaxson Turner*	LB	SO	6-2	205	Esko, Minn./Esko HS
16	Hayden Galvin	DB	JR	6-2	190	Westlake Village, Calif./Moorpark College
17	Kyle Hietpas	DB	RFR	6-0	175	Little Chute, Wis./Little Chute HS
18	Tamas Stewart*	DB	SR	6-0	195	Rialto, Calif./Chaffey College
19	Ty Shannon*	DB	SO	6-2	185	Arvada, Colo./Ralston Valley HS
20	Lenny Nelson	DB	JR	5-10	195	Roseville, Calif./American River College
21	Tanner Palmborg**	LB	SR	6-1	215	Princeton, Minn./Princeton HS
22	John Santiago***	RB	SR	5-9	180	Andover, Minn./St. Francis HS
24	Deion Harris***	DB	RSR	6-3	200	Hibbing, Minn./Hibbing HS
25	Jordan Canady*	DB	RFR	6-2	190	New Berlin, Wis./Eisenhower HS
26	Zach Zimmerman	DB	SO	6-2	205	Monroe, Wash./Laney College
27	Brady Leach	PK	RFR	6-3	175	Moorhead, Minn./Moorhead HS
28	Austin Gordon*	LB	JR	5-9	205	Maple Grove, Minn./Wayzata HS
30	Jake Rastas*	LB	SO	6-2	200	New Berlin, Wis./Eisenhower HS
31	Noah Wanzek**	WR	JR	6-4	200	Jamestown, N.D./Jamestown HS
32	Brett Finke	FB	SO	6-0	235	Muskego, Wis./Muskego HS
33	James Johannesson*	RB	JR	6-1	230	Fargo, N.D./Minnesota
34	Luke Fiedler***	TE	SR	6-5	250	Orlando, Fla./Freedom HS
35	Teddy Sherva	RB	JR	5-9	180	Anoka, Minn./Central Lakes College
36	Hunter Pinke*	TE	SO	6-5	245	Wishek, N.D./South Border HS
37	Leif Bungum	LB	RFR	6-2	195	Sargeant, Minn./Triton HS
38	Dijon Murray	LB	RSR	6-0	225	New Orleans, La./New Mexico Military Academy
39	Tykeise Johnson	DB	JR	5-11	190	Coon Rapids, Minn./Central Lakes College
40	Noah Larson	LB	RFR	6-2	230	Baraboo, Wis./Baraboo HS
42	Eli Allen	DB	RFR	5-11	175	Valley City, N.D./Valley City HS
43	Derek Murph	DB	RFR	5-11	180	Grand Forks, N.D./Bemidji State
44	Donnell Rodgers	LB	JR	6-1	235	Woodbury, Minn./Woodbury HS
45	Cameron Hunt	LB	SO	6-1	210	Carmel, Ind./Carmel HS
46	Tyler Coyne*	FB	SR	6-1	240	Plymouth, Minn./Maple Grove HS
47	Ray Haas*	LB	SO	6-5	220	Centennial, Colo./Arapahoe HS
48	Graham DeVore	TE	RFR	6-4	230	Grant, Minn./Mahtomedi HS

2018 SPRING ROSTER	
<i>(Alphabetical)</i>	
85	AAFEDT, Brian TE
14	ADEOTI, Izzy WR
42	ALLEN, Eli DB
93	ALM, Logan TE
53	APLIN, Grant OL
55	BENNETT, Mason LB
68	BLAIR, Bryce OL
12	BLUBAUGH, Hayden DB
4	BOLTMANN, Brock QB
96	BROWN, Ian FB
37	BUNGUM, Leif LB
25	CANADY, Jordan DB
3	CARTER, Tyus DB
91	CIESLAK, Austin DL
88	CLOYD, Alex TE
57	COMSTOCK, Christian LB
46	COYNE, Tyler FB
63	CROUCH, Bryce LB
48	DEVORE, Graham TE
98	ENGWALL, Carl DL
7	ERBES, Easton WR
34	FIEDLER, Luke TE
32	FINKE, Brett FB
16	GALVIN, Hayden DB
56	GEIER, Jake LB
28	GORDON, Austin LB
77	GREER, Steve DL
13	GRIEBEL, Mikey WR
47	HAAS, Ray LB
24	HARRIS, Deion DB
92	HARRIS, Tank DL
9	HEIDLEBAUGH, Brad WR
73	HELGREN, Bennett OL
17	HIETPAS, Kyle DB
6	HOLM, Evan DB
95	HONERLAW, Nick DL
45	HUNT, Cameron LB
71	JENKINS, Jeremy OL
33	JOHANNESON, James RB
39	JOHNSON, Tykeise DB
8	KETTERINGHAM, Nate QB
94	KREIL, Seth FB
69	KRUSE, Connor OL
40	LARSON, Noah LB
2	LAWRENCE, Jade LB
27	LEACH, Brady PK
1	MCKINNEY, Cam WR



NO.	NAME	POS.	YR.	HT.	WT.	HOMETOWN/PREVIOUS SCHOOL
49	Hayden Reynolds	LB	RFR	6-1	200	West Fargo, N.D./Sheyenne HS
50	Andre Steiger*	LB	JR	6-0	215	Glen Ellyn, Ill./Glenbard South HS
51	Quentin Seguin	DL	RFR	6-3	250	Windsor, Ontario/W.F. Herman Secondary
52	Everett Williams	LB	GR	6-1	245	Mansfield, Texas/Minnesota
53	Grant Aplin**	OL	SR	6-1	300	Victoria, Minn./Chanhassen HS
54	Bryden Swenson	LB	RFR	6-3	195	Hallock, Minn./Kittson County Central HS
55	Mason Bennett**	DL	JR	6-4	235	Winnipeg, Manitoba/Vincent Massey HS
56	Jake Geier	LB	SO	6-2	210	Anodver, Minn./Andover HS
57	Christian Comstock	LB	SO	6-2	210	Hermantown, Minn./Hermantown HS
58	Tryon Vrede	LB	JR	6-0	220	Amsterdam, Netherlands/Garden City CC
59	Zeke Ott	DL	RFR	6-3	230	Caledonia, Minn./Caledonia HS
62	Ryan Tobin*	OL	SO	6-4	285	Muskego, Wis./Muskego HS
63	Bryce Crouch	LB	JR	6-0	205	Roseville, Calif./American River College
66	Nathan Nguon*	OL	SO	6-3	295	Burnsville, Minn./Eagan HS
67	Patric Rooney**	OL	JR	6-3	290	St. Louis Park, Minn./Benilde-St. Margaret's HS
68	Bryce Blair*	OL	JR	6-4	270	Greenwood Village, Colo./Cherry Creek HS
69	Connor Kruse	OL	RFR	6-6	295	Cologne, Minn./Waconia HS
70	Sean Russo	OL	SO	6-6	285	Highlands Ranch, Colo./ThunderRidge HS
71	Jeremy Jenkins	OL	RFR	6-7	275	South Elgin, Ill./South Elgin HS
73	Bennett Helgren	OL	SO	6-5	290	Edina, Minn./Edina HS
75	Adam Stiner	OL	SR	6-6	285	Verona, Wis./Verona HS
77	Steve Greer***	DL	SR	6-2	285	Ballwin, Mo./Parkway South HS
78	Nick Stahl	DL	RFR	6-3	230	Grand Forks, N.D./University of Mary
79	Noah Mortel*	OL	SO	6-6	290	Luck, Wis./Luck HS
80	Pedro Schmidt	WR	RFR	5-11	185	North Huntingdon, Pa./Norwin HS
81	Luke Stanley**	WR	SR	6-4	220	Menomonie, Wis./Menomonie HS
84	Derek Paulson	TE	SO	6-4	245	Lodi, Wis./Lodi HS
85	Brian Aafedt	TE	RFR	6-3	230	Grand Forks, N.D./Red River HS
86	Jack Pifer	WR	RFR	6-3	195	Fargo, N.D./Fargo South HS
88	Alex Cloyd**	TE	JR	6-4	240	Omaha, Neb./Millard South HS
90	Corby Richman	FB	JR	6-0	240	Oriska, N.D./Maple Valley HS
91	Austin Cieslak***	DL	SR	6-4	300	Hazen, N.D./Hazen HS
92	Tank Harris***	DL	SR	6-3	290	Chicago, Ill./Morgan Park HS
93	Logan Alm*	FB	JR	6-3	250	Hawley, Minn./Hawley HS
94	Seth Kreil	FB	JR	6-0	225	Hazen, N.D./Hazen HS
95	Nick Honerlaw	DL	RFR	6-3	250	South Milwaukee, Wis./South Milwaukee HS
96	Ian Brown	FB	RFR	6-0	220	Bismarck, N.D./St. Mary's Central HS
97	Jalen Morrison	DL	RFR	6-3	260	Woodbury, Minn./Woodbury HS
98	Carl Engwall*	DL	JR	6-4	265	Lakeville, Minn./Lakeville North HS
99	Gunnar Patz	LB	RFR	6-3	205	Pound, Wis./Coleman HS

* denotes letters earned | YR – eligibility for 2018 season

2018 SPRING ROSTER

(Alphabetical)

97	MORRISON, Jalen	DL
79	MORTEL, Noah	OL
43	MURPH, Derek	DB
38	MURRAY, Dijon	LB
20	NELSON, Lenny	DB
66	NGUON, Nathan	OL
5	OLIVEIRA, Brady	RB
59	OTT, Zeke	DL
21	PALMBORG, Tanner	LB
99	PATZ, Gunnar	LB
84	PAULSON, Derek	TE
86	PIFER, Jack	WR
36	PINKE, Hunter	TE
30	RASTAS, Jake	LB
49	REYNOLDS, Hayden	LB
90	RICHMAN, Corby	FB
44	RODGERS, Donnell	LB
67	ROONEY, Patric	OL
70	RUSSO, Sean	OL
22	SANTIAGO, John	RB
80	SCHMIDT, Pedro	WR
51	SEGUIN, Quintin	DL
19	SHANNON, Ty	DB
35	SHERVA, Teddy	RB
78	STAHL, Nick	DL
81	STANLEY, Luke	WR
50	STEIGER, Andre	LB
18	STEWART, Tamas	DB
75	STINER, Adam	OL
54	SWENSON, Bryden	LB
62	TOBIN, Ryan	OL
11	TOIVONEN, Travis	WR
15	TURNER, Jaxson	LB
58	VREDE, Tyron	LB
31	WANZEK, Noah	WR
52	WILLIAMS, Everett	LB
10	ZIMMERMAN, Andrew	QB
26	ZIMMERMAN, Zach	DB



NORTH DAKOTA DEPTH CHART

2018 SPRING FOOTBALL

OFFENSE

»LEFT TACKLE

- 79 Noah Mortel (RFr., 6-6, 290)
- 73 Bennett Helgren (RFr., 6-5, 290)
- 71 Jeremy Jenkins (RFr., 6-7, 275)

»LEFT GUARD

- 66 Nathan Nguon (So., 6-3, 295)
- 69 Connor Kruse (RFr., 6-6, 295)

»CENTER

- 67 Patric Rooney (Jr., 6-3, 290)
- 75 Adam Stiner (Sr., 6-6, 285)

»RIGHT GUARD

- 62 Ryan Tobin (So., 6-4, 285)
- 53 Grant Aplin (Sr., 6-1, 300)

»RIGHT TACKLE

- 68 Bryce Blair (Jr., 6-4, 270)
- 70 Sean Russo (So., 6-6, 285)

»X RECEIVER

- 31 Noah Wanzek (Jr., 6-4, 200)
- 9 Brad Heidlebaugh (Jr., 6-4, 220)
- 86 Jack Pifer (RFr., 6-3, 195)

»FULLBACK

- 32 Brett Finke (So., 6-0, 235)
- 93 Logan Alm (Jr., 6-3, 250)
- 46 Tyler Coyne (Sr., 6-1, 240)

»QUARTERBACK

- 10 Andrew Zimmerman (Jr., 6-2, 210)
- 8 Nate Ketteringham (Jr., 6-3, 200)
- 4 Brock Boltmann (RFr., 6-1, 200)

»TIGHT END

- 88 Alex Cloyd (Jr., 6-4, 240)
- 34 Luke Fiedler (Sr., 6-5, 250)
- 36 Hunter Pinke (So., 6-5, 245)

»B RECEIVER

- 11 Travis Toivonen (So., 6-4, 220)
- 7 Easton Earbes (So., 6-0, 180)
- 13 Mikey Greibel (RFr., 5-8, 180)

»Z RECEIVER

- 14 Izzy Adeoti (So., 5-10, 180)
- 1 Cam McKinney (RFr., 5-9, 170)
- 80 Pedro Schmidt (RFr., 5-11, 185)

»TAILBACK

- 22 John Santiago (Sr., 5-9, 170)
- 5 Brady Oliveira (Sr., 5-10, 220)
- 33 James Johanneson (Jr., 6-1, 230)

DEFENSE

»OUTSIDE LINEBACKER (STUD)

- 21 Tanner Palmborg (Sr., 6-1, 215)
- 47 Ray Haas (So., 6-5, 220)
- 50 Andre Steiger (Jr., 6-0, 215)

»LEFT END

- 55 Mason Bennett (Jr., 6-4, 235)
- 59 Zeke Ott (RFr., 6-3, 230)
- 95 Nick Honerlaw (RFr., 6-3, 250)

»NOSE

- 92 Tank Harris (Sr., 6-3, 290)
- 77 Steve Greer (Sr., 6-2, 285)

»RIGHT END

- 91 Austin Cieslak (Sr., 6-4, 300)
- 98 Carl Engwall (Jr., 6-4, 265)
- 51 Quintin Seguin (RFr., 6-3, 250)

»OUTSIDE LINEBACKER (ZEKE)

- 2 Jade Lawrence (Jr., 6-2, 200)
- 15 Jaxson Turner (So., 6-2, 205)
- 28 Austin Gordon (Jr., 5-9, 205)

»INSIDE LINEBACKER (SAM)

- 45 Cam Hunt (So., 6-1, 210)
- 52 Everett Williams (Gr., 6-1, 245)
- 30 Jake Rastas (So., 6-2, 200)

»INSIDE LINEBACKER (WEAK)

- 40 Noah Larson (RFr., 6-2, 230)
- 56 Jake Geier (So., 6-2, 210)
- 49 Hayden Reynolds (RFr., 6-1, 200)

»LEFT CORNERBACK

- 6 Evan Holm (Jr., 5-11, 180)
- 3 Tyus Carter (Sr., 5-11, 185)
- 17 Kyle Hietpas (RFr., 6-0, 175)

»STRONG SAFETY

- 25 Jordan Canady (So., 6-2, 190)
- 16 Hayden Galvin (Jr., 6-2, 190)
- 26 Zach Zimmerman (So., 6-2, 205)

»FREE SAFETY

- 19 Tyler Shannon (So., 6-2, 185)
- 39 Tykeise Johnson (Jr., 5-11, 190)
- 43 Derek Murph (RFr., 5-11, 180)

»RIGHT CORNERBACK

- 12 Hayden Blubaugh (So., 6-0, 185)
- 20 Lenny Nelson (Jr., 5-10, 195)
- 42 Eli Allen (RFr., 5-11, 175)

SPECIAL TEAMS

»PUNTER

N/A

»KICKER

- 27 Brady Leach (RFr., 6-3, 175)

»LONG SNAPPER

N/A

INJURED

- 18 Tamas Stewart (Sr., 6-0, 195)
 - 24 Deion Harris (RSr., 6-3, 200)
 - 44 Donnell Rodgers (Jr., 6-1, 235)
 - 81 Luke Stanley (Sr., 6-4, 220)
 - 97 Jalen Morrison (RFr., 6-3, 260)
- *will not participate or be limited during spring practices*



RETURNING IN 2017 ...

»OFFENSIVE STARTERS RETURNING (7)

TE Alex Cloyd, TE Luke Fiedler, OL Noah Mortel, OL Patric Rooney, RB John Santiago, OL Ryan Tobin, WR Noah Wanzek

»DEFENSIVE STARTERS RETURNING (5)

NG Tank Harris, CB Evan Holm, OLB Jade Lawrence, OLB Tanner Palmbor, ILB Jake Rastas,

»OFFENSIVE LETTERMEN RETURNING (18)

WR Izzy Adeoti, FB Logan Alm, OL Grant Aplin, OL Bryce Blair, TE Alex Cloyd, FB Tyler Coyne, TE Luke Fiedler, RB James Johannesson, OL Noah Mortel, OL Nathan Nguon, RB Brady Oliveira, TE Hunter Pinke, OL Patric Rooney, RB John Santiago, WR Luke Stanley, OL Ryan Tobin, WR Travis Toivonen, WR Noah Wanzek

»DEFENSIVE LETTERMEN RETURNING (19)

DE Mason Bennett, CB Hayden Blubaugh, S Jordan Canady, CB Tyus Carter, DE Austin Cieslak, DE Carl Engwall, NG Steve Greer, OLB Ray Haas, CB Deion Harris, NG Tank Harris, CB Evan Holm, OLB Jade Lawrence, OLB Tanner Palmborg, ILB Jake Rastas, ILB Donnell Rodgers, S Ty Shannon, OLB Andre Steiger, S Tamas Stewart, OLB Jaxson Turner

»LETTERMEN LOST (21)

OL Dan Bell, CB Garrett Bollant, WR Stetson Carr, OL Mathew Cox, ILB Jake Disterhaupt, DE Brandon Dranka, P Austin Dussold, S Chuck Flowers, DE Drew Greely, LS Jacob Holmen, CB Torrey Hunt, WR De'mun Mercer, ILB Oscar Nevermann, S Cole Reyes, NG Nick Schmitz, OL A.J. Stockwell, QB Keaton Studsrud, PK Reid Taubenheim

»MID-YEAR ADDITIONS (13)

TE Brian Aafedt, FB Ian Brown, LB Bryce Crouch, DB Hayden Galvin, FB Set Kreil, DB Derek Murph, DB Lenny Nelson, LB Gunnar Patz, WR Pedro Schmidt, DL Nick Stahl, LB Tyron Vrede, ILB Everett Williams, DB Zach Zimmerman

»NORTH DAKOTA BY CLASS

Seniors (15)

OL Grant Aplin, DL Austin Cieslak, FB Tyler Coyne, TE Luke Fiedler, NG Steve Greer, CB Deion Harris, NG Tank Harris, LB Dijon Murray, RB Brady Oliveira, OLB Tanner Palmborg, RB John Santiago, WR Luke Stanley, S Tamas Stewart, OL Adam Stiner, LB Everett Williams

Juniors (25)

TE Logan Alm, DE Mason Bennett, OL Bryce Blair, CB Tyus Carter, TE Alex Cloyd, LB Bryce Crouch, DE Carl Engwall, DB Hayden Galvin, LB Austin Gordon, QB Brad Heidlebaugh, CB Evan Holm, RB James Johannesson, DB Tykeise Johnson, QB Nate Ketteringham, OLB Jade Lawrence, CB Lenny Nelson, ILB Corby Richman, ILB Donnell Rodgers, OL Patric Rooney, RB Teddy Sherva, OLB Andre Steiger, WR Travis Toivonen, LB Tyron Vrede, WR Noah Wanzek, QB Andrew Zimmerman

Sophomores (20)

WR Izzy Adeoti, CB Hayden Blubaugh, DB Jordan Canady, OLB Christian Comstock, WR Easton Erbes, FB Brett Finke, ILB Jake Geier, OLB Ray Haas, OL Bennett Helgren, ILB Cameron Hunt, OL Noah Mortel, OL Nathan Nguon, TE Derek Paulson, TE Hunter Pinke, ILB Jake Rastas, OL Sean Russo, DB Ty Shannon, OL Ryan Tobin, OLB Jaxson Turner, DB Zach Zimmerman

Redshirt Freshmen (25)

TE Brian Aafedt, DB Eli Allen, QB Brock Boltmann, FB Ian Brown, LB Leif Bungum, TE Grahman DeVore, WR Mikey Griebel, CB Kyle Hietpas, DL Nick Honerlaw, OL Jeremy Jenkins, FB Seth Kreil, OL Connor Kruse, LB Noah Larson, K Brady Leach, WR Cameron McKinney, DL Jalen Morrison, DB Derek Murph, DL Zeke Ott, LB Gunnar Patz, WR Jack Pifer, LB Hayden Reynolds, WR Pedro Schmidt, DL Quintin Seguin, DL Nick Stahl, LB Byrden Swenson

»GEOGRAPHICAL BREAKDOWN

California (5)

LB Bryce Crouch, DB Hayden Galvin, QB Nate Ketteringham, CB Lenny Nelson, S Tamas Stewart

Colorado (7)

OL Bryce Blair, CB Hayden Blubaugh, CB Tyus Carter, WR Mikey Griebel, OLB Ray Haas, OL Sean Russo, DB Ty Shannon

Florida (1)

TE Luke Fiedler

Illinois (4)

WR Izzy Adeoti, NG Tank Harris, OL Jeremy Jenkins, OLB Andre Steiger

Indiana (1)

ILB Cameron Hunt

Louisiana (1)

ILB Dijon Murray

Manitoba (2)

DE Mason Bennett, RB Brady Oliveira

Minnesota (29)

TE Logan Alm, OL Grant Aplin, QB Brock Boltmann, LB Leif Bungum, ILB Christian Comstock, FB Tyler Coyne, TE Graham DeVore, DE Carl Engwall, WR Easton Erbes, ILB Jake Geier, LB Austin Gordon, CB Deion Harris, OL Bennett Helgren, CB Evan Holm, DB Tykeise Johnson, OL Connor Kruse, OLB Jade Lawrence, DB Brady Leach, DL Jalen Morrison, OL Nathan Nguon, DL Zeke Ott, OLB Tanner Palmborg, ILB Donnell Rodgers, OL Patric Rooney, RB John Santiago, RB Teddy Sherva, LB Byrden Sweson, WR Travis Toivonen, OLB Jaxson Turner,

Missouri (1)

NG Steve Greer

North Dakota (14)

TE Brian Aafedt, DB Eli Allen, FB Ian Brown, DE Austin Cieslak, RB James Johannesson, WR Brad Heidlebaugh, FB Seth Kreil, S Derek Murph, WR Jack Pifer, TE Hunter Pinke, LB Hayden Reynolds, FB Corby Richman, DL Nick Stahl, WR Noah Wanzek

Nebraska (1)

TE Alex Cloyd

Ontario (1)

DE Quintin Seguin

Pennsylvania (1)

WR Pedro Schmidt

Texas (2)

WR Cameron McKinney, LB Everett Williams

The Netherlands (1)

Tyron Vrede

Washington (2)

QB Andrew Zimmerman, DB Zach Zimmerman

Wisconsin (12)

S Jordan Canady, FB Brett Finke, CB Kyle Hietpas, DL Nick Honerlaw, LB Noah Larson, OL Noah Mortel, TE Derek Paulson, LB Gunnar Patz, ILB Jake Rastas, WR Luke Stanley, OL Adam Stiner, OL Ryan Tobin



PREVIEW

The 2018 season

OFFENSE

The Fighting Hawks will have nine starters back from an offense that averaged nearly 30 points and 400 total yards per game a season ago. More than half of those yards came on the ground as the All-Big Sky Conference tandem of **John Santiago** and **Brady Oliveira** combined for 1,880 yards and 17 touchdowns as sophomores. Santiago collected first team accolades for the second-straight season after rushing for a team-high 983 yards and seven touchdowns, while Oliveira grabbed third-team honors after posting 897 rushing yards and a team-high 10 rushing scores.

Joining Oliveira and Santiago in the backfield this spring will be Minnesota transfer **James Johannesson**. The former Fargo South standout will have three seasons of eligibility remaining for the Fighting Hawks. A prep standout, Johannesson rushed for 6,158 yards and 81 touchdown en route to back-to-back North Dakota Gatorade Player of the Year honors and will provide another weapon for a backfield that is already one of the most dynamic in the Football Championship Subdivision.

"John and Brady have played a lot of football for us and are both still young backs that have room to improve," Schweigert said. "Our challenge for them is to keep them working hard to become complete backs. With James, we add a big, power back to the mix and we'll take a hard look at him this spring to find the best ways he can help our football team."

The offenses' total yards and point production increased for the third-straight season under coordinator **Paul Rudolph**, while quarterback **Keaton Studsrud** guided those efforts on the field. The junior captain threw for a career-high 2,027 yards and 14 touchdowns, while only tossing two interceptions in 11 starts. Studsrud also added five ground scores and guided double-digit, fourth-quarter comebacks in wins over South Dakota and Northern Arizona a season ago.

With Studsrud embarking on his final collegiate season, Schweigert said one of the points of emphasis this spring will be to improve the depth at the quarterback position.

Sophomore **Brad Heidlebaugh**, who threw a touchdown pass on his only attempt of the season in a win over Weber State, last season, along with newcomer **Andrew Zimmerman** and redshirt freshman **Ben Bolinske** will push Studsrud and look to bolster the stable of signal callers Rudolph has under his watch.

"We know what we have with Keaton and we want these young guys to really push him and improve our depth," Schweigert said. "We've seen Brad and Ben start to develop and get better and we're excited to see Zimmerman out on our practice field. He has a strong arm, good mobility and will make us a better football team. All of those guys have to be ready to go."

Those players catching the passes from the quarterbacks took big strides in 2016, but it's another position where Schweigert said the emphasis has to be on consistent improvement across the board. "We had two young guys step up and perform well as freshman. **De'mun Mercer** really emerged late in the season and you saw him get more and more comfortable with our offense," Schweigert said. "**Luke Stanley** and **Josh Seibel** were both slowed by injuries some last season, but are veteran guys we can count on.

"I like our depth at wide receiver and we'll get a chance to see what (newcomer) **Cam McKinney** can do for us out on the edge. We have better numbers at that position, but think those guys can get even better and this spring will be a chance for that unit to do just that."

Those two young guys Schweigert was referring to made an immediate impact as true freshmen. **Travis Toivonen** led the team with 39 catches for 433 yards, while classmate **Noah Wanzek** was fourth on the team with 25 receptions and 367 yards. Both players had three touchdown receptions during their rookie seasons. Mercer, a Texas State transfer, ended up being a big play threat late in the season. He had 28 receptions on the campaign and led the team with 553 receiving yards and four touchdowns.

Stanley was the team's leading receiver when he was injured at Idaho State (Oct. 22). The 6-foot-4 wideout missed the next three games before returning in a limited role in the playoff loss to Richmond. Seibel played in the final seven games of the season following a spring injury and had seven catches for 54 yards. His lone touchdown was a big one as it came in the 28-21 win against Idaho State.



Junior **Luke Fiedler** has a chance to take over the starting tight end role after gaining experience as a reserve in the previous two seasons behind the now departed **Luke Mathewson**. Fiedler led that unit with 11 catches for 95 yards and had his first collegiate touchdown in the comeback win over Northern Arizona (Nov. 12). "We want Luke to take that next step," Schweigert said. "He needs to stay healthy and be more consistent. We've been pleased with his winter workouts."

Pushing Fiedler for playing time will be a pair of young tight ends. Sophomore **Alex Cloyd** saw some action as a true freshman and along with redshirt freshman **Hunter Pinke** will get plenty of reps to develop and show the coaching staff what they can do this spring.

Senior **Kyle Norberg** is a veteran that really settled into the fullback role a season ago after seeing time as a running back and linebacker earlier in his career. He finished with 22 carries for 130 yards and a touchdown, while also serving as a physical run-blocking presence for his running backs. "We're pleased with the progress Kyle has made at fullback and **Brett Finke** is going to have an opportunity to show us what he can do this spring. He's another physical player that we think can help our run game out."

Another area where Schweigert would like to see more consistency in 2017 is up front along the offensive line. Senior **A.J. Stockwell** returns to his left tackle spot for the third-consecutive year, while classmate **Mat Cox** is still recovering from a season-ending injury suffered at Montana State (Sept. 29) and will not participate in spring drills. However, the prospects look good for him to return to the field by fall camp and work his way back into the right tackle spot where he started the first four games of the 2016 season.

"With Cox still out, there will be an opportunity for **Bryce Blair** to continue and develop at both tackle spots. He got to play some towards the end of last year and we liked what we saw from him. Both Bryce and redshirt freshman **Noah Mortel** should get some quality reps at tackle this spring."

Dan Bell and **Demon Taylor** return for the 2017 season after getting their first seasons as a starter under their belts at right guard and left guard, respectively. Bell, a rising senior, started all 12 games, while Taylor, who will be a junior, received 11 starting nods. Those two are going to be pushed for playing time, however, as **Brandon Miller** returns to health and has previous starting experience at right guard (three games in 2015) and redshirt freshman **Ryan Tobin** will also be in the mix after impressing the staff during his scout team work in 2016.

"Those guys need to keep improving," Schweigert said. "In order for us to play offensive football how we would like, there needs to be more consistency from that group and that is really going to be our focus this spring."

Junior **Grant Aplin** started the final seven games at center a season ago and returns along with sophomore **Patric Rooney**, who also got a start at the position as a redshirt freshman in 2016. "Both of those young men have some experience to lean on from last season and we're excited to see what **Nathan Nguon** can do at that spot this spring. We want to have great competition at all of our positions and we think the O-Line is really going to benefit from the young guys we have pushing our veterans."

DEFENSE

The defensive side of the ball is where the Fighting Hawks will have some holes to fill as the unit that led the Big Sky in scoring defense (22.0 ppg) and rushing defense (91.3 ypg) will have to replace five starters.

There is good news, however, as the cupboard is far from bare, especially in the defensive backfield. Safety **Cole Reyes** earned six differ-

RETURNING STARTERS (OFFENSE)

- WR De'mun Mercer (28 rec., 553 yds, 4 TDs)
- WR Noah Wanzek (25 rec., 367 yds, 3 TDs)
- RB John Santiago (983 rush yds, 7 TDs)
- FB Kyle Norberg (130 rush yds)
- QB Keaton Studsrud (2,027 pass yds, 14 TDs)
- OL Grant Aplin (center, 8 starts)
- OL Dan Bell (right guard, 12 starts)
- OL Demon Taylor (left guard, 11 starts)
- OL A.J. Stockwell (left tackle, 12 starts)



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ent All-America accolades and will be the reigning Big Sky Defensive Player of the Year when UND hits the field for its 2017 season opener at Utah (Aug. 31). Reyes finished with 70 tackles and three interceptions, while also breaking up eight passes.

“Obviously, Cole had a great junior season, but his challenge this spring will be to stay sharp with his knowledge of our defense and lead the guys on that side of the ball,” Schweigert said.

The first team All-Big Sky performer is joined in the secondary by fellow All-American **Deion Harris**, who led the Big Sky with five interceptions and returned three of those for touchdowns from his cornerback position. Harris started all 12 games and finished with 14 passes defended. At the other cornerback position, **Torrey Hunt** added 13 passes defended and was one of four secondary players with three or more interceptions.

Hunt started the final nine games of the season after **Tyus Carter** was lost for the season before Big Sky play began. Carter will be back on the field for spring drills, but in a limited capacity.

The Fighting Hawks led the FCS with 20 interceptions, but Schweigert thinks they can be even better in 2017. “Our secondary has great potential, but there are several areas that we can improve on, whether it be our plays on the ball, better in one-on-one situations and not giving up big chunk plays. There are several young guys in those positions that need to take that next step,” Schweigert added. “This will be a big spring for guys like **Jordan Canady, Evan Holm, Andre Randolph** and **Vashon Tucker**.”

Canady, Randolph and Tucker will be vying for time at safety, while Holm saw some action as a true freshman at cornerback. Holm finished with 16 tackles, an interception and two pass break-ups.

The linebacker unit is where defensive coordinator **Eric Schmidt** will have to fill the biggest voids as three of last year’s four starters all graduated. Two of those losses come at outside linebacker where **Brian Labat** and **Jawon Johnson** both totalled 40-plus tackles and started all 12 games.

“This will be a big spring for our outside linebackers. With Labat and Johnson both gone, we will need several young guys to really take advantage of the number of reps they will get,” Schweigert said. “We liked what we saw from **Jade Lawrence** a year ago. He proved he can make plays for us. We have a couple of redshirts in **Jaxson Turner** and **Ray Haas** that are really athletic. We feel like they have the skills to really make a difference on our defense and look forward to see how far they have progressed in our system.”

Senior **Connor O’Brien** and sophomore **Donnell Rodgers** return at inside linebacker, but those two will see several new faces in their meeting room this spring. Those new faces will hopefully bolster depth at a position that boasted the team’s leading tackler a year ago in **Dylan Bakker**, who collected 98 tackles and earned second-team All-Big Sky honors as a senior.

O’Brien has started 18 straight games for the Fighting Hawks since moving into the starting role and Rodgers played in all 12 games as a reserve in 2016. Those two combined for 105 tackles and helped anchor the Big Sky’s best run defense.

Those players making the position change to inside linebacker include senior **Jake Disterhaupt** (outside linebacker), senior **Oscar Nevermann** (running back) and redshirt freshman **Jake Geier** (safety). “Jake Disterhaupt is a smart player that has played a lot of football for us and we think his athleticism is going to translate well to inside backer,” Schweigert said. “We also like the athleticism and toughness that Oscar Nevermann and Jake Geier will provide at the position.”

RETURNING STARTERS (DEFENSE)	
LDE	Brandon Dranka (18 tackles, 6.5 TFLs)
NG	Tank Harris (28 tackles, 1.5 TFLs)
ILB	Connor O’Brien (67 tackles, 6.0 TFLs)
FS	Cole Reyes (70 tackles, 3 INTs, 8 PBUs)
LCB	Deion Harris (36 tackles, 5 INTs, 9 PBUs)
RCB	Torrey Hunt (46 tackles, 3 INTs, 10 PBUs)



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One of the deepest positions on the team is the defensive line and that unit will be anchored by a trio of upperclassmen with starting experience. At defensive end, seniors **Brandon Dranka** and **Drew Greely** return, while junior **Tank Harris** emerged as one of the top nose guards in the Big Sky in 12 starts as a sophomore.

Dranka has started 26 consecutive games for the Fighting Hawks, while Greely has collected six starts throughout his career. Dranka's 6.5 tackles for loss are tops among the returners and Greely led UND in sacks with four a year ago. "Dranka and Greely are both experienced players, but as always, we're going to challenge them to improve their games and get better," Schweigert said.

Harris finished 2016 with a career-high 28 tackles and he will be joined in the trenches by classmate **Steve Greer** and senior **Nick Schmitz**. Greer picked up two sacks in an injury-shortened season, while Schmitz also added a sack as both players saw action in seven games.

"We've been excited about Tank's progress, but we're going to challenge him this spring to take that next step to be a more dominant force inside for us," Schweigert said. "Steve Greer needs to become a more consistent performer. That's really our goal with him this spring. With Nick Schmitz, we feel like there are three guys at the nose guard position that can really help our defense."

Pushing Dranka and Greely at defensive end will be a trio of sophomores. "**Mason Bennett** and **Carter Wilson** got on the field some last year, showed that they are athletic and can make plays," Schweigert said. "We want to see them become more physical players and create some solid depth for us at defensive end for the season."

Sophomore **Carl Engwall** is another player from that same class as Bennett and Wilson that was nicked up some last year, but will be back on the field this spring. Junior **Austin Cieslak** will be ready for the fall, but is sitting out the spring session with an injury.

SPECIAL TEAMS

The Fighting Hawks' special teams unit will look entirely different than the previous four years when placekicker **Reid Taubenheim** attempted every field goal and point-after attempt and **Jacob Holmen** was the one snapping before each of those tries. Taubenheim finished his career ...

Redshirt freshman **Brady Leach** will be the one replacing Taubenheim. The former Moorhead High School product will be going through his first spring with the team after redshirting during the fall.

UND will also have a new punter after **Austin Dussold** departed after two seasons as the starter. In fact, the Fighting Hawks will go through spring drills without a punter on the roster, but **Cade Peterson** will arrive in Grand Forks in time for fall camp after signing a National Letter of Intent in December. UND also signed a long snapper to replace Holmen during the early signing period as **Ross Hinders** will join Peterson for fall camp.

SAME FACES, NEW PLACES

Here's a look at the players making position changes this spring:

No.	Name	Old	New
28	Austin Gordon	RB	LB
90	Corby Richman	ILB	FB

