



# NORTH DAKOTA™ SOFTBALL



## NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hello everyone in the Fighting Hawks' family! Its newsletter time again. With the fall season completed, and winter practices in full swing, we cannot help but feel the anticipation building for the start of spring season. Fall season concluded on a high note with two great wins against Mayville State College, and Jamestown. This brought the overall fall season record to 5-1. Since then, the Fighting Hawks have been putting in tons of work to get ready for spring. They can't wait to show it off on the diamond! We would love to see any and all of you out at our pre-season games. The schedule is listed below! In other big news, we can officially announce the signing of middle infielder Jocelyn Kirk (Prior Lake, MN), outfielder Isadora Georges (Phoenix, AZ), middle infielder Lesley Bojorquez (Downey, CA), pitcher Jannay Jones (Yuma, AZ), outfielder Kayleen Schneider (Chino Hills, CA), middle infielder Sandy Carroll (Riverside, CA), pitcher Emily Rosas (Orange, CA), and pitcher Angeline Riley (Acton, CA). This talented group of young ladies will be our 2018 softball class. We are so excited to have them on board, and look forward to all they will accomplish as Fighting Hawks.

This year, we are really focused on making improvements in all aspects of Fighting Hawks Softball. We continue to strive to build a championship program. With that comes the task of making sure our facilities are championship caliber as well. We believe our student athletes, and future Fighting Hawks, should have a locker room, field, and other amenities that reflect their hard work and dedication. Demolition on the locker room is moving along nicely. New carpeting has been installed, and the walls are getting a fresh coat of paint. Our next task is installing lockers, but we still need your help! A \$2,000 donation will give you naming rights to the brand new lockers. You can split it up, or just have it for yourself. This is available to anyone and everyone who would like to be a part of the Fighting Hawks' legacy. Please contact us with any questions you may have! Thank you again for your continued support. We hope you all have a wonderful, safe and Happy Holiday season. Go Fighting Hawks!



## COACHES CORNER

As our fall season comes to an end, it's been exciting to see improvement throughout our team. From the pitching circle, to the batter's box, to the field, there has been improvement in every aspect. The amount of hard work this team has been putting in everyday is fun to watch. As I watch them continue to push themselves and each other, I anxiously await what this group of young athletes will be capable of achieving this spring. Go Fighting Hawks!

- Coach Kutz



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## PRE SEASON GAME SCHEDULE

Date	City, State	Time and Opponent
Friday February 9, 2018	Charleston, SC	9:00 AM VS. Towson University 3:00 PM VS. Charleston Southern University
Saturday February 10, 2018	Charleston, SC	9:00 AM VS. North Carolina A&T 1:00 PM VS. Charleston Southern University
Friday February 16, 2018	Tempe, AZ	3:00 PM VS. Texas State 5:30 PM VS. Arizona State University
Saturday February 17, 2018	Tempe, AZ	9:00 AM VS. San Diego 2:15 PM VS. Texas State
Sunday February 18, 2018	Tempe, AZ	9:00 AM VS. Illinois State
Friday February 23, 2018	Nashville, TN	5:45 PM VS. Belmont University
Saturday February 24, 2018	Nashville, TN	2:15 PM VS. IPFW 4:30 PM VS. Cleveland State
Sunday February 25, 2018	Nashville, TN	10:00 AM VS. Tennessee State 12:15 PM VS. Tennessee State
March 2, 2018	Hampton, VA	TBA
March 3, 2018	Hampton, VA	TBA
March 4, 2018	Hampton, VA	TBA
March 9, 2018	San Luis Obispo, CA	TBA
March 10, 2018	San Luis Obispo, CA	TBA
March 11, 2018	San Luis Obispo, CA	TBA
March 14, 2018	Honolulu, HI	TBA
March 15, 2018	Honolulu, HI	TBA
March 16, 2018	Honolulu, HI	TBA
March 17, 2018	Honolulu, HI	TBA





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## Get to know your Fighting Hawks!



Alicia Young #25  
Sophomore – Catcher  
Lakeville, MN

**1. What are some of your pregame rituals?**

Some of my pregame rituals are to listen to my pre-game playlist and sing.

**2. What do you love most about the University of North Dakota?**

I love the atmosphere. I love that everyone is so welcoming and kind here.

**3. What goals do you have personally and as a team for the season?**

My goals for the season are to throw out  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the people that try to steal on me. I also have a goal of getting at least a .300 batting average

**4. What is your favorite softball memory from UND?**

My favorite memory would have to be hitting a home run my first collegiate at bat in Madera Beach, Florida.

**1. What are some of your pregame rituals?**

Eat a good meal, get my hair done by Angel Love and jam with my teammates.

**2. What do you love most about the University of North Dakota?**

I love the University of North Dakota because it has brought me a wide range of friends from all over the world. I think the campus is not only the perfect size but absolutely beautiful. Overall, the atmosphere that UND portrays is extremely welcoming and safe.

**3. What goals do you have personally and as a team for the season?**

My goal for the season personally is to keep a positive mindset and stay confident through it all. As a senior, I want to go out on the field with no regrets. I want to look back and know that I gave it my all. This is a year to show the softball world all the hard work we have been doing for the past 4 years. Making each and every practice, drill, weights, conditioning, and day count. And of course put a ring on it!

**4. What is your favorite softball memory from UND?**

Wow where to start? From the 5 am practice to the late night bus rides everything in-between has be both crazy and enjoyable. Spending almost every day with my wild teammates allows for way too many unforgettable memories. But, I would have to say my favorite memory was going to the conference tournament. The energy our team had the first game was unreal and unforgettable.



Natalie Gerber #10  
Senior – Outfield  
Stillwater, MN