



# 2017 NORTH DAKOTA FIGHTING HAWKS VOLLEYBALL

## 2017 NORTH DAKOTA SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Aug 25	vs Chattanooga	W, 3-0
Aug 25	at Ole Miss	W, 3-2
Aug 26	vs Louisiana Tech	W, 3-1
Aug 26	vs Florida A&M	W, 3-2
Aug 27	at Georgia Tech	L, 0-3
Aug 31	at New Mexico State	W, 3-2
Sep 1	vs UNLV	W, 3-1
Sep 1	vs Youngstown State	W, 3-0
Sep 2	vs New Mexico	W, 3-0
Sep 2	at UTEP	W, 3-0
<b>Sep 6</b>	<b>NORTH DAKOTA ST.</b>	<b>W, 3-0</b>
<b>Sep 8</b>	<b>GEORGE WASH.</b>	<b>11:30 a.m.</b>
<b>Sep 8</b>	<b>APPALACHIAN ST.</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Sep 9</b>	<b>SOUTH DAKOTA ST.</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>
Sep 15	vs Cal Poly	1:00 p.m.
Sep 15	at Green Bay	7:00 p.m.
Sep 16	vs IUPUI	1:00 p.m.
Sep 21	at Southern Utah *	8:00 p.m.
Sep 23	at Northern Colorado*	8:00 p.m.
<b>Sep 28</b>	<b>IDAHO *</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Sep 30</b>	<b>EASTERN WASH. *</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>
Oct 5	at Sacramento State *	9:00 p.m.
Oct 7	at Portland State *	9:00 p.m.
Oct 13	at Montana State *	8:00 p.m.
Oct 14	at Montana *	8:00 p.m.
<b>Oct 19</b>	<b>IDAHO STATE *</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Oct 21</b>	<b>WEBER STATE *</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>
<b>Oct 26</b>	<b>MONTANA *</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Oct 28</b>	<b>MONTANA STATE *</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
Oct 30	at Iowa State	6:30 p.m.
Nov 2	at Eastern Washington*	8:00 p.m.
Nov 4	at Idaho *	9:00 p.m.
<b>Nov 9</b>	<b>NO. ARIZONA *</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Nov 11</b>	<b>NO. COLORADO *</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>

### Big Sky Conference Tournament

Nov 16-18 at #1 seed TBA

\*Big Sky matches | Home games listed in BOLD  
All times Central | All times/dates subject to change

## NORTH DAKOTA VOLLEYBALL



George Washington  
Sep 8 - 11:30 am  
WatchBigSky.com



Appalachian State  
Sep 8 - 7:00 pm  
1440 KKXL-AM/  
WatchBigSky.Com



South Dakota St.  
Sep 9 - 11:00 am  
WatchBigSky.com

### NORTH DAKOTA HOSTS UND CLASSIC

#### WHAT'S GOOD?

- \*North Dakota leads all of NCAA in wins (10). Only one other school has more than 6 (Stephen F. Austin, 7).
- \*UND's attendance of 3,140 in the home opener (vs. NDSU) was the first-ever sellout for volleyball at The "Betty".
- \*Faith Dooley is the UND career record holder for blocks (535), breaking a 26-year-old record.
- \*Sydney Griffin was named the MVP of the Glory Road Invitational with Alivia Fraase and Ashley Brueggeman joining her on the all-tournament team.
- \*Fraase picked up Big Sky Defensive co-Player of the Week.
- \*Dooley was named MVP of Ole Miss Rebel Invitational with Tamara Merseli and Jordan Vail joining her on the all-tourney team
- \*Sydney Griffin became the fifth UND player all-time to reach 3,000 career assists and is 91 shy of 4th place.
- \*UND is off to its best start in its Division I era and the 4th-best start in UND history (17-1 in 2002, 16-1 in 1990, 14-1 in 2008).
- \*North Dakota has won three five-set matches already this season. That's good.
- \*UND is 10-0 when winning at least one set this season.
- \*Griffin has 14 career matches with 50 or more assists.
- \*Three different players have notched double-doubles this season (Merseli 5, Griffin 4, Dooley 1).
- \*UND broke into the VolleyballMag.com Mid-Major Top 25 Poll in the first rankings of the season (T15th), August 29th.

#### DID I HEAR A NINER IN THERE?

North Dakota got out to a fast start to the season, playing 10 matches in the span of the first nine days. It involved matches in four states (Mississippi, Georgia, New Mexico, Texas). **With Wednesday's win over NDSU, UND's 10 wins are the most in the NCAA**, three more than any other school.

#### FORMIDABLE FOES FOR FIGHTING HAWKS IN FIRST FORTNIGHT

Those 10 matches in the opening two weekends were against some top talent. Four of the first 10 opponents finished in the top 100 in last season's RPI rankings. UNLV was 30, Georgia Tech 49, New Mexico State was 79th and Ole Miss ranked 95 in the RPI at the end of last year. North Dakota finished 92 in the final RPI rankings, second only to Northern Arizona (91) in the Big Sky Conference.

#### POLL POSITION

North Dakota made its first appearance in the VolleyballMag.com Mid-Major Top 25 poll this week, entering tied for 15th. Now in its second season, the mid-major poll ranks those schools not among the power-five conferences (ACC, SEC, Pac-12, Big 10 or Big 12).

#### #BurstTheBetty

UND fans jammed the Betty Engelstad Sioux Center in the home opener (vs. NDSU) to the tune of 3,140, capacity of the Betty Engelstad Sioux Center. It marked the first-ever sellout for volleyball in that arena and was the second-biggest crowd of any sporting event at the Betty.

#### 3,000+ crowds at the Betty

3,142	11/24/13	NDSU	men's basketball
<b>3,140</b>	<b>9/6/17</b>	<b>NDSU</b>	<b>volleyball</b>
3,078	1/24/09	South Dakota	women's basketball
3,078	1/24/09	South Dakota	men's basketball

#### CHILLING WITH A 40

North Dakota State mustered just 40 points combined in UND's 25-18, 25-9, 25-13 sweep Wednesday at the Betty. It marked the fewest number of points scored by the Bison against North Dakota since the best-of-five series was universally adapted (1985). UND has now won six of the eight meetings between the schools in the Division I era.



UND Classic

»2017 FIGHTING HAWKS VOLLEYBALL ROSTER

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	YR.	HOMETOWN/PREVIOUS SCHOOL
1	Teodora Tepavac	OH	5-10	Sr.	Kikinda, Serbia (Northwest College (Wyo.)
2	Steph Ziegler	DS/L	5-7	So.	Hazen, N.D. (Hazen HS)
3	Julia Kaczorowska	OH	6-0	Sr.	Oakville, Ont., Canada (Holy Trinity)
4	Sydney Griffin	S	5-11	Sr.	Marshall, Minn. (Marshall HS)
5	Alivia Fraase	L	6-0	So.	Fargo, N.D. (Shanley HS)
6	Ellie Veldman	S	6-1	Fr.	Prior Lake, Minn. (Prior Lake HS)
7	Tamara Merseli	OH	5-10	Sr.	Belgrade, Serbia (Indian Hills CC)
8	Lydia Rutten	OH/MH	6-2	Fr.	New York Mills, Minn. (New York Mills HS)
10	Sidney Mattson	S	5-10	So.	Grand Rapids, Minn. (Grand Rapids HS)
11	Paige Brueggeman	OH/DS	5-10	Fr.	Eden Prairie, Minn. (Eden Prairie HS)
12	Jordan Vail	MH	6-1	Jr.	San Antonio, Texas (Baylor University) (Judson HS)
13	Faith Dooley	MH	6-3	Sr.	Wheatland, N.D. (Central Cass HS)
14	Kelly Wahl	MH	6-1	Fr.	Centerville, Minn. (Centerville HS)
15	Taylor Riedl	OH	6-0	Fr.	Dana Point, Calif. (Dana Hills HS)
16	Maggie Smith	DS/L	5-7	So.	Kersey, Colo. (Platte Valley HS)
17	Tamika Brekke	DS/L	5-7	Jr.	Eden Prairie, Minn. (North Carolina Central Univ.)
18	Ashley Brueggeman	RS/OH	6-2	So.	Eden Prairie, Minn. (Eden Prairie HS)
21	Amelia Johnson	OH/RS	6-1	RFr.	Roseau, Minn. (Roseau HS)

**Head Coach:** Mark Pryor (4th season)

**Assistant Coach:** Erin Green (6th season)

**Assistant Coach:** Mia Tabberson (4th season)

**ALL-TIME SERIES WITH THE BISON**

North Dakota State has won 70 of the 80 meetings all-time but the series in the Division I era belongs to UND (6-2) after Wednesday's win. North Dakota has never lost to NDSU at the Betty Engelstad Sioux Center (4-0).

**Division I meetings between North Dakota/NDSU**

9/6/17	NDSU	W, 3-0	(H)
10/25/16	at NDSU	W, 3-0	(A)
10/13/15	NDSU	W, 3-0	(H)
9/9/14	at NDSU	L, 1-3	(A)
9/30/13	NDSU	W, 3-0	(H)
10/9/12	at NDSU	W, 3-0	(A)
9/6/11	NDSU	W, 3-1	(H)
9/16/10	at NDSU	L, 0-3	(A)

**ALL-TIME SERIES WITH GEORGE WASHINGTON**

These teams have met just once, a 2014 meeting in Washington, D.C. It was the third match in the UND tenure of Mark Pryor. UND would win 26 matches that season to tie the school record.

8/30/14	at GW	L, 0-3
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**ALL-TIME SERIES WITH APPALACHIAN STATE**

Friday will be the first-ever meeting between the schools.

**ALL-TIME SERIES WITH SOUTH DAKOTA STATE**

South Dakota State owns a 49-28 lead in the all-time series but the series in the Division I era belongs to UND (7-1). North Dakota has never lost to SDSU at the Betty Engelstad Sioux Center (3-0).

**Division I meetings between North Dakota/SDSU**

9/14/16	at SDSU	W, 3-1	(A)
9/8/15	SDSU	W, 3-0	(H)
9/11/14	at SDSU	W, 3-0	(A)
8/31/13	SDSU	W, 3-0	(H)
9/4/12	at SDSU	L, 0-3	(A)
10/31/11	at SDSU	W, 3-0	(A)
9/27/11	SDSU	W, 3-0	(H)
9/17/10	vs SDSU	W, 3-1	(N)

**POWER TRIP**

North Dakota zapped another "Power 5 Conference" school (ACC, SEC, PAC-12, Big 10 or Big 12) with its 3-2 win over Ole Miss Aug. 25th. It was the second it less than a calendar year after last season's 3-1 win over the ACC's Clemson on 9/8/16. UND also defeated Mississippi State from the SEC back in 2014.

**BECAUSE YOU GOT TO HAVE-A FAITH**

Senior Faith Dooley became the school's all-time leader in career blocks, eclipsing the mark in the win over Louisiana Tech on Aug. 26, 2017. She surpassed Karla Danielson's mark which had stood since 1991.

**TOTAL BLOCKS**

**Career**

1. Faith Dooley (2014-) .....535
2. Karla Danielson (1988-91) .....488
3. Mindy Sutter (1985-88) .....463
4. Tara Holmen (2004-07) .....457
5. Britta Hanson (2006-09) .....447

»2017 ROSTER

(Alphabetical)

17	BREKKE, Tamika	DS/L
18	BRUEGGEMAN, Ashley	RS
11	BRUEGGEMAN, Paige	OH/DS
13	DOOLEY, Faith	MB
5	FRAASE, Alivia	RS
4	GRIFFIN, Sydney	S
21	JOHNSON, Amelia	OH/RS
3	KACZOROWSKA, Julia	OH
10	MATTSON, Sidney	S
7	MERSELI, Tamara	OH
15	RIEDL, Taylor	OH
8	RUTTEN, Lydia	OH
16	SMITH, Maggie	DS/L
1	TEPAVAC, Teodora	OH
12	VAIL, Jordan	MH
6	VELDMAN, Ellie	S
14	WAHL, Kelly	MH
2	ZIEGLER, Steph	DS/L

»PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Fraase ...FRAY-zee

Kaczorowska ...kaz-orr-OW-skuh

Rutten ...RUTT-in

Mia Tabberson ...MEE-uh

Tepavac ...TEPP-uh-vack

**2017 UND ALL-TOURNEY PLAYERS**

**Rebel Invitational** - at Ole Miss - 8/25-26  
Dooley- MVP, Vail, Merseli

**Glory Road Invitational** - at UTEP - 9/1-2  
Griffin (MVP), A. Brueggeman, Fraase

**UND Classic** - at North Dakota - 9/8-9

**Country Inn & Suites Inv.** - at UWGB - 9/15-16



**TOP TEN FOR DOOLEY**

Faith Dooley became just the 17th UND player all-time to reach 1,000 kills in her career and only the fifth to do so as a junior. She currently sits at 1,150 kills heading into the UND Classic, which puts her in ninth place all-time at UND.

**MS. 3000**

Senior Sydney Griffin became just the fifth UND player to notch 3,000 career assists as UND lost to Georgia Tech, 3-0, on Aug. 27. Griffin reached the plateau in just two full seasons and a handful of matches (86 matches played). Next in her sights is fourth-place Lisa Luebke, who tallied 3,277 assists from 1989-92.

**ASSISTS**

**Career**

1. Nikki Husfeldt (2010-14) ..... 5,231
2. Holly Welter (1999-02) ..... 4,698
3. Julie Kerr (1985-88) ..... 4,025
4. Lisa Luebke (1989-92) ..... 3,277
5. **Sydney Griffin (2014-17) ..... 3,217**

**RECORD REWIND**

The University of North Dakota volleyball program holds a 698-752-3 (.479) record all-time since the first match was played on Sept. 22, 1976.

**PUTTING TEAMS TO BETTY BYE**

North Dakota is 113-44 (.718) all-time at the Betty Engelstad Sioux Center, which opened prior to the 2004 season. Since 2008, UND is a staggering 91-18 (.833) including a school-record 13 wins in 2011. North Dakota is 46-10 (.818) at home the past four seasons.

**DOUBLE-DOUBLE DATA**

**Players with double-doubles this season**

**Faith Dooley (1)**

8/26 vs FAMU 18 kills, 10 blocks

**Sydney Griffin (4)**

8/25 at Ole Miss 40 assists, 11 digs  
 8/31 at NMSU 40 assists, 22 digs  
 9/1 vs UNLV 41 assists, 14 digs  
 9/2 vs UNM 34 assists, 11 digs

**Tamara Merseli (5)**

8/25 at Ole Miss 11 kills, 19 digs  
 8/26 vs. La. Tech 16 kills, 22 digs  
 8/26 vs. FAMU 17 kills, 25 digs  
 8/31 at NMSU 12 kills, 14 digs  
 9/1 vs Youngstown St 12 kills, 11 digs

**TO ERR IS NOT NORTH DAKOTAN**

In the Mark Pryor era at North Dakota, his team has made a habit of limiting attack errors. In fact, 17 times in his tenure UND has recorded single digits in that statistical category, including six last season:

Opponent	Date	Attack Errors
vs Tenn.-Martin	Sep. 18, 2015	4 (3 sets)
<b>vs Montana State</b>	<b>Oct. 13, 2016</b>	<b>4 (3 sets)</b>
<b>IDAHO STATE</b>	<b>Nov. 18, 2016</b>	<b>5 (3 sets)</b>
<b>vs. Alcorn State</b>	<b>Sep. 7, 2016</b>	<b>6 (3 sets)</b>
<b>OMAHA</b>	<b>Aug. 26, 2016</b>	<b>6 (3 sets)</b>
MONTANA	Nov. 8, 2014	6 (3 sets)
<b>NORTHERN COLORADO</b>	<b>Nov. 12, 2016</b>	<b>7 (3 sets)</b>
vs. South Dakota State	Sept. 8, 2015	7 (3 sets)
vs. Mississippi Valley State	Sept. 18, 2014	7 (3 sets)
at Drake	Sept. 2, 2014	8 (3 sets)
MONTANA STATE	Nov. 6, 2014	9 (3 sets)
vs. Arkansas State	Aug. 29, 2014	9 (5 sets)
TULANE	Sept. 5, 2014	9 (3 sets)
vs. SIU Edwardsville	Sept. 20, 2014	9 (3 sets)
at Weber State	Oct. 10, 2014	9 (3 sets)
vs. Ark.-Pine Bluff	Sep. 19, 2015	9 (3 sets)
<b>vs. Southern Utah</b>	<b>Sep. 22, 2016</b>	<b>9 (3 sets)</b>

**2017 BIG SKY CONFERENCE STANDINGS (as of Thur. Sep. 7)**

	Conf.	Pct.	Overall	Home	Away	Streak
<b>North</b>						
North Dakota	0-0	0.000	10-1	1-0	3-1	W6
Montana State	0-0	0.000	4-2	1-2	1-0	W4
Montana	0-0	0.000	3-3	0-0	0-2	L2
Northern Colorado	0-0	0.000	2-4	0-2	0-2	W1
Idaho	0-0	0.000	1-4	0-0	1-1	W1
Eastern Washington	0-0	0.000	1-5	0-0	0-2	L4
<b>South</b>						
Portland State	0-0	0.000	5-1	0-0	1-1	W4
Northern Arizona	0-0	0.000	3-3	0-0	2-1	W1
Sacramento State	0-0	0.000	4-5	0-1	1-2	W1
Idaho State	0-0	0.000	3-4	0-1	1-1	L2
Southern Utah	0-0	0.000	3-5	0-1	1-1	W1
Weber State	0-0	0.000	1-5	0-0	0-3	L1

**»BIG SKY CONFERENCE  
PRESEASON COACHES POLL**

#	School	Votes (1sts)
1	<b>North Dakota</b>	<b>120 (10)</b>
2	Northern Colorado	103 (2)
3	Sacramento State	99
4	Northern Arizona	96
5	Portland State	82
6	Idaho State	71
7	Idaho	63
8	Weber State	49
9	E.asternWashington	44
10	Montana State	24
11	Montana	21
12	Southern Utah	20



**»BIG SKY CONFERENCE  
PLAYERS OF THE WEEK**

**Offensive**

- Aug 28 ..... Lana Brown, Sac State  
 Sep 5 ..... Caitlin Bettenay, PSU  
 Sep 12.....

**Defensive**

- Aug 28 ..... **Faith Dooley, North Dakota**  
 Sep 5 ..... **Alivia Fraase, UND/Mikaelyn Sych, PSU**  
 Sep 12.....



UND Classic

A QUICK REFRESHER

\*North Dakota won its second Big Sky Conference regular season title last year, its first since 2013.
\*UND made its first-ever NCAA Division I Tournament appearance (2002, 2003 in Division II)
\*North Dakota led the conference in total digs (2,228) and ranked 7th in the nation in that category
\*UND also set the pace in team blocks (325.0), ranking 15th in NCAA D-1
\*Sydney Griffin's 1,316 assists ranked 19th in the NCAA.
\*Head coach Mark Pryor was named the 2016 Big Sky Conference Coach of the Year, the third different league he has claimed that honor (2009- Lone Star Conference, 2005-Southland Conference)
\*UND's record of 26-10 gave Mark Pryor a three-year total of 73 wins, tied for most in any three-year span at UND.
\*It was the second-highest win total (94) for a graduating class (96: 2008-2011).
\*UND lost just 14 sets in the entire Big Sky schedule in 2016 (16 matches).
\*UND had a league-record four players on the All-Big Sky First Team, three of whom return in 2017 (Faith Dooley, Sydney Griffin, Tamara Merseli).

CRAZY RUN TO THE NCAA TOURNAMENT

North Dakota rattled off 11 straight wins en route to the NCAA Tournament, losing just three sets along the way. UND swept each of its last five matches in that span and totaled 16 wins via sweep this season.

DOMINANT DOWN THE STRETCH

North Dakota steam-rolled into the NCAA Tournament last season with an 11-match winning streak, an incredibly dominant stretch that saw UND lose just three sets combined. UND had won 17 of its last 18 matches overall at that point as well.

YOU BETCHA!

North Dakota ranked 42nd in all of NCAA Division I in average attendance with 1,090 per match last season. That total led all Big Sky Conference schools. UND's home opener with Omaha drew 2,056 fans, the fourth-highest ever at the Betty for volleyball and best attended in a non-NDSU match.

Top 4 attended volleyball matches at the Betty

- 2,688 - Sep 30, 2013 vs NDSU
2,394 - Sep 6, 2011 vs NDSU
2,232 - Oct 13, 2015 vs NDSU
2,056 - Aug 26, 2016 vs Omaha

RPI RAMBLINGS

North Dakota finished with a sparkling 92 in the Ratings Percentage Index, its third year under the 100 mark. UND has never finished lower than 170 in its eight years of eligibility in the RPI in NCAA Division I, averaging 114 in that span.

Table with 2 columns: Year, RPI. Rows: 2016 (92), 2015 (139), 2014 (120), 2013 (112), 2012 (170), 2011 (52), 2010 (89), 2009 (139)

WATCHBIGSKY.com

Live video for all home and away football, volleyball and men's and women's basketball games are available free at WatchBigSky.com. The site and streams can be viewed on any computer or mobile device supporting HTML5. You can also download the Pluto TV app from your favorite app store or on Roku.

UND ON THE INTERNET

UNDSports.com is the official online home of University of North Dakota athletics. UNDSports.com is a veritable one-stop shop for the most hard-core UND fan, featuring breaking news, feature stories, game notes, live and archived video webcasts, FREE audio, FREE live stats, podcasts, blogs, player profiles, merchandise, photo galleries, news feeds, camp registration and much, much more.

UND ON TV

Midco Sports Network will televise three UND volleyball matches as part of its broadcast deal that includes football, men's hockey, men's basketball and women's basketball. Fox Sports North will also pick up a handful of home matches, to be announced later.

Midco Sports Network\*\*

Table with 3 columns: Date, Opponent, Network. Rows: Sep 6 vs. NDSU (Midco Sports Net), Oct 19 vs Idaho State (Midco Sports Net), Nov 9 vs No. Arizona (Midco Sports Net)

Fox Sports North\*\*

To be announced

\*\*All also air on FOX College Sports

See volleyball schedule page on UNDSports.com for channel numbers

UND ON RADIO

The UND Sports Home of Economy Radio Network will pick up six North Dakota volleyball home matches this season. They will air over 1440-AM KKXL in the Grand Forks area and will be streamed online at UNDSports.com. Paul Ralston will handle the play-by-play.

Home of Economy Radio Network

Table with 3 columns: Date, Opponent, Radio Station. Rows: Sep 6 vs. NDSU (1440- AM KKXL), Sep 8 vs Appalachian State (1440- AM KKXL), Sep 28 vs Idaho (1440- AM KKXL), Oct 19 vs Idaho State (1440- AM KKXL), Oct 26 vs Montana (1440- AM KKXL), Nov 9 vs No. Arizona (1440- AM KKXL)

» VOLLEYBALLMAG.COM MID-MAJOR TOP 25 POLL (SEP. 5)

Table with 5 columns: Rank, School, Points, W/L, Prv. Rows: 1 Creighton (620 (20), 5-1, 1), 2 BYU (603 (4), 6-0, 2), 3 San Diego (566, 4-2, 3), 4 Wichita State (522 (1), 6-0, 5), 5 Northern Iowa (482, 4-2, 7), 6 Cal Poly (476, 5-1, 6), 7 Lipscomb (457, 4-2, 8), 8 Western Kentucky (452, 5-2, 4), 9 Colorado State (422, 5-1, 13), 10 Missouri State (356, 4-2, 12), 11 Marquette (318, 3-3, 10), 12 Dayton (303, 3-3, 9), 13 North Dakota (294, 9-1, 15), 14 Boise State (274, 4-2, 14), 15 UC Irvine (223, 6-0, 21), 16 Hawai'i (216, 2-4, 11), 17 Denver (201, 6-0, 22), 18 Austin Peay (191, 6-1, 17), 19 Villanova (172, 4-2, 19), 20 Miami, Ohio (137, 4-3, 19), 21 SMU (106, 3-3, NR), T-22 Coastal Carolina (89, 2-3, 18), T-22 Portland (89, 5-1, 25), 24 Xavier (61, 4-3, 16), 25 Loyola Marymount (53, 3-3, NR)

Others receiving votes and listed on two or more ballots: Rice 47; Seton Hall 45; High Point 43; Arkansas State 39; New Mexico State 25; Radford 22; Towson 22; Southern Miss 21; North Texas 18; New Mexico 15; UCF 15; Central Arkansas 9; UW-Green Bay 8; Ohio 6; Portland State 5; Butler 3; Illinois State 3.

18 teams mentioned on only one ballot for a total of 99 combined points.

Dropped Out: Rice 25; Seton Hall 25; Arkansas State 23; Florida Gulf Coast 24; UC Davis 25.

The VolleyballMag.com Mid-Major Poll includes all teams not in the "power-five" conferences (ACC, SEC, Big Ten, Big 12 and Pac-12).

» UND IN THE MID-MAJOR TOP 25 POLL

Table with 2 columns: Date, Points. Rows: Aug 28 ..... 15, Sep 5 ..... 13, Sep 12.....



# MARK PRYOR



## HEAD COACH

**Year at UND:** 4th year  
**Collegiate experience:** 19th year  
**Hometown:** Coppell, Texas  
**Alma Mater:** Baylor, 1995

In Mark Pryor's three seasons at the helm at the University of North Dakota, he's led the team to three straight 20-win seasons, a pair of school-record-tying win totals and the school's first NCAA Division I Tournament appearance. Overall at UND, Pryor has a 73-32 record.

His 2016 squad was a history-making team that won 19 of its last 22 matches, including an incredible 11-match winning streak that ended the regular season and swept right through the Big Sky Conference Tournament. All told, UND dropped just three sets combined in that run, ending Northern Arizona's 25-match home winning streak, the second-longest active streak in all of NCAA, en route to the regular season league title. UND would win it outright two days later with a sweep of Northern Colorado on the regular season's finale and grabbed the top seed in the league tournament. Once there, North Dakota continued its dominance with three convincing sweeps for the school's first league tournament title and subsequent berth in the NCAA Division I Tournament.

The year was filled with accolades as Pryor was the Big Sky Conference Coach of the Year, his third different coach of the year honor in his career. This past season, he mentored the league's player of the year (setter Sydney Griffin), part of four first team all-league honorees (Chelsea Moser, Faith Dooley, Tamara Merseli)-- the first time a school has laid claim to four first teamers. Griffin also picked up the school's first All-America honorable mention at the D-I level, earning accolades from Volleyball Magazine. Merseli was also dubbed the league's newcomer of the year.

Those four would also earn Big Sky Conference All-Tournament team plaudits with Dooley snatching Most Valuable Player. That quartet helped lead UND to a tournament-record .448 hitting percentage in a win over Idaho State in the semifinals en route to an impressive .308 combined hitting percentage for the whole tourney (third-best in league tournament history).

McKenzie Hart led all of NCAA Division I in digs per set in 2015, the second time in his coaching career that he's mentored a player that has led the nation in that category. He is the only coach in the NCAA to have a player lead the NCAA in digs per set for an entire season at both the NCAA Division II and Division I level. Hart would be named the Libero of the Year for a second straight season by the Big Sky Conference and was an AVCA All-Region performer as a senior.

Pryor's 2015 squad etched the program's highest-ranked victory in its Division I history with a win over Dayton, who finished the season ranked No. 22 in the RPI.

His program has led the Big Sky in total digs in each of the last three seasons and has a perfect record of 13-0 in November regular season matches in his UND tenure. His teams have a knack for out-lasting opponents, notching a 12-5 record in five-set matches.

The incoming class of 2015 freshmen earned praise nationally with high honorable mention status by prepvolleyball.com. His 2012 and 2013 recruiting classes at Baylor, where he spent the previous four years as the associate head coach, were both ranked in the top 20 nationally.

### PRYOR'S ALL-TIME HEAD COACHING PROFILE

#### North Dakota (2014-present)

**Head Coach**  
 2017 :: 10-1 (0-0 Big Sky)  
 2016 :: 26-10 (14-2 Big Sky) \*BSC Coach of the Year  
 2015 :: 21-13 (9-7 Big Sky)  
 2014 :: 26-9 (13-3 Big Sky)

#### Baylor (2011-14)

#### Texas A&M Commerce (2008-10)

**Head Coach**  
 2009 :: 25-10 \*Lone Star Coach of the Year  
 2008 :: 15-12

#### Louisiana-Monroe (2005-06)

**Head Coach**  
 2005 :: 15-15 \*Southland Coach of the Year

#### Southwest Baptist (2001-03)

**Head Coach**  
 2002 :: 10-24  
 2001 :: 0-32

Overall at UND, Pryor has a 73-32 record in his three seasons at UND. His 2014 and 2016 squads each tied the school record for wins (26). His first team claimed the Big Sky Conference North Division and also earned the school's first win at the league's postseason tournament. Last season's team saw the school's first tournament hosting duties, a conference postseason title and an NCAA Tournament berth.

Pryor was introduced as the 12th head volleyball coach in program history on Jan. 28, 2014. The 15-year collegiate coaching veteran arrived in Grand Forks following a four-year stint as the associate head coach and recruiting coordinator at Baylor.

Pryor returned to coaching following a brief stint away from the profession in 2008 to lead the NCAA Division II program at Texas A&M-Commerce. As the head coach in Commerce, he led the Lions to back-to-back winning seasons, including a 25-10 mark in his last season. Pryor was named the Lone Star Conference Coach of the Year for his efforts during the 2009 season and tutored the conference's offensive player of the year.

Pryor's previous Division I head coaching stint was as the head coach at Louisiana-Monroe in 2005 when he guided the Warhawks to a 15-15 record. Prior to his arrival, the program had averaged just four overall wins and one Southland Conference win for the past 10 seasons. For his efforts, he was named the 2005 Southland Coach of the Year.

Pryor's first collegiate coaching job was also with the Warhawks as an assistant coach during the 1997 season. He obtained his master's degree in public relations/communication from ULM while serving on staff there.

In the seven seasons between his stops in Monroe, Pryor served in a variety of roles that included head coaching jobs at North Central Texas College (1998; NJCAA) and Southwest Baptist University (2001-02, NCAA DII) and assistant coaching positions at New Mexico State (1999), USA Volleyball (2001) and Boise State (2003-04).

### PRYOR'S NCAA HEAD COACHING RECORD

Year	School	Overall	Win %	Big Sky	Pct.
2001	Southwest Baptist	0-32	.000		
2002	Southwest Baptist	10-24	.294		
2005	La.-Monroe	15-16	.484		
2008	Texas A&M-Commerce	15-12	.556		
2009	Texas A&M-Commerce	25-10	.714		
2014	North Dakota	26-9	.743	13-3	.813
2015	North Dakota	21-13	.618	9-7	.563
2016	North Dakota	26-10	.722	14-2	.875
2017	North Dakota	10-1	.900	--	
<b>Total</b>		<b>148-127</b>	<b>.536</b>	<b>36-12</b>	<b>.750</b>



**UND Fighting Hawks Volleyball**  
**North Dakota Combined Team Statistics (as of Sep 07, 2017)**  
**All matches**

Overall record: 10-1 Conf: 0-0 Home: 1-0 Away: 3-1 Neutral: 6-0

#	Player	sp	Attack				Set		Serve			re	Dig		Blocking				points			
			k	k/s	e	ta	pct	a	a/s	sa	se		sa/s	dig	dig/s	bs	ba	total		blk/s	be	bhe
13	DOOLEY, Faith	41	130	3.17	28	274	.372	3	0.07	2	2	0.05	1	24	0.59	10	48	58	1.41	0	0	-
7	MERSELI, Tamara	41	118	2.88	46	414	.174	23	0.56	6	10	0.15	11	145	3.54	1	14	15	0.37	0	2	-
18	BRUEGGEMAN, Ashle	41	90	2.20	42	234	.205	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	26	0.63	4	35	39	0.95	1	0	-
12	VAIL, Jordan	41	77	1.88	31	197	.234	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	10	0.24	5	36	41	1.00	3	0	-
4	GRIFFIN, Sydney	41	44	1.07	9	112	.312	421	10.27	6	14	0.15	0	101	2.46	4	24	28	0.68	0	7	-
3	KACZOROWSKA, Julia	34	46	1.35	21	169	.148	4	0.12	0	0	0.00	4	19	0.56	0	8	8	0.24	0	1	-
1	TEPAVAC, Teodora	41	9	0.22	11	53	-.038	5	0.12	13	10	0.32	6	122	2.98	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	-
21	JOHNSON, Amelia	12	8	0.67	11	47	-.064	1	0.08	0	0	0.00	0	7	0.58	0	4	4	0.33	1	0	-
5	FRAASE, Alivia	41	0	0.00	0	6	.000	25	0.61	9	7	0.22	6	155	3.78	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	-
8	RUTTEN, Lydia	7	5	0.71	1	9	.444	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	3	3	0.43	0	0	-
17	BREKKE, Tamika	41	1	0.02	0	2	.500	13	0.32	5	7	0.12	6	90	2.20	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	-
16	SMITH, Maggie	16	0	0.00	0	0	.000	0	0.00	2	3	0.12	0	6	0.38	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	-
2	ZIEGLER, Steph	1	0	0.00	0	0	.000	0	0.00	1	0	1.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	-
15	RIEDL, Taylor	8	1	0.12	2	5	-.200	0	0.00	0	1	0.00	0	1	0.12	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	-
11	BRUEGGEMAN, Paige	4	0	0.00	0	0	.000	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	1	2	0.50	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	-
10	MATTSON, Sidney	1	0	0.00	0	0	.000	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	-
6	VELDMAN, Ellie	1	0	0.00	0	0	.000	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	-
NORTH DAKOTA		41	529	12.90	202	152	.215	495	12.07	44	54	1.07	38	708	17.27	24	172	110.0	2.68	5	10	-
Opponents		41	507	12.37	285	161	.138	473	11.54	38	61	0.93	44	712	17.37	16	96	64.0	1.56	18	13	-

Team Statistics	UND	OPP
<b>ATTACK</b>		
Kills	529	507
Errors	202	285
Total Attacks	1522	1613
Attack Pct	.215	.138
Kills/Set	12.9	12.4
<b>SET</b>		
Assists	495	473
Assists/Set	12.1	11.5
<b>SERVE</b>		
Aces	44	38
Errors	54	61
Aces/Set	1.1	0.9
<b>SERVE RECEPTIONS</b>		
Errors	38	44
Errors/Set	0.9	1.1
<b>DEFENSE</b>		
Digs	708	712
Digs/Set	17.3	17.4
<b>BLOCKING</b>		
Block Solo	24	16
Block Assist	172	96
Total Blocks	110.0	64.0
Blocks/Set	2.7	1.6
Block Errors	5	18
Ball handling errors	10	13
<b>ATTENDANCE</b>		
Total	3140	2277
Dates/Avg Per Date	1/3140	4/569
Neutral site #/Avg	6/102	
Current win streak	6	-
Home win streak	1	-

Date	Opponent	Score	Score by set	Att.
Aug 25	vs Chattanooga	w 3-0	25-20,25-22,25-15	0
Aug 25	at Ole Miss	w 3-2	16-25,20-25,25-14,30-28,17-15	518
Aug 26	vs Louisiana Tech	w 3-1	20-25,29-27,27-25,25-21	144
Aug 26	vs Florida A&M	w 3-2	24-26,25-15,25-18,23-25,15-10	160
Aug 27	at Georgia Tech	l 0-3	15-25,20-25,23-25	457
Aug 31	at New Mexico State	w 3-2	22-25,8-25,25-21,25-21,15-10	1080
Sep 01	vs UNLV	w 3-1	25-17,25-16,22-25,25-15	237
%Sep 01	vs Youngstown State	w 3-0	25-21,25-20,25-19	30
%Sep 02	vs New Mexico	w 3-0	25-23,25-15,25-22	40
%Sep 02	at UTEP	w 3-0	25-18,25-15,26-24	222
Sep 06	NORTH DAKOTA STATE	w 3-0	25-18,25-9,25-13	3140

Record in 3-set matches:5-1 • Record in 4-set matches:2-0 • Record in 5-set matches:3-0