



NORTH DAKOTA MEN'S BASKETBALL GAME NOTES

(4-3, 0-0 Big Sky)



2011 2013 2016 2017
2012 2014



GAME 8 | 7:00 p.m. | Dec. 5

CREIGHTON
(5-2, 0-0 Big East)



2017-18 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

NOVEMBER

Outigger Resorts Rainbow Classic | Nov. 10-13

10	vs. Troy	Honolulu, Hawaii	W, 83-80
12	at Hawai'i	Honolulu, Hawaii	L, 81-78
13	vs. Arkansas-Pine Bluff	Honolulu, Hawaii	W, 80-71
19	at Nebraska	Lincoln, Neb.	L, 92-70
21	Northland College	Grand Forks, N.D.	W, 79-48
25	Utah Valley	Grand Forks, N.D.	L, 83-75 (ot)
28	Presentation College	Grand Forks, N.D.	W, 82-75

DECEMBER

5	at Creighton	Omaha, Neb.	7 p.m.
9	North Dakota State	Grand Forks, N.D.	7 p.m.
12	at South Dakota State	Brookings, S.D.	7 p.m.
16	at Gonzaga	Spokane, Wash.	7 p.m.
29	Idaho*	Grand Forks, N.D.	7 p.m.
31	Eastern Washington*	Grand Forks, N.D.	4 p.m.

JANUARY

4	at Montana*	Missoula, Mont.	8 p.m.
6	at Montana State*	Bozeman, Mont.	3 p.m.
11	Idaho State*	Grand Forks, N.D.	7 p.m.
13	Weber State*	Grand Forks, N.D.	2 p.m.
16	at North Dakota State	Fargo, N.D.	7 p.m.
20	at Northern Colorado*	Greeley, Colo.	8 p.m.
25	Eastern Washington*	Cheney, Wash.	8 p.m.
27	Idaho*	Moscow, Idaho	9 p.m.

FEBRUARY

1	Montana State*	Grand Forks, N.D.	7 p.m.
3	Montana*	Grand Forks, N.D.	3 p.m.
8	at Weber State*	Ogden, Utah	8 p.m.
10	at Idaho State*	Pocatello, Idaho	8 p.m.
15	Northern Arizona*	Grand Forks, N.D.	7 p.m.
17	Southern Utah*	Grand Forks, N.D.	4 p.m.
24	Northern Colorado*	Grand Forks, N.D.	3 p.m.

MARCH

1	at Portland State*	Portland, Ore.	9 p.m.
3	at Sacramento State*	Sacramento, Calif.	1 p.m.
6-10	Big Sky Tournament	Reno, Nev.	TBA

UND VS. CREIGHTON SERIES

All-time	Creighton leads 9-3
In Omaha	Creighton leads 6-2
Last Meeting	UND 69, CU 64 (Dec. 1, 1975; Grand Forks)
UND Head Coach Brian Jones vs. Creighton	First Meeting
UND Head Coach Brian Jones vs. McDermott	0-3
Creighton Head Coach Greg McDermott vs. UND	3-1
Creighton Head Coach Greg McDermott vs. Jones	2-0

WHERE TO WATCH/LISTEN/TRACK

TV:	FS2
Radio:	100.3 FM (GF) 740 AM (Fargo)
Audio:	www.UNDSports.com
Live Stats:	www.GoCreighton.com
Live Stream:	Fox Sports Go

IN THE PAINT...

- For the first time in just over 42 years, North Dakota and Creighton will meet on the hardwood as the Fighting Hawks and Blue Jays tip-off Tuesday at 7 p.m.
- These two teams, who are separated by 500 miles on Interstate 29, have not met since Gerald Ford held the Presidency back in 1975.
- UND won that contest 69-64, which was played in Grand Forks, but Creighton owns a 9-3 edge in the all-time series that dates back to 1923.
- The 42-year drought between series does not mean the two programs face off without any current ties. Current Creighton head coach **Greg McDermott** spent five seasons as an assistant coach at UND (1989-95), helping the program to its best Division II finish during the 1989-90 season (28-7; DII Elite Eight).
- McDermott's nephew, Adam, spent his true freshman season with the Fighting Hawks back in 2015-16 before transferring to Northern Iowa where he is now a redshirt sophomore for the Panthers -- a program McDermott was the head coach at from 2001-06. Adam averaged 6.7 ppg that season for UND.
- UND redshirt sophomore **Marlon Stewart** began his collegiate career as a Bluejay, spending his true freshman season in Omaha from 2015-16. Stewart has started the first seven games this season and is averaging 12.4 ppg for his new squad. He played in 13 games for the Bluejays.
- After getting through November with a 4-3 overall record, UND moves into December facing a grueling stretch of games with three of its first four games coming on the road against 2017 NCAA Tournament participants.

*2016-17 Big Sky Statistics

UND'S PROBABLE STARTERS

0 **Geno Crandall**
Jr. | G | 6-4 | 180
(Minneapolis, Minn.)

- Registered first career double-double with 15 points and 10 rebounds in OT loss to UVU
- Leads team with 15 steals

PPG RPG APG MPG
19.0 4.7 3.3 35.0
*15.5 4.2 4.3 32.3

1 **Marlon Stewart**
So. | G | 6-3 | 200
(Rock Island, Ill.)

- Scored career-high 24 points in OT loss to UVU
- Dished out a career-high nine assists in win over Presentation

PPG RPG APG MPG
12.4 3.0 3.9 30.1
#0.2 0.2 0.0 2.6

13 **Dale Jones**
Sr. | F | 6-8 | 225
(Waterloo, Iowa)

- Pulled down career-high 15 rebounds in win vs. NC.
- Equals most by a Big Sky player this season

PPG RPG BPG MPG
9.7 8.0 0.4 27.0
^0.8 0.8 0.0 3.3

15 **Cortez Seales**
Jr. | G | 6-4 | 190
(Eldridge, Iowa)

- Has a pair of 20-point plus games early in the season
- Leads team with five blocks
- 2017 Big Sky Reserve of the Year

PPG RPG APG MPG
11.0 3.4 1.6 29.3
*9.6 3.9 2.2 26.9

32 **Conner Avants**
Jr. | F | 6-7 | 235
(Edmond, Okla.)

- Scored a career-high 24 points in win over PC, going 10-for-15 from the field
- Tops team with a 59.1 FG% clip

PPG RPG BPG MPG
12.9 7.0 0.6 28.4
*8.8 4.7 0.7 22.3

*stats from 2015-16 season at Creighton

*stats from 2016-17 season at Iowa

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2017-18 ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Yr.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown (Previous School)
0	Geno Crandall**	G	6-4	180	Jr.	Minneapolis, Minn. (DeLaSalle HS)
1	Marlon Stewart	G	6-3	200	So.	Rock Island, Illinois (Creighton)
3	Billy Brown*	G	6-3	190	So.	Spirit Lake, Iowa (Spirit Lake HS)
5	Aanen Moody	G	6-3	175	Fr.	Dickinson, N.D. (Dickinson HS)
10	Jaquan McCauley	F	6-6	215	Jr.	High Point, N.C. (Tyler JC)
11	Jafar Kinsey	G	6-3	200	Jr.	Syracuse, N.Y. (Des Moines Area CC)
13	Dale Jones	F	6-8	225	Sr.	Waterloo, Iowa (Iowa)
15	Cortez Seales**	G	6-4	190	Jr.	Eldridge, Iowa (North Scott HS)
21	Ethan Igbanugo	G	6-2	195	Fr.	Lakeville, Minn. (Lakeville North HS)
22	Carter Brooks	F	6-7	210	So.	Lakeville, Minn. (Concordia-St. Paul)
23	Kienan Walter*	F	6-9	195	So.	Vancouver, Wash. (King's Way Christian HS)
24	Garrett Franken	F	6-8	195	Fr.	Atlantic, Iowa (Atlantic HS)
30	Tray Buchanan	G	6-1	180	Fr.	East Moline, Ill. (United Township HS)
32	Conner Avants**	F	6-7	235	Jr.	Edmond, Okla. (Deer Creek HS)

* – Indicates letters earned

– sitting out due to NCAA transfer rules

Head Coach: Brian Jones (12th year)
 Assistant Coach: Steve Grabowski (6th year)
 Assistant Coach: Jeff Horner (4th year)
 Assistant Coach: Brad Davidson (2nd year)
 Director of Operations: Craig Heatherly (3rd year)

Strength & Conditioning Coach: Sean Fantuzzi
 Certified Athletic Trainer: Travis Shock
 Equipment Manager: Kevin Vaughan
 Media Relations Director: Ryan Powell

ROSTER BY YEAR

Seniors (1)

Dale Jones

Juniors (5)

Conner Avants
 Geno Crandall
 Jafar Kinsey
 Jaquan McCauley
 Cortez Seales

Sophomores (4)

Carter Brooks
 Billy Brown
 Marlon Stewart
 Kienan Walter

True Freshmen (4)

Tray Buchanan
 Garrett Franken
 Ethan Igbanugo
 Aanen Moody

ROSTER BY POSITION

Guards (8)

Billy Brown
 Tray Buchanan
 Geno Crandall
 Ethan Igbanugo
 Jafar Kinsey
 Aanen Moody
 Cortez Seales
 Marlon Stewart

Forwards (6)

Conner Avants
 Carter Brooks
 Garrett Franken
 Dale Jones
 Jaquan McCauley
 Kienan Walter

ROSTER BY STATE/COUNTRY

Illinois (2)

Tray Buchanan
 Marlon Stewart

Iowa (4)

Billy Brown
 Garrett Franken
 Dale Jones
 Cortez Seales

Minnesota (3)

Carter Brooks
 Geno Crandall
 Ethan Igbanugo

New York (1)

Jafar Kinsey

North Carolina (1)

Jaquan McCauley

North Dakota (1)

Aanen Moody

Oklahoma (1)

Conner Avants

Washington (1)

Kienan Walter

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Avants, Conner	A-Vance
Igbanugo, Ethan	Ig-bon-noo-go
McCauley, Jaquan	Juh-kwon
Moody, Aanen	Ah-nen
Seales, Cortez	Seals
Walter, Kienan	Kee-nan





GENERAL

School..... University of North Dakota
 Location..... Grand Forks, N.D. 58201
 Founded..... 1883
 Enrollment..... 13,927
 School Colors..... Kelly Green & White
 Home Arena..... Betty Engelstad Sioux Center
 Capacity..... 3,064
 National Affiliation..... NCAA Division I
 Conference..... Big Sky
 President..... Mark Kennedy
 Director of Athletics..... Brian Faison
 Senior Woman Administrator..... Daniella Irl
 Faculty Athletics Representative..... Sue Jen
 Athletic Dept. Phone..... 701.777.2234
 Ticket Office Phone..... 701.777.0855

HISTORY

First Year of Men's Basketball..... 1904-05
 All-time Record..... 1,566-1,038 (.602)
 All-time Home Record..... 946-281
 All-time Away Record..... 493-677
 All-time Neutral Record..... 127-80
 No. of years in NCAA Division II National Tournament..... 19
 Last appearance..... 2003
 No. of years in NCAA Division I National Tournament..... 1
 Last appearance..... 2017
 No. of years in NCAA DI CollegelInsider.com Tournament..... 5
 Last appearance..... 2016

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach..... Brian Jones (12th season)
 Alma Mater, Year..... Northern Iowa (1994)
 Record at UND..... 170-182
 Career Record as Head Coach..... 170-182
 Men's Basketball Office Phone..... 701.777.3478
 Best Time to Reach Jones..... Mornings
 Assistant Coach..... Brad Davidson (2nd season)
 Assistant Coach..... Steve Grabowski (6th season)
 Alma Mater..... Minot State (2004)
 Assistant Coach..... Jeff Horner (4th season)
 Alma Mater..... Iowa (2006)
 Director of Basketball Operations Craig Heatherly (3rd season)
 Alma Mater..... UMass-Lowell (2010)
 Athletic Trainer..... Travis Shock (1st season)
 Strength & Conditioning..... Sean Fantuzzi (2nd season)

TEAM INFORMATION

2016-17 Overall Record..... 22-10
 2016-17 Home Record..... 11-2
 2016-17 Away Record..... 7-6
 2016-17 Neutral Record..... 4-2
 2016-17 Conference Record..... 14-4/1st
 Postseason..... NCAA First Round
 Starters Returning/Lost..... 2/3
 Letterwinners Returning/Lost..... 6/6

STARTERS RETURNING

Conner Avants (F, 9.5 ppg, 4.8 rpg 0.5 bpg)
Geno Crandall (G, 15.5 ppg, 4.0 rpg, 4.4 apg)

OPPONENT PREVIEW: CREIGHTON

- Head coach **Greg McDermott** has the Bluejays off to a 5-2 start in his eighth season leading the program. He guided Creighton to its fourth NCAA Tournament appearance under his watch in 2016-17 and sixth 20-plus win season.
- In his 24 years of head coaching experience, McDermott has amassed 451 career wins.
- The Bluejays opened the season with four-straight wins, including victories over ranked foes Northwestern and UCLA, but Creighton has dropped two of its last three. CU is 2-2 against ranked foes in 2017-18.
- The Bluejays are 3-0 at CenturyLink Center Arena this season, while UND is 0-2 in true road games.
- Kansas State transfer **Marcus Foster** is the team's leading scorer at 18.4 ppg. In his second season with the program, Foster is shooting 47 percent from the field and 41.3 percent from 3-point range.
- Junior guard **Khyri Thomas** is second on the team in scoring at 17.0 ppg and is the team's top long-range shooter, knocking down 44.1 percent of his shots from beyond the arc.
- The duo's high-scoring combo has the Bluejays averaging 89.9 ppg, which is 16th best among the over 300 programs in Division I.
- Sophomore big man **Martin Krampelj** gives Creighton three players averaging double figures. Krampelj is scoring at a 12.6 ppg clip after playing just 5.9 mpg and scoring 2.8 ppg as a redshirt freshman.
- The Fighting Hawks and Bluejays play two common opponents season. Creighton went to Gonzaga this past Friday and fell to the Bulldogs 90-72 in "The Kennel" -- a place UND will visit on Saturday, Dec. 16.
- The Bluejays play in-state foe Nebraska this Saturday -- a team UND fell victim to 92-70 on Nov. 19.

CREIGHTON VS. UND COMPARISON

	CU	UND
Overall Record	5-2	4-3
League Record	0-0 (Big East)	0-0 (BSC)
Home Record	3-0	2-1
Away Record	1-1	0-2
Neutral Record	1-1	2-0
Points Per Game	89.9	78.1
Opp. Points Per Game	78.1	75.7
Scoring Margin	+11.7	+2.4
FG%	50.9	44.9
Opponent FG%	44.1	46.1
3-point FG%	38.7	26.3
Opponent 3-point FG%	31.9	32.8
FT%	73.0	64.9
Opponent FT%	73.6	63.9
Rebounds	38.6	36.3
Opponent Rebounds	33.4	38.9
Assists Per Game	18.6	13.0
Turnover Per Game	11.9	13.1
Blocks Per Game	2.7	2.3
Steals Per Game	5.4	9.4

CREIGHTON PROBABLE STARTERS

- # Pos Name (Overall Stats)**
- 0 G Marcus Foster (18.4 ppg, 2.9 rpg, 2.3 apg)
 - 1 G Davion Mintz (5.0 ppg, 3.1 rpg, 3.4 apg)
 - 2 G Khyri Thomas (17.0 ppg, 4.4 rpg, 2.3 apg)
 - 4 F Ronnie Harrell (6.6 ppg, 7.6 rpg)
 - 15 F Martin Krampelj (12.6 ppg, 6.9 rpg)





KEEPING TABS ON UND

All North Dakota home men's basketball games can be heard via free audio webcast at www.UNDSports.com. Pre-game shows will start 30 minutes prior to tip this season. UND athletics will provide free live stats for all home men's basketball games this season. Fans can also listen to games on Cat Country 100.3 FM or 1440 AM this season in Grand Forks and on 104.7 FM or 790 AM in Fargo-Moorhead. Check UNDSports.com to see which station will air a particular game. The games are also available through the UND Sports App on smart phones. Paul Ralston will handle the play-by-play duties during the year.

WATCH BIG SKY | PLUTO TV

Each home men's basketball game as well as all Big Sky road games will be streamed live on the internet for free at www.WatchBigSky.com and also available on Pluto.TV (Ch. 240) - the league's new "Over The Top Channel". Each Big Sky road game will also air on the individual institution's Pluto TV Channel.

UND ON THE INTERNET

UNDSports.com is the official online home of University of North Dakota athletics. The website is a veritable one-stop shop for the most hardcore UND fans, featuring breaking news, player profiles, game notes, live and archived video webcasts, game audio, live stats, podcasts, blogs, player profiles, merchandise, photo galleries, news feeds and camp registrations.

UND GONE MOBILE

The University of North Dakota athletics department and leading technology service provider NeuLion, Inc. (TSX: NLN) help run UND's official athletics mobile website, www.UNDSports.com. The UND athletics destination offers a mobile device-enabled version of the site, amplifying the user experience on the go. The mobile website will deliver a condensed version of the official athletics site to provide the latest news and quick updates to handheld devices. North Dakota's official athletics website is available on all web-enabled devices by opening a browser and entering the www.UNDSports.com URL. Users can get the latest news, scores, upcoming schedule, photo galleries and more.

TELEVISION COVERAGE SET FOR 2017-18

Fans needing to watch from their televisions or computers will be able to do so once again in a variety of ways during the 2017-18 season.

Not only will all of UND's home games be streamed live for free on Big Sky TV (www.WatchBigSky.com) and Pluto.TV (Ch. 240), but a select number of home and away games will also be televised both regionally and nationally on a variety of networks.

UND's Big Sky road games will also all appear on www.WatchBigSky.com along with coverage on the home team's Pluto.TV (listed below)

Date	Game	Time/Result
Nov. 19	at Nebraska (Big Ten Network)	L, 92-70
Nov. 25	Utah Valley (Fox Sports North)	2 p.m.
Dec. 5	at Creighton (Fox Sports 2)	7 p.m.
Dec. 9	North Dakota State (MidcoSN)	7 p.m.
Dec. 12	at South Dakota State (MidcoSN)	7 p.m.
Dec. 16	at Gonzaga (ROOT Sports NW)	7 p.m.
Dec. 29	Idaho (MidcoSN)	7 p.m.
Dec. 31	Eastern Washington (MidcoSN)	4 p.m.
Jan. 4	at Montana (Pluto 237)	8 p.m.
Jan. 6	at Montana State (Pluto 238)	3 p.m.
Jan. 16	at North Dakota State (MidcoSN)	7 p.m.
Jan. 20	at Northern Colorado (Eleven Sports; Pluto 241)	8 p.m.
Jan. 25	at Eastern Washington (Pluto 234)	8 p.m.
Jan. 27	at Idaho (Pluto 242)	9 p.m.
Feb. 3	Montana (Eleven Sports)	3 p.m.
Feb. 8	at Weber State (Pluto 235)	8 p.m.
Feb. 10	at Idaho State (Pluto 243)	8 p.m.
Feb. 15	Southern Utah (MidcoSN)	7 p.m.
Mar. 1	at Sacramento State (Pluto 233)	9 p.m.
Mar. 3	at Portland State (Pluto 232)	3 p.m.

Eleven Sports and Pluto.TV will also televise the four Big Sky Tournament quarterfinals on March 8 and the two semifinals on March 9.

BETTY BEWARE

The Fighting Hawks went 11-2 at The Betty last season and own a 122-55 record in the building that opened prior to the 2004-05 season. UND is off to a 2-1 start at home this season and has now won eight-consecutive home openers.

ON THE HORIZON

The Fighting Hawks return to Grand Forks next Saturday for their only home game before Christmas and will play in-state rival North Dakota State at 7 p.m. The UND women will also play the Bison at home on Saturday at 2 p.m. This year's home-and-home with NDSU will be the final non-conference matchups before the two programs will resume being conference rivals for the first time since the 2004-05 season when both were in the North Central Conference together at the Division II level.

MEDIA PICKS UND FIFTH, COACHES TAB TEAM SIXTH

The North Dakota men's basketball team was selected to finish sixth in the Big Sky Coaches' preseason poll and fifth in the Big Sky Media preseason poll that were released by league officials on Oct. 13. The coaches and media both selected Idaho to win the regular season title.

The Fighting Hawks were one of four league teams to receive at least one first-place vote in the media poll and finished with 146 points, while the coaches supplied the defending Big Sky champs with 71 points.

UND was picked to finish third in both polls last season and won the regular season and tournament titles for the first time in program history.

Big Sky Coaches' Preseason Poll		Big Sky Media's Preseason Poll	
1. Idaho (10)	117	1. Idaho (12)	211
2. Weber State (1)	103	2. Weber State (3)	195
3. Montana	101	3. Montana (3)	188
t4. Northern Colorado (1)	83	4. Montana State	180
t4. Montana State	83	5. North Dakota (1)	146
6. North Dakota	71	6. Eastern Washington	144
7. Eastern Washington	63	7. Northern Colorado	106
8. Portland State	55	8. Sacramento State	87
9. Sacramento State	48	9. Portland State	76
10. Idaho State	25	10. Northern Arizona	59
11. Northern Arizona	23	11. Idaho State	52
12. Southern Utah	19	12. Southern Utah	38

CRANDALL NAMED TO PRESEASON ALL-BIG SKY TEAM

North Dakota junior Geno Crandall was among six guards selected to the Preseason All-Big Sky Team by the league's 12 head coaches. Crandall was an All-Big Sky second team selection as a sophomore.

Crandall averaged a career-high 15.5 ppg last season and upped that to 16.7 ppg in league play. His 136 assists were fourth most in the Big Sky and his 64 steals were second among league players. He averaged 16.0 ppg, 6.3 apg and 5.0 rpg in three wins in Reno last season that secured UND's first appearance in the NCAA Division I Tournament.

2017-18 Big Sky Men's Preseason All-Conference Team

Player	Year	Pos.	School	Hometown
Tyler Hall (MVP)	Jr.	G	Montana State	Rock Island, Ill.
Victor Sanders	Sr.	G	Idaho	Portland, Ore.
Bogdan Bliznyuk	Sr.	G/F	Eastern Washington	Lutsk, Ukraine
Ahmaad Rorie	Jr.	G	Montana	Tacoma, Wash.
Geno Crandall	Jr.	G	North Dakota	Minneapolis, Minn.
Jordan Davis	Jr.	G	Northern Colorado	Las Vegas, Nev.

RECORD REWIND

The North Dakota men's basketball program holds a 1566-1038 (.602) record all-time since Dr. George Sweetland led the first team onto the court in 1904-05. North Dakota is 946-281 (.770) all-time when it comes to defending its home court.



Game Notes: North Dakota at Creighton (Dec. 5)

THE POWER OF EIGHTY

When the Fighting Hawks score 80 or more points, good things tend to happen. A season ago, the team went 16-1 when reaching that plateau with its only loss coming to Arizona in the opening round of the NCAA Tournament.

So far this season, the Fighting Hawks are 3-0 when scoring 80-plus points and are averaging 78.1 ppg.

ONCE A BLUEJAY

Sophomore guard **Marlon Stewart** began his collegiate career at Creighton. Stewart appeared in 13 games as a true freshman back in 2015-16 before transferring to UND following that campaign. He sat out last season due to NCAA transfer rules and has started all seven games for his new team in 2017-18.

The Bluejays went 20-15 during his lone season in Omaha and advanced to the quarterfinals of the National Invitational Tournament.

SUCCESS INSIDE THE ARC

The Fighting Hawks are off to a slow start from 3-point territory (26.3 percent; 41-for-156), but have made up for that with a 54.7 percent clip inside the arc.

Overall, UND is shooting 44.9 percent from the field, which is the fourth best in the Big Sky Conference.

SALT LAKE CITY REUNION

North Dakota was one of eight teams that played at the Vivint Smart Home Arena in Salt Lake City last March for the opening round of the 2017 NCAA Tournament. The Fighting Hawks will play two of the other seven teams that were in SLC next week when they travel to both South Dakota State (Dec. 12) and Gonzaga (Dec. 16). The Jackrabbits, who was the West Region's 16th-seed, played the top-seeded Bulldogs in the first round, falling 66-46 to the tournament's eventual runner-up.

UND TO TAKE PART IN BIG SKY-SUMMIT LEAGUE CHALLENGE SERIES

The Fighting Hawks will not lose all of their Big Sky hardwood rivalries after joining the Summit League following this season. UND will be one of eight combined Big Sky and Summit League teams that will take part in a yearly series between the two conferences.

The four-year men's basketball series will begin in 2018-19 when UND will be a first-year member of the Summit League. The Fighting Hawks are playing their final season of Big Sky basketball after a run of six years as a league member.

Each school will play one home game and road contest against separate schools from the other league during each of the four seasons. The Summit League is represented by UND, North Dakota State, Omaha and South Dakota State. Big Sky schools participating are Montana State, Montana, Idaho and Eastern Washington.

UND's Big Sky-Summit Challenge Schedule

2018-19

North Dakota at Montana State
Idaho at North Dakota

2019-20

North Dakota at Montana
Eastern Washington at North Dakota

2020-21

Montana State at North Dakota
North Dakota at Idaho

2021-22

North Dakota at Eastern Washington
Montana at North Dakota

HIGH THEFT VOLUME

UND enters the week ranked second in the Big Sky, averaging 9.4 steals per game. Led by junior **Geno Crandall** (15) and sophomore **Marlon Stewart** (12), the Fighting Hawks are forcing opponents into 16.6 turnovers per game and have registered 10 or more steals in three of their last five games.

STEWART GETTING COMFORTABLE

Sophomore **Marlon Stewart** scored just 26 points (8.7 ppg) in his first three career games for UND, but has more than doubled that with 61 points (15.3 ppg) in his last four outings, including a career-high 24 points against Utah Valley (Nov. 25). That was the second 20-plus point game of the season for Stewart, who also leads the team and ranks fourth in the Big Sky in assists with 27 (3.9/g). He had a career-high nine helpers in UND's last outing against Presentation (Nov. 28).

ANOTHER FIRST

Junior **Geno Crandall** has achieved a growing list of "firsts" this season and he added another one in the overtime loss to Utah Valley (Nov. 25). For the first time in his career, Crandall notched a double-double with 15 points and a career-high 10 rebounds against the Wolverines. Crandall's double-double is also the first of the season for a Fighting Hawk. Classmate **Conner Avants** was a rebound shy of his first career double-double against UVU, finishing with 12 points and nine boards.

CRANDALLIZED

Junior **Geno Crandall** equaled his career-high with five steals against the Wolverines and now has 138 for his career, which ranks sixth on UND's all-time charts. It was the fifth time during his career that he's had five steals in a game. He needs only four steals to move past Aaron Anderson into fifth place on the all-time charts.

DECEMBER TO REMEMBER?

The Fighting Hawks will play just six games in the month of December, but each one of those contests comes against a team that won at least 18 games in 2016-17. Five of those opponents played in a postseason tournament and the Fighting Hawks' three non-conference road games pit them against teams that also appeared in the 2017 NCAA Tournament:

@Creighton (Dec. 5; NCAA 1st Round)

@South Dakota State (Dec. 12; NCAA 1st Round)

@Gonzaga (Dec. 16; NCAA Runner-up)

Those half-dozen teams combined to go 140-66 (.680 winning percentage) a season ago with Gonzaga leading the way with a 37-2 overall mark.

The lone home game for UND before Christmas is against rival North Dakota State on Saturday night, Dec. 9. The Bison went 19-11 last season and ended their season with a first-round loss as the No. 2 seed at the Summit League Tournament. These two rivals split their home-and-home series a season ago with the road team coming out with double-digit victories in those matchups.

UND will open its final season of Big Sky play on Dec. 29 when preseason favorite Idaho pays a visit to the Betty Engelstad Sioux Center. The Vandals won 19 games a year ago and advanced to the second round of the CIT. A home game with league-foe Eastern Washington closes out the December slate on New Year's Eve. The Eagles won 22 games last season and lost in the opening round of the College Basketball Invitational.

HIGH FIVE

Head coach **Brian Jones** has used the same starting lineup in all five games this season and all five of his starters are averaging more than nine points per game:

Geno Crandall (18.0 ppg)
Cortez Seales (11.0 ppg)
Marlon Stewart (12.4 ppg)
Conner Avants (12.9 ppg)
Dale Jones (9.7 ppg)

Crandall reached double figures in the first four games and leads the team with six double-figure scoring efforts, while Jones and Stewart have each done so four times. Crandall, Seales and Stewart have all reached the 20-point plateau at least twice as well.

NO SURPRISE

No one at the Betty Engelstad Sioux Center last Saturday should have been surprised when the UND-Utah Valley turned out to be a tight contest. After posting a convincing 74-58 victory over the Wolverines in the first meeting between the schools in Grand Forks back in 2010, the last three meetings have all gone down to the wire, including last Saturday's 83-75 overtime win for UVU.

Back in the 2011 matchup when both programs were still Great West Conference members, Utah Valley pulled away for a 107-96 victory, but it took four overtimes to achieve that triumph in what remains the longest game ever played at the Betty Engelstad Sioux Center. In the last meeting as Great West foes in 2012, Patrick Mitchell provided some Senior Day heroics when his buzzer-beater gave UND a 57-56 victory over the Wolverines.





Utah Valley moved ahead in the all-time series 4-3 and the two teams will play each other against next season in Orem when the Fighting Hawks finish up the home-and-home series. Utah Valley is in its fifth season as a WAC member.

HUSKER ROUND-UP

UND saw its overall record drop to 2-2 following a 92-70 loss at Nebraska (Nov. 19). The Huskers are now 3-1 all-time against the Fighting Hawks and dropped their record to 0-7 against Big Ten opponents since moving to the DI level. It was the fifth-straight season UND has met a Big Ten opponent.

Sophomore **Marlon Stewart** became the third different Fighting Hawk to score 20 or more points in a game this season against the Huskers. He finished right on that number thanks to an 8-for-12 effort from the floor.

POT OF GOLD

The Fighting Hawks opened their season with a 2-1 showing at the Outrigger Resorts Rainbow Classic, which marked the first time in program history the squad won multiple games in a pre-conference multi-team event.

UND had won at least one game in each of the last four similar events, but the second win had eluded the squad until posting an 80-71 victory over Arkansas-Pine Bluff (Nov. 13).

JONESING FOR SUCCESS

Iowa grad transfer **Dale Jones** earned a starting role entering the 2017-18 season for his new team and the 6-foot-8 forward has proven his worth early on. Jones reached double figures twice at the Rainbow Classic and nearly scored as many points (31) in those three games as he did in his two-year Iowa career (33). Injuries limited him to just 11 games for the Hawkeyes.

Through seven games for the Fighting Hawks, Jones is averaging 9.7 ppg and a team-best 8.0 rpg, which is also second best in the Big Sky.

GENO-LULU

Junior **Geno Crandall** became just the 10th player in UND history and first at the Division I level to score 40 or more points in a game, dropping a career-high 41 points in the season-opening win vs. Troy at the Rainbow Classic (Nov. 10).

40-plus point games in UND history

Name (total)

- Phil Jackson (5)
- Travis Tuttle (3)
- Jerome Beasley (2)
- Jon Haaven (2)
- Henry "Doc" O'Keefe (2)
- Don Augustin (1)
- Geno Crandall (1)
- Al Jenkins (1)
- Arthur Netcher (1)
- Dave Vonesh (1)

Crandall's 41 points were also the most on the opening night of the college basketball season

that saw a total of 326 Division I teams open their campaigns.

Crandall scored 37 of those points in a mind-boggling second half that saw him make his first 13 field goal attempts and score 22-consecutive points for the Fighting Hawks during the opening seven minutes of the stanza.

Beasley was the last UND player to reach the 40-point plateau after registering a pair of 41-point contests in his two-year career. His first came in an 83-79 win vs. NDSU as a junior during the 2001-02 season and he matched that total in an 87-79 win at Augustana as a senior in 2002-03.

Crandall's Final Stat Line from Honolulu:

PPG: 27.3	FG%: 64.1 (25-for-39)
RPG: 5.3	3FG%: 64.7 (11-for-17)
APG: 3.3	FT%: 77.8 (21-for-27)
SPG: 2.3	MPG: 37.3

Crandall's 41-point outing has only been topped this season by Oklahoma's Trae Young, who went for 43 points in a 90-80 win over Oregon on Nov. 26 at the PK80 Classic in Portland.

STEWART AND SEALES TOGETHER AGAIN

For the first time since leading North Scott High School to the 2015 Iowa Class 4A State Championship, junior **Cortez Seales** and redshirt sophomore **Marlon Stewart** were on the floor again as teammates. Stewart played his first collegiate season at Creighton (2015-16), then sat out at UND last season due to NCAA transfer rules. The duo both earned Class 4A First-Team All-State honors after averaging 17.4 and 17.0 ppg, respectively. Both have been in the Fighting Hawks' starting lineup for the opening six games of the season.

HALF-DOZEN MAKE UND DEBUT IN HAWAII

Starters **Dale Jones** and **Marlon Stewart** were not the only UND players to make their program debuts at the Rainbow Classic. They were joined by a quartet of reserves that all saw their first action for the Green and White. JUCO-transfer **Jafar Kinsey** and true freshman **Tray Buchanan** played in all three games. Kinsey had a clean look from 3-point range in the close seconds of the Hawai'i game that would have given UND the lead. He scored nine points and added six rebounds in the three contests in Honolulu. Buchanan led the bench in scoring with a 4.3 ppg average. His best outing was an eight-point, three-steal tilt in the season-opening win vs. Troy.

Forwards **Jaquon McCauley** and **Garrett Franken** also saw action at the Rainbow Classic. After going scoreless in his first Division I game, McCauley, who is a JUCO-transfer, went 2-for-2 from the field for four points in the loss at Hawai'i. He did not play vs. UAPB or Nebraska. Franken logged four minutes and pulled down a rebound in what has been his only action of the year during the season-opening win vs. Troy.

BIJIEK INKS WITH FIGHTING HAWKS

Head coach Brian Jones announced the addition of Jal Bijiek to the North Dakota men's basketball program on Nov. 8. Bijiek signed his National Letter of Intent at North Des Moines High School where the 6-foot-9 forward starred the past two seasons for the Polar Bears. He graduated from the school in 2017 and will enroll at UND in the fall of 2018.

"We're thrilled with the addition of Jal," Jones said. "He is a tremendous person who will impact our team not only between the lines, but also in the locker room and on campus. He is only scratching the surface as a player and will continue to blossom as he matures."

Bijiek averaged 15.2 ppg as a senior at Des Moines North en route to collection Iowa Class 4A All-State third-team honors. He led Iowa's highest classification in blocks with 82 and helped the Polar Bears to their first state tournament appearance in 26 years. Equipped with a 7-foot-1 wingspan, Bijiek also garnered All-Central Iowa Metro League second-team accolades. Bijiek played AAU basketball for Kingdom Hoops with current Fighting Hawk **Tray Buchanan** (East Moline, Ill.).

Pronunciation: Jal (like ball) Bijiek (Buh-zseek)





ROSTER ROUND-UP

- Jones' 2017-18 lineup will feature three new starters after the departures of **Corey Baldwin**, **Drick Bernstine** and **Quinton Hooker**. Hooker's hole will be the biggest to fill after he garnered Lou Henson All-America honors for the second-consecutive season after averaging 19.1 ppg and earning Big Sky Tournament MVP honors.
- Baldwin graduated after putting together his best season at UND when he averaged 10.4 ppg and shot 42.3 percent from 3-point range. Bernstine left the program with a year of eligibility remaining and is using the NCAA's graduate transfer rule to play at Washington State this season. He averaged 8.3 ppg and a team-best 7.5 rpg in 2016-17.
- Classmate **Carson Shanks** also opted to exercise the same clause and will play his final collegiate season at Loyola-Chicago. He averaged 5.3 ppg and 2.2 rpg in 31 games last season.
- Juniors **Conner Avants** (9.5 ppg and 4.8 rpg) and **Geno Crandall** (15.5 ppg, 4.0 rpg and 4.4 apg) are the two returning starters for the Fighting Hawks. Both had solid sophomore seasons, shooting better than 50 percent on field goals and starting 30 or more games.
- Crandall was also one of the premier defenders in the Big Sky, racking up 64 steals and 10 blocks from his point guard position. The 64 steals moved him inside UND's career Top 10 list with 123 total (eighth all-time) and were second most in the Big Sky a season ago. He was named to the All-Big Sky Second Team for his efforts and elected to the Preseason All-Big Sky Team in October.
- Classmate **Cortez Seales** was named the Big Sky Reserve of the Year and shift into a starting position as an upperclassmen. Seales averaged 8.5 ppg and 3.4 rpg off the bench a season ago.
- Also returning for Jones are sophomores **Billy Brown** and **Kienan Walter**, who saw limited action off the bench during their respective true freshman seasons. Brown played in 23 contests and averaged 2.0 ppg, while Walter added 2.5 ppg in 18 contests.

- Two players expected to make an impact this season that sat out the 2016-17 season are guards **Jafar Kinsey** and **Marlon Stewart**. Kinsey redshirted after transferring from Des Moines Area Community College prior to last season. He is a 6-foot-2 guard that started his career at Robert Morris before averaging 17.2 ppg and 5.5 rpg at the JUCO level.
- Stewart sat out due to NCAA transfer rules after spending his first collegiate season at Creighton. Stewart and Seales were high school teammates at North Scott, leading the Lancers to their first state title in 2015.
- Jones also welcomes seven newcomers to the roster and replaced Bernstine and Shanks with his own graduate transfer in **Dale Jones** from Iowa. A Waterloo, Iowa native, Jones spent the past two seasons with the Hawkeyes where he was limited to just 11 games due to a various injuries. He also lost a season of play at Tyler Junior College and has been granted a sixth-year of eligibility by the NCAA. His best game as a Hawkeye was a 16-point, 7-rebound outing against Coppin State in the 2015-16 season.
- Jones is one of three new transfers on the roster. **Jaqwan McCauley** also spent time at Tyler where he averaged 8.4 ppg as a freshman and upped that to 12.1 ppg and 5.1 rpg as a sophomore. He prepped in North Carolina and averaged double figures in all three of his varsity seasons.
- **Carter Brooks** also joined the program after spending his first collegiate season at Concordia-St. Paul. He averaged 3.1 ppg in 10 starts and 29 appearances as a freshman for the Bears. Brooks, who has to redshirt this season due to NCAA transfer rules, will be joined by former Lakeville North teammate **Ethan Igbanugo**. He's the latest add to the roster after agreeing to walk-on this past summer.
- Igbanugo joined a trio of true freshmen **Tray Buchanan**, **Garrett Franken** and **Aanen Moody**, who all signed NLI's to play for the Fighting Hawks in November of 2016. Buchanan, a 6-foot-1 guard, was a two-time, all-state per-

former in Illinois after being named to the Associated Press First Team as a junior and AP Second Team as a senior for United Township in East Moline, Ill.

- Franken, a 6-foot-7 forward, was named to the *Des Moines Register* Class 3A All-Iowa First Team last season after averaging 23.8 ppg, which was second among Class 3A players. He added 8.9 rpg, 3.6 apg and 2.2 spg to go with 1.9 bpg and finished his prep career as Atlantic's all-time leading scorer with 1,543 points.
- Moody, a 6-foot-3 guard, wrapped up his prep career as North Dakota's Class A all-time leading scorer with 2,192 points and was named North Dakota's Mr. Basketball in 2017. The Dickinson native averaged more than 30.0 ppg as both a junior and senior en route to earning Class A All-State honors and North Dakota Gatorade Player of the Year accolades after each season. can stretch the floor with his shooting ability. He earned Washington Class 1A all-state honors as a junior and senior. Walter led all Class 1A in scoring as a junior (23.6 ppg) and added 22.0 ppg as a senior en route to Trico League MVP honors. Class 1A in scoring as a junior (23.6 ppg) and added 22.0 ppg as a senior en route to Trico League MVP honors.
- Junior **Josh Collins** announced his decision to leave the program during the week leading up to the start of the regular season. He appeared in 30 games, averaging 11.1 mpg, 2.3 ppg and 1.5 rpg as a sophomore.





ALL-TIME TRIPLE-DOUBLES

2015-16 (1) Quinton Hooker vs. Idaho State	2/4/16	13 pts, 12 rebs, 10 asts
2016-17 (1) Drick Bernstine vs. Presentation	11/20/16	10 pts, 10 rebs, 10 asts

DIVISION I DOUBLE-DOUBLES

2008-09 (4) Travis Mertens vs. Dickinson State	12/17/08	11 pts, 10 rebs
O.J. Harrison vs. SIU-Edwardsville	2/19/09	22 pts, 14 rebs
O.J. Harrison vs. Seattle	2/27/09	22 pts, 11 rebs
O.J. Harrison at SIU-Edwardsville	3/1/09	19 pts, 18 rebs

2009-10 (7)

Travis Mertens vs. Northern Colorado	11/27/09	14 pts, 10 rebs
Travis Mertens at Drake	12/05/09	13 pts, 10 rebs
Patrick Mitchell at Drake	12/05/09	10 pts, 10 rebs
Travis Mertens at IPFW	12/12/09	19 pts, 10 rebs
Travis Mertens at UT-Pan American	1/28/10	17 pts, 11 rebs
Patrick Mitchell at Housto Baptist	1/30/10	13 pts, 10 rebs
Travis Mertens vs. UT-Pan American	3/6/10	10 pts, 12 rebs

2010-11 (10)

Troy Huff vs. Longwood	1/9/11	15 pts, 13 rebs
Patrick Mitchell vs. South Dakota	1/15/11	13 pts, 11 rebs
Brandon Brekke vs. Utah Valley	1/20/11	12 pts, 15 rebs
Patrick Mitchell vs. Utah Valley	1/20/11	13 pts, 11 rebs
Brandon Brekke vs. UT-Pan American	1/27/11	17 pts, 11 rebs
Brandon Brekke at South Dakota	2/5/11	17 pts, 10 rebs
Troy Huff at Chicago State	2/21/11	21 pts, 10 rebs
Troy Huff at Houston Baptist	3/3/11	31 pts, 11 rebs
Patrick Mitchell at UT-Pan American	3/5/11	12 pts, 10 rebs
*Jamal Webb vs. South Dakota	3/12/11	12 pts, 10 rebs

2011-12 (9)

Troy Huff at Bradley	11/19/11	22 pts, 12 rebs
Brandon Brekke vs. Montana	11/23/11	15 pts, 11 rebs
Brandon Brekke at UMKC	12/7/11	20 pts, 10 rebs
Brandon Brekke at Utah Valley	1/21/12	10 pts, 11 rebs
Patrick Mitchell vs. NJIT	1/26/12	13 pts, 10 rebs
Troy Huff vs. Chicago State	1/28/12	22 pts, 12 rebs
Jordan Allard at Houston Baptist	2/2/12	12 pts, 10 rebs
Brandon Brekke at NJIT	2/11/12	11 pts, 11 rebs
\$Brandon Brekke at Drake	3/14/12	18 pts, 15 rebs

2012-13 (8)

Alonzo Traylor at Southern Utah	12/17/12	13 pts, 11 rebs
Mitch Wilmer at Southern Utah	12/17/12	15 pts, 11 rebs
Troy Huff vs. Bowling Green	12/28/12	14 pts, 12 rebs
Troy Huff vs. Eastern Washington	1/17/13	18 pts, 11 rebs
Troy Huff vs. Idaho State	2/2/13	21 pts, 11 rebs
Troy Huff vs. Sacramento State	2/14/13	13 pts, 10 rebs
Troy Huff vs. Northern Arizona	2/16/13	19 pts, 11 rebs
#Mitch Wilmer vs. Southern Utah	3/14/13	11 pts, 14 rebs

2013-14 (6)

Chad Calcaterra vs. Presentation	12/15/13	11 pts, 12 rebs
Troy Huff vs. North Dakota State	11/24/13	32 pts, 10 rebs
Troy Huff vs. Southern Utah	1/2/14	25 pts, 11 rebs
Troy Huff vs. Sacramento State	1/23/14	20 pts, 14 rebs
Troy Huff at Weber State	2/6/14	19 pts, 10 rebs
Troy Huff vs. Motnana State	2/13/14	17 pts, 10 rebs

2014-15 (7)

Jaron Nash vs. Mayville State	11/18/14	16 pts, 12 rebs
Jaron Nash vs. Alabama State	11/26/14	22 pts, 10 rebs
Jaron Nash vs. UT-Pan American	11/29/14	15 pts, 13 rebs
Quinton Hooker vs. Northern Colorado	1/17/15	14 pts, 10 asts
Quinton Hooker vs. Idaho State	1/31/15	15 pts, 10 asts
Jaron Nash at Southern Utah	2/5/15	21 pts, 11 rebs
Carson Shanks at Southern Utah	2/5/14	14 pts, 12 rebs

2015-16 (9)

Quinton Hooker vs. Youngstown State	11/23/15	24 pts, 10 rebs
Drick Bernstine vs. Valley City State	12/17/15	20 pts, 10 rebs
Drick Bernstine at Kansas State	12/22/15	13 rebs, 13 rebs
Drick Bernstine vs. Eastern Washington	1/2/16	15 pts, 11 rebs
Drick Bernstine at Northern Arizona	1/21/16	11 pts, 11 rebs
Drick Bernstine at Southern Utah	1/23/16	12 pts, 14 rebs
Drick Bernstine vs. Idaho State	2/4/16	12 pts, 14 rebs
Drick Bernstine at Eastern Washington	2/11/16	14 pts, 10 rebs
Drick Bernstine at Idaho	2/13/16	15 pts, 11 rebs
#Drick Bernstine vs. Idaho State	3/10/16	14 pts, 21 rebs

2016-17 (4)

Drick Bernstine vs. Crown	11/11/16	12 pts, 10 rebs
Drick Bernstine at Iowa	12/20/16	10 pts, 14 rebs
Carson Shanks vs. Idaho	2/11/17	11 pts, 10 rebs
@Drick Bernstine vs. Arizona	3/16/17	20 pts, 15 rebs

2017-18 (1)

Geno Crandall vs. Utah Valley	11/25/17	15 pts, 10 rebs
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*Great West Tournament | #Big Sky Tournament | \$CIT Tournament | @NCAA Tournament

CAREER GAMES AT UND

Player	Played	Started
Conner Avants	71	42
Geno Crandall	69	62
Cortez Seales	67	14
Billy Brown	28	0
Kienan Walter	25	0
Marlon Stewart	7	7
Dale Jones	7	7
Tray Buchanan	7	0
Jafar Kinsey	7	0
Jaqwan McCauley	2	0
Garrett Franken	2	0

*Expected to redshirt: Ethan Igbanugo and Aanen Moody
Sitting out due to NCAA transfer rules: Carter Brooks*

DOUBLE-FIGURE SCORING GAMES

Player	Career	2017-18	Season High
Geno Crandall	49	5	41
Conner Avants	30	4	24
Cortez Seales	25	3	22
Dale Jones	5	5	16
Marlon Stewart	4	4	24
Billy Brown	1	0	0
Kienan Walter	1	0	0

^career-high

40-POINT GAMES

Player	Career	2017-18	Career High
Geno Crandall	1	1	41

30-POINT GAMES

Player	Career	2017-18	Career High
Geno Crandall	3	1	41

20-POINT GAMES

Player	Career	2017-18	Career High
Geno Crandall	14	4	41
Cortez Seales	5	2	27
Conner Avants	3	1	24
Marlon Stewart	2	2	24

DOUBLE-FIGURE REBOUNDING GAMES

Player	Career	2017-18	Career High
Dale Jones	2	2	15
Geno Crandall	1	1	10

DOUBLE-FIGURE ASSISTS GAMES

Player	Career	2017-18	Career High
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TRIPLE-DOUBLES

Player	Career	2017-18
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DOUBLE-DOUBLES

Player	Career	2017-18
Geno Crandall	1	1



2017-18 GAME-BY-GAME LEADERS

Opponent	Date	Score	High Points	High Rebounds	High Assists
vs. Troy	11/10	83-80 (W)	Crandall (41)	Avants (7)	Crandall (5)
at Hawai'i	11/12	81-78 (L)	Crandall (21)	Avants, Jones (7)	Crandall (2)
vs. Arkansas-Pine Bluff	11/13	80-71 (W)	Seales (22)	Avants (8)	Stewart (6)
at Nebraska	11/19	92-70 (L)	Stewart (20)	Avants (8)	Crandall, Stewart (3)
Northland College	11/21	79-48 (W)	Seales (20)	Jones (15)	Crandall, Seales (3)
Utah Valley	11/25	83-75 (ot) (L)	Stewart (24)	Crandall (10)	Stewart (3)
Presentation College	11/28	82-75 (W)	Avants (24)	Joens (10)	Stewart (9)
at Creighton	12/5				
North Dakota State	12/9				
at South Dakota State	12/12				
at Gonzaga	12/16				
Idaho*	12/29				
Eastern Washington*	1/31				
at Montana*	1/4				
at Montana State*	1/6				
Idaho State*	1/11				
Weber State*	1/13				
at North Dakota State	1/16				
at Northern Colorado*	1/20				
at Eastern Washington*	1/25				
at Idaho*	1/27				
Montana State*	2/1				
Montana*	2/3				
at Weber State*	2/8				
at Idaho State*	2/10				
Southern Utah*	2/15				
Northern Arizona*	2/17				
Northern Colorado*	2/24				
at Sacramento State*	3/1				
at Portland State*	3/3				

STARTING LINE-UP SHUFFLE

HERE IS A LOOK AT UND'S STARTING LINEUPS IN 2015-16:

Opp.	PG	SG	SF	PF	C
vs. Troy	Crandall	Stewart	Seales	Jones	Avants
at Hawai'i	Crandall	Stewart	Seales	Jones	Avants
vs. Arkansas-Pine Bluff	Crandall	Stewart	Seales	Jones	Avants
at Nebraska	Crandall	Stewart	Seales	Jones	Avants
Northland College	Crandall	Stewart	Seales	Jones	Avants
Utah Valley	Crandall	Stewart	Seales	Jones	Avants
Presentation College	Crandall	Stewart	Seales	Jones	Avants
at Creighton					
North Dakota State					
at South Dakota State					
at Gonzaga					
Idaho*					
Eastern Washington*					
at Montana*					
at Montana State*					
Idaho State*					
Weber State*					
at North Dakota State					
at Northern Colorado*					
at Eastern Washington*					
at Idaho*					
Montana State*					
Montana*					
at Weber State*					
at Idaho State*					
Southern Utah*					
Northern Arizona*					
Northern Colorado*					
at Sacramento State*					
at Portland State*					

HOW MANY TIMES...2017-18

Led/Shared Team in Scoring	Total
Geno Crandall	2
Cortez Seales	2
Marlon Stewart	2
Conner Avants	1
Led/Shared Team in Rebounding	Total
Conner Avants	4
Dale Jones	3
Geno Crandall	1
Led/Shared Team in Assists	Total
Geno Crandall	4
Marlon Stewart	4
Cortez Seales	1
Led/Shared Team in Steals	Total
Geno Crandall	4
Tray Buchanan	2
Billy Brown	1
Dale Jones	1
Marlon Stewart	1
Led/Shared Team in Blocks	Total
Cortez Seales	2
Conner Avants	2
Garrett Franken	1
Dale Jones	1
Kienan Walter	1





HEAD COACH BRIAN JONES



Jones is entering his 12th season at the helm of the North Dakota men's basketball program and he will look to keep UND at the top of the Big Sky in its sixth and final season in the league. The reigning Big Sky Coach of the Year led the Fighting Hawks to their first league regular season and tournament titles in 2016-17, which resulted in the program's first NCAA Tournament appearance. UND has reached DI postseason play in six of its nine seasons at that level and Jones has amassed 16 wins in conference and postseason tournaments during his tenure. UND's 22 wins in 2016-17 were also a DI-program record and were the most wins by a UND team since 1999-2000.

JONES' RECORD AT UND

Year	Overall	Conf	Finish	Postseason
2006-07	11-17	3-10 (NC)	t-5th	--
2007-08	15-15	2-10 (NC)	t-6th	NCC runner-up
2008-09	16-12	-	-	--
2009-10	8-23	5-7 (GW)	t-3rd	GWC quarters
2010-11	19-15	8-4 (GW)	3rd	GWC champions
2011-12	17-15	6-4 (GW)	2nd	GWC champions
2012-13	16-17	12-8 (BS)	3rd	BST semifinals
2013-14	17-17	12-8 (BS)	t-2nd	BST runner-up
2014-15	8-22	4-14 (BS)	t-10th	--
2015-16	17-16	10-8 (BS)	t-5th	BST semifinals
2016-17	22-10	14-4 (BS)	1st	BST champions
2017-18	4-3	0-0 (BS)	--	--
Totals	170-182	76-77		

JONES IN THE POSTSEASON

2006-07 (DII, North Central)				
NCC	QF	at Minnesota-Duluth	L, 85-62	
2007-08 (DII, North Central)				
NCC	QF	at South Dakota	W, 78-76	
NCC	SF	vs. Augustana	W, 82-68	
NCC	CH	vs. Nebraska-Omaha	L, 75-68	
*2008-09 (DI, Independent)				
ST	SF	South Dakota	W, 68-66	
ST	CH	Seattle	L, 76-59	
2009-10 (DI, Great West)				
GWC	QF	vs. NJIT	L, 70-57	
2010-11 (DI, Great West)				
GWC	QF	vs. UTPA	W, 71-70	
GWC	SF	vs. Houston Baptist	W, 65-63	
GWC	CH	vs. South Dakota	W, 77-76 (2ot)	
CIT	1st	at Air Force	L, 77-67	
2011-12 (D1, Great West)				
GWC	SF	vs. UTPA	W, 63-59	
GWC	CH	vs. NJIT	W, 75-60	
CIT	1st	at Drake	L, 70-64	
2012-13 (D1, Big Sky)				
BSC	QF	vs. SUU	W, 69-52	
BSC	SF	vs. Weber State	L, 76-74	
CIT	1st	at Northern Iowa	L, 77-67	
2013-14 (D1, Big Sky)				
BSC	QF	vs. Sacramento State	W, 79-76	
BSC	SF	vs. Portland State	W, 79-63	
BSC	CH	at Weber State	L, 88-67	
CIT	1st	at Omaha	L, 91-75	
2015-16 (D1, Big Sky)				
BSC	FR	vs. Southern Utah	W, 85-80	
BSC	QF	vs. Idaho State	W, 83-49	
BSC	SF	vs. Weber State	L, 83-78 (ot)	
CIT	1st	UC Irvine	L, 89-86 (ot)	
2016-17 (D1, Big Sky)				
BSC	QF	vs. Portland State	W, 95-72	
BSC	SF	vs. Idaho	W, 69-64	
BSC	CH	vs. Weber State	W, 93-89 (ot)	
NCAA	1st	vs. Arizona	L, 100-82	

* Spring Thaw Independent Tournament

Assistants Coaches/DOBO



Brad Davidson
(2nd Season)



Steve Grabowski
(6th Season)



Jeff Horner
(4th Season)



Craig Heatherly
(3rd Season)

DIVISION I OVERTIME RECORD: 12-6

Quadruple Overtime (0-1)

1/20/2011 Utah Valley L 107-96

Double Overtime (3-0)

1/28/2010 at UTPA W 78-74
3/12/2011 vs. South Dakota W 77-76
12/5/2015 at Bradley W 65-59

Single Overtime (9-5)

1/2/2009 Minot State W 97-93
1/13/2009 Mary W 84-78
11/23/2011 Montana W 88-81
3/3/2011 at Houston Baptist W 74-70
2/16/2013 Northern Arizona L 74-72
1/17/2015 Northern Colorado L 88-78
2/5/2015 at Southern Utah W 89-85
3/11/2016 vs. Weber State L 83-78
3/16/2016 UC Irvine L 89-86
12/31/2016 at Sacramento State W 90-82
2/4/2017 Northern Colorado W 87-77
2/25/2017 at Northern Colorado W 84-81
3/11/2017 vs. Weber State W 93-89
11/25/2017 Utah Valley L 83-75

2017-18 A CLOSER LOOK

UND's record when

Home.....2-1
Road.....0-2
Neutral.....2-0

Big Sky.....0-0
Big Sky Home.....0-0
Big Sky Road.....0-0

Scoring 59 or less.....0-0
Scoring 60-69.....0-0
Scoring 70-79.....1-3
Scoring 80-89.....3-0
Scoring 90-99.....0-0
Scoring 100-plus.....0-0

Leading at the half.....2-0
Trailing at the half.....1-3
Tied at the half.....0-0
In overtime.....0-0

Leading with five minutes left.....3-1
Trailing with five minutes left.....1-2
Tied with five minutes left.....0-0

Higher FG percentage than opponent.....3-0
Lower FG percentage than opponent.....1-3
Same FG percentage as opponent.....0-0

Rebounding advantage.....2-0
Rebounding deficit.....2-2
Rebounding even.....0-1



PRESEASON POLLS

OGDEN, Utah – The North Dakota men's basketball team was selected to finish sixth in the Big Sky Coaches' preseason poll and fifth in the Big Sky Media preseason poll that were released by league officials on Friday. The coaches and media both selected Idaho to win the regular season title.

The Fighting Hawks were one of four league teams to receive at least one first-place vote in the media poll and finished with 146 points, while the coaches' ballots supplied the defending Big Sky Champions with 71 points .

In both the coaches' and media polls, Weber State took second and was followed by Montana in third. Northern Colorado, who was ineligible for postseason play a year ago, and Montana State tied for fourth in the coaches' poll. The Bobcats were fourth, right in front of UND in the media poll, while Eastern Washington trailed the Fighting Hawks by one spot in both polls, finishing seventh in the coaches and sixth in the media.

"I'm excited about this team. We have a lot of new faces and the preseason poll is just like last year where we were not picked to win it," UND head coach Brian Jones said. "The league is even deeper this year, than it was last year and there are a lot of upperclassmen-laden teams.

"That will be the challenge for our guys. I do think we have a talented group. We just need to continue to work together and understand what our program is all about. That will be our goal during the non-league season, so our new faces understand the rigors of Division I basketball and understand how challenging Big Sky play is going to be."

School	Conf	Pct	Overall	Pct	Home	Away	L10	Strk
Portland State	0-0	.000	6-2	.750	3-0	2-0	6-2	W2
Idaho	0-0	.000	5-2	.714	2-0	1-1	5-2	W2
Montana State	0-0	.000	6-3	.667	3-0	1-3	6-3	W2
Northern Colorado	0-0	.000	6-3	.667	2-1	1-2	6-3	W1
Montana	0-0	.000	5-3	.625	3-0	1-2	5-3	W1
Southern Utah	0-0	.000	4-3	.571	3-0	1-3	4-3	W2
Weber State	0-0	.000	4-3	.571	3-0	0-1	4-3	L1
North Dakota *#	0-0	.000	4-3	.571	2-1	0-2	4-3	W1
Eastern Washington	0-0	.000	3-5	.375	1-0	1-4	3-5	L2
Idaho State	0-0	.000	1-5	.167	1-1	0-4	1-5	W1
Sacramento State	0-0	.000	1-6	.143	1-0	0-3	1-6	L5
Northern Arizona	0-0	.000	1-7	.125	0-1	1-4	1-7	W1

* 2017 Big Sky Tournament Champs | #Regular Season Champions | Games thru Nov. 26

PRESEASON POLLS

Coaches' Poll

1. Idaho (10)	117
2. Weber State (1)	103
3. Montana	101
t4. Northern Colorado (1)	83
t4. Montana State	83
6. North Dakota	71
7. Eastern Washington	63
8. Portland State	55
9. Sacramento State	48
10. Idaho State	25
11. Northern Arizona	23
12. Southern Utah	19

Media Poll

1. Idaho (12)	211
2. Weber State (3)	195
3. Montana (3)	188
4. Montana State	180
5. North Dakota (1)	146
6. Eastern Washington	144
7. Northern Colorado	106
8. Sacramento State	87
9. Portland State	76
10. Northern Arizona	59
11. Idaho State	52
12. Southern Utah	38

AROUND THE BIG SKY

Saturday, Dec. 2
 Southern Utah 87, San Diego Christian 68
 Portland State 125, Portland Bible 50
 Montana State 68, Milwaukee 64
 Northern Arizona 60, CSU Bakersfield 52

Sunday, Dec. 3
 Seattle 84, Eastern Washington 65
 Northern Colorado 87, Western State 75
 Idaho 79, Nicholls 68
 Montana 86, CSU Northridge 68

Monday, Dec. 4
 Sacramento State at St. Mary's

Tuesday, Dec. 5
North Dakota at Creighton
 Montana State at Central Michigan

Wednesday, Dec. 6
 San Deigo Christian at Northern Arizona
 Long Beach State at Southern Utah
 Washington State at Idaho
 CSU Northridge at Idaho State
 Weber State at Utah Valley
 Antelope Valley at Sacramento State
 Montana at UCLA
 Portland State at Loyola Marymount

Thursday, Dec. 7
 Eastern Washington at San Francisco

UND vs. Big Sky Opponents

The 2017-18 season will be the sixth and final season for the University of North Dakota in the Big Sky Conference. Here's a look at the head-to-head records the Fighting Hawks have amassed since joining the league prior to the 2012-13 campaign:

UND vs.	Big Sky	Home	Away	Neutral	All-Time	Jones vs.	Big Sky Tourn
Eastern Washington	6-2	5-0	2-3	0-0	7-3	6-2	0-0
Idaho	1-2	1-1	1-2	1-0	3-3	3-3	1-0
Idaho State	9-0	6-0	4-1	1-0	11-1	11-1	1-0
Montana	1-8	5-4	1-11	0-0	6-15	2-7	0-0
Montana State	6-3	4-3	8-5	1-3	13-11	6-3	0-0
Northern Arizona	5-4	2-2	3-2	0-0	5-4	5-4	0-0
Northern Colorado	5-5	27-7	14-16	4-1	45-24	5-8	0-0
Portland State	5-4	5-1	2-3	2-0	9-4	7-4	2-0
Sacramento State	4-5	4-2	1-4	1-0	6-6	6-6	1-0
Southern Utah	6-3	3-1	3-2	2-0	8-3	8-3	2-0
Weber State	3-6	2-3	1-4	1-2	4-9	4-9	1-3





2017-18 University of North Dakota Men's Basketball

Game Notes: North Dakota at Creighton (Dec. 5)

2017-18 OVERALL STATISTICS

RECORD: **OVERALL:** **HOME:** **AWAY:** **NEUTRAL:**
ALL GAMES **4-3** **2-1** **0-2** **2-0**

No.	Player	GP	GS	MIN	Avg.	FG	Total			3-Pointers			Free Throws			Rebounds				PF	FO	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	Avg.
							FGA	Pct.	3FG	FGA	Pct.	FT	FTA	Pct.	Off	Def	Tot	Avg.									
00	CRANDALL, Geno	7	7	245	35.0	44	85	.518	14	30	.467	31	42	.738	11	22	33	4.7	18	0	23	21	0	15	133	19.0	
32	AVANTS, Conner	7	7	199	28.4	39	66	.591	0	1	.000	12	23	.522	18	31	49	7.0	20	1	9	12	4	8	90	12.9	
01	STEWART, Marlon	7	7	211	30.1	31	67	.463	6	22	.273	19	28	.679	5	16	21	3.0	21	1	27	14	0	13	87	12.4	
15	SEALES, Cortez	7	7	205	29.3	31	67	.463	0	6	.000	15	26	.577	8	16	24	3.4	7	0	11	8	6	5	77	11.0	
13	JONES, Dale	7	7	189	27.0	24	67	.358	11	43	.256	9	12	.750	10	46	56	8.0	21	1	7	10	3	6	68	9.7	
30	BUCHANAN, Tray	7	0	89	12.7	12	37	.324	5	19	.263	6	6	1.000	3	7	10	1.4	13	0	2	8	0	10	35	5.0	
23	WALTER, Kienan	7	0	86	12.3	10	19	.526	1	9	.111	3	5	.600	3	10	13	1.9	14	0	7	6	1	5	24	3.4	
11	KINSEY, Jafar	7	0	106	15.1	8	24	.333	2	15	.133	4	10	.400	5	10	15	2.1	12	0	3	4	1	2	22	3.1	
10	MCCAULEY, Jaqwon	2	0	14	7.0	2	4	.500	0	2	.000	1	2	.500	0	2	2	1.0	5	0	0	2	0	0	5	2.5	
03	BROWN, Billy	5	0	69	13.8	2	13	.154	2	10	.200	0	0	.000	1	4	5	1.0	7	0	2	6	0	2	6	1.2	
24	FRANKEN, Garrett	2	0	12	6.0	0	3	.000	0	1	.000	0	0	.000	0	4	4	2.0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0.0	
TM	Team																										
	Total	7				203	452	.449	41	156	.263	100	154	.649	74	180	254	36.3	139	3	91	92	16	66	547	78.1	
	Opponents	7				195	423	.461	41	125	.328	99	155	.639	72	200	272	38.9	141	-	89	116	21	41	530	75.7	

SCORE BY PERIODS:

	1st	2nd	OT	Total
North Dakota	245	294	8	547
Opponents	255	259	16	530

2016-17 BIG SKY STATISTICS

RECORD: **OVERALL:** **HOME:** **AWAY:**
BSC GAMES **14-4** **8-1** **6-3**

No.	Player	GP	GS	MIN	Avg.	FG	Total			3-Pointers			Free Throws			Rebounds				PF	FO	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	Avg.
							FGA	Pct.	3FG	FGA	Pct.	FT	FTA	Pct.	Off	Def	Tot	Avg.									
21	HOOKER, Quinton	18	18	672	37.3	122	248	.492	44	95	.463	73	80	.913	17	78	95	5.3	34	0	59	35	1	37	361	20.1	
00	CRANDALL, Geno	18	18	582	32.3	99	194	.510	25	66	.379	77	101	.762	20	55	75	4.2	59	3	78	65	7	39	300	16.7	
01	BALDWIN, Corey	18	18	567	31.5	63	151	.417	41	104	.394	20	28	.714	6	65	71	3.9	39	1	24	28	4	23	187	10.4	
15	SEALES, Cortez	17	0	457	26.9	57	130	.438	8	16	.500	41	60	.683	20	47	67	3.9	26	0	37	18	6	14	163	9.6	
32	AVANTS, Conner	17	16	379	22.3	61	114	.535	0	1	.000	27	33	.818	41	39	80	4.7	53	3	12	26	14	12	149	8.8	
43	BERNSTINE, Drick	17	16	445	26.2	62	108	.574	0	0	.000	12	22	.545	27	87	114	6.7	50	2	30	35	8	14	136	8.0	
05	SHANKS, Carson	18	2	220	12.2	26	54	.481	0	1	.000	26	42	.619	9	24	33	1.8	50	2	7	27	13	0	78	4.3	
23	WALTER, Kienan	11	0	51	4.6	9	15	.600	1	4	.250	6	10	.600	3	12	15	1.4	16	1	1	4	0	0	25	2.3	
02	COLLINS, Josh	16	2	188	11.8	12	28	.429	3	8	.375	4	6	.667	6	17	23	1.4	32	1	8	11	1	4	31	1.9	
03	BROWN, Billy	13	0	92	7.1	5	19	.263	4	15	.267	2	2	1.000	2	7	9	0.7	12	0	2	2	0	4	16	1.2	
20	BLAKE, Thomas	6	0	12	2.0	1	5	.200	0	4	.000	0	0	.000	0	1	1	0.2	1	0	1	1	0	0	2	0.3	
25	PEKAS, Devon	5	0	10	2.0	0	1	.000	0	1	.000	0	0	.000	1	0	1	0.2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	
TM	TEAM																										
	Total	18				517	1067	.485	126	315	.400	288	384	.750	176	464	640	35.6	375	13	259	254	54	147	1448	80.4	
	Opponents	18				479	1055	.454	123	346	.355	255	381	.669	182	434	616	34.2	354	-	218	273	45	132	1336	74.2	

SCORE BY PERIODS:

	1st	2nd	OT	Total
North Dakota	669	734	45	1448
Opponents	628	684	24	1336

NICKNAME HISTORY

The University of North Dakota boasts a proud history of varsity athletics nicknames. UND's first official athletics nickname was the "Flickertails," although its origin remains somewhat a mystery. The nickname made its first public appearance in a Grand Forks Herald account of UND's football loss to Minnesota on Oct. 8, 1904, 15 years after UND's first athletics contest was played. According to Lee Bohnet's A Century of UND Sports, "The author was not identified, but there is strong evidence the nickname was coined by a Minneapolis sportswriter who may have covered the game for the Herald. The writer lauded the fighting spirit of the North Dakota players."

In 1911, UND's student body officially adopted "Flickertails" as its athletics nickname. UND would remain known as the "Flickertails" (as well, unofficially, as the "Nodaks") for a third of a century, establishing an early athletics history.

In the fall of 1930, the university adopted the nickname "Sioux" for its varsity teams following a successful renaming campaign by the Dakota Student, UND's student newspaper. The word "Fighting" was later added, and UND would be known as the "Fighting Sioux" until the summer of 2012.

The university utilized several "Fighting Sioux" logos throughout the decades, perhaps most notably the green geometric logo introduced in 1976 and the most recent full-color logo was unveiled in 1999. The former was designed by an artist at the UND News Bureau, while the latter was created by noted Native American artist and UND alum Bennett Brien.

The University of North Dakota officially retired its longtime "Fighting Sioux" nickname and logo prior to the 2012-13 athletics season.

UND's varsity athletics teams operated without an official nickname, while the university continued the process of adopting the third official nickname in school history last fall. During that time, the university's varsity athletics teams will continue to be referred to as "the University of North Dakota," "North Dakota," or "UND."

Former President Dr. Robert Kelley announced in mid-November that "Fighting Hawks" would be the University's new moniker and the UND football team played under that nickname in its 2015 season finale at Cal Poly -- a 45-21 victory over the Mustangs.



2016-17 SEASON REWIND

The 2016-17 men's basketball season was certainly a year of firsts for the Fighting Hawks, who ended the campaign with a 22-10 record to go along with Big Sky regular season and tournament titles. The 20-win season was the first for UND at the Division I level (since 2008-09) and first since the 2004-05 team went 20-10 at the DII level.

Those efforts helped UND wind up in the final CollegeInsider.com Mid-Major Top 25 poll for the first time in program history, finishing in the 23rd spot (complete poll).

UND capped its historic run with the program's first NCAA DI Tournament berth after reaching the DII NCAA Tournament 19 times. The Fighting Hawks fell 100-82 to No. 2 seed Arizona in the opening round of the West Region.

The regular season title was the first for head coach Brian Jones in his 11 seasons and first for the program since the 1994-95 team shared the North Central Conference crown. The conference tournament title was the third for Jones, who has led UND to postseason tournament play in six of the last seven seasons.

Senior Quinton Hooker received many of the same accolades from his junior campaign, repeating as an All-Big Sky First Team selection and Lou Henson Mid-Major All-American after averaging 19.3 ppg. Hooker also defended his College Court Report Mid-Major Player Fan Vote title and captured Big Sky Tournament MVP after scoring 28 points in the title game vs. Weber State.

HOOKER REPEATS AS LOU HENSON ALL-AMERICAN

For the second-consecutive season, North Dakota senior guard Quinton Hooker was named to the Lou Henson All-America Team. Hooker was one of 30 Mid-Major players selected to the team and Monmouth's Justin Robinson was recognized as the Lou Henson Mid-Major Player of the Year. Hooker was one of 14 players on the team that played in the 2017 NCAA Tournament as he led the Fighting Hawks to their first Big Dance. He scored 25 points in UND's first-round loss to second-seeded Arizona.

HOOKER AND JONES EARN ALL-DISTRICT 6 RECOGNITION

North Dakota head men's basketball coach Brian Jones was named the NABC UPS All-District 6 Coach of the Year and senior Quinton Hooker was named to the All-District 6 Second Team on Wednesday. Jones and Hooker guided the Fighting Hawks to their first NCAA Tournament appearance at the Division I level.

Jones, who was named the Big Sky Coach of the Year, led his squad to the league's regular season and tournament titles, while amassing a DI-program record 22 wins.

Hooker, who earned a spot on the team for the second-consecutive year, was one of six Big Sky players to land on the team that also featured four players from the Western Athletic Conference. The Brooklyn Park, Minn., native averaged 19.3 ppg during his final collegiate season and he moved into sixth place on UND's all-time scoring charts, finishing his career with 1,787 points. He is third on the all-time charts with 195 steals and fourth with 417 assists.

Q AND COREY LAND ON ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM

Senior classmates Quinton Hooker and Corey Baldwin were both named to the All-Big Sky Tournament Team and Hooker collected Tournament MVP honors for their efforts in leading UND to a title. Hooker nearly exceeded his scoring output from the first two games (30) in the title game with a 28-point performance against the Weber State. Baldwin posted the first double-double of his career in the quarterfinal victory (18 pts/10 rebs) over Portland State. Baldwin also went 11-for-16 from 3-point land in Reno and led the team in scoring in both the quarters and semis. He averaged 14.6 ppg and reached double figures in all three games.

GENO TAKES DOWN RENO, WILDCATS

Sophomore guard Geno Crandall averaged 16.0 ppg, 6.7 rpg and 6.3 apg during UND's three victories in Reno. He made timely shots throughout

the tournament, but none were bigger than his layup with seven seconds to go in regulation against Weber State in the title game. The acrobatic effort through traffic squared things up at 81-81. He was at his best in crunch time, helping UND erase a 10-point deficit in the final 7:26. Crandall scored eight of UND's 20 points in that closing stretch and added four more points in overtime to seal the third victory of the season over Weber State.

UND entered the season with a 1-9 all-time record against the Wildcats and had been knocked out of all three of its previous Big Sky Tournaments by them as well. Crandall helped change the momentum in the series by averaging 22.3 ppg against the Wildcats in those three victories, while senior Quinton Hooker added 24.0 ppg against his career-long nemesis.

JONES COLLECTS BIG SKY COACH OF THE YEAR ACCOLADE

After leading the Fighting Hawks to their first regular season conference title at the Division I level, North Dakota men's basketball head coach Brian Jones was named the Big Sky Coach of the Year on Wednesday.

Jones, whose program moved the highest level of college basketball prior to the 2008-09 season, set the DI program record by leading his team to 19 regular-season wins and a 14-4 record in Big Sky play.

After winning just eight games two seasons ago, Jones has led UND to 17 and 19 wins, respectively, over the past two seasons and has the Fighting Hawks on the brink of their first 20-win season since the 2004-05 season.

UND won 11 of its last 14 games in 2016-17 and clinched the first regular-season conference title for the program since sharing the North Central Conference crown in 1994-95.

FIGHTING HAWK TRIO GARNERS BIG SKY RECOGNITION

Senior Quinton Hooker along with sophomores Geno Crandall and Cortez Seales all earned recognition by the Big Sky Conference for their contributions to the Fighting Hawks' regular season title. UND set a Division I program record with 19 regular season victories with 14 of those coming in league action.

Hooker was one of three unanimous selections to the All-Big Sky first team as he landed a spot on that squad for the second-consecutive season. Crandall was selected by the league's head coaches to the second team, while Seales was named the league's Reserve of the Year.



Cortez Seales swats away a potential game-winning 3-point attempt by Jerrick Harding in the closing seconds of regulation during the 2017 Big Sky Tournament title game.



Top Reserve of the Year: Cortez Seales, So., North Dakota
Coach of the Year: Brian Jones, North Dakota

SIGNED, SEALES AND DELIVERED

Sophomore Cortez Seales, who was named the Big Sky Reserve of the Year, found his scoring groove late in the season. In the three games in Reno, Seales averaged 10.3 ppg. In his last 10 regular-season game, he averaged 12.7 ppg and reached double figures six times. Seales scored a season-high 23 points off the bench in the overtime win at Northern Colorado (Feb. 25). It was the third 20-point plus game of his career and first time he led UND in scoring since dropping 27 in his collegiate debut vs. Minnesota-Morris last season. In UND's final three road wins of the season, he averaged 16.7 ppg, 6.3 rpg and shot 50 percent from the field (20-for-40).

HOME COOKIN'

UND finished the 2016-17 regular season with an 11-2 record at The Betty this season and has won 13 of its last 14 at home against Big Sky foes dating back to the 2015-16 season. The Fighting Hawks averaged 84.8 ppg and shot 50.3 percent from the field in home games this season, while opponents only averaged 68.5 ppg and shot just 41.4 percent from the field. Senior Quinton Hooker averaged 21.2 ppg in 13 home games this season.

COMMON DENOMINATOR

UND's last three regular season conference championship teams all had one thing in common, each of them went undefeated in February (1990-91, 8-0 NCC; 1994-95, 7-0 NCC; and 2016-17, 6-0 BSC).

BALDWIN'S BOMBS

Senior Corey Baldwin entered the Big Sky Tournament having made only three of 18 attempts from beyond the arc in the four games leading up to Reno. However, in the three tournament victories, Baldwin made 11-of-16 (68.8%). As a team, UND shot 47 percent from distance (25-for-53).

JONES IN CONFERENCE TOURNAMENTS

With the 2017 Big Sky Tournament title, head coach Brian Jones improved to 15-4 in DI conference tournaments since UND moved up divisions prior to the 2008-09 season. He has led six of those seven teams to the semifinals or further, including the 2011 and 2012 Great West Tournament titles. His teams are 8-3 in four Big Sky Tournament appearances.

A-VANTSING HIS ROLE

Sophomore Conner Avants led the team and ranked seventh in the Big Sky in field goal percentage (55.3). He posted 15 double-digit scoring games on the season (31 starts), which was five more than he had in a reserve role as a freshman in 32 total appearances.

THE ONE AND ONLY

Senior Quinton Hooker is the only player in program history to score 1,700 points (1,787), grab 400 rebounds (494), dish out 400 assists (417) and net 150 steals (194) in a career.

HOKER PASSES PHIL JACKSON, MOVES UP ASSIST CHARTS

With his 17-point and seven-assist performance in UND's quarterfinal victory over Portland State (Mar. 9) at the Big Sky Tournament, senior Quinton Hooker moved into sixth place on the program's all-time scoring chart and fourth on the all-time assist chart. Hooker passed former UND legend and current New York Knicks' President Phil Jackson (1,704) on the scoring charts and became just the fifth player in UND history with 400-plus career assists.

HOKER REPEATS AS CCR MID-MAJOR PLAYER OF THE YEAR

It was a bigger field, but the same result for Quinton Hooker as North Dakota's senior captain claimed his second-consecutive College Court Report Mid-Major Player of the Year Award. The first of Hooker's back-to-back fan vote titles was in a 64-man field, but this season CCR officials expanded the field to 96 to include as many of the top Mid-Major players

2016-17 Results

Date	Opponent	W/L	Score	Attendance
11/11	Crown	W	98-48	2207
11/15	Mayville State	W	94-66	1681
11/20	Presentation College	W	101-63	1573
11/25	vs. North Florida	L	76-75	--
11/26	at Wright State	L	83-79	3024
11/27	vs. CSU Bakersfield	W	57-55	--
12/07	at North Dakota State	W	74-56	5022
12/10	at Northern Iowa	L	78-70	4521
12/16	North Dakota State	L	87-70	2428
12/20	at Iowa	L	84-73	11099
12/29	at Portland State	L	99-62	612
12/31	at Sacramento State*	W	90-82 (OT)	505
1/5	Northern Arizona*	W	68-63	1518
1/7	Southern Utah*	W	95-65	1749
1/12	at Montana State*	W	90-85	2629
1/14	at Montana*	L	76-70	3719
1/19	Weber State*	W	83-77	2362
1/21	Idaho State*	W	89-64	2570
1/26	at Southern Utah*	W	91-89	2069
1/28	at Northern Arizona*	L	68-67	1658
2/4	Northern Colorado*	W	87-77 (OT)	2352
2/9	Eastern Washington*	W	95-86	1891
2/11	Idaho*	W	88-65	2345
2/16	at Idaho State	W	77-61	1415
2/18	at Weber State*	W	77-68	7658
2/25	at Northern Colorado*	W	84-81 (OT)	2132
3/2	Sacramento State*	L	57-53	2266
3/4	Portland State*	W	82-73	2870
3/9	vs. Portland State#	W	95-72	1513
3/10	vs. Idaho#	W	69-64	2003
3/11	vs. Weber State#	W	93-89 (OT)	2025
3/16	Arizona\$	L	100-82	16341

* Big Sky Conference game | # Big Sky Tournament game | \$ NCAA Tournament

in the country as possible. Hooker had a first-round bye during the seven-week voting process that saw more than 190,000 total votes be tallied. After that, he was never seriously challenged until his Final Four matchup against Texas A&M-Corpus Christi's Rashawn Thomas. He picked up nearly 62 percent of the votes against Thomas.

In the finals, Hooker ended up outdistancing Wright State's Mark Alstork by claiming almost 70 percent of the total votes casted on three platforms with a majority of those coming from the online portion.

ALL-BIG SKY CONFERENCE AWARDS

First Team

- Jacob Wiley, Sr., Eastern Washington (unanimous)
- Tyler Hall, So., Montana State (unanimous)
- Quinton Hooker, Sr., North Dakota*# (unanimous)**
- Jeremy Senglin, Sr., Weber State#
- Victor Sanders, Jr., Idaho
- #Two-Time First Team selection

Second Team

- Bogdan Bliznyuk, Jr., Eastern Washington
- Geno Crandall, So., North Dakota**
- Ahmaad Rorie, So., Montana
- Randy Onwuasor, Jr., Southern Utah
- Justin Strings, Jr., Sacramento State

Third Team

- Jordan Davis, So., Northern Colorado
- Harald Frey, Fr., Montana State
- Jordyn Martin, Sr., Northern Arizona
- De'Sean Parsons, Sr., Portland State
- Michael Oguine, So., Montana





DALE JONES

SR | F | 6-8 | 225

Hometown: Waterloo, Iowa

Previous School: Iowa • Major: Higher Education (Masters)

Game-by-Game 2017-18

OPPONENT	MP	FG	3FG	FT	REB.	AST.	BL.	ST.	PTS.
vs. Troy	30	4-12	2-7	1-2	5	0	0	1	11
at Hawai'i	22	2-6	0-2	0-0	7	1	0	1	4
vs. Arkansas-Pine Bluff	25	5-11	4-8	2-2	5	1	2	1	16
at Nebraska	26	3-9	3-7	2-2	6	1	0	0	11
Northland College	22	3-9	0-4	2-3	15	1	1	1	8
Utah Valley	35	4-12	1-9	2-3	8	0	0	0	11
Presentation College	29	3-8	1-6	0-0	10	3	0	2	7
at Creighton									
North Dakota State									
at South Dakota State									
at Gonzaga									
Idaho*									
Eastern Washington*									
at Montana*									
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Idaho State*									
Weber State*									
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at Weber State*									
at Idaho State*									
Southern Utah*									
Northern Arizona									
Northern Colorado*									
at Sacramento State*									
at Portland State*									

*Big Sky game

MORE ON JONES...

- More than doubled his previous career-high by corraling 15 rebounds in the win over Northland (Nov. 21).
- Reached double figures in two of three games at the Outrigger Resorts Rainbow Classic, including equaling his career-high with 16 points in the victory over UAPB (Nov. 13).
- Spent three seasons at Tyler Junior College (2012-15) and two at Iowa (2015-17) before being granted a sixth-year of eligibility by the NCAA after losing two full seasons due to injury
- Played in only 11 games during his two-year Hawk-eyes' career because of various injuries
- Averaged 16.9 ppg and 8.3 rpg as a sophomore at Tyler and was named a NJCAA honorable mention All-American
- Was an all-state performer at Waterloo West High School as a junior and senior

Season Highs

- Points: 16, vs. UAPB (Nov. 13)
- Rebounds: 15, vs. Northland (Nov. 21)
- Assists: 3, vs. PC (Nov. 28)
- Blocks: 2, vs. UAPB (Nov. 13)
- Steals: 2, vs. PC (Nov. 28)

Jones' Career Highs and Statistics

POINTS 16.....2x, last vs. UAPB, 11/13/17	3-POINT FIELD GOALS ATTEMPTED 8..... vs. UAPB, 11/13/17	ASSISTS 3..... vs. Presentation, 11/28/17
FIELD GOALS MADE 6*..... vs. Coppin State, 11/15/15	FREE THROWS 2.....3x, last vs. Northland, 11/21/17	BLOCKS 2..... vs. UAPB, 11/13/17
FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS 12..... vs. Troy, 11/10/17	FREE THROWS ATTEMPTED 3.....last vs. Northland, 11/21/17	STEALS 2..... vs. Presentation, 11/28/17
3-POINT FIELD GOALS MADE 4.....2x, last vs. UAPB, 11/13/17	REBOUNDS 15.....vs. Northland, 11/21/17	MINUTES 35..... vs. Utah Valley, 11/25/17

Season	GP-GS	MP	FG-FGA	Pct.	3FG-A	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Reb.	Avg.	PF	Ast.	TO	Bl.	St.	TP	Avg.
2015-16*	6-0	78	12-30	.400	9-20	.450	0-0	.000	18	3.0	11	3	4	2	1	33	5.5
2016-17*	5-1	15	1-8	.125	1-7	.143	0-0	.000	4	0.8	5	1	2	0	0	3	0.6
2017-18	7-7	189	24-67	.358	11-43	.256	9-12	.750	56	8.0	21	7	10	3	6	68	10.2
TOTALS	18-8	282	37-105	.352	21-70	.300	9-12	.750	78	4.3	37	11	16	5	7	102	5.7

* Stats are from playing time at Iowa during the 2015-17 season





CONNER AVANTS

JR | F | 6-7 | 235

Hometown: Edmond, Okla.

High School: Deer Creek • Major: General Studies

Game-by-Game 2017-18

OPPONENT	MP	FG	3FG	FT	REB.	AST.	BL.	ST.	PTS.
vs. Troy	31	2-4	0-0	0-0	7	4	2	1	4
at Hawai'i	30	6-10	0-0	2-3	7	1	1	0	14
vs. Arkansas-Pine Bluff	33	4-6	0-0	1-3	8	1	0	2	9
at Nebraska	23	8-11	0-0	0-0	8	0	1	0	16
<u>Northland College</u>	21	4-8	0-0	3-8	5	1	0	3	11
Utah Valley	29	5-12	0-0	2-4	9	1	0	2	12
Presentation College	32	10-15	0-1	4-5	5	1	0	0	24
at Creighton									
North Dakota State									
<u>at South Dakota State</u>									
at Gonzaga									
Idaho*									
Eastern Washington*									
at Montana*									
<u>at Montana State*</u>									
Idaho State*									
Weber State*									
at North Dakota State									
at Northern Colorado*									
<u>at Eastern Washington*</u>									
at Idaho*									
Montana State*									
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at Weber State*									
<u>at Idaho State*</u>									
Southern Utah*									
Northern Arizona									
Northern Colorado*									
at Sacramento State*									
at Portland State*									
*Big Sky game									

MORE ON AVANTS...

- Two-time Big Sky Winter All-Academic Team honoree
- Reached double figures 13 times during his first season as a starter a year ago
- Scored the first basket in all three of UND's Big Sky Tournament victories, finishing in double figures in each of those contests
- One of three Fighting Hawks to appear in all 33 games as a true freshman in 2015-16
- Earned Oklahoma Class 5A all-state accolades after averaging 19.9 ppg and 10.4 rpg

Season Highs

- Points: 24, vs. PC (Nov. 28)
- Rebounds: 9, vs. Utah Valley (Nov. 25)
- Assists: 4, vs. Troy (Nov. 11)
- Blocks: 2, vs. Troy (Nov. 11)
- Steals: 3, vs. Northland (Nov. 21)

Avants' Career Highs and Statistics

POINTS	3-POINT FIELD GOALS ATTEMPTED	ASSISTS
24.....vs. Presentation, 11/28/17	3.....at Northern Arizona, 1/21/16	4.....vs. Troy, 11/10/17
FIELD GOALS MADE	FREE THROWS	BLOCKS
11.....at North Dakota State, 12/12/16	6.....at Montana State, 1/12/1	3.....vs. Idaho State, 1/21/17
FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS	FREE THROWS ATTEMPTED	STEALS
15.....vs. Presentation, 11/28/17	8.....at Eastern Washington, 2/11/16	3.....2x, last vs. Northland, 11/21/17
3-POINT FIELD GOALS MADE	REBOUNDS	MINUTES
2.....at Northern Arizona, 1/21/16	9.....4x, last at Weber State, 2/18/17	43.....at Bradley, 12/5/15

Season	GP-GS	MP	FG-FGA	Pct.	3FG-A	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Reb.	Avg.	PF	Ast.	TO	Bl.	St.	TP	Avg.
2015-16	33-8	644	81-165	.491	8-19	.421	56-82	.683	106	3.2	98	11	39	8	18	226	6.8
2016-17	31-30	701	126-228	.553	1-7	.143	42-57	.737	148	4.8	94	18	43	16	20	295	9.5
2017-18	7-7	199	39-66	.591	0-1	.000	12-23	.522	49	7.0	20	9	12	4	8	90	12.9
TOTALS	71-45	1544	246-459	.536	9-27	.333	110-162	.679	303	4.3	212	38	94	28	46	611	8.6





GENO CRANDALL

JR | G | 6-4 | 180

Hometown: Minneapolis, Minn.

High School: DeLaSalle • Major: General Studies

Game-by-Game 2017-18

OPPONENT	MP	FG	3FG	FT	REB.	AST.	BL.	ST.	PTS.
vs. Troy	36	15-19	7-9	4-8	6	5	0	1	41
at Hawai'i	39	5-10	4-5	7-9	3	2	0	1	21
vs. Arkansas-Pine Bluff	37	5-10	0-3	10-10	7	3	0	5	20
at Nebraska	34	3-10	0-2	7-9	2	3	0	1	13
Northland College	23	1-2	1-2	0-0	0	3	0	0	3
Utah Valley	41	6-22	1-7	2-3	10	2	0	5	15
Presentation College	35	9-12	1-2	1-3	5	5	0	2	20
at Creighton									
North Dakota State									
at South Dakota State									
at Gonzaga									
Idaho*									
Eastern Washington*									
at Montana*									
at Montana State*									
Idaho State*									
Weber State*									
at North Dakota State									
at Northern Colorado*									
at Eastern Washington*									
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Montana*									
at Weber State*									
at Idaho State*									
Southern Utah*									
Northern Arizona									
Northern Colorado*									
at Sacramento State*									
at Portland State*									

MORE ON CRANDALL...

- Named the #BigSkyMBB Nutrition Ready Player of the Week after erupting for 27.3 ppg at the Rainbow Classic. It was the second weekly honor of his career.
- Earned All-Big Sky second team accolades as a sophomore
- Last year, ranked 12th in the league in scoring thanks to a 15.5 ppg clip and fourth in assists (4.4 apg)
- Ranked second among Big Sky guards with a 50.3 field goal percentage in 2016-17
- Averaged 22.3 ppg in three wins over Weber State last season, including a 31-point outing in a home victory over the Wildcats
- Averaged 16.0 ppg, 6.3 rpg and 5.0 apg in three wins in Reno during 2017 Big Sky Tournament
- His driving lay-up in the closing seconds of the Big Sky Tournament title game vs. Weber State forced overtime last season
- Part of three Minnesota Class 3A state championship teams at DeLaSalle

Season Highs

Points: 41, vs. Troy (Nov. 10)
 Rebounds: 7, vs. UAPB (Nov. 13)
 Assists: 5, 2x last vs. PC (Nov. 28)
 Blocks: N/A
 Steals: 5, 2x last vs. Utah Valley (Nov. 25)

Crandall's Career Highs and Statistics

POINTS 41..... vs. Troy, 11/10/17	3-POINT FIELD GOALS ATTEMPTED 10.....vs. UC Irvine, 3/16/16	ASSISTS 9..... vs. Southern Utah, 1/07/17
FIELD GOALS MADE 15..... vs. Troy, 11/10/17	FREE THROWS 10.....2x, last vs. UAPB, 11/13/17	BLOCKS 2.....3x, last at Northern Colorado, 2/25/17
FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS 22..... vs. Utah Valley, 11/25/17	FREE THROWS ATTEMPTED 12.....2x, last vs. Southern Utah, 1/26/17	STEALS 5..... 5x, last vs. Utah Valley, 11/25/17
3-POINT FIELD GOALS MADE 7..... vs. Troy, 11/10/17	REBOUNDS 9.....3x, last vs. Weber State, 3/11/17	MINUTES 44.....vs. Weber State, 3/11/17

Season	GP-GS	MP	FG-FGA	Pct.	3FG-A	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Reb.	Avg.	PF	Ast.	TO	Bl.	St.	TP	Avg.
2015-16	31-27	936	113-272	.415	27-86	.314	81-112	.723	130	4.2	107	129	92	8	59	334	10.8
2016-17	31-31	1008	163-324	.503	38-107	.355	117-156	.750	123	4.0	99	136	102	10	64	481	15.5
2017-18	7-7	245	44-85	.518	14-30	.467	31-42	.738	33	4.7	18	23	21	0	15	133	19.0
TOTALS	69-65	2189	320-681	.470	79-223	.354	229-310	.739	286	4.1	224	288	215	18	138	948	13.7





JAQWAN MCCAULEY

JR | F | 6-6 | 215

Hometown: High Point, N.C.

Previous School: Tyler J.C. • Major: General Studies

Game-by-Game 2017-18

OPPONENT	MP	FG	3FG	FT	REB.	AST.	BL.	ST.	PTS.
vs. Troy	7	0-2	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0
at Hawai'i	7	2-2	0-0	1-2	1	0	0	0	5
vs. Arkansas-Pine Bluff					DNP				
at Nebraska					DNP				
Northland College					DNP				
Utah Valley					DNP				
Presentation College					DNP				
at Creighton									
North Dakota State									
at South Dakota State									
at Gonzaga									
Idaho*									
Eastern Washington*									
at Montana*									
at Montana State*									
Idaho State*									
Weber State*									
at North Dakota State									
at Northern Colorado*									
at Eastern Washington*									
at Idaho*									
Montana State*									
Montana*									
at Weber State*									
at Idaho State*									
Southern Utah*									
Northern Arizona									
Northern Colorado*									
at Sacramento State*									
at Portland State*									
*Big Sky game									

MORE ON MCCAULEY...

- Has not played in last five games, while nursing a minor leg injury
- Was a Region XIV All-Academic Team honoree as a sophomore at Tyler Junior College where he also averaged 12.1 ppg and 5.1 rpg for the Apaches
- Chipped in 8.4 ppg off the bench in his first season at Tyler
- Averaged double figures in all three varsity seasons of high school basketball in North Carolina

McCauley's Season and Career Highs and Statistics

POINTS	3-POINT FIELD GOALS ATTEMPTED	ASSISTS
5 at Hawai'i, 11/12/17	N/A	N/A
FIELD GOALS MADE	FREE THROWS	BLOCKS
2 at Hawai'i, 11/12/17	1 at Hawai'i, 11/12/17	N/A
FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS	FREE THROWS ATTEMPTED	STEALS
2 2x, last at Hawai'i, 11/12/17	2 at Hawai'i, 11/12/17	N/A
3-POINT FIELD GOALS MADE	REBOUNDS	MINUTES
N/A	1 2x, last at Hawai'i, 11/12/17	7 2x, last at Hawai'i, 11/12/17

Season	GP-GS	MP	FG-FGA	Pct.	3FG-A	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Reb.	Avg.	PF	Asst.	TO	Bl.	St.	TP	Avg.
2017-18	2-0	14	2-4	.500	0-0	.000	1-2	.500	2	1.0	5	0	2	0	0	5	2.5
TOTALS	2-0	14	2-4	.500	0-0	.000	1-2	.500	2	1.0	5	0	2	0	0	5	2.5





JAFAR KINSEY

JR | G | 6-3 | 200

Hometown: Syracuse, N.Y.

Previous School: Des Moines Area C.C. • Major: Communication

Game-by-Game 2017-18

OPPONENT	MP	FG	3FG	FT	REB.	AST.	BL.	ST.	PTS.
vs. Troy	12	2-4	1-2	1-2	4	0	0	1	6
at Hawai'i	20	1-4	0-3	1-4	0	1	0	0	3
vs. Arkansas-Pine Bluff	9	0-2	0-2	0-0	2	0	0	0	0
at Nebraska	11	0-3	0-2	0-0	1	0	0	0	0
Northland College	23	3-5	0-1	2-4	5	1	1	1	8
Utah Valley	18	0-1	0-1	0-0	1	0	0	0	0
Presentation College	13	2-5	1-4	0-0	2	1	0	0	5
at Creighton									
North Dakota State									
at South Dakota State									
at Gonzaga									
Idaho*									
Eastern Washington*									
at Montana*									
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Weber State*									
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at Idaho State*									
Southern Utah*									
Northern Arizona									
Northern Colorado*									
at Sacramento State*									
at Portland State*									
*Big Sky game									

MORE ON KINSEY...

- Began his collegiate career at Robert Morris where he averaged 1.2 ppg in 11 games off the bench for the Colonials
- Spent sophomore season at Des Moines Area Community College where he averaged 17.2 ppg, 5.5 rpg and 3.2 apg en route to being named to the NJCAA All-Region XI Basketball Team
- Redshirted for the Fighting Hawks during the 2016-17 season and will have two seasons to play

Season Highs

- Points: 8, vs. Northland (Nov. 21)
- Rebounds: 5, vs. Northland (Nov. 21)
- Assists: 1, 2x last vs. Northland (Nov. 21)
- Blocks: 1, vs. Northland (Nov. 21)
- Steals: 1, 2x last vs. Northland (Nov. 21)

Kinsey's Career Highs and Statistics

POINTS 6 vs. Troy, 11/10/17	3-POINT FIELD GOALS ATTEMPTED 3 at Hawai'i, 11/12/17	ASSISTS 4* vs. Louisiana-Monroe, 11/27/14
FIELD GOALS MADE 2 2x, last vs. Troy, 11/10/17	FREE THROWS 2 vs. Northland, 11/21/17	BLOCKS 1 vs. Northland, 11/21/17
FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS 4 5x, last at Hawai'i, 11/12/17	FREE THROWS ATTEMPTED 4 2x, last vs. Northland, 11/21/17	STEALS 2 vs. Youngstown State, 12/2/14
3-POINT FIELD GOALS MADE 1 5x, last vs. Presentation, 11/28/17	REBOUNDS 5 vs. Northland, 11/21/17	MINUTES 23 vs. Northland, 11/21/17

Season	GP-GS	MP	FG-FGA	Pct.	3FG-A	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Reb.	Avg.	PF	Asst.	TO	Bl.	St.	TP	Avg.
2014-15*	11-0	157	5-23	.217	3-13	.231	0-4	.000	12	1.1	18	10	13	0	3	13	1.2
2017-18	7-0	106	8-24	.333	2-15	.133	4-10	.400	15	2.1	12	3	4	1	2	22	3.1
TOTALS	18-0	263	13-47	.277	5-28	.179	4-14	.286	27	1.3	30	13	17	1	5	35	1.9

* Stats are from playing time at Robert Morris during the 2014-15 season





CORTEZ SEALES

SO | G | 6-4 | 200

Hometown: Eldridge, Iowa

High School: North Scott • Major: Communication

Game-by-Game 2017-18

OPPONENT	MP	FG	3FG	FT	REB.	AST.	BL.	ST.	PTS.
vs. Troy	33	4-9	0-1	0-0	3	1	0	2	8
at Hawai'i	33	5-10	0-0	0-1	2	0	2	1	10
vs. Arkansas-Pine Bluff	35	5-16	0-1	12-15	6	4	0	1	22
at Nebraska	33	4-9	0-1	0-2	3	2	0	0	8
Northland College	30	9-12	0-0	2-6	5	3	3	1	20
Utah Valley	38	4-11	0-3	0-0	4	1	0	0	8
Presentation College	3	0-0	0-0	1-2	1	0	1	0	1
at Creighton									
North Dakota State									
at South Dakota State									
at Gonzaga									
Idaho*									
Eastern Washington*									
at Montana*									
at Montana State*									
Idaho State*									
Weber State*									
at North Dakota State									
at Northern Colorado*									
at Eastern Washington*									
at Idaho*									
Montana State*									
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at Weber State*									
at Idaho State*									
Southern Utah*									
Northern Arizona									
Northern Colorado*									
at Sacramento State*									
at Portland State*									
*Big Sky game									

MORE ON SEALES...

- Named the 2017 Big Sky Reserve of the Year after averaging a career-high 8.5 ppg in 30 contests a year ago
- Reached double figures 12 games overall and upped his average to 9.6 ppg in Big Sky play
- Scored 12 points and added a last-second block on a potential game-winning field goal in Big Sky Tournament title game vs. Weber State
- Scored a season-high 23 points in overtime win at Northern Colorado
- Tallied a career-high 27 points in his collegiate debut against Minnesota-Morris
- Four-year starter and four-year all-state honoree at North Scott High School (Iowa) and finished prep career as the program's all-time leading scorer (1,392)
- As a senior, led the Lancers along with current teammate Marlon Stewart to the program's first state title (Iowa Class 4A)

Season Highs

Points: 22, vs. UAPB (Nov. 13)
 Rebounds: 6, vs. UAPB (Nov. 13)
 Assists: 4, vs. UAPB (Nov. 13)
 Blocks: 3, vs. Northland (Nov. 21)
 Steals: 2, vs. Troy (Nov. 10)

Seales' Career Highs and Statistics

POINTS	27..... vs. UM-Morris, 11/13/15	3-POINT FIELD GOALS ATTEMPTED	3.....at Montana State, 1/12/17	ASSISTS	6..... at Idaho State, 2/16/17
FIELD GOALS MADE	11..... vs. UM-Morris, 11/13/15	FREE THROWS	12..... vs. UAPB, 11/13/17	BLOCKS	4.....vs. EWU, 1/2/16
FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS	17..... at Northern Colorado, 2/25/17	FREE THROWS ATTEMPTED	15..... vs. UAPB, 11/13/17	STEALS	4..... vs. Crown 11/11/16
3-POINT FIELD GOALS MADE	2..... 2x, last vs. Sacramento State, 12/31/16	REBOUNDS	9..... at Idaho State, 2/16/17	MINUTES	38..... at Northern Colorado, 2/25/17

Season	GP-GS	MP	FG-FGA	Pct.	3FG-A	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Reb.	Avg.	PF	Ast.	TO	Bl.	St.	TP	Avg.
2015-16	30-9	616	90-192	.469	6-26	.231	38-62	.613	62	2.1	29	36	27	10	17	224	7.5
2016-17	30-1	756	94-213	.441	10-24	.417	56-87	.644	101	3.4	48	50	26	13	28	254	8.5
2017-18	7-7	205	31-67	.463	0-6	.000	15-26	.577	24	3.8	7	11	8	6	5	77	11.0
TOTALS	67-17	1577	215-472	.456	16-56	.286	109-175	.623	187	2.8	84	97	61	29	50	555	8.3





BILLY BROWN

SO | G | 6-3 | 190

Hometown: Spirit Lake, Iowa
High School: Spirit Lake • Major: Economics

Game-by-Game 2017-18

OPPONENT	MP	FG	3FG	FT	REB.	AST.	BL.	ST.	PTS.
vs. Troy at Hawai'i					DNP DNP				
vs. Arkansas-Pine Bluff at Nebraska	8 11	0-2 0-0	0-1 0-0	0-0 0-0	0 2	0 0	0 0	0 1	0 0
<u>Northland College</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>1-7</u>	<u>1-5</u>	<u>0-0</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3</u>
Utah Valley	6	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Presentation College at Creighton	23	1-4	1-4	0-0	1	2	0	1	3
North Dakota State at South Dakota State									
at Gonzaga									
Idaho*									
Eastern Washington* at Montana*									
<u>at Montana State*</u>									
Idaho State*									
Weber State*									
at North Dakota State at Northern Colorado*									
<u>at Eastern Washington*</u>									
at Idaho*									
Montana State*									
Montana*									
at Weber State*									
<u>at Idaho State*</u>									
Southern Utah*									
Northern Arizona									
Northern Colorado*									
at Sacramento State*									
at Portland State*									

MORE ON BROWN...

- Scored a career-high 13 points in home win over Presentation College as a true freshman in 2016-17
- Saw action in 12 Big Sky games a year ago (1.2 ppg)
- Named to the Iowa Newspaper Association all-state second team as a senior after ranking fourth among all Class 3A players in scoring at 21.7 ppg and first in assists 5.6 apg
- Starting wide receiver for undefeated Class 3A state champion football team. He finished the state title game with six catches for 94 yards and a touchdown, five carries for 59 yards and a touchdown, an interception and added an 82-yard kickoff return for a touchdown on the game's first play
- Three sisters all played collegiate athletics: Kaisha (basketball at Northern Colorado; 2008-12), Mary (basketball Wartburg College; 2011-15) and Katie (softball at Iowa; 2007-11).

Season Highs

- Points: 3, 2x last vs. PC (Nov. 28)
- Rebounds: 2, at Nebraska (Nov. 19)
- Assists: 2, vs. PC (Nov. 28)
- Blocks: N/A
- Steals: 1, at Nebraska (Nov. 19)

Brown's Career Highs and Statistics

POINTS 13 vs. Presentation College, 11/20/16	3-POINT FIELD GOALS ATTEMPTED 6 vs. Presentation College, 11/20/16	ASSISTS 2 2x, last vs. Mayville State, 11/15/16
FIELD GOALS MADE 5 vs. Presentation College, 11/20/16	FREE THROWS 6 vs. Crown College, 11/11/16	BLOCKS N/A
FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS 10 vs. Presentation College, 11/20/16	FREE THROWS ATTEMPTED 6 vs. Crown College, 11/11/16	STEALS 1 5x, last vs. Southern Utah, 1/7/17
3-POINT FIELD GOALS MADE 2 vs. Presentation College, 11/20/16	REBOUNDS 4 vs. Southern Utah, 1/7/17	MINUTES 25 vs. Presentation College, 11/20/16

Season	GP-GS	MP	FG-FGA	Pct.	3FG-A	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Reb.	Avg.	PF	Ast.	TO	Bl.	St.	TP	Avg.
2016-17	23-0	219	14-48	.292	8-33	.242	9-9	1.000	23	1.1	18	10	10	0	7	45	2.0
2017-18	5-0	69	2-13	.154	2-10	.200	0-0	.000	5	1.0	7	2	6	0	2	6	1.2
TOTALS	28-0	288	16-61	.262	10-43	.233	9-9	1.000	28	1.0	25	12	16	0	9	51	1.8





MARLON STEWART

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Hometown: Rock Island, Ill.

Previous School: Creighton • Major: General Studies

Game-by-Game 2017-18

OPPONENT	MP	FG	3FG	FT	REB.	AST.	BL.	ST.	PTS.
vs. Troy	30	2-7	0-3	1-2	2	4	0	0	5
at Hawai'i	33	6-11	0-1	6-9	3	1	0	3	18
vs. Arkansas-Pine Bluff	26	1-5	0-3	1-2	2	6	0	4	3
at Nebraska	33	8-12	2-2	2-4	2	3	0	0	20
Northland College	21	2-3	0-1	7-7	2	1	0	2	11
Utah Valley	39	9-24	4-10	2-3	7	3	0	3	24
Presentation College at Creighton	29	3-5	0-2	0-1	3	9	0	1	6
North Dakota State at South Dakota State									
at Gonzaga									
Idaho*									
Eastern Washington*									
at Montana*									
at Montana State*									
Idaho State*									
Weber State*									
at North Dakota State									
at Northern Colorado*									
at Eastern Washington*									
at Idaho*									
Montana State*									
Montana*									
at Weber State*									
at Idaho State*									
Southern Utah*									
Northern Arizona									
Northern Colorado*									
at Sacramento State*									
at Portland State*									
*Big Sky game									

MORE ON STEWART...

- Has a pair of 20-plus point games in his last four outings, including a career-high 24 in overtime loss to Utah Valley
- Spent first collegiate season at Creighton playing for former men's basketball assistant coach Greg McDermott
- Saw action in 13 games for the Bluejays, averaging 0.5 ppg and 0.2 rpg
- Sat out last season due to NCAA transfer rules
- Prepped with current teammate Cortez Seales at North Scott (Iowa) where the duo helped lead the Lancers to their first state title (Class 4A)
- Earned all-state honors as a senior after averaging 17.0 ppg and was also named to the Class 4A All-State Tournament Team

Season Highs

Points: 24, vs. Utah Valley (Nov. 25)
 Rebounds: 7, vs. Utah Valley (Nov. 25)
 Assists: 9, vs. PC (Nov. 28)
 Blocks: N/A
 Steals: 4, vs. UAPB (Nov. 13)

Stewart's Career Highs and Statistics

POINTS 24 vs. Utah Valley, 11/25/17	3-POINT FIELD GOALS ATTEMPTED 10 vs. Utah Valley, 11/25/17	ASSISTS 6 vs. UAPB, 11/13/17
FIELD GOALS MADE 9 vs. Utah Valley, 11/25/17	FREE THROWS 7 vs. Northland, 11/21/17	BLOCKS N/A
FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS 24 vs. Utah Valley, 11/25/17	FREE THROWS ATTEMPTED 9 at Hawai'i, 11/12/17	STEALS 4 vs. UAPB, 11/13/17
3-POINT FIELD GOALS MADE 4 vs. Utah Valley, 11/25/17	REBOUNDS 7 vs. Utah Valley, 11/25/17	MINUTES 39 vs. Utah Valley, 11/25/17

Season	GP-GS	MP	FG-FGA	Pct.	3FG-A	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Reb.	Avg.	PF	Asst.	TO	Bl.	St.	TP	Avg.
2015-16*	13-0	40	3-13	.231	1-6	.167	0-0	.000	3	0.2	1	0	0	0	0	7	0.5
2017-18	7-7	211	31-67	.463	6-22	.273	19-28	.679	21	3.0	21	27	14	0	13	87	12.4
TOTALS	20-7	251	34-80	.425	7-28	.250	19-28	.679	24	1.2	22	27	14	0	13	94	4.7

* Stats are from playing time at Creighton during the 2015-16 season





KIENAN WALTER

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Hometown: Vancouver, Wash.

High School: King's Way Christian • Major: Undeclared

Game-by-Game 2017-18

OPPONENT	MP	FG	3FG	FT	REB.	AST.	BL.	ST.	PTS.
vs. Troy	6	0-1	0-1	0-0	1	2	0	0	0
at Hawai'i	8	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0
vs. Arkansas-Pine Bluff	11	2-3	1-1	3-4	2	1	0	1	8
at Nebraska	17	0-2	0-2	0-0	1	0	0	0	0
Northland College	21	4-6	0-2	0-0	4	1	0	2	8
Utah Valley	12	1-2	0-1	0-0	1	1	0	2	0
Presentation College	11	3-5	0-2	0-1	3	2	1	0	6
at Creighton									
North Dakota State									
at South Dakota State									
at Gonzaga									
Idaho*									
Eastern Washington*									
at Montana*									
at Montana State*									
Idaho State*									
Weber State*									
at North Dakota State									
at Northern Colorado*									
at Eastern Washington*									
at Idaho*									
Montana State*									
Montana*									
at Weber State*									
at Idaho State*									
Southern Utah*									
Northern Arizona									
Northern Colorado*									
at Sacramento State*									
at Portland State*									

*Big Sky game

MORE ON WALTER...

- Scored a career-high 10 points on 4-of-4 shooting from the floor in home win over Southern Utah as a true freshman
- Saw action in 12 Big Sky games, averaging 2.3 ppg and 1.4 rpg
- Earned Associated Press All-State honors and was named Trico League MVP for the second-consecutive season as a senior after averaging 22.3 ppg
- Led King's Way Academy back to the Class 1A State Tournament for the second-straight season and was named All-Trico League for the third-straight season
- Collected first Associated Press All-State honors of his career after a junior season that also saw him earn first team all-conference, first team all-county, first team all-region and Trico League MVP honors
- Also as a junior, averaged a Trico League-best 23.6 ppg, which was tops among Class 1A scorers in the state of Washington and led King's Way Christian to its first state tournament berth in school history at that level

Season Highs

- Points: 8, 2x last vs. Northland (Nov. 21)
- Rebounds: 4, vs. Northland (Nov. 21)
- Assists: 2, 2x last vs. PC (Nov. 28)
- Blocks: 1, vs. PC (Nov. 28)
- Steals: 2, 2x last vs. Utah Valley (Nov. 25)

Walter's Career Highs and Statistics

POINTS 10 vs. Southern Utah, 1/7/17	3-POINT FIELD GOALS ATTEMPTED 2 4x, last vs. Presentation, 11/28/17	ASSISTS 2 2x, last vs. Presentation, 11/28/17
FIELD GOALS MADE 4 3x, last vs. Northland, 11/21/17	FREE THROWS 3 vs. UAPB, 11/13/17	BLOCKS 1 vs. Presentation, 11/28/17
FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS 6 2x, last vs. Northland, 11/21/17	FREE THROWS ATTEMPTED 6 at Portland State, 12/29/16	STEALS 2 2x, last vs. Utah Valley, 11/25/17
3-POINT FIELD GOALS MADE 1 2x, last vs. UAPB, 11/13/17	REBOUNDS 9 vs. Crown College, 11/11/16	MINUTES 21 vs. Northland, 11/21/17

Season	GP-GS	MP	FG-FGA	Pct.	3FG-A	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Reb.	Avg.	PF	Ast.	TO	Bl.	St.	TP	Avg.
2016-17	18-0	91	17-32	.531	2-8	.250	9-15	.600	27	1.5	24	2	9	0	0	45	2.5
2017-18	7-0	86	10-19	.526	1-9	.111	3-5	.600	13	1.9	14	7	6	1	5	24	3.4
TOTALS	25-0	177	27-51	.529	3-17	.176	12-20	.600	40	1.6	38	9	15	1	5	69	2.8





TRAY BUCHANAN

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Hometown: East Moline, Ill.

High School: United Township • Major: Undeclared

Game-by-Game 2017-18

OPPONENT	MP	FG	3FG	FT	REB.	AST.	BL.	ST.	PTS.
vs. Troy	11	3-6	2-3	0-0	1	0	0	3	8
at Hawai'i	8	1-4	0-2	1-1	0	0	0	0	3
vs. Arkansas-Pine Bluff	16	0-6	0-2	2-2	1	0	0	2	2
at Nebraska	12	0-3	0-2	2-2	3	0	0	0	2
<u>Northland College</u>	18	3-7	1-4	0-0	2	0	0	4	7
Utah Valley	7	0-1	1-1	0-0	1	1	0	1	3
Presentation College at Creighton	17	4-8	2-5	0-0	2	1	0	0	10
North Dakota State <u>at South Dakota State</u>									
at Gonzaga									
Idaho*									
Eastern Washington*									
at Montana*									
<u>at Montana State*</u>									
Idaho State*									
Weber State*									
at North Dakota State									
at Northern Colorado*									
<u>at Eastern Washington*</u>									
at Idaho*									
Montana State*									
Montana*									
at Weber State*									
<u>at Idaho State*</u>									
Southern Utah*									
Northern Arizona									
Northern Colorado*									
at Sacramento State*									
at Portland State*									
*Big Sky game									

MORE ON BUCHANAN...

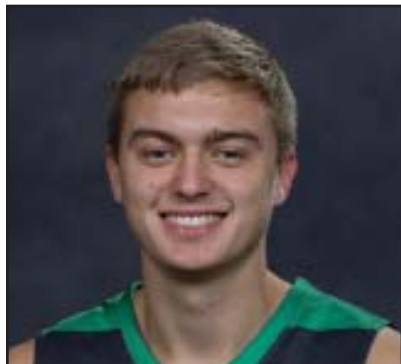
- Two-time Illinois Class 4A all-state honoree (first team as a junior, second team as a senior)
- Finished two varsity seasons at United Township with 1,208 career points
- Led the Quad Cities-Metro area in scoring as a senior, averaging 20.6 ppg

Buchanan's Season and Career Highs and Statistics

POINTS	10vs. Presentation, 11/28/17	3-POINT FIELD GOALS ATTEMPTED	5vs. Presentation, 11/28/17	ASSISTS	12x, last vs. Presentation, 11/28/17
FIELD GOALS MADE	4vs. Presentation, 11/28/17	FREE THROWS	22x, last at Nebraska, 11/19/17	BLOCKS	N/A
FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS	8vs. Presentation, 11/28/17	FREE THROWS ATTEMPTED	22x, last at Nebraska, 11/19/17	STEALS	4 vs. Northland, 11/21/17
3-POINT FIELD GOALS MADE	22x, last vs. Presentation, 11/28/17	REBOUNDS	3 at Nebraska, 11/19/17	MINUTES	18 vs. Northland, 11/21/17

Season	GP-GS	MP	FG-FGA	Pct.	3FG-A	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Reb.	Avg.	PF	Asst.	TO	Bl.	St.	TP	Avg.
2017-18	7-0	89	12-37	.324	5-19	.263	6-6	1.000	10	1.4	13	2	8	0	10	35	5.0
TOTALS	7-0	89	12-37	.324	5-19	.263	6-6	1.000	10	1.4	13	2	8	0	10	35	5.0





GARRETT FRANKEN

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Hometown: Atlantic, Iowa

High School: Atlantic • Major: Pre-Business Economics

Game-by-Game 2017-18

OPPONENT	MP	FG	3FG	FT	REB.	AST.	BL.	ST.	PTS.
vs. Troy	4	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0
at Hawai'i					DNP				
vs. Arkansas-Pine Bluff					DNP				
at Nebraska					DNP				
Northland College					DNP				
Utah Valley					DNP				
Presentation College	8	0-2	0-1	0-0	3	0	1	0	0
at Creighton									
North Dakota State									
at South Dakota State									
at Gonzaga									
Idaho*									
Eastern Washington*									
at Montana*									
at Montana State*									
Idaho State*									
Weber State*									
at North Dakota State									
at Northern Colorado*									
at Eastern Washington*									
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Montana State*									
Montana*									
at Weber State*									
at Idaho State*									
Southern Utah*									
Northern Arizona									
Northern Colorado*									
at Sacramento State*									
at Portland State*									

MORE ON FRANKEN...

- Averaged double figures during all four varsity seasons for Atlantic High School
- Ranked second in scoring at 23.8 ppg in Iowa Class 3A as a senior
- Finished prep career as Atlantic's all-time leading scorer with 1,543 points
- Led Atlantic to its first state tournament berth in 15 seasons as a senior

Season Highs

Points: N/A
 Rebounds: 1, vs. Troy (Nov. 10)
 Assists: N/A
 Blocks: N/A
 Steals: N/A

Franken's Season and Career Highs and Statistics

POINTS	3-POINT FIELD GOALS ATTEMPTED	ASSISTS
N/A	1 vs. Presentation, 11/28/17	N/A
FIELD GOALS MADE	FREE THROWS	BLOCKS
N/A	N/A	1 vs. Presentation, 11/28/17
FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS	FREE THROWS ATTEMPTED	STEALS
2 vs. Presentation, 11/28/17	N/A	N/A
3-POINT FIELD GOALS MADE	REBOUNDS	MINUTES
N/A	3 vs. Presentation, 11/28/17	8 vs. Presentation, 11/28/17

Season	GP-GS	MP	FG-FGA	Pct.	3FG-A	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Reb.	Avg.	PF	Asst.	TO	Bl.	St.	TP	Avg.
2017-18	2-0	12	0-3	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	4	2.0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0.0
TOTALS	2-0	12	0-3	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	4	2.0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0.0





GAME 4: at Nebraska (Nov. 19)

Official Basketball Box Score -- Game Totals -- Final Statistics
North Dakota vs Nebraska
11/17/17 7:01 p.m. at Pinnacle Bank Arena (Lincoln, Neb.)
North Dakota 70 • 2-2

Nebraska 92 • 3-1
Total FG 12-31 (39%) 3-10 (30%) 11-22 (50%)
FG% 1st Half: 44.0% 2nd Half: 45.7%
FT % 1st Half: 57.1% 2nd Half: 75.0%

Score by periods: North Dakota, Nebraska
Points in Off 2nd Fast Bench
Point T/O Chance Break
NEB 44 26 17 6 31

STRONG FIRST HALF LEADS HUSKERS PAST UND

LINCOLN, Neb. -- Junior Isaac Copeland scored a season-high 30 points to lead Nebraska to a 92-70 victory over North Dakota Sunday at Pinnacle Bank Arena. Copeland scored 19 of those in the opening 20 minutes to help the Huskers (3-1) build a 17-point halftime lead and the home team never looked back.

Marlon Stewart scored a career-high 20 points on 8-of-12 shooting from the floor for UND (2-2), but the Fighting Hawks could never recover from a slow start. Junior Conner Avants added a season-high 16 points on 8-of-11 shooting.

After Avants got the opening basket of the game, Nebraska reeled off the next 11 points to build an early advantage that the Huskers would never relinquish.

The Huskers started 8-for-12 from the field to push their advantage to 21-7, while UND started just 3-for-10.

Nebraska turned 12 first-half turnovers by UND into 16 points to help stake itself to a 49-32 lead at the break. The Huskers also shot 60 percent from the floor (20-for-33) with Copeland leading that charge. The Georgetown transfer made 8-of-9 field goals and had a season-high point total by halftime.

UND used a 14-6 run to open the second half and trim the deficit down to single digits after Seales made a driving layup, but that would be as close as the visitors would get.

Junior Geno Crandall scored 10 of his 13 points in the second half and Dale Jones rounded out a quartet of double-figure scores for the Fighting Hawks with 11 points.

Anton Gill added 16 points off the bench and paced the Huskers' reserves, who outscored UND's 31-2. Gill went 4-for-5 from beyond the arc, knocking down half of his team's eight makes from distance.

UND finished with a season-high 20 turnovers, while forcing the Huskers into 13. Copeland and Avants shared game-high honors with eight boards, but Nebraska won that category 41-30.

GAME 5: vs. Northland College (Nov. 21)

Official Basketball Box Score -- Game Totals -- Final Statistics
Northland College vs North Dakota
11/21/17 7:00 p.m. at Grand Forks, N.D. (Sioux Center)
Northland College 48 • 0-2

North Dakota 79 • 3-2
Total FG 14-31 (45%) 3-10 (30%) 11-22 (50%)
FG% 1st Half: 37.5% 2nd Half: 52.9%
FT % 1st Half: 66.7% 2nd Half: 64.3%

Score by periods: Northland College, North Dakota
Points in Off 2nd Fast Bench
Point T/O Chance Break
UND 44 26 17 6 31

FIGHTING HAWKS ROUT NORTHLAND IN HOME OPENER

GRAND FORKS, N.D. -- Junior Cortez Seales scored a game-high 20 points to help North Dakota roll to a 79-48 victory over Northland College on Tuesday after getting off to a slow start. It was the eight-straight home-opening win for the Fighting Hawks (3-2), while the Lumber Jacks (0-2), a Division III program from Ashland, Wis., played the game as an exhibition.

Seales went 9-for-12 from the floor to help the Fighting Hawks shoot 51 percent as a team. Brandon Galland had a double-double for the Lumber Jacks with 12 points and 11 rebounds, but the visitors shot only 29 percent from the floor.

Juniors Marlon Stewart and Conner Avants each added 11 points for the home team and Stewart had nine of those during a decisive first-half run midway through the opening 20 minutes.

Senior Dale Jones chipped in with eight points and a career-high 15 rebounds. Jones' career-night on the glass helped UND hold a 43-35 edge in that category.

Northland controlled the opening 10 minutes and led by as many as five points before UND found its rhythm on the offensive end and pulled away for the decisive victory. Seales gave UND just its second lead of the game at 19-18 on a field goal with just under eight minutes to play.

After a jumper by Ben Arqueros allowed Northland to regain the advantage at 20-19, Stewart sparked an 11-0 run that put UND in the lead for good.

Stewart scored nine of those points, which included seven from the foul line, and also assisted on a dunk by Jones to account for all scoring in that decisive spurt.

Seales scored the final six points of the half to stretch the home team's lead to 36-25 at halftime. He finished the first half with 12 points on 6-of-8 shooting from the floor, while Jones grabbed 10 first-half rebounds.

GAME 6: vs. Utah Valley (Nov. 25)

Official Basketball Box Score -- Game Totals -- Final Statistics
Utah Valley vs North Dakota
11/25/17 2:05 p.m. at Grand Forks, N.D. (Sioux Center)
Utah Valley 83 • 4-2

North Dakota 75 • 3-3
Total FG 11-26 (42%) 3-10 (30%) 11-22 (50%)
FG% 1st Half: 44.0% 2nd Half: 25.0%
FT % 1st Half: 66.7% 2nd Half: 70.0%

Score by periods: Utah Valley, North Dakota
Points in Off 2nd Fast Bench
Point T/O Chance Break
UND 44 26 17 6 31

UTAH VALLEY OUTLASTS UND IN OVERTIME

GRAND FORKS, N.D. -- Utah Valley center Akolda Manyang scored nine of his game-high 24 points in overtime to help the Wolverines outlast North Dakota 83-75 Saturday at the Betty Engelstad Sioux Center.

UND sophomore Marlon Stewart matched Manyang's point total, but the Fighting Hawks (3-3) had trouble solving his length inside as he swatted away six shots and added nine rebounds.

His biggest block came at the end of regulation when he got just enough of a floater from Cortez Seales that could have won the game for the home team.

Akolda dominated the final five minutes, going 3-for-3 from the floor, adding three free throws to seal the win for Utah Valley. It was the first meeting between the teams since they were league foes in the Great West Conference from 2010-12.

Junior Geno Crandall added 15 points and pulled down a career-high 10 rebounds to register the first double-double of his career.

The Fighting Hawks struggled from floor throughout the game, shooting just 34.5 percent after making just 30-of-87 attempts. UVU also made 30 field goals in the game, but did so on 23 fewer attempts to shoot 46.9 percent.

Stewart, whose 24 points were a career high, did get hot from beyond the arc for a stretch of the second half that saw him knock down a trio of 3-pointers to give UND its largest lead of the game 60-56, midway through the second half. The Wolverines rallied though and neither team led by more than that until overtime.

Crandall gave UND a 67-65 advantage with 1:44 to play and that would be the last field goal of regulation by either team. UND had a chance to go up by two baskets, but a jumper by Conner Avants rolled off the rim and Conner Toolson was fouled on the rebound with 19 seconds to play.

He would knock down both attempts from the charity stripe to tie the game at 67-67, setting up Seales' attempt at a game-winner.

After Kenneth Ogbe made a pair of free throws to open overtime for UVU, Manyang would get the next eight points for the Wolverines to put the game out of reach.



GAME 7: vs. Presentation (Nov. 28)

Official Basketball Box Score -- Game Totals -- Final Statistics
Presentation vs North Dakota
11/28/17 7:00 p.m. at Grand Forks, N.D. (Sioux Center)

Presentation 75 • 4-4

##	Player	Total			3-Ptr			Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
		FG	FGA	FT	FTA	Off	Def	Total									
02	WALTERS, Deiontay	8	16	2	6	4	10	3	5	8	2	22	6	3	0	2	36
05	LOLLIS, Quadre	2	7	0	0	2	4	3	8	11	2	6	1	3	0	2	36
11	JACKSON, Julius	14	23	3	6	1	2	2	7	9	2	32	2	5	0	1	37
23	GATLIN, Marcus	1	4	0	1	0	0	1	2	3	3	2	0	1	0	0	11
22	WHITE, Adam	4	5	0	1	3	4	1	2	3	6	0	0	0	0	0	23
03	JOHNSON, Jalen	1	2	0	1	2	3	1	0	1	0	4	0	2	0	0	11
20	ASAD, Riyadh	0	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	2	25
30	SCHURING, Sean	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
31	MAHER, Tayton	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	19
Team		30-64		5-20	10-21	11	27	38	16	75	10	14	0	7	200		
FG % 1st Half: 13-32 40.6%		2nd half: 17-32 53.1%		Game: 30-64 46.9%		Dabball		Rebounds									
3FG % 1st Half: 5-13 38.5%		2nd half: 0-7 0.0%		Game: 5-20 25.0%													
FT % 1st Half: 0-3 0.0%		2nd half: 10-18 55.6%		Game: 10-21 47.6%													

North Dakota 82 • 4-3

##	Player	Total			3-Ptr			Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
		FG	FGA	FT	FTA	Off	Def	Total									
00	CRANDALL, Geno	9	12	1	2	1	3	2	3	5	2	20	5	0	0	2	35
01	STEWART, Marlon	3	5	0	2	0	1	0	3	3	2	6	9	1	0	1	29
13	JONES, Dale	3	8	1	4	0	0	0	10	10	2	7	3	2	0	2	29
16	SEALES, Cortez	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	3
22	AVANTS, Conner	10	15	0	1	4	5	3	2	5	2	24	1	2	0	0	32
03	BROWN, Billy	1	4	1	4	0	0	0	1	1	0	3	2	3	0	1	23
11	KIRSEY, Jafar	2	5	1	4	0	0	2	2	3	5	1	2	0	0	13	
23	WALTER, Kienan	3	5	0	2	0	1	1	2	3	3	6	2	1	1	0	11
24	FRANKEN, Garrett	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	1	0	8	
30	BUCHANAN, Tray	4	8	2	5	0	0	2	0	2	2	10	1	3	0	0	17
Team		35-64		6-27	6-12	8	28	36	16	82	24	15	3	6	200		
FG % 1st Half: 18-32 56.3%		2nd half: 17-32 53.1%		Game: 35-64 54.7%		Dabball		Rebounds									
3FG % 1st Half: 5-13 38.5%		2nd half: 1-14 7.1%		Game: 6-27 22.2%													
FT % 1st Half: 4-6 66.7%		2nd half: 2-6 33.3%		Game: 6-12 50.0%													

Officials: Brad Fowler, Dan Nowakowski and Josh Klem
 Technical fouls: Presentation-TEAM; North Dakota-None.
 Attendance: 1614

Score by periods	1st	2nd	Total
Presentation	31	44	75
North Dakota	45	37	82

	Points	In	Off	2nd	Fast
	PC	Paint	T/O	Chance	Break
Presentation	30	10	12	6	4
North Dakota	50	14	5	10	24

Last FG - PC 2nd-00:01, UND 2nd-01:33
 Largest lead - PC None, UND by 22, 2nd 13-48.
 PC led for 00:00, UND led for 39:48, Game was tied for 00:12.
 Score tied - 0 times.
 Lead changed - 0 times.

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UND HOLDS OFF SAINTS FOR 82-75 VICTORY

GRAND FORKS, N.D. -- Junior Conner Avants scored a career-high 24 points and classmate Geno Crandall added 20 to lead North Dakota to an 82-75 victory over Presentation College Tuesday at the Betty Engelstad Sioux Center.

The Saints proved to be a much tougher foe than their three previous trips to Grand Forks when the Fighting Hawks (4-3) won by an average margin of 43.0 ppg.

The primary reason for that was the play of juniors Julius Jackson and Deiontay Walters, who scored 32 and 22 points, respectively for the visitors.

Walters pulled the Saints with three at 19-16 on a baseline jumper at the midway point of the first half, but UND would respond with a 13-0 run that Dale Jones capped with a 3-pointer.

That spurt would prove to be pivotal as PC never let UND run away and hide like in year's past against the NAIA squad.

Avants, who had 12 first-half points, and Crandall, who had 14, helped provide the home team with a 45-31 lead at the break.

Those two combined to go 11-for-17 from the field in the opening 20 minutes, while UND shot 56.3 percent as a team. Jackson went 8-for-12 from the field and had 19 at the break for PC. Walters added 10 first-half points, but the rest of the team managed just two in the opening stanza.

UND controlled much of the second half, growing its lead to as many as 22 points before the Saints made a late run to close within single digits in the final minute of the play.

Presentation ended up with a 38-36 edge on the glass as Quadre Lollis added a game-high 11 boards for the visitors. Jackson added nine, while Jones finished with a team-best 10 for the Fighting Hawks. It was his second double-digit rebounding game of UND's 2-1 record throughout its three-game homestand.

Sophomore Marlon Stewart distributed a career-high nine of UND's season-high 24 assists in the contest, while Crandall added five to go with five rebounds. It was the fourth time he finished with 20 or more points in a game this season.





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GENO
CRANDALL
JR., GUARD



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MARLON
STEWART
SO., GUARD



3
BILLY
BROWN
SO., GUARD



5
AANEN
MOODY
FR., GUARD



10
JAQWAN
MCCAULEY
JR., FORWARD



11
JAFAR
KINSEY
JR., GUARD



13
DALE
JONES
SR., FORWARD



15
CORTEZ
SEALES
JR., GUARD



21
ETHAN
IGBANUGO
FR., GUARD



22
CARTER
BROOKS
SO., FORWARD



23
KIENAN
WALTER
SO., FORWARD



24
GARRETT
FRANKEN
FR., FORWARD



30
TRAY
BUCHANAN
FR., GUARD



32
CONNER
AVANTS
JR., FORWARD



BRIAN
JONES
HEAD COACH



BRAD
DAVIDSON
ASSISTANT
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