



NORTH DAKOTA

MEN'S BASKETBALL GAME NOTES

(4-11, 0-4 Big Sky)



2011 2013 2016 2017
2012 2014



GAME 16 | 7:00 p.m. CT | Jan. 11

vs. Idaho State

(8-6, 3-0 Big Sky)

Sioux Center | Grand Forks, N.D.

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.	L, 111-68
9	North Dakota State	Grand Forks, N.D.	L, 88-79
12	at South Dakota State	Brookings, S.D.	L, 99-63
16	at (12/13) Gonzaga	Spokane, Wash.	L, 89-83 (ot)
29	Idaho*	Grand Forks, N.D.	L, 74-57
31	Eastern Washington*	Grand Forks, N.D.	L, 77-64

JANUARY

4	at Montana*	Missoula, Mont.	L, 109-79
6	at Montana State*	Bozeman, Mont.	L, 79-68
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. IDAHO STATE SERIES

All-time	UND leads 11-1
In Pocatello	UND leads 6-0
Last Meeting	UND 77, ISU 61 (Feb. 16, 2017; Pocatello)
UND Head Coach Brian Jones vs. Idaho State	11-1
UND Head Coach Brian Jones vs. Evans	10-0
Idaho State Head Coach Bill Evans vs. UND	0-10
Idaho State Head Coach Bill Evans vs. Jones	0-10

WHERE TO WATCH/LISTEN/TRACK

Radio:	1440 AM (GF) 790 AM (Fargo)
Audio:	www.UNDSports.com
Live Stats:	www.UNDSports.com
Live Stream:	WatchBigSky.com Pluto TV Ch. 240

IN THE PAINT...

- North Dakota returns home looking to get back into the win column against the hottest team in the Big Sky. Idaho State is unbeaten early on in Big Sky play and have won eight of nine overall after dropping their first five to open the season. Tip-off against the Bengals is slated for 7 p.m. on Thursday.
- In fact, ISU will be the third-straight conference foe bringing an undefeated record (3-0) in league play up against the Fighting Hawks, who have not won since a late November victory over Presentation College.
- The eight-game losing skid is the longest for the program since dropping the final nine games of the 2014-15 season.
- UND was swept last week in the Treasure State when league-leaders Montana (4-0) and Montana State (4-0) both posted double-digit victories against the Fighting Hawks.
- Fortunately for UND, the Bengals are coming to an arena where they are winless in six previous tries. The Fighting Hawks have also won all nine regular-season Big Sky matchups against Idaho State.
- UND's edge in the all-time series is at 11-1 with the Bengals' lone victory coming in the 2011-12 season when the teams split a non-conference, home-and-home series.
- This is the sixth and final season in the Big Sky for the Fighting Hawks, who will join the Summit League in 2018-19.
- UND owns a 52-42 record in its first five-plus seasons of league play, including its best showing of 14-4 during its title run last season.

*2017-18 Big Sky Statistics

UND'S PROBABLE STARTERS

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

- Equaled career-high with five steals in three games this yr
- Needs seven assists to move into UND's career top 10 list

PPG RPG APG MPG
15.6 4.5 3.0 33.6
*10.3 3.3 1.5 30.0

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

- 22-for-24 (91.7%) from the foul stripe in 4 Big Sky games
- Shares team lead with 10 double-figure scoring games.

PPG RPG APG MPG
13.5 2.8 2.7 28.1
12.5 1.0 2.3 23.3

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

- Scored a career-high 20 pts and added 11 rebounds for first career double-double vs. EWU
- Iowa grad transfer

PPG RPG BPG MPG
10.3 7.1 0.4 27.7
11.7 8.3 0.7 30.5

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

- Leads team with 14 blocks (1.0/g; 7th in Big Sky) and has seven in league play (1.8/g; 2nd in Big Sky)

PPG RPG BPG MPG
10.4 3.2 1.0 30.2
*6.0 3.3 1.8 28.8

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

- Tops team and ranks 9th in Big Sky with a 53.8 FG% clip
- 34 career double-figure scoring games

PPG RPG SPG MPG
9.9 5.3 0.9 28.0
*5.8 4.5 0.5 26.0

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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 Irlé
 Faculty Athletics Representative..... Sue Jenó
 Athletic Dept. Phone..... 701.777.2234
 Ticket Office Phone..... 701.777.0855

HISTORY

First Year of Men's Basketball..... 1904-05
 All-time Record..... 1,566-1,046 (.602)
 All-time Home Record..... 946-283
 All-time Away Record..... 493-681
 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..... 170-190
 Career Record as Head Coach..... 170-190
 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: IDAHO STATE

- Head coach **Bill Evans** and his Bengals arrive in Grand Forks playing their best basketball of the season. ISU has won eight of nine overall with the only loss during that stretch coming at BYU (85-71).
- The Bengals are off to a 3-0 start in Big Sky play for the first time since 2006-07 thanks to a rare road win at Weber State on Dec. 30 and a home sweep of Southern Utah (93-78; Jan. 4) and Northern Arizona (64-60; Jan. 6) last week.
- Sophomore **Jared Stutzman** is the team's top scorer at 14.6 ppg and is averaging 19.3 ppg in three Big Sky games. The Utah Valley transfer is shooting 50 percent from 3-point range on the season (25-for-50).
- Junior **Brandon Boyd** is one of the top scoring reserves in the Big Sky, averaging 11.6 ppg and he has upped that to 15.3 ppg in league play. He scored 24 off the bench in the win over SUU.
- Senior **Geno Luzcando** is a three-year starter and the Chilean is averaging 9.9 ppg and is averaging a team-best 3.3 apg.

GUARD YOUR WALLET

North Dakota (8.1/g) and Idaho State (7.4/g) rank second and fourth among Big Sky teams in terms of steals per game and four of the top eight individuals in that category will also be on display Thursday when the two teams meet on the hardwood. ISU's **Geno Luzcando** ranks first in the Big Sky and sixth nationally at 2.9 spg, while teammate **Brandon Boyd** is tied for seventh along with UND's **Marlon Stewart** at 1.6 spg. UND's Geno (Crandall) is third in the Big Sky in steals at 2.0/g (t-48th nationally).

ISU VS. UND COMPARISON

	ISU	UND
Overall Record	8-6	4-11
League Record	3-0 (BSC)	0-4 (BSC)
Home Record	6-1	2-4
Away Record	2-5	0-7
Neutral Record	0-0	2-0
Points Per Game	72.1	73.9
Opp. Points Per Game	70.7	83.7
Scoring Margin	+ 1.4	-9.9
FG%	46.1	43.6
Opponent FG%	44.6	50.5
3-point FG%	37.0	28.1
Opponent 3-point FG%	32.3	38.2
FT%	64.6	70.6
Opponent FT%	70.2	70.3
Rebounds	33.3	31.5
Opponent Rebounds	34.1	38.8
Assists Per Game	12.3	11.5
Turnover Per Game	14.7	14.2
Blocks Per Game	2.7	2.1
Steals Per Game	7.4	8.1

IDAHO STATE PROBABLE STARTERS

- # Pos Name (Overall/Big Sky Stats)
- 1 G Geno Luzcando (9.9/9.0 ppg, 4.9/6.7 rpg, 2.9/3.7 spg)
 - 13 C Novak Topalovic (9.6/9.7 ppg, 5.1/5.0 rpg, 1.2/1.3 bpg)
 - 20 G Balint Mocsan (12.3/12/3 ppg, 3.8/5.0 rpg)
 - 21 G Jared Stutzman (14.6/19.3 ppg, 3.5/6.0 rpg)
 - 24 F Blake Truman (2.5/2.3 ppg, 2.5/1.7 rpg)

Top Reserves

- 11 G Erik Nakken (2.2/1.0 ppg, 0.6/1.0 rpg)
- 15 G Brandon Boyd (11.6/15.3 ppg, 2.8/1.7 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)	L, 83-75 (ot)
Dec. 5	at Creighton (Fox Sports 2)	L, 111-68
Dec. 9	North Dakota State (MidcoSN)	L, 88-79
Dec. 12	at South Dakota State (MidcoSN)	L, 99-62
Dec. 16	at Gonzaga (ROOT Sports NW)	L, 89-83 (ot)
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.

ON THE HORIZON

UND wraps up the two-game Big Sky homestand against Weber State on Saturday at 2 p.m. The Wildcats won the first eight meetings between the programs, but UND has won four of the last five, including a 93-89 victory in last year's Big Sky Tournament title game.

DID YOU KNOW?

UND's 34-point win over Idaho State in the 2015 Big Sky Tournament quarterfinals was the largest margin of victory in the 44-year history of the event. Six Fighting Hawks reached double figures in the 83-49 victory in a game UND led 46-17 at halftime.

BETTY BEWARE

The Fighting Hawks went 11-2 at The Betty last season and own a 122-58 record in the building that opened prior to the 2004-05 season. UND won its eighth-consecutive home opener earlier this season, but the Fighting Hawks are just 1-4 since the 79-48 victory over Northland College on Nov. 21. The Fighting Hawks were 8-1 in Big Sky play on their home court a year ago, but dropped their first two league contests at home in late December.

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
4. Northern Colorado (1)	83	4. Montana State	180
4. 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.



Game Notes: North Dakota vs. Idaho State (Jan. 11)

RECORD REWIND

The North Dakota men's basketball program holds a 1566-1046 (.602) all-time record since Dr. George Sweetland led the first team onto the court in 1904-05. North Dakota is 946-284 (.770) all-time when it comes to defending its home court.

EYING A BETTER START

If UND could play its first 20 minutes like their last 20 minutes, the 0-4 start to Big Sky play might look a little different. The Fighting Hawks' four league foes have outscored them 172-106 (43.0-26.5 ppg) in the first half, but that margin is much slimmer in the second half. Opponent have only managed 167-162 advantage after the break and UND is averaging 14.0 more points during that stanza.

TRAY BALL, CORNER POCKET

True freshman **Tray Buchanan** has emerged as UND's best deep-ball threat since Big Sky commenced. Buchanan is 12-for-31 in league action (38.7 percent) and has accounted for 40 percent of the team's trifectas in four Big Sky games. His success from beyond the arc has also made him the top Fighting Hawk scorer in league action at 13.3 ppg. In 11 non-conference games, Buchanan went just 6-for-25 from deep (24 percent) and averaged 4.3 ppg.

Buchanan led UND in scoring in both contests last week in the Treasure State, scoring a career-high 16 against Montana (Jan. 4), then surpassing that mark with 19 against Montana State (Jan. 6) in his first career start.

JONESING FOR SUCCESS

Iowa grad transfer **Dale Jones** missed the Idaho contest (Dec. 29) after starting all 11 non-conference games, but returned to the starting lineup in an emphatic way vs. Eastern Washington (Dec. 31). Jones scored a career-high 20 points and pulled down 11 rebounds to register the first double-double of his career. The 6-foot-8 forward has proven his worth early on this season by averaging 10.4 ppg and 7.1 rpg (third in the Big Sky). After three seasons at the junior-college level, injuries limited him to just 11 games for the Hawkeyes from 2015-17. By missing a majority of those two seasons, he was granted a sixth year of eligibility by the NCAA.

STEWART GETTING COMFORTABLE

Sophomore **Marlon Stewart** scored just 26 points (8.7 ppg) in his first three career games for UND, but is averaging a team-best 14.7 ppg in the 12 games since then. That stretch includes a career-high 24 points against Utah Valley (Nov. 25) and team-high 23 against NDSU (Dec. 9). That was his third 20-plus point game of the season for Stewart. He had a career-high nine helpers in UND's outing against Presentation (Nov. 28). Stewart went for 15 points and went 6-for-6 from the foul line vs. the 12th-ranked Zags (Dec. 16) and had 15 of UND's 18 first-half points against Idaho (Dec. 29) in his Big Sky debut. He finished with 17 that contest and is averaging 12.5 ppg in league action. He came off the bench for the first time this season against Montana State (Jan. 6) and finished with 10 points.

WHAT A WAY TO REACH 1K

Geno Crandall became the 36th player in UND men's basketball history to reach the 1,000-point plateau and the junior arrived at the figure in one of the most dramatic ways possible. The milestone came on his 3-pointer that sent the UND-Gonzaga game into overtime, tying the game at 69-69 with 1.8 seconds to play. Crandall's milestone came in his 73rd career game, which made him the quickest among the six Fighting Hawks to reach that plateau during the program's Division I era. Troy Huff (2010-14) had been the quickest among the first quintet after taking 74 career games. Huff ended his career as the program's third all-time leading scorer with 2,005 points.

SIGNED, SEALES, DELIVERED

Junior **Cortez Seales** did his part in trying to deliver UND's first win over a ranked opponent, scoring a season-high 23 points in the OT loss at No. 12/13 Gonzaga (Dec. 16). Seales went 11-for-15 from the field, including a stretch in the first half where he made seven-consecutive shots in helping give UND a 34-30 lead on the Bulldogs at halftime. It marked the first time UND had led a ranked opponent at the break in program history. His 11 field goals made against the Zags equaled his career-best from his collegiate debut (UM-Morris; Nov. 13, 2015).

Seales broke out of a mini-slump against Montana State (Jan. 6), finishing with 15 points after scoring just nine in the first three Big Sky games of the season.

STREAK-BUSTED

Junior captain **Conner Avants** had reached double-figures in a career-best seven-straight games before being held to three points despite playing a career-high 38 minutes at Gonzaga (Dec. 16). He got back into double figures with 11 points against Eastern Washington (Dec. 31) and now has nine double-figure scoring games on the campaign.

WALTER NETS CAREER-HIGH AGAINST BISON

Sophomore **Kienan Walter** played a career-high 24 minutes off the bench against NDSU (Dec. 9) and delivered with a career-high 11 points. He made his only two field-goal attempts, but also connected on six-of-eight free throws. The six-foot-nine forward also equaled his season-high with four rebounds.

CRANDALLIZED

Junior **Geno Crandall** has equaled his career-high of five steals three different times already this season and now has 153 for his career. With his latest five-steal performance against NDSU (Dec. 9), Crandall moved into fifth place on UND's all-time charts knocking his mentor Aaron Anderson from that perch. He needs 25 more to reach fourth place.

1. Jamal Webb (240; 2010-14)
2. Troy Huff (228; 2010-14)
3. Quinton Hooker (195; 2013-17)
4. Scott Guldseth (178; 1990-93)
5. Geno Crandall (153; 2015-present)

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 was 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 (Nov. 25), finishing with 12 points and nine boards.

THE POWER OF EIGHTY

Over the past two seasons, UND owns a 19-2 record when scoring 80 or more points. The only two losses when reaching that point total have been against ranked opponents (100-82 vs. Arizona; NCAA Tournament and 89-83 OT loss at Gonzaga). So far this season, the Fighting Hawks are 3-1 when scoring 80-plus points.

FRANKEN FINDS FIRST POINTS

True freshman **Garrett Franken** buried a pair of 3-pointers against Montana (Jan. 4) to account for his first collegiate points. It was just the seventh appearance for the 6-foot-8 forward, who logged 10 minutes off the bench against the Griz.

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





SUCCESS INSIDE THE ARC

The Fighting Hawks are off to a slow start from 3-point territory (28.1 percent; 96-for-342), but have made up for that with a 53.1 percent clip inside the arc.

HIGH THEFT VOLUME

UND goes into the contest with Idaho State averaging 8.1 steals per game. Led by junior **Geno Crandall** (30; 2.0/g, 3rd in Big Sky) and sophomore **Marlon Stewart** (24; 1.6/g, eighth in Big Sky), the Fighting Hawks are forcing opponents into 15.1 turnovers per game, which is third most among Big Sky teams.

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 played two of the other seven teams that were in SLC earlier this season when they traveled 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.

TOUGH SLEDDING IN DECEMBER

The Fighting Hawks lost all six of their games in the December with each 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:

Those half-dozen teams combined to go 140-66 (.680 winning percentag) a season ago with Gonzaga leading the way with a 37-2 overall mark. The lone home game of the month for UND before Christmas was the 88-79 loss to in-state rival North Dakota State on Dec. 9.

ONCE A BLUEJAY

Sophomore guard **Marlon Stewart** began his collegiate career at Creighton and he scored 18 points in his return to face his old team on on Dec. 5. Stewart appeared in 13 games as a true freshman back in 2015-16 before transferring to UND following that campaign.

He only scored seven points in his brief Creighton career, but had tallied eight points against his former team by halftime. The Bluejays went 20-15 during his lone season in Omaha and advanced to the quarterfinals of the National Invitational Tournament.

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).

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. He 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 is the fifth most in a single game to this point of the season. Marquette's Markus Howard holds this season's single-game high after scoring 52 points during an overtime win at Providence.

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.

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)





Game Notes: North Dakota vs. Idaho State (Jan. 11)

2017-18 ROSTER ROUND-UP

- Head coach **Brian 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 performer 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.

GAME-BY-GAME COMPARISON

Opponent	1st	2nd	Score	Mar	Total FG	FG Pct	3-Pointers	3FG Pct	Free Throws	FT Pct	Rebounds	Mar	Assist	TOver	Block	Steal	Fouls
Troy	30/33	53/47	83-80	+3	32-65/28-65	.492/.431	12-26/6-22	.462/.273	7-14/18-30	.500/.600	34/42	(8)	16/13	12/13	2/2	9/5	22/16
Hawai'i	31/46	47/35	78-81	(3)	28-57/29-57	.491/.509	4-13/4-14	.308/.286	18-29/19-29	.621/.655	27/36	(9)	6/14	13/15	3/0	6/6	27/26
UAPB	37/33	43/38	80-71	+9	22-61/26-50	.361/.520	5-21/7-14	.238/.500	31-38/12-16	.816/.750	35/31	+4	16/13	12/24	2/6	16/9	17/24
Nebraska	32/49	38/43	70-92	(22)	26-59/36-68	.441/.529	5-18/8-20	.278/.400	13-19/12-18	.684/.667	30/41	(11)	9/20	18/13	1/5	2/8	20/22
Northland	36/25	43/23	79-48	+31	30-59/16-55	.508/.291	3-19/5-17	.158/.294	16-28/11-17	.571/.647	43/35	+8	11/9	12/19	5/0	14/1	16/20
Utah Valley	34/38	33/29	75-83	(8)	30-87/30-64	.345/.469	6-32/6-18	.188/.333	9-14/17-24	.643/.708	49/49	-	9/10	10/18	0/8	13/5	21/17
Presentation	45/31	37/44	82-75	+7	35-64/30-64	.547/.469	6-27/5-20	.222/.250	6-12/10-21	.500/.476	36/38	(2)	24/10	15/14	3/0	6/7	16/16
Creighton	37/51	31/60	68-111	(43)	27-67/41-72	.403/.569	7-24/13-33	.292/.394	7-12/16-20	.583/.800	29/48	(19)	15/22	11/8	1/3	4/7	16/15
NDSU	37/44	42/44	79-88	(9)	23-52/34-57	.442/.596	4-14/13-22	.286/.591	29-34/7-12	.853/.583	25/33	(8)	8/18	10/16	2/2	11/7	18/24
SDSU	30/55	33/44	63-99	(36)	24-61/33-56	.393/.589	5-25/5-15	.200/.333	10-18/28-35	.556/.800	29/40	(11)	9/9	16/13	0/2	7/9	25/17
Gonzaga	34/30	35/39	83-89	(6)	30-58/32-72	.517/.444	9-23/7-23	.391/.304	14-19/18-23	.737/.783	27/44	(17)	12/14	19/17	2/1	10/15	21/15
IDAHO*	18/35	39/39	57-74	(17)	15-42/28-50	.357/.560	4-20/10-21	.200/.476	23-29/8-12	.793/.667	21/35	(14)	4/19	19/22	3/1	6/5	15/26
EWU*	28/42	36/35	64-77	(13)	22-51/27-50	.431/.510	10-27/7-18	.370/.389	10-12/16-18	.833/.889	26/29	(3)	14/9	21/16	2/2	8/15	15/16
Montana	29/50	50/59	79-109	(30)	24-63/40-65	.381/.615	8-31/8-14	.258/.571	23-26/21-30	.885/.700	33/39	(6)	8/21	13/8	3/3	4/10	26/25
Montana St.	31/45	37/34	68-79	(11)	24-53/29-64	.453/.453	8-22/9-25	.364/.360	12-19/12-15	.632/.800	29/42	(13)	12/13	12/11	2/1	6/6	14/20

Note: Game totals are displayed in the format TEAM/OPPONENT for each category

HAWK-UMENTARY

- After shooting 67.5 percent from the foul stripe in non-conference games, UND is 68-for-86 (79.1 percent) through four Big Sky games. That figure is fifth amongst Big Sky teams.
- Freshman **Tray Buchanan** (88.2, 15-for-17; 9th) and sophomore **Marlon Stewart** (91.7, 22-for-24; 8th) are leading those efforts from free throw line in league play.

- Stewart is leading the Fighting Hawks in scoring at The Betty this season, averaging 14.8 ppg in six home games.
- Senior **Dale Jones** is averaging a double-double in his five home appearances, scoring 10.4 ppg and pulling down 10.2 rpg.
- Buchanan's eight made 3-pointers at home are tops on the team, but UND is shooting only 23.7 percent from beyond the arc in its own building, while opponents are shooting 39.7 percent from distance.



LAST SEASON VS. IDAHO STATE

Idaho State 64 North Dakota 77
North Dakota 89 Idaho State 61
Jan. 21, 2017 (Sioux Center) Feb. 16, 2017 (Reed Gym)

GRAND FORKS, N.D. - Senior Corey Baldwin scored a career-high 23 points and another dominant second half by North Dakota led the Fighting Hawks to an 89-64 victory over Idaho State in men's Big Sky basketball action Saturday.

POCATELLO, Idaho - Senior Corey Baldwin and sophomore Geno Crandall led five Fighting Hawks in double figures with 18 points apiece as North Dakota picked up a 77-61 road victory Thursday in Big Sky men's basketball action.

After trailing at the half for the second-straight game, UND (11-7, 6-2 BSC) blistered the nets once again after the break to rally for a league victory that keeps the Fighting Hawks near the top of the Big Sky standings.

Baldwin drilled five 3-pointers and Crandall added four as UND (16-8, 11-3 BSC) matched its season-high with 13 trifectas in the contest. Junior Drick Bernstine added a season-high 16 points on 8-of-11 from the floor, while Cortez Seales had 10 points and career-highs in rebounds (nine) and assists (six) off the bench.

Baldwin and crew knocked down 10 3-pointers on only 14 attempts after halftime. The Bridgeport, Conn., native buried five of those to give him a career-best seven makes from distance.

Senior Quinton Hooker rounded out UND's five double-figure scorers with 13 points and helped force the Bengals (5-20; 3-10 BSC) into 18 turnovers that the Fighting Hawks turned into 24 points. It was the 10th straight win over Idaho State for UND, who has now won four in a row overall and stays within a half game of league-leader Weber State.

UND shot 74 percent from the floor in the second half in the six-point win over Weber State on Thursday and shot 67 percent today. The hot shooting allowed the Fighting Hawks to outscore the Bengals 54-28 after halftime.

Series History vs. Idaho State

All-time: UND leads 11-1
In Grand Forks: UND leads 6-0
In Pocatello: UND leads 4-1
Neutral sites: UND leads 1-0
Big Sky Regular Season: UND leads 9-0
Big Sky Tournament: UND leads 1-0
Division I: UND leads 11-1

DIVISION I MATCHUPS

Table with 4 columns: DATE, UND RESULT, SITE, SCORE. Lists matchups from 11/14/2011 to 2/16/2017.

*Big Sky games | #Big Sky Tournament games

A CLOSER LOOK ...

- UND connected on 13 3-pointers in each of the victories over Idaho State a year ago. This year's team has yet to make more than 12 3-pointers in a game and has reached double figures in makes only twice.
• Juniors Geno Crandall and Cortez Seales were both just a rebound shy of a double-double in last year's win at Idaho State when both corralled a then career-high nine rebounds.

Career Statistics vs. Idaho State

- 0 Geno Crandall (5g, 10.0 ppg, 5.6 rpg, 3.4 apg, 2.2 spg)
15 Cortez Seales (5g, 7.6 ppg, 3.6 rpg, 2.8 apg)
23 Kienan Walter (2g, 2.5 ppg, 1.0 rpg)
32 Conner Avants (5g, 3.4 ppg, 3.1 rpg, 1.0 apg)

Official Basketball Box Score -- Game Totals -- Final Statistics
Idaho State vs North Dakota
01/21/17 2:05 p.m. at Grand Forks, N.D. (Sioux Center)

Box score for Idaho State vs North Dakota. Includes player stats for 31 players and team totals.

North Dakota 89 • 11-7 (6-2 BSC)

Box score for North Dakota vs Idaho State. Includes player stats for 13 players and team totals.

Officials: Daniel Dorian, Josh Johnson and Josh Klem
Technical fouls: Idaho State-None, North Dakota-None.

Score by periods table showing 1st, 2nd, and Total scores for both teams.

Score tied - 1 time.
Lead changed - 3 times.

Official Basketball Box Score -- Game Totals -- Final Statistics
North Dakota vs Idaho State
2/16/17 7:05 p.m. at ICCU Court at Reed Gym (Pocatello, ID)

Box score for North Dakota vs Idaho State. Includes player stats for 13 players and team totals.

Idaho State 61 • 6-20, 3-10

Box score for Idaho State vs North Dakota. Includes player stats for 13 players and team totals.

Officials: Shawn Lehigh, Ryan McDaniel, Kenneth Burdett Jr.
Technical fouls: North Dakota-TEAM 2, Idaho State-None.

Score by periods table showing 1st, 2nd, and Total scores for both teams.

Score tied - 3 times.
Lead changed - 3 times.



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 Houston 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
	Dale Jones vs. Eastern Washington	12/31/17	20 pts, 11 rebs

^Great West Tournament | #Big Sky Tournament | \$CIT Tournament | @NCAA Tournament

CAREER GAMES AT UND

Player	Played	Started
Conner Avants	79	50
Geno Crandall	77	70
Cortez Seales	74	21
Billy Brown	36	0
Kienan Walter	33	0
Marlon Stewart	15	14
Tray Buchanan	15	1
Dale Jones	14	13
Jafar Kinsey	14	1
Garrett Franken	6	0
Jaqwan McCauley	2	0

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

DOUBLE-FIGURE SCORING GAMES (^career-high)

Player	Career	2017-18	Season High
Geno Crandall	53	10	41^
Conner Avants	34	9	24
Cortez Seales	28	6	23
Marlon Stewart	10	10	24
Dale Jones	9	9	20^
Tray Buchanan	4	4	16^
Kienan Walter	2	1	11
Billy Brown	1	0	0

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	16	6	41
Cortez Seales	6	3	27
Conner Avants	3	1	24
Marlon Stewart	3	3	24
Dale Jones	1	1	20

DOUBLE-FIGURE REBOUNDING GAMES

Player	Career	2017-18	Career High
Dale Jones	3	3	15
Geno Crandall	1	1	10

DOUBLE-FIGURE ASSISTS GAMES

Player	Career	2017-18	Career High

TRIPLE-DOUBLES

Player	Career	2017-18

DOUBLE-DOUBLES

Player	Career	2017-18
Geno Crandall	1	1
Dale Jones	1	1

UND YEAR-BY-YEAR RECORD AT THE BETTY

2004-05	8-1
2005-06	11-6
2006-07	7-5
2007-08	10-4
2008-09	12-3
2009-10	5-8
2010-11	11-3
2011-12	13-1
2012-13	9-5
2013-14	11-3
2014-15	3-9
2015-16	10-5
2016-17	11-2
2017-18	2-4
TOTAL	123-59 (.676)



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	111-68 (L)	Stewart (18)	Crandall, Stewart (5)	Crandall (6)
North Dakota State	12/9	88-79 (L)	Stewart (23)	Jones (7)	Crandall (3)
at South Dakota State	12/12	99-63 (L)	Jones (18)	Crandall (6)	Crandall (3)
at Gonzaga	12/16	89-83 (ot) (L)	Crandall (28)	Three with (5)	Crandall (5)
Idaho*	12/29	74-57 (L)	Stewart (17)	Avants (5)	Stewart (2)
Eastern Washington*	1/31	77-64 (L)	Jones (20)	Jones (11)	Stewart (5)
at Montana*	1/4	109-79 (L)	Buchanan (16)	Jones (7)	Crandall (2)
at Montana State*	1/6	79-68 (L)	Buchanan (19)	Jones (7)	Buchanan (3)
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	Crandall	Stewart	Seales	Jones	Avants
North Dakota State	Crandall	Stewart	Kinsey	Jones	Avants
at South Dakota State	Crandall	Stewart	Seales	Jones	Avants
at Gonzaga	Crandall	Stewart	Seales	Jones	Avants
Idaho*	Crandall	Stewart	Kinsey	Seales	Avants
Eastern Washington*	Crandall	Stewart	Seales	Jones	Avants
at Montana*	Crandall	Stewart	Seales	Jones	Avants
at Montana State*	Crandall	Buchanan	Kinsey	Seales	Avants
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
Marlon Stewart	5
Geno Crandall	3
Cortez Seales	2
Dale Jones	2
Tray Buchanan	2
Conner Avants	1
Led/Shared Team in Rebounding	Total
Dale Jones	7
Conner Avants	6
Geno Crandall	4
Marlon Stewart	2
Led/Shared Team in Assists	Total
Geno Crandall	9
Marlon Stewart	6
Tray Buchanan	1
Cortez Seales	1
Led/Shared Team in Steals	Total
Geno Crandall	8
Marlon Stewart	4
Tray Buchanan	3
Conner Avants	2
Cortez Seales	2
Billy Brown	1
Dale Jones	1
Jafar Kinsey	1
Kienan Walter	1
Led/Shared Team in Blocks	Total
Cortez Seales	6
Kienan Walter	3
Dale Jones	3
Conner Avants	3
Garrett Franken	2





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	4-11	0-0 (BS)	--	--
Totals	170-190	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 (DI, 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 (DI, 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 (DI, 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 (DI, 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 (DI, 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
12/16/2017 (12/13) Gonzaga L 89-83

2017-18 A CLOSER LOOK

UND's record when

Home.....2-4
Road.....0-7
Neutral.....2-0

Big Sky.....0-4
Big Sky Home.....0-2
Big Sky Road.....0-2

Scoring 59 or less.....0-1
Scoring 60-69.....0-4
Scoring 70-79.....1-5
Scoring 80-89.....3-1
Scoring 90-99.....0-0
Scoring 100-plus.....0-0

Leading at the half.....2-1
Trailing at the half.....1-10
Tied at the half.....0-0
In overtime.....0-0

Leading with five minutes left.....3-2
Trailing with five minutes left.....1-9
Tied with five minutes left.....0-0

Higher FG percentage than opponent.....3-1
Lower FG percentage than opponent.....1-9
Same FG percentage as opponent.....0-1

Rebounding advantage.....2-0
Rebounding deficit.....2-10
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
Montana	4-0	1.000	11-5	.688	7-0	3-4	7-3	W4
Montana State	4-0	1.000	11-6	.647	6-1	3-5	7-3	W4
Idaho State	3-0	1.000	8-6	.571	6-1	2-5	8-2	W4
Eastern Washington	3-1	.750	8-9	.471	5-0	2-8	5-5	W3
Weber State	2-1	.667	9-6	.600	8-1	0-2	6-4	W2
Northern Colorado	2-2	.500	11-6	.647	6-1	2-5	6-4	L2
Idaho	2-2	.500	10-6	.625	5-1	3-3	6-4	L1
Portland State	1-2	.333	11-5	.688	4-0	6-3	7-3	W1
Sacramento State	1-2	.333	4-12	.250	4-1	0-7	3-7	L2
Southern Utah	0-4	.000	6-9	.400	5-2	1-7	4-6	L5
North Dakota *#	0-4	.000	4-11	.267	2-4	0-7	1-9	L8
Northern Arizona	0-4	.000	3-14	.176	1-4	2-8	3-7	L4

* 2017 Big Sky Tournament Champs | #Regular Season Champions | Games thru Jan. 6

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

Thursday, Jan. 4

Montana 109, North Dakota 79
 Eastern Washington 81, Portland State 74
 Idaho 69, Sacramento State 68
 Weber State 95, Northern Arizona 55
 Idaho State 93, Southern Utah 78
 Montana State 76, Northern Colorado 64

Saturday, Jan. 6

Montana State 79, North Dakota 68
 Eastern Washington 82, Sacramento State 67
 Weber State 92, Southern Utah 76
 Idaho State 64, Northern Arizona 60
 Portland State 73, Idaho 72
 Montana 89, Northern Colorado 80

Thursday, Jan. 11

Idaho State at North Dakota
 Montana at Sacramento State
 Weber State at Northern Colorado
 Montana State at Portland State

Friday, Jan. 12

Idaho at Eastern Washington

Saturday, Jan. 13

Weber State at North Dakota
 Montana at Portland State
 Idaho State at Northern Colorado
 Northern Arizona at Southern Utah
 Montana State at Sacramento State

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	6-3	5-1	2-3	0-0	7-4	6-3	0-0
Idaho	2-3	1-2	1-2	1-0	3-4	3-4	1-0
Idaho State	9-0	6-0	4-1	1-0	11-1	11-1	1-0
Montana	1-9	5-4	1-12	0-0	6-16	2-11	0-0
Montana State	6-4	4-3	8-6	1-3	13-12	6-4	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 OVERALL STATISTICS

RECORD: OVERALL: HOME: AWAY: NEUTRAL:
ALL GAMES 4-11 2-4 0-7 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	15	15	504	33.6	77	165	.467	24	61	.393	56	76	.737	19	48	67	4.5	44	0	46	56	0	30	234	15.6	
01	STEWART, Marlon	15	14	422	28.1	62	136	.456	14	49	.286	64	80	.800	6	36	42	2.8	33	1	41	35	1	24	202	13.5	
15	SEALES, Cortez	14	14	423	30.2	63	128	.492	0	9	.000	20	36	.556	12	33	45	3.2	16	0	21	17	14	10	146	10.4	
13	JONES, Dale	14	13	385	27.5	52	133	.391	23	85	.271	17	21	.810	12	88	100	7.1	47	1	15	23	6	9	144	10.3	
32	AVANTS, Conner	15	15	420	28.0	64	119	.538	0	1	.000	20	39	.513	31	49	80	5.3	42	2	15	24	5	13	148	9.9	
30	BUCHANAN, Tray	15	1	222	14.8	29	84	.345	18	56	.321	24	28	.857	4	15	19	1.3	28	0	11	19	0	17	100	6.7	
23	WALTER, Kienan	15	0	202	13.5	18	43	.419	5	21	.238	13	17	.765	9	23	32	2.1	35	1	10	15	3	10	54	3.6	
11	KINSEY, Jafar	14	3	196	14.0	15	47	.319	4	28	.143	9	16	.563	5	18	23	1.6	19	0	10	9	1	4	43	3.1	
10	MCCAULEY, Jaqwon	2	0	14	7.0	2	4	.500	0	0	.000	1	2	.500	0	2	2	1.0	5	0	0	2	0	0	5	2.5	
03	BROWN, Billy	13	0	211	16.2	8	31	.258	6	25	.240	4	8	.500	4	11	15	1.2	15	0	4	7	0	4	26	2.0	
24	FRANKEN, Garrett	7	0	52	7.4	2	9	.222	2	7	.286	0	0	.000	0	8	8	1.1	5	0	0	1	1	1	6	0.9	
TM	Team														18	22	40	2.7	0			5			0		
	Total	15				392	899	.436	96	342	.281	228	323	.706	120	353	473	31.5	289	5	173	213	31	122	1108	73.9	
	Opponents	15				459	909	.505	113	296	.382	225	320	.703	149	433	582	38.8	299	-	214	227	36	115	1256	83.7	

SCORE BY PERIODS:

	1st	2nd	OT	Total
North Dakota	489	597	22	1108
Opponents	607	613	36	1256

2017-18 BIG SKY STATISTICS

RECORD: OVERALL: HOME: AWAY:
BSC GAMES 0-4 0-2 0-2

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.									
30	BUCHANAN, Tray	4	1	99	24.8	13	34	.382	12	31	.387	15	17	.882	1	6	7	1.8	6	0	7	10	0	4	53	13.3	
01	STEWART, Marlon	4	3	93	23.3	12	28	.429	4	12	.333	22	24	.917	0	4	4	1.0	5	0	9	10	0	7	50	12.5	
13	JONES, Dale	3	2	86	28.7	13	30	.433	5	20	.250	4	5	.800	1	24	25	8.3	12	0	6	6	2	1	35	11.7	
00	CRANDALL, Geno	4	4	120	30.0	13	33	.394	3	13	.231	12	17	.706	3	10	13	3.3	12	0	6	14	0	5	41	10.3	
15	SEALES, Cortez	4	4	115	28.8	11	26	.423	0	1	.000	2	6	.333	2	11	13	3.3	4	0	2	7	7	1	24	6.0	
32	AVANTS, Conner	4	4	104	26.0	10	23	.435	0	0	.000	3	7	.429	7	11	18	4.5	11	1	3	8	1	2	23	5.8	
03	BROWN, Billy	4	0	75	18.8	4	9	.444	3	8	.375	2	2	1.000	1	4	5	1.3	5	0	1	0	0	0	13	3.3	
24	FRANKEN, Garrett	2	0	14	7.0	2	3	.667	2	3	.667	0	0	.000	0	2	2	1.0	2	0	0	0	0	0	6	3.0	
11	KINSEY, Jafar	4	2	42	10.5	4	13	.308	0	7	.000	4	4	1.000	0	3	3	0.8	5	0	3	3	0	2	12	3.0	
23	WALTER, Kienan	4	0	53	13.3	3	10	.300	1	5	.200	4	4	1.000	4	7	11	2.8	8	0	1	4	0	2	11	2.8	
TM	Team														4	4	8	2.0	0			3			0		
	Total	4				85	209	.407	30	100	.300	68	86	.791	23	86	109	27.3	70	1	38	65	10	24	268	67.0	
	Opponents	4				124	229	.541	34	78	.436	57	75	.760	33	112	145	36.2	87	-	62	57	7	36	339	84.8	

SCORE BY PERIODS:

	1st	2nd	Total
North Dakota	106	162	268
Opponents	172	167	339

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.





THE BEST AT THE BETTY ...

UND INDIVIDUAL BESTS AT THE BETTY

Points: 38, Quinton Hooker vs. Portland State (02/25/16)
Field Goals Made: 15, Quinton Hooker vs. Portland State (02/25/16)
Field Goal Attempts: 23, Evan Lindahl vs. Minnesota State (01/20/05)
Field Goal Pct.: 1.000 (10-10), Josh Doyle vs. Upper Iowa (02/04/06)
3 PT FG Made: 10, Patrick Mitchell vs. NJIT (02/23/10)
3 PT FG Attempts: 14, Adam McDermott vs. Idaho State (02/04/16)
3 PT FG Pct.: 1.000 (9-9), Josh Doyle vs. Upper Iowa (02/04/06)
Free Throws Made: 15, Troy Huff vs. Northern Colorado (03/04/14)
Free Throw Attempts: 17, Troy Huff vs. Northern Colorado (03/03/14); Troy Huff vs. North Dakota State (11/24/13)
FT Pct.: 1.000 (14-14), Quinton Hooker vs. Weber State (03/11/16)
Rebounds: 21, Drick Bernstine vs. Idaho State (03/10/16)
Assists: 10, Quinton Hooker vs. Idaho State (01/31/15); Quinton Hooker vs. Northern Colorado (01/17/15); Quinton Hooker vs. Idaho State (02/04/16); Drick Bernstine vs. Presentation College (11/20/16)
Steals: 6, Quinton Hooker vs. Portland State (03/04/17); Quinton Hooker vs. Northern Colorado (02/04/17)
Blocked Shots: 7, Todd Rypkema vs. Augustana (SD) (01/29/05); Ben Lehnertz vs. Augustana (02/02/08)
Turnovers: 9, Mike Johnson vs. Bemidji State (12/10/04)

OPPONENT INDIVIDUAL BESTS AT THE BETTY

Points: 34, Mark Velocovich, SIUE (02/18/10); Taylor Braun, North Dakota State (11/24/13)
Field Goals Made: 12, Andrew Gonzalez, Houston Baptist (03/04/10); Martin Breunig, Montana (01/16/16), Paul Miller, NDSU (12/09/17)
Field Goal Attempts: 22, Brian Stamer, Colorado Christian (12/03/05)
Field Goal Pct. (min 8 made): 1.000 (8-8), Tyler Cain, South Dakota (01/19/08)
3 PT FG Made: 7, Jon DeRock, Southwest Minnesota (11/18/08); Marc Sonnen, Northern Iowa (12/19/09); Kenyon McNeill, Louisiana Tech (02/16/11); Justin Strings, Sacramento State (02/27/16); Jeremy Senglin, Weber State (02/06/16)
3 PT FG Attempts: 13, Jeremy Senglin, Weber State (01/19/17)
3 PT FG Pct. (min 4 made): 1.000 (4-4), Michael Harthun, Portland State (01/19/13)
Free Throws Made: 18, Taylor Braun, North Dakota State (11/24/13)
Free Throw Attempts: 22, Taylor Braun, North Dakota State (11/24/13)
FT Pct. (min 10 made): 1.000 (16-16), Kris Yanku, Northern Arizona (02/26/15)
Rebounds: 17, Geddes Robinson, Utah Valley (01/20/11; 40T)
Assists: 12, Kris Yanku, Northern Arizona (02/26/15)
Steals: 7, Shaun Burl, Seattle University (02/27/09)
Blocked Shots: 6, Richaun Holmes, Bowling Green (12/28/12)
Turnovers: 8, DeWayne Russell, Northern Arizona (02/16/13); Tevin Russell, Dickinson State (12/19/14); Jamal Branco, Mayville State (11/18/14); June Prowell, Waldorf (12/01/15)

UND TEAM BESTS AT THE BETTY

Points: 110 vs. Minnesota Morris (11/13/13)
Field Goals Made: 43 vs. Minnesota Morris (11/13/13)
Field Goal Attempts: 87 vs. Utah Valley (11/25/17)
Field Goal Percentage: 68.5 (37-54) vs. Dickinson State (12/08/06)
3 Pt. FG Made: 16 vs. NJIT (02/23/10)
3 Pt. FG Attempts: 41 vs. Mayville State (12/18/07)
3 Pt. Percentage: 63.2 vs. Texas-Pan American (01/27/11)
Free Throws Made: 37 vs. Montana (11/23/11)
Free Throw Attempts: 56 vs. Montana (11/23/11)
Free Throw Percentage: 1.000 (21-21) vs. Portland State (01/19/13); 1.000 (10-10) vs. Idaho State (01/21/17)
Rebounds: 53 vs. Utah Valley (01/20/11; 40T)
Assists: 26 vs. Sacramento State (02/27/16)
Steals: 16 vs. Upper Iowa (01/27/09); Presentation College (12/13/12)
Blocked Shots: 11 vs. Utah Valley (01/20/11; 40T); Presentation College (12/13/12)
Turnovers: 22 vs. Valley City State (12/10/08); Montana (11/23/11); Portland State (03/04/17)
Fouls: 32 vs. Utah Valley (01/20/11; 40T)

OPPONENT TEAM BESTS AT THE BETTY

Points: 107, Utah Valley (01/20/11; 40T)
Field Goals Made: 39, South Dakota (01/24/09)
Field Goal Attempts: 76, Minnesota State (01/20/05)
Field Goal Percentage: 62.9 (39-62), South Dakota (01/24/09)
3 Pt. FG Made: 15, St. Cloud State (01/04/07)
3 Pt. FG Attempts: 39, South Dakota (01/24/09)
3 Pt. Percentage: 66.7 (8-12), Valley City State (11/15/05); 66.7 (6-9) Montana State (02/13/14)
Free Throws Made: 35, Utah Valley (01/20/11; 40T)
Free Throw Attempts: 44, Minnesota State (01/06/07); Utah Valley (01/20/11; 40T)
Free Throw Percentage: 1.000 (9-9), Minnesota State (01/20/05); 1.000 (8-8), Weber State (01/19/17)
Rebounds: 54, Utah Valley (01/20/11; 40T)
Assists: 24, South Dakota (01/24/09)
Steals: 14, Northern State (12/02/04); Mayville State (12/02/06)
Blocked Shots: 9, South Dakota (02/15/07)
Turnovers: 27, Jamestown (11/30/11); Mayville State (11/18/14); Crown College (11/11/16)
Fouls: 33, Minot State (01/02/09); Utah Valley (01/20/11; 40T); Montana (11/23/11)

DIVISION I ERA

UND'S LARGEST MARGIN OF VICTORY (ALL GAMES)

58 vs. Illinois Tech (91-33; Nov. 28, 2008)
 46 Presentation College (78-32; Dec. 15, 2013)
 42 at Northern Arizona (101-59; Jan. 21, 2016)
 42 Presentation College (74-32; Dec. 13, 2012)
 41 Minnesota-Morris (110-69; Nov. 13, 2013)
 37 Mayville State (76-39; Nov. 18, 2014)
 36 Crown College (87-51; Nov. 14, 2012)
 34 vs. Idaho State (83-49; Mar. 10, 2016)#
 31 Waldorf (77-46; Nov. 12, 2010)
 31 Waldorf (93-62; Nov. 12, 2011)
 30 Southern Utah (95-65; Jan. 7, 2017)
 30 Minnesota Morris (99-69; Nov. 13, 2015)
 30 Dickinson State (78-48; Dec. 19, 2014)

#Big Sky Tournament

UND'S LARGEST MARGIN OF VICTORY BIG SKY GAMES

42 at Northern Arizona (101-59; Jan. 21, 2016)
 30 Southern Utah (95-65; Jan. 7, 2017)
 26 Sacramento State (97-71; Feb. 27, 2016)
 25 Idaho State (89-64; Jan. 21, 2017)
 23 Idaho (88-65; Feb. 11, 2017)

Regular Season Games

UND'S LARGEST MARGIN OF DEFEAT BIG SKY GAMES

37 at Portland State (99-62; Dec. 29, 2016)
 32 at Weber State (95-63; Jan. 5, 2012)
 30 at Montana (109-79; Jan. 4, 2018)
 25 at Montana (71-46; Mar. 3, 2016)
 25 at Northern Arizona (88-63; Feb. 7, 2014)
 22 at Eastern Washington (102-80; Jan. 24, 2014)
 20 at Montana (78-58; Feb. 9, 2012)

Regular Season Games





Game Notes: North Dakota vs. Idaho State (Jan. 11)

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.



Game Notes: North Dakota vs. Idaho State (Jan. 11)

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.

HOKKER 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.

HOKKER 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

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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	21	1-6	1-5	0-0	4	1	0	0	3
North Dakota State	25	2-4	0-1	2-2	7	0	0	1	6
at South Dakota State	25	7-12	2-5	2-2	4	0	0	0	18
at Gonzaga	39	5-14	4-11	0-0	4	1	1	1	14
Idaho*					DNP				
Eastern Washington*	34	7-14	4-10	2-2	11	3	2	1	20
at Montana*	27	4-11	1-8	2-2	7	1	0	0	11
at Montana State*	25	2-5	0-2	0-1	7	2	0	0	4
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*									

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: 20, vs. EWU (Dec. 31)
- Rebounds: 15, vs. Northland (Nov. 21)
- Assists: 3, 2x last vs. EWU (Dec. 31)
- Blocks: 2, 2x last vs. EWU (Dec. 31)
- Steals: 2, vs. PC (Nov. 28)

Jones' Career Highs and Statistics

POINTS 20..... vs. Eastern Washington, 12/31/17	3-POINT FIELD GOALS ATTEMPTED 11.....at Gonzaga, 12/16/17	ASSISTS 3..... vs. Presentation, 11/28/17
FIELD GOALS MADE 7.....2x, last vs. Eastern Washington, 12/31/17	FREE THROWS 2.....8x, last at Montana, 1/4/18	BLOCKS 2..... vs. UAPB, 11/13/17
FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS 14.....2x, last vs. Eastern Washington, 12/31/17	FREE THROWS ATTEMPTED 3..... 2x, last vs. Utah Valley, 11/25/17	STEALS 2..... vs. Presentation, 11/28/17
3-POINT FIELD GOALS MADE 4.....4x, last vs. Eastern Washington, 12/31/17	REBOUNDS 15.....vs. Northland, 11/21/17	MINUTES 39.....at Gonzaga, 12/16/17

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	14-14	385	52-133	.391	23-85	.271	17-21	.810	100	7.1	47	15	23	6	9	144	10.3
TOTALS	25-15	478	65-171	.380	36-112	.321	17-21	.810	122	4.9	63	19	29	8	10	180	7.2

* 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	25	5-9	0-0	1-2	2	1	0	0	11
North Dakota State	31	5-12	0-0	1-1	2	0	0	0	11
<u>at South Dakota State</u>	23	4-5	0-0	2-4	4	2	0	0	10
at Gonzaga	38	1-4	0-0	1-2	5	0	0	3	3
Idaho*	29	3-6	0-0	0-2	5	0	0	0	6
Eastern Washington*	31	4-8	0-0	3-4	6	2	0	1	11
at Montana*	17	0-4	0-0	0-0	4	0	0	1	0
<u>at Montana State*</u>	27	3-5	0-1	0-1	3	1	1	0	6
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 AVANTS...

- Had a career-best streak of seven-straight double-figure scoring games snapped at Gonzaga
- 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, 2x last at Gonzaga (Dec. 16)

Avants' Career Highs and Statistics

POINTS 24.....vs. Presentation, 11/28/17	3-POINT FIELD GOALS ATTEMPTED 3.....at Northern Arizona, 1/21/16	ASSISTS 4.....vs. Troy, 11/10/17
FIELD GOALS MADE 11.....at North Dakota State, 12/12/16	FREE THROWS 6.....at Montana State, 1/12/1	BLOCKS 3.....vs. Idaho State, 1/21/17
FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS 15.....vs. Presentation, 11/28/17	FREE THROWS ATTEMPTED 8.....at Eastern Washington, 2/11/16	STEALS 3.....3x, last at Gonzaga, 12/16/17
3-POINT FIELD GOALS MADE 2.....at Northern Arizona, 1/21/16	REBOUNDS 9.....4x, last at Weber State, 2/18/17	MINUTES 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	15-15	420	64-119	.538	0-1	.000	20-39	.513	80	5.3	42	15	24	5	13	148	9.9
TOTALS	79-53	1765	271-512	.529	9-27	.333	118-178	.663	334	4.2	234	44	106	29	51	669	8.5





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	27	1-5	1-4	0-0	5	6	0	0	3
North Dakota State	36	6-16	1-4	7-8	5	3	0	5	20
at South Dakota State	31	4-10	1-3	0-0	6	3	0	2	9
at Gonzaga	45	9-16	4-7	6-9	5	5	0	3	28
Idaho*	31	1-6	0-2	8-11	4	1	0	0	10
Eastern Washington*	13	5-9	2-5	1-2	4	1	0	2	13
at Montana*	28	3-8	0-4	3-4	1	2	0	0	9
at Montana State*	32	4-10	1-2	0-0	4	2	0	3	9
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 CRANDALL...

- Scored 1,000th-career point on 3-pointer that sent game into overtime at Gonzaga (Dec. 16)
- 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: 6, at Creighton (Dec. 5)
- Blocks: N/A
- Steals: 5, 3x last vs. NDSU (Dec. 9)

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.....6x, last vs. NDSU, 12/09/17
3-POINT FIELD GOALS MADE 7..... vs. Troy, 11/10/17	REBOUNDS 9.....3x, last vs. Weber State, 3/11/17	MINUTES 45.....at Gonzaga, 12/16/17

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	15-15	504	77-165	.467	24-61	.393	56-76	.737	67	4.5	44	46	56	0	30	234	15.6
TOTALS	77-73	2448	353-761	.464	89-254	.350	254-344	.738	320	4.2	250	311	250	18	153	1049	13.6





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					DNP				
North Dakota State					DNP				
at South Dakota State					DNP				
at Gonzaga					DNP				
Idaho*					DNP				
Eastern Washington*					DNP				
at Montana*					DNP				
at Montana State*					DNP				
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*									

MORE ON MCCAULEY...

- Has not played in last 11 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	20	2-4	1-2	0-0	3	2	0	0	5
North Dakota State	17	1-4	1-3	0-0	0	2	0	0	3
at South Dakota State	11	0-2	0-1	1-2	2	0	0	0	1
at Gonzaga					DNP				
Idaho*	23	1-5	0-3	4-4	3	1	0	2	6
Eastern Washington*	4	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Montana*	9	3-5	0-1	0-0	0	1	0	0	6
at Montana State	6	0-2	0-2	0-0	0	1	0	0	0
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*									

MORE ON KINSEY...

- Made first Division I collegiate start in a home loss to NDSU (Dec. 9).
- 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: 2, 2x last vs. NDSU (Dec. 9)
- Blocks: 1, vs. Northland (Nov. 21)
- Steals: 2, vs. Idaho (Dec. 29)

Kinsey's Career Highs and Statistics

POINTS	8 vs. Northland, 11/21/17	3-POINT FIELD GOALS ATTEMPTED	4 vs. Presentation, 11/28/17	ASSISTS	4* vs. Louisiana-Monroe, 11/27/14
FIELD GOALS MADE	3 2x, last at Montana, 1/4/18	FREE THROWS	4 vs. Idaho, 12/29/17	BLOCKS	1 vs. Northland, 11/21/17
FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS	5 4x, last at Montana, 1/4/18	FREE THROWS ATTEMPTED	4 3x, last vs. Idaho, 12/29/17	STEALS	2 2x, last vs. Idaho, 12/29/17
3-POINT FIELD GOALS MADE	1 6x, last vs. NDSU, 12/9/17	REBOUNDS	5 vs. Northland, 11/21/17	MINUTES	23 2x, last vs. Idaho, 12/29/17

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	14-3	196	15-47	.319	4-28	.143	9-16	.563	23	1.8	19	10	9	1	4	43	3.1
TOTALS	25-3	353	20-70	.286	7-41	.171	9-20	.450	35	1.5	37	20	22	1	7	56	2.2

* 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	30	7-12	0-1	2-2	2	4	0	2	16
North Dakota State					DNP				
at South Dakota State	29	3-8	0-0	0-0	2	1	0	1	6
at Gonzaga	44	11-15	0-1	1-2	4	3	1	1	23
Idaho*	29	1-5	0-1	0-0	3	0	3	0	2
Eastern Washington*	23	0-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Montana*	28	3-8	0-0	1-1	5	1	3	1	7
at Montana State*	35	7-11	0-0	1-5	5	1	1	0	15
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 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: 23, at Gonzaga (Dec. 16)
- Rebounds: 6, vs. UAPB (Nov. 13)
- Assists: 4, 2x, last at Creighton (Dec. 5)
- Blocks: 3, 3x last at Montana (Jan. 4)
- Steals: 2, 2x last at Creighton (Dec. 5)

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.....2x, last at Gonzaga, 12/16/17	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 44.....at Gonzaga, 12/16/17

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	14-14	423	63-128	.492	0-9	.000	20-36	.556	45	3.2	16	21	17	14	10	146	10.4
TOTALS	74-24	1795	247-533	.463	16-59	.271	114-185	.616	208	2.8	93	107	70	37	55	624	8.4





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					DNP				
at Hawai'i					DNP				
vs. Arkansas-Pine Bluff	8	0-2	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Nebraska	11	0-0	0-0	0-0	2	0	0	1	0
Northland College	21	1-7	1-5	0-0	2	0	0	0	3
Utah Valley	6	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Presentation College	23	1-4	1-4	0-0	1	2	0	1	3
at Creighton	8	0-4	0-3	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
North Dakota State	31	2-3	1-2	0-0	2	1	0	2	5
at South Dakota State	24	0-2	0-2	2-6	2	0	0	0	2
at Gonzaga	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0
Idaho*	17	1-3	0-2	0-0	0	0	0	0	2
Eastern Washington*	21	2-2	2-2	0-0	0	0	0	0	6
at Montana*	15	0-2	0-2	2-2	2	0	0	0	2
at Montana State*	22	1-2	1-2	0-0	3	1	0	0	3
Idaho State*									
Weber State*									
at North Dakota State									
at Northern Colorado*									
at Eastern Washington*									
at Idaho*									
Montana State*									
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Southern Utah*									
Northern Arizona									
Northern Colorado*									
at Sacramento State*									
at Portland State*									

MORE ON BROWN...

- Made a pair of 3-pointers for second time in career off bench vs. Eastern Washington (Dec. 31).
- Logged a career-high 31 minutes off the bench in the home loss to NDSU (Dec. 9).
- 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: 6, vs. EWU (Dec. 31)
- Rebounds: 3, at Montana State (Jan. 6)
- Assists: 2, vs. PC (Nov. 28)
- Blocks: N/A
- Steals: 2, vs. NDSU (Dec. 9)

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	22x, 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	62x, last vs. SDSU, 12/12/17	STEALS	2vs. NDSU 12/9/17
3-POINT FIELD GOALS MADE	22x, last vs. Eastern Washington, 12/31/17	REBOUNDS	4 vs. Southern Utah, 1/7/17	MINUTES	31 vs. NDSU, 12/9/17

Season	GP-GS	MP	FG-FGA	Pct.	3FG-A	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Reb.	Avg.	PF	Ast.	TO	Bl.	St.	TP	Avg.
2016-17	23-0	219	14-48	.292	8-33	.242	9-9	1.000	23	1.0	18	10	10	0	7	45	2.0
2017-18	13-0	211	8-31	.258	6-25	.240	4-8	.500	15	1.2	15	4	7	0	4	26	2.0
TOTALS	36-0	430	22-79	.278	14-58	.241	13-17	.765	38	1.1	33	14	17	0	11	71	2.0





MARLON STEWART

SO | G | 6-3 | 200

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	29	3-5	0-2	0-1	3	9	0	1	6
at Creighton	29	7-14	1-2	3-5	5	1	0	0	18
North Dakota State	33	5-11	0-3	13-15	4	1	1	1	23
at South Dakota State	17	3-8	2-7	1-2	3	1	0	2	9
at Gonzaga	39	4-8	1-3	6-6	5	2	0	1	15
Idaho*	26	5-7	1-3	6-7	1	2	0	1	17
Eastern Washington*	24	2-8	0-4	4-4	2	5	0	3	8
at Montana*	26	3-7	1-2	8-9	1	1	0	1	15
at Montana State*	17	2-6	2-3	4-4	0	1	0	2	10
Idaho State*									
Weber State*									
at North Dakota State									
at Northern Colorado*									
at Eastern Washington*									
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at Idaho State*									
Southern Utah*									
Northern Arizona									
Northern Colorado*									
at Sacramento State*									
at Portland State*									

*Big Sky game

MORE ON STEWART...

- Has three 20-plus point scoring games and is second on the team in scoring (13.8 ppg)
- 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: 1, vs. NDSU (Dec. 9)
- 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 13 vs. NDSU, 12/9/17	BLOCKS 1 vs. NDSU, 12/9/17
FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS 24 vs. Utah Valley, 11/25/17	FREE THROWS ATTEMPTED 15 vs. NDSU, 12/9/17	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 2x, last at Gonzaga, 12/16/17

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	15-14	422	62-136	.456	14-49	.286	64-80	.800	42	2.8	33	41	35	1	24	202	13.5
TOTALS	28-14	462	65-149	.436	15-55	.273	64-80	.800	45	1.5	34	41	35	1	24	202	13.5

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





KIENAN WALTER

SO | F | 6-9 | 195

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	16	3-8	2-3	0-0	3	0	1	1	8
North Dakota State	24	2-2	1-1	6-8	4	0	1	2	11
at South Dakota State	13	0-4	0-3	0-0	1	2	0	0	0
at Gonzaga	10	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Idaho*	20	0-1	0-1	2-2	4	0	0	2	2
Eastern Washington*	7	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Montana*	19	3-7	1-3	0-0	4	1	0	0	7
at Montana State*	7	0-1	0-1	2-2	1	0	0	0	2
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*									

MORE ON WALTER...

- Logged a career-high 24 minutes and scored a career-high 11 points in home loss to NDSU (Dec. 9)
- Scored a season-high 10 points on 4-of-4 shooting from the floor in home win over Southern Utah (Jan. 7) last season 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 at that level

Season Highs

- Points: 11, vs. NDSU (Dec. 9)
- Rebounds: 4, 4x last at Montana (Jan. 4)
- Assists: 2, 3x last at SDSU (Dec. 12)
- Blocks: 1, 3x last vs. NDSU (Dec. 9)
- Steals: 2, 4x last vs. Idaho (Dec. 29)

Walter's Career Highs and Statistics

POINTS 11 vs. NDSU, 12/9/17	3-POINT FIELD GOALS ATTEMPTED 3 at Creighton, 12/5/17	ASSISTS 2 3x, last at SDSU, 12/12/17
FIELD GOALS MADE 4 3x, last vs. Northland, 11/21/17	FREE THROWS 6 vs. NDSU, 12/9/17	BLOCKS 1 vs. Presentation, 11/28/17
FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS 8 at Creighton, 12/5/17	FREE THROWS ATTEMPTED 8 vs. NDSU, 12/9/17	STEALS 2 4x, last vs. Idaho, 12/29/17
3-POINT FIELD GOALS MADE 2 at Creighton, 12/5/17	REBOUNDS 9 vs. Crown College, 11/11/16	MINUTES 24 vs. NDSU, 12/9/17

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	15-0	202	18-43	.419	5-21	.238	13-17	.765	32	2.1	35	10	15	3	10	54	3.6
TOTALS	33-0	293	35-75	.467	7-29	.241	22-32	.688	59	1.8	59	12	24	3	10	99	3.0





TRAY BUCHANAN

FR | G | 6-1 | 180

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
Northland College	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	17	4-8	2-5	0-0	2	1	0	0	10
at Creighton	13	1-4	1-3	1-3	0	0	0	1	4
North Dakota State	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0
at South Dakota State	15	3-8	0-2	2-2	2	0	0	2	8
at Gonzaga	3	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	1	0	0	0
Idaho*	22	3-9	3-8	3-3	2	0	0	1	12
Eastern Washington*	27	2-6	2-5	0-0	0	3	0	1	6
at Montana*	21	3-8	3-8	7-8	3	1	0	1	16
at Montana State*	29	5-11	4-10	5-6	3	3	0	1	19
Idaho State*									
Weber State*									
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MORE ON BUCHANAN...

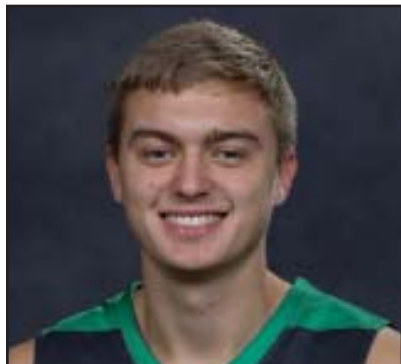
- Notched a career-high 12 points in Big Sky debut vs. Idaho (Dec. 29).
- Reached double figures for first time in career with 10 points in home win over Presentation (Nov. 28)
- Two-time Illinois Class 4A all-state honoree (first team as a junior, second team as a senior)
- Finished two varsity seasons 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	3-POINT FIELD GOALS ATTEMPTED	ASSISTS
19 at Montana State, 1/6/18	10 at Montana State, 1/6/18	3 2x, last at Montana State, 1/6/18
FIELD GOALS MADE	FREE THROWS	BLOCKS
5 at Montana State, 1/6/18	7 at Montana, 1/4/18	N/A
FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS	FREE THROWS ATTEMPTED	STEALS
11 at Montana State, 1/6/18	8 at Montana, 1/4/18	4 vs. Northland, 11/21/17
3-POINT FIELD GOALS MADE	REBOUNDS	MINUTES
4 at Montana State, 1/6/18	3 3x, last at Montana State, 1/6/18	29 at Montana State, 1/6/18

Season	GP-GS	MP	FG-FGA	Pct.	3FG-A	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Reb.	Avg.	PF	Asst.	TO	Bl.	St.	TP	Avg.
2017-18	15-1	222	29-84	.345	18-56	.321	24-28	.857	19	1.3	28	11	19	0	17	100	6.7
TOTALS	15-1	222	29-84	.345	18-56	.321	24-28	.857	19	1.3	28	11	19	0	17	100	6.7





GARRETT FRANKEN

FR | F | 6-8 | 195

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	11	0-1	0-1	0-0	1	0	0	0	0
North Dakota State					DNP				
at South Dakota State	12	0-2	0-2	0-0	1	0	0	0	0
at Gonzaga	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0
Idaho*	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Eastern Washington*					DNP				
at Montana*	10	2-3	2-3	0-0	2	0	0	0	6
at Montana State*					DNP				
Idaho State*									
Weber State*									
at North Dakota State									
at Northern Colorado*									
at Eastern Washington*									
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Northern Colorado*									
at Sacramento State*									
at Portland State*									

MORE ON FRANKEN...

- Scored first collegiate points on a pair of 3-pointers at Montana (Jan. 4)
- 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

Franken's Season and Career Highs and Statistics

POINTS	6at Montana, 1/4/18	3-POINT FIELD GOALS ATTEMPTED	3at Montana, 1/4/18	ASSISTS	N/A
FIELD GOALS MADE	2at Montana, 1/4/18	FREE THROWS	N/A	BLOCKS	1vs. Presentation, 11/28/17
FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS	3at Montana, 1/4/18	FREE THROWS ATTEMPTED	N/A	STEALS	1at Gonzaga, 12/16/17
3-POINT FIELD GOALS MADE	2at Montana, 1/4/18	REBOUNDS	3vs. Presentation, 11/28/17	MINUTES	12at SDSU, 12/12/17

Season	GP-GS	MP	FG-FGA	Pct.	3FG-A	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Reb.	Avg.	PF	Asst.	TO	Bl.	St.	TP	Avg.
2017-18	7-0	52	2-9	.222	2-7	.286	0-0	.000	8	1.1	5	0	1	1	1	6	0.9
TOTALS	7-0	52	2-9	.222	2-7	.286	0-0	.000	8	1.1	5	0	1	1	1	6	0.9





GAME 13: vs. Eastern Washington (Dec. 31)

Official Basketball Box Score -- Game Totals -- Final Statistics Eastern Washington vs North Dakota 12/31/17 4:00 p.m. at Grand Forks, N.D. (Sioux Center) Eastern Washington 77 - 69 (1-1 BSC) ... Jones, Dale 16-25 64.0% ... Jones, Dale 16-25 64.0%

GAME 14: at Montana (Jan. 4)

Official Basketball Box Score -- Game Totals -- Final Statistics North Dakota vs Montana 1/4/18 7:05 p.m. at Missoula, Mont. (Dahlberg Arena) North Dakota 79 - 4-10, 0-3 BSC ... Jones, Dale 16-25 64.0% ... Jones, Dale 16-25 64.0%

GAME 15: at Montana State (Jan. 6)

Official Basketball Box Score -- Game Totals -- Final Statistics North Dakota vs Montana State 1/6/18 2:05 pm at Worthington Arena - Bozeman, Montana North Dakota 68 - 4-11/0-4 Big Sky ... Jones, Dale 16-25 64.0% ... Jones, Dale 16-25 64.0%

JONES GOES FOR DOUBLE-DOUBLE IN LOSS TO EWU GRAND FORKS, N.D. -- North Dakota senior Dale Jones posted the first double-double of his career, but his efforts were not enough to get the Fighting Hawks past Eastern Washington, who posted a 77-64 victory Sunday at The Betty Engelstad Sioux Center.

HOT-SHOOTING GRIZ PUT UND AWAY EARLY MISSOULA, MONT. -- A hot-shooting Montana team blitzed North Dakota early en route to a 109-79 victory in Big Sky play Thursday at Dahlberg Arena. Juniors Ahmad Rorie and Jamar Akoh each scored a game-high 22 points and the duo led four Grizzlies (10-5, 3-0 BSC) in double figures.

MONTANA STATE USES BIG FIRST HALF TO GET BY UND BOZEMAN, MONT. -- Montana State's strong first half led the Bobcats to a 79-68 victory over North Dakota in Big Sky play Saturday at Worthington Arena. Freshman Tray Buchanan led UND with a career-high 19 points in his first career start, but Big Sky Preseason Player of the Year Tyler Hall had a game-high 25 and 17 of those coming in a big first half for the Bobcat junior.

Jones finished with a career-high 20 points and 11 rebounds, but the Fighting Hawks (4-9, 0-2 BSC) did not have an answer for Bogdan Bliznyuk as the All-Big Sky performer scored 29 points and went on a personal 12-0 run midway through the second half to help seal the Eagles first win in Grand Forks in six tries.

Montana came out firing and did not cool off in the first half as the Griz built a 50-29 advantage at the break on the strength of 58 percent shooting from the floor. The home team would finish shooting at a season-best 62 percent clip.

The victory allowed Montana State (11-6, 4-0 BSC) to start 4-0 in league action for the first time since 2004-05, while the Fighting Hawks (4-11, 0-4 BSC) dropped their eighth-straight overall.

EWU also forced UND into a season-high 21 turnovers that the visitors turned into 28 points. The miscues that really hurt the Fighting Hawks came after they roared back from a 15-point deficit to make it a 50-47 contest with just over nine minutes to play.

Freshman Tray Buchanan scored a career-high 16 points pace UND in the outing and has reached double figures in two of three league games off the bench. Sophomore Marlon Stewart added 15 points for the Fighting Hawks in what was the seventh-straight loss for the visitors. Senior Dale Jones was the third Fighting Hawk to finish in double figures with 13 points.

UND had a chance in the second half, but could never get closer than seven points despite a much better defensive effort. The Bobcats shot 53 percent from the floor to open a 45-31 lead at the break, but shot just 38 percent in the closing 20 minutes.

Junior Geno Crandall added 13 points and classmate Conner Avants chipped in with 11 to give UND a trio of double-figure scorers, but the home team could not find a way to snap a losing skid that grew to six games.

The Fighting Hawks managed those 29 first-half points despite going seven-plus minutes without a point to open the contest. The Griz took advantage of an 0-for-10 start from the floor by the visitors to race out to a 14-0 advantage.

UND opened the second half on a 9-1 run, which Geno Crandall capped with his first five points of the contest, to force an MSU timeout and trim the deficit to 46-38.

Crandall had 11 of his points in the first half, but went to the bench with his second foul with just over seven minutes to play. The Eagles would take control of the game from there.

Buchanan broke the scoreless drought for UND with a 3-pointer from the top of the key. From there, the teams played fairly even before Montana closed the half on a 13-5 run to take its largest lead of the game into its locker room.

Hall pushed the lead back to its halftime margin with three free throws before Stewart scored five straight to get it back to a nine-point spread with just over 10 minutes to play.

Bliznyuk spearheaded a pair of key runs for the visitors with the first coming late in the opening half that saw his team close the opening 20 minutes on a 12-2 run with Crandall sidelined.

Karl Nicholas was a spark off the bench for the Griz, scoring 10 points in the first half with three of his field goals coming on thunderous dunks. He also blocked pair of shots and had a steal. The freshman finished with a career-high 17 points and did not miss any of his eight field goal attempts.

The Bobcats' lead would hover around 10 points the rest of the way with UND managing to close within seven after a Crandall layup in the closing two minutes, but Joe Mvuzolo would put down a pair of dunks in the final 70 seconds to seal the win.

He made all six of his field-goal attempts in the first half, helping EWU shoot at a 64 percent clip (16-for-25). Jones had 13 first-half points, but him and Crandall were the only Fighting Hawks to have anything going before the break. They went 8-for-14 from the field, but the remainder of the team went just 2-for-14.

Rorie also had 10 points in that opening half for the Griz, who finished 19-for-33 from the field. UND shot just 30 percent from the floor, including a 3-for-15 effort from 3-point territory in those opening 20 minutes and finished with a 38-percent effort.

The game was tight early and Dale Jones squared things at 16-16 with 12:27 to play, but missed a chance at a 3-point play and from there the Bobcats took over. Harold Frey knocked back-to-back 3-pointers and a trey by Hall capped an 11-3 run that made it a 27-19 contest.

UND scored the first five points of the second half, but EWU answered with the next seven and maintained a double-digit advantage until the Fighting Hawks went on a 14-2 run that trimmed its deficit down to 50-47. Bliznyuk, who had missed his first five field-goal attempts in the second half, went to work and scored 12 straight for the Eagles and missed only once more from the field in the closing 10 minutes.

UM would finish a season-best 8-for-14 from 3-point land, while UND went 8-for-31. Akoh added a game-high 11 rebounds to finish with a double-double to help the Grizzlies hold a 39-33 edge in that category.

Stewart made two free throws coming out of the final media timeout to trim the Fighting Hawks' deficit down to five at 34-29, but Hall and company would close out the half on an 11-3 run.



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KINSEY
JR., *GUARD*



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