



NORTH DAKOTA STATE

BISON WRESTLING

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2020-21 Schedule (1-1 Overall, 0-0 Big 12)

Date	Opponent	Time
1/3	OREGON STATE	W, 19-15
1/3	#12 MISSOURI	L, 3-38
1/10	*vs. Northern Iowa	4 p.m.
1/10	*at South Dakota State	6 p.m.
1/24	*vs. Fresno State	10 a.m. PT
1/24	vs. California Baptist	12 p.m. PT
1/24	at Cal Poly	2 p.m. PT
1/24	vs. Little Rock	4 p.m. PT
2/7	*SOUTH DAKOTA STATE	11 a.m.
2/7	*IOWA STATE	1 p.m.
2/13	*vs. Utah Valley (at Brookings, S.D.)	11 a.m.
2/13	*vs. Air Force (at Brookings, S.D.)	1 p.m.
TBD	at Big 12 Championships (at Tulsa, Okla.)	
3/18-20	at NCAA Championships (at St. Louis, Mo.)	

*Big 12 Conference duals

#NWCA Coaches Poll rankings

All times Central unless otherwise noted

Quick Facts

Location: Fargo, N.D. 58102 (pop. 124,662)

Founded: 1890

Enrollment: 12,846 (fall 2020)

Nickname: Bison

Colors: Yellow and Green (PMS 123, 343)

Facility: Scheels Center (5,644)

Affiliation: NCAA Division I

Conference: Big 12 Conference

President: Dr. Dean Bresciani (Humboldt State, 1984)

Athletic Director: Matt Larsen (Stony Brook, 1996)

Athletic Department Phone: (701) 231-8981

Ticket Office Phone: (888) 231-6378

Wrestling History

First Season: 1957-58 (64th season)

All-Time Dual Meet Record: 580-277-18 (.673)

NCAA Team Championships: 4 (Division II in 1988, 1998, 2000, 2001)

NCAA Individual Championships: 30 (all in Division II)

NCAA All-Americans: 162 (10 in Division I)

2019-20 Overall Record: 10-4

2019-20 Big 12 Conference Record: 6-2

Big 12 Championships Finish: 5th of 12 (90.5 pts)

NCAA Championships Finish: Canceled (6 qualifiers)

Wrestling Staff

Head Coach: Roger Kish (Minnesota, 2008)

Overall Record at NDSU: 82-60 (10th season)

Career Record: Same

Head Assistant: Obenson Blanc (Lock Haven, 2008)

Assistant: Austin Marsden (Oklahoma State, 2016)

Volunteer Asst: Cody Pack (South Dakota State, 2016)

Alumni Relations: Nick Magee (NDSU, 2005)



North Dakota State to Wrestle Northern Iowa, South Dakota State Sunday in Brookings

This Week

North Dakota State (1-1) is scheduled to wrestle a pair of dual meets against Big 12 Conference opponents Northern Iowa (0-0) and South Dakota State (1-1) this Sunday, Jan. 10, in Brookings, S.D. NDSU faces UNI at 4 p.m. and SDSU at 6 p.m. in Frost Arena. The event begins at 2 p.m. with South Dakota State hosting Northern Iowa.

Series History

This is the 26th meeting between North Dakota State and Northern Iowa. UNI leads the series 21-3-1 including a 21-19 victory in the teams' last meeting Nov. 19, 2017, in Cedar Falls. ... This is the 66th meeting between North Dakota State and South Dakota State. NDSU has a 43-21-1 advantage in the all-time series. The Bison have won two straight including last year's 19-18 victory in Brookings. The teams will wrestle again Feb. 7 in Fargo in the annual Border Bell match.

The Lineup

125—Ryan Henningson (0-2), Fr., Winona, Minn.

or McGwire Midkiff (0-0), Jr., Carter Lake, Iowa

133—#18 Kellyn March (2-0), Fr., Canton, S.D.

141—#20 Dylan Droegemueller (0-2), So., Champlin, Minn.

149—#31 Jaden Van Maanen (1-1), Jr., La Crosse, Wis.

157—#13 Jared Franek (1-1), So., Harwood, N.D.

165—#33 Luke Weber (1-1), Sr., Forsyth, Mont.

174—Noah Cressell (0-2), So., Wabash, Ind.

or Austin Brenner (1-1), So., St. Cloud, Minn.

184—TJ Pottinger (0-1), So., Hastings, Minn.

or Gary Wokojanec (0-2), RFr., Barberton, Ohio

197—Michael Nelson (0-2), RFr., Dover, Minn.

or Cole Witzig (0-1), Sr., Troy, Ill.

285—#16 Brandon Metz (1-1), Jr., West Fargo, N.D.

#Trackwrestling individual rankings

Bison in the National Rankings

North Dakota State has six wrestlers in the latest Division I rankings. Sophomore 157 **Jared Franek** is 13th in Trackwrestling, 14th in InterMat and 15th in FloWrestling. Junior heavyweight **Brandon Metz** is 16th in Trackwrestling and 15th in both InterMat and FloWrestling. Freshman 133 **Kellyn March** debuted at 18th in the Trackwrestling and InterMat rankings after winning his first two collegiate matches. Three others in the Trackwrestling rankings are sophomore 141 **Dylan Droegemueller** (20th), junior 149 **Jaden Van Maanen** (31st) and senior 165 **Luke Weber** (33rd).

Bison Split Opening Duals

North Dakota State opened the 2020-21 season at home last Sunday with a 19-15 victory over Oregon State and a 38-3 loss to 12th-ranked Missouri. Heavyweight **Brandon Metz**'s 9-7 overtime victory secured the Bison victory after OSU rallied back from a 16-6 deficit winning three straight decisions in the upper weights. Freshman 133 **Kellyn March** won his first two collegiate matches including a 14-5 major decision over seventh-ranked Devan Turner of Oregon State in the opener. March picked up NDSU's only win against Missouri with a 7-4 decision against Trey Crawford. The Tigers won three bouts by major decision plus one technical fall and two pins.

Who's Back

North Dakota State returns three NCAA qualifiers and six starters from last year's team that went 10-4 overall in duals and placed fifth at the Big 12 tournament before cancellation of the NCAA tournament. Sophomore 141 **Dylan Droegemueller** (15-10), sophomore 157 **Jared Franek** (27-7) and junior heavyweight **Brandon Metz** (22-10) each qualified for the NCAA tournament last year. Other returning starters include junior 149 **Jaden Van Maanen** (12-17), senior 174 **Luke Weber** (15-13) and sophomore 184 **Noah Cressell** (10-12).

NWCA Coaches Poll

Dual Ranking | Jan. 5, 2021

	Team	W-L	Points	Prev
1	Iowa	0-0	350	1
2	Penn State	0-0	329	2
3	Michigan	0-0	322	3
4	NC State	1-0	308	4
5	Nebraska	0-0	287	5
6	Oklahoma State	0-0	285	6
7	Ohio State	0-0	262	7
8	Virginia Tech	1-0	246	8
9	Iowa State	1-0	223	9
10	Missouri	3-0	217	12
11	Arizona State	1-0	209	11
12	Minnesota	0-0	176	13
13	Pittsburgh	1-0	163	14
14	North Carolina	0-0	160	10
15	Rutgers	0-0	145	15
16	Purdue	0-0	137	16
17	Lehigh	0-0	130	17
18	Stanford	0-0	111	18
19	Oklahoma	0-0	85	20
20	Wisconsin	0-0	76	19
21	Central Michigan	1-0	69	T21
22	Northwestern	0-0	54	23
23	Northern Iowa	0-0	46	24
24	Army West Point	0-0	45	25
25	Northern Colorado	1-0	39	NR

Others receiving votes: Michigan State 34, Appalachian State 9, Illinois 7, Virginia 7, Campbell 5, Hofstra 5, Rider 5, Wyoming 4

Dropped Out: Michigan State (0-0)

Trackwrestling Top 25

Tournament Ranking | Jan. 5, 2021

	Team	Points
1	Iowa	134
2	Michigan	77
3	Penn State	67
4	Oklahoma State	52.5
T5	Nebraska	49.5
T5	North Carolina State	49.5
7	Ohio State	48.5
8	Virginia Tech	44
9	Iowa State	40.5
10	Rutgers	37.5
11	Arizona State	37
12	Northwestern	35
13	Minnesota	34
14	North Carolina	33
T15	Oklahoma	31
T15	Stanford	31
17	Michigan State	30.5
18	Central Michigan	29.5
T19	Missouri	29
T19	Purdue	29
21	West Virginia	23
22	Pittsburgh	19
23	Virginia	18.5
T24	Northern Colorado	16
T24	Rider	16

Big 12 Conference Standings

	Conf.	Pct.	Overall	Pct.
Iowa State	0-0	.000	1-0	1.000
Northern Colorado	0-0	.000	1-0	1.000
North Dakota State	0-0	.000	1-1	.500
South Dakota State	0-0	.000	1-1	.500
Oklahoma State	0-0	.000	0-0	.000
Northern Iowa	0-0	.000	0-0	.000
Oklahoma	0-0	.000	0-0	.000
Wyoming	0-0	.000	0-0	.000
Fresno State	0-0	.000	0-0	.000
West Virginia	0-0	.000	0-0	.000
Utah Valley	0-0	.000	0-0	.000
Air Force	0-0	.000	0-0	.000

Coming Up

Following this weekend's action in Brookings, North Dakota State will be off for one week before returning to action Sunday, Jan. 24, at Cal Poly in another multi-team dual event. The Bison are scheduled to wrestle Fresno State, California Baptist, Cal Poly and Little Rock.

Tickets Available

Tickets are on sale at GoBison.com/tickets for North Dakota State's final two home duals of the season Sunday, Feb. 7, in the Scheels Center at the Sanford Health Athletic Complex. The Bison face South Dakota State in the annual Border Bell match at 11 a.m. followed by Iowa State at 1 p.m. The Jackrabbits and Cyclones will go head-to-head at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for youth ages 3-17. One ticket is good for admission all day. All seating will be general admission in designated, physically distanced areas and face coverings are required.



**Roger Kish
Head Coach**

Roger Kish is in his 10th season as head coach of the North Dakota State wrestling team. He is the fourth head coach in the 62-year history of the Bison wrestling program.

Kish has an 82-60 overall record including 35-22 in Big 12 Conference (18-18) and Western Wrestling Conference (17-4) duals. He spent two years as an assistant wrestling coach at NDSU prior to taking the head coaching position for the 2011-12 season.

Kish led the Bison to a fifth place finish with 90.5 points at the Big 12 Championships last season. Cam Sykora became the program's first-ever Big 12 champion at 133 pounds and Andrew Fogarty placed second at 165 pounds for the third straight season.

Prior to joining the Big 12 Conference, Kish directed the Bison to a pair of NCAA West Regional championships (2014, 2015) and two Western Wrestling Conference regular season titles (2013, 2015). He was a three-time WWC Coach of the Year.

The Bison have produced 18 conference champions under Kish. Four wrestlers, Trent Sprenkle (2013, 125/5th), Steven Monk (2014, 165/3rd), Kurtis Julson (2015, 174/8th) and Hayden Zillmer (2015, 184/6th) have earned All-America honors. In addition, Clay Ream was a three-time NCAA Elite 90 award winner.

Kish joined the NDSU program after a successful wrestling career at the University of Minnesota, where he was a graduate assistant for the Gophers in 2008-09. The Lapeer, Mich., native was a two-time All-American and two-time NCAA runner-up for the Gophers at 184 pounds.

He had a career record of 117-27 for the Gophers. As a sophomore, he went 35-7 en route to a Big Ten title and an NCAA runner-up finish. In his junior season, Kish was 37-3 and was the Big Ten and national runner-up. He was also a team captain.

Kish graduated from Minnesota in May 2008 with a bachelor's degree in business and marketing education. He was a four-time state champion in Michigan at Lapeer West High School. He was a two-time cadet national champion and also captured a USA Wrestling junior national title.

North Dakota State Roster

Name	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown/Previous School
Austin Braun	149	Jr.	Woodbury, Minn./Woodbury HS
Austin Brenner	165	So.	St. Cloud, Minn./St. Cloud Tech HS
Noah Cressell	184	So.	Wabash, Ind./Wabash HS
Dylan Droegemueller	141	So.	Champlin, Minn./Anoka HS
Jared Franek	157	So.	Harwood, N.D./West Fargo HS
Riley Habisch	174	RFr.	Buffalo, Minn./Buffalo HS
Ryan Henningson	125	Fr.	Winona, Minn./Winona HS
Tyler Jones	141	So.	Shakopee, Minn./Shakopee HS
Kellyn March	133	Fr.	Canton, S.D./Canton HS
Brandon Metz	285	Jr.	West Fargo, N.D./West Fargo HS
McGwire Midkiff	125	Jr.	Carter Lake, Iowa/Thomas Jefferson HS
Michael Nelson	197	RFr.	Dover, Minn./Dover-Eyota HS
Owen Pentz	184	Fr.	Morgan, Utah/Fresno State
TJ Pottinger	184	So.	Hastings, Minn./Hastings HS
Luke Rasmussen	184	Fr.	Barrington, Ill./Barrington HS
Ryan Ripplinger	133	RFr.	Bismarck, N.D./Bismarck HS
Jimmy Ruston	141	Fr.	La Grange Park, Ill./Lyons Township HS
Gaven Sax	149	Fr.	St. Robert, Mo./Waynesville HS
Marc Shaeffer	149	Fr.	Brighton, Mich./Detroit Catholic Central HS
Jesse Shearer	174	Jr.	Fargo, N.D./West Fargo HS
Sam Stuhl	133	So.	Ellsworth, Wis./Ellsworth HS
Canon Swanson	149	Fr.	New London, Minn./Belgrade-Brooten-Elrosa HS
Jaden Van Maanen	149	Jr.	La Crosse, Wis./La Crosse Central HS
Zach Watts	141	Fr.	Fresno, Calif./Clovis North HS
Luke Weber	174	Sr.	Forsyth, Mont./Nebraska
Michael Weber	149	RFr.	Forsyth, Mont./Forsyth HS
Cole Witzig	197	Sr.	Troy, Ill./Triad HS
Gary Wokojance	184	RFr.	Barberton, Ohio/Barberton HS

Head Coach: Roger Kish (10th season)

Assistants: Obenson Blanc, Austin Marsden, Cody Pack

Pronunciations

Cressell.....	CRESS-ull	Shearer	SHEER-er
Droegemueller.....	DRUG-uh-myoo-ler	Stuhl.....	STULL
Franek.....	FRAN-ick	Van Maanen	van-MAH-nen
Habisch	HAB-ish	Weber	WEBB-er
Midkiff	MID-kiff	Witzig	WIT-zig
Pottinger.....	POT-in-ger	Wokojance	WOKE-uh-jance
Ripplinger.....	RIP-ling-er		

Dual Summaries

North Dakota State 19, Oregon State 15

January 3, 2021–Scheels Center, Fargo, N.D.

125–#28 Brandon Kaylor (OSU) dec. Ryan Henningson, 9-6
133–Kellyn March (NDSU) maj. dec. #7 Devan Turner, 14-5
141–#18 Grant Willits (OSU) dec. #20 Dylan Droegemueller, 5-2
149–Jaden Van Maanen (NDSU) dec. #30 Lane Stigall, 7-5
157–#14 Jared Franek (NDSU) dec. #20 Hunter Willits, 2-1 (TB-1)
165–#30 Luke Weber (NDSU) pinned Dillon Ulrey, 2:36
174–Colton Beisley (OSU) dec. Noah Cressell, 6-2
184–Ryan Reyes (OSU) dec. TJ Pottinger, 4-1
197–#29 JJ Dixon (OSU) dec. Michael Nelson, 7-4
285–#16 Brandon Metz (NDSU) dec. Brian Barnes, 9-7 (SV-1)

Referee: Gary Wade

Attendance: 668

#12 Missouri 38, North Dakota State 3

January 3, 2021–Scheels Center, Fargo, N.D.

125–Noah Surtin (MU) pinned Ryan Henningson, 3:47
133–Kellyn March (NDSU) dec. Trey Crawford, 7-4
141–Josh Edmond (MU) maj. dec. #20 Dylan Droegemueller, 14-5
149–#3 Brock Mauller (MU) maj. dec. Jaden Van Maanen, 12-3
157–#13 Jarrett Jacques (MU) dec. #14 Jared Franek, 5-2
165–#20 Peyton Mocco (MU) dec. #30 Luke Weber, 11-5
174–#22 Sean Harman (MU) dec. Austin Brenner, 9-3
184–#19 Jeremiah Kent (MU) tech. fall Gary Wokojance, 16-0 (4:54)
197–#17 Wyatt Koelling (MU) maj. dec. Michael Nelson, 9-1
285–#8 Zach Elam (MU) pinned #16 Brandon Metz, 4:30

Referee: Gary Wade

Attendance: 668