



NORTH DAKOTA STATE

BISON FOOTBALL

38 Conference Championships | 18 National Championships
FCS National Champions 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2021, 2024



2025 Schedule (7-0 overall, 4-0 MVFC)

Date	Opponent	Result
8/30	at The Citadel	W, 38-0
9/6	at Tennessee State	W, 59-3
9/13	SOUTHEAST MISSOURI ST. (Trees Bowl)	W, 41-14
9/27	*#17/18 SOUTH DAKOTA (Homecoming)	W, 51-13
10/4	*#6/6 at Illinois State	W, 33-16
10/11	*#8/9 SOUTHERN ILLINOIS	W, 45-17
10/18	*at Indiana State	W, 38-7
10/25	*at #2/2 South Dakota State	7 p.m.
11/1	*YOUNGSTOWN STATE	2:30 p.m.
11/8	*at North Dakota	1 p.m.
11/15	*NORTHERN IOWA (Harvest Bowl)	2:30 p.m.
11/22	ST. THOMAS	2:30 p.m.

#Stats/AFCA rankings *MVFC games

Quick Facts

Location: Fargo, ND 58102 (pop. 125,990)
Founded: 1890
Enrollment: 11,952 (fall 2025)
Nickname: Bison
Colors: Yellow and Green (PMS 123, 343)
Stadium: Gate City Bank Field at the Fargodome (18,700)
Surface: AstroTurf GameDay Grass (2022)
Affiliation: NCAA Division I FCS
Conference: Missouri Valley Football (MVFC)
Last Year's Record: 14-2, 7-1 MVFC (T1st)
Starters Returning/Lost: 11/11
Offense: 5/6 **Defense:** 6/5
Basic Offense: Pro Style **Basic Defense:** 4-3
President: Dr. David Cook (Iowa State, 1992)
Director of Athletics: Matt Larsen (Stony Brook, 1996)
Athletic Department Phone: (701) 231-8981
Ticket Office Phone: (888) 231-6378

Football Staff

Head Coach: Tim Polasek (Concordia Univ. Wis., 2002)
Record at NDSU: 21-2 (2nd season)
Career Record: same
Assistant Coaches/Staff:
Dan Larson (UW-Eau Claire, 2003) Offensive Coord./TE/FB
Grant Olson (NDSU, 2014) Defensive Coord./LB
Carlton Littlejohn (NDSU, 2017) Special Teams Coord./DE
Joe Beschoner (Simpson, 2000) Quarterbacks
Dylan Chmura (Michigan State, 2017) Offensive Line
Steve Crutchley (UW-Eau Claire, 1999) Wide Receivers
Will Johnson (Oklahoma, 2017) Cornerbacks
Devin Klieman (Kansas State, 2020) Safeties
Kody Morgan (UW-Stevens Point, 2012) Defensive Tackles
Sam Ojuri (NDSU, 2014) Running Backs
KeyShawn Carpenter Offensive Quality Control
Tony Moonen Defensive Quality Control
Brett Bostad Offensive Analyst
David Wienke Defensive Analyst
Marcus Williams Defensive Analyst
Jim Kramer (UW-La Crosse, 1989) .. Dir. of Athletic Performance
Ryan Napoli (NDSU, 2016) Dir. of Athletic Performance

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North Dakota State, South Dakota State Meet in 22th Annual Dakota Marker Game on ESPNU

THIS WEEK: The top two ranked teams in the NCAA Division I Football Championship Subdivision and winners of the last four FCS national championships meet in the 22nd annual Dakota Marker game this week when No. 1 North Dakota State (7-0, 4-0 MVFC) visits No. 2 South Dakota State (7-0, 3-0 MVFC). Game time is 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25, at Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium (19,300) in Brookings, S.D., where SDSU carries a 33-game home winning streak.

TELEVISION: ESPNU will have exclusive television coverage of Saturday night's game with **Richard Cross** (play-by-play), **Taylor McHargue** (analyst) and **Tori Petry** (reporter) on the call.

RADIO: Statewide network coverage on all 25 stations across the Pioneer Seeds Bison Sports Network begins at 6 p.m. including Bison 1660 and 107.9 The Fox in Fargo with **Sam Neidermann** (play-by-play), **Phil Hansen** (analyst) and **Noah Gindorff** (sideline) describing the action. Streaming is available on GoBison.com/allaccess and the NDSU Athletics mobile app.

WEEKLY SHOWS: Fans are invited to join NDSU head coach **Tim Polasek** each Thursday night from 6:30 to 8 p.m. for the *Bison Football Coaches Show* live from Holiday Inn Fargo with host **Sam Neidermann** and other NDSU coaches and players. The show can be heard on Bison 1660 in Fargo, KSJB-AM 600 in Jamestown, KYCR-AM 1440 in Minneapolis, GoBison.com and the NDSU Athletics mobile app. On television, *The Bison Football Show* airs statewide each Sunday night at 10:35 p.m. on WDAY (Fargo), WDAZ (Grand Forks), KBMY (Bismarck) and KMCY (Minot).

THE SERIES: The 10th most-played rivalry in FCS, this is the 118th meeting between North Dakota State and South Dakota State since 1903. NDSU leads the series 65-47-5 and has won the last two meetings including a 13-9 victory in Fargo last October when SDSU was ranked No. 1 and NDSU was No. 2. The Bison won last year's NCAA semifinal matchup 28-21 in Fargo. NDSU has lost its last two trips to Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium since claiming a 23-16 victory in 2019.

DAKOTA MARKER: NDSU and SDSU have played for the Dakota Marker in each regular-season meeting since 2004, the first season of Division I competition for both programs. NDSU won 13-9 last year to take an 11-10 edge in the series. The Dakota Marker is a 75-pound model replica of the original quartzite monuments that were 7 feet long and 10 inches square and placed at half-mile intervals along the state border in the summers of 1891 and 1892. It is inscribed with N.D. and S.D. on opposite sides and 190 M, the number of miles between Fargo and Brookings.

TOP TWO MATCHUP: This is the 10th matchup of No. 1 vs. 2 in FCS history, but only the fourth time it has happened in the regular season. It's the sixth straight featuring at least one Missouri Valley Football Conference team. The No. 2-ranked team has a 6-3 edge in the nine prior meetings, including last year's 13-9 NDSU win over SDSU. This is also the first matchup in MVFC history between two teams with 7-0 records.

FCS No. 1 vs. 2 History

*12/19/1981 - #2 Idaho State 34, #1 Eastern Kentucky 23
10/24/1992 - #1 Northern Iowa 27, #2 Idaho 26
*12/21/1996 - #2 Marshall 49, #1 Montana 29
*12/18/2009 - #2 Villanova 23, #1 Montana 21
*1/9/2016 - #2 NDSU 37, #1 Jacksonville State 10
*1/11/2020 - #1 NDSU 28, #2 James Madison 20
10/15/2022 - #2 SDSU 23, #1 NDSU 21
*1/7/2024 - #1 SDSU 23, #2 Montana 3
10/19/2024 - #2 NDSU 13, #1 SDSU 9
*denotes FCS title games

 NORTH DAKOTA STATE BISON (7-0, 4-0 MVFC) Rank: 1/1 (Stats/AFCA) Last Game: Oct. 18 def. Indiana State 38-7 Streak: Won 11 On Road: 4-0 (Won 4) Coach: Tim Polasek Record: 21-2 (2nd)	 SOUTH DAKOTA STATE JACKRABBITS (7-0, 3-0 MVFC) Rank: 2/2 (Stats/AFCA) Last Game: Oct. 18 def. Murray State 35-14 Streak: Won 7 At Home: 4-0 (Won 33) Coach: Dan Jackson Record: 7-0 (1st)
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2025 Standings

	VALLEY		OVERALL	
	W-L	Pct.	W-L	Pct.
North Dakota State	4-0	1.000	7-0	1.000
South Dakota State	3-0	1.000	7-0	1.000
North Dakota	3-0	1.000	5-2	.714
South Dakota	3-1	.750	5-3	.625
Illinois State	1-2	.333	4-3	.571
Southern Illinois	1-2	.333	4-3	.571
Youngstown State	1-2	.333	4-3	.571
Indiana State	0-3	.000	2-5	.286
Northern Iowa	0-3	.000	2-5	.286
Murray State	0-3	.000	0-7	.000

Schedule and Results

All Times Central

Saturday, Oct. 18

- *Youngstown State 40, at Illinois State 35
- *North Dakota State 38, at Indiana State 7
- *North Dakota 38, at Southern Illinois 19
- *South Dakota 17, at Northern Iowa 14
- *South Dakota State 35, at Murray State 14

Saturday, Oct. 25

- *Murray State at Youngstown State, 1 p.m.
- *Illinois State at South Dakota, 1 p.m.
- *Northern Iowa at Southern Illinois, 2 p.m.
- *Indiana State at North Dakota, 3 p.m.
- *North Dakota State at South Dakota State, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 1

- *North Dakota at South Dakota, 1 p.m.
- *Northern Iowa at Illinois State, 2 p.m.
- *Indiana State at South Dakota State, 2 p.m.
- *Youngstown St. at North Dakota St., 2:30 p.m.
- *Southern Illinois at Murray State, 4 p.m.

TEAM COMPARISONS

NORTH DAKOTA ST. (7-0, 4-0 MVFC)

TEAM STATS	BISON	OPP
Points/Game	43.6	10.0
First Downs	165	91
Rushing/Game	242.1	95.7
Passing/Game	251.0	133.3
Total Offense/Game	493.1	229.0
Had Intercepted	2	6
Fumbles-Lost	3-0	8-5
Penalties-Avg. Yards	32-37.0	28-28.0
Net Punt Avg.	40.5	40.4
Time of Poss./Game	33:37	26:23
3rd Down Conversions	53%	30%
4th Down Conversions	4/6	4/9

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING	Att	Net	Avg	TD	YPG
Barika Kpeenu	107	601	5.6	11	85.9
Cole Payton	71	475	6.7	6	67.9
DJ Scott	54	307	5.7	5	43.9
PASSING	C-A-I	Pct.	TD	YPG	
Cole Payton	90-121-1	74.4	11	223.6	
RECEIVING	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	YPG
Bryce Lance	26	535	20.6	4	76.4
RaJa Nelson	15	258	17.2	4	36.9
DEFENSE	U-A-TT	TFL	Int.	FF-FR	
N.Staehling	17-30-47	3.5	1	0-1	
Logan Kopp	19-19-38	4.0	0	0-1	
Donovan Woolen	14-18-32	3.5	1	0-0	

SOUTH DAKOTA ST. (7-0, 3-0 MVFC)

TEAM STATS	JACKS	OPP
Points/Game	34.1	14.6
First Downs	162	110
Rushing/Game	177.4	105.9
Passing/Game	234.4	183.3
Total Offense/Game	411.9	289.1
Had Intercepted	2	12
Fumbles-Lost	7-4	10-6
Penalties-Avg. Yards	45-56.0	39-44.0
Net Punt Avg.	41.0	37.5
Time of Poss./Game	34:24	25:36
3rd Down Conversions	40%	27%
4th Down Conversions	5/13	4/12

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING	Att	Net	Avg	TD	YPG
J.Loughridge	145	714	4.9	6	102.0
Chase Mason	60	165	2.8	4	23.6
James Basinger	47	157	3.3	4	22.4
PASSING	C-A-I	Pct.	TD	YPG	
Chase Mason	111-169-1	65.7	11	202.7	
RECEIVING	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	YPG
Alex Bullock	40	510	12.8	2	72.9
Grahm Goering	21	286	13.6	0	40.9
DEFENSE	U-A-TT	TFL	Int.	FF-FR	
Cullen McShane	34-17-51	6.5	0	1-0	
Joe Ollman	24-16-40	5.0	1	3-1	
Chase Van Tol	31-4-35	4.0	1	0-1	

FCS RANKINGS

	NDSU	SDSU
Scoring Off.	6th	19th
Rushing Off.	5th	37th
Passing Off.	28th	40th
Total Offense	4th	32nd
Passing Eff.	1st	17th
Scoring Def.	1st	5th
Rushing Def.	7th	9th
Passing Def.	1st	21st
Total Defense	1st	8th
Pass Eff. Def.	4th	12th
Net Punting	15th	9th
Punt Returns	35th	105th
Kick Returns	35th	84th
Turnover Mar.	6th	3rd
Few Pen YPG	12th	71st
Time of Poss.	5th	1st
3rd Dn Conv.	4th	57th
3rd Dn Def.	9th	3rd
4th Dn Conv.	14th	97th
4th Dn Def.	35th	10th



LAST WEEK: North Dakota State scored 38 unanswered points to claim a 38-7 road win over Indiana State last week. After a weather delay of 2 hours and 15 minutes for lightning and rain at halftime, the Bison defense got a turnover, four three-and-outs and forced five straight punts and a turnover on downs to shut out the Sycamores in the second half. **Jaylin Crumby** returned an interception 32 yards on the first play of the third quarter and NDSU scored on the next play with **Cole Payton's** 3-yard run for a sudden 17-7 lead. The Bison followed that with scoring drives of 80, 88 and 64 yards including touchdown runs of 15 yards and 1 yard by **Barika Kpeenu**, who finished with 113 yards on a career-high 23 carries. Payton went 12 of 18 passing for 149 yards and one touchdown. Linebacker **Peder Haugo** made a team-high eight tackles and linebacker **Logan Kopp** had seven tackles—two for lost yardage and two for zero yards—plus a quarterback hit that led to Crumby's interception.

HOME WINNING STREAKS: South Dakota State's current 33-game home winning streak is fourth-longest in FCS history, surpassing North Dakota State's 32-game streak from 2017 through the spring of 2021. The Jackrabbits haven't lost at Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium since a 26-17 loss to Northern Iowa on Oct. 23, 2021. NDSU has won four straight on the road.

Current FCS Home Winning Streaks

33 - South Dakota State
19 - Villanova
16 - North Dakota State
12 - Rhode Island
11 - South Dakota

FCS Longest Home Winning Streaks

39 - Georgia Southern, 1997-2001
38 - Georgia Southern, 1985-1990
34 - Eastern Kentucky, 1978-1984
33 - South Dakota State, 2021-present
32 - North Dakota State, 2017-2020

COMMITTEE RANKINGS: North Dakota State was No. 1 and South Dakota State was No. 2 in the NCAA Division I Football Committee's first top 10 rankings released Oct. 15. The second release is scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 5. The full 24-team playoff bracket will be announced on the FCS Selection Show scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 23.

PLAYOFF HISTORY: North Dakota State (10) and South Dakota State (2) have combined to win four straight and 12 of the last 14 FCS national championships. NDSU and SDSU have met six times in the FCS playoffs with the Bison winning in the 2012 and 2014 second round, 2016 quarterfinal, and 2018 and 2024 semifinals. The Jackrabbits won in the 2022 championship, their first of back-to-back national titles. SDSU has a 24-12 record in 14 FCS playoff appearances; NDSU has won more FCS playoff games than any other program with a 51-5 record in 15 appearances.

BISON AFTER DARK: North Dakota State has a 52-13 record in night games (6 p.m. or later local starting time) as a Division I program since 2004, including a 17-1 mark at home since 2010.

NDSU In The Polls

■ NDSU is in the Stats Perform FCS Top 25 for a record 211th consecutive week dating back to Nov. 1, 2010, when the Bison moved back into the poll at No. 23 after a bye week. NDSU had been unranked for two weeks following a 34-24 loss at Illinois State.

■ NDSU is ranked in the FCS Coaches Poll for the 215th consecutive week dating back to Sept. 6, 2010, following NDSU's 6-3 win at Kansas.

■ The Bison went wire-to-wire in the No. 1 spot in 2013, 2018 and 2019.

■ NDSU was ranked No. 1 in one or both polls for 31 straight weeks during its FCS-record 33-game winning streak from November 2012 through November 2014.

■ NDSU was ranked No. 1 for 32 straight weeks during its FCS-record 39-game winning streak from the final 2017 poll through the spring 2021 loss at Southern Illinois.

■ NDSU garnered votes in the AP Top 25 eight straight weeks after its 2019 ESPN College GameDay win at South Dakota State. NDSU has received votes 25 weeks in the AP Top 25 — after each of NDSU's first three FCS national championships, 10 straight weeks after beating Iowa State in the 2014 opener, and four weeks in 2016 after beating 11th-ranked Iowa.

■ NDSU's 74 poll points (27th overall) after the Iowa win were the most for an FCS team in the AP Top 25.

■ NDSU made its debut in the FCS national rankings in its first year as a Division I program Nov. 16, 2004, when the Bison were 21st in the USA Today/ESPN Top 25 and 24th in the Sports Network/CSTV Top 25 following a 25-7 road win over No. 20/21 UC Davis.

2025 RANKINGS	Stats	AFCA
Preseason	1	1
9/1	1	1
9/8	1	1
9/15	1	1
9/22	1	1
9/29	1	1
10/6	1	1
10/13	1	1
10/20	1	1
10/27		
11/3		
11/10		
11/17		
11/24		
Postseason		
Stats—Stats Perform FCS media top 25		
AFCA—FCS coaches top 25		

Bison in Overtime

Date	Opponent	OTs	Result
11/28/1992	at Pittsburg State*	1	L, 37-38
11/19/1994	at Pittsburg State*	3	W, 18-12
11/15/1997	at South Dakota	1	W, 24-21
10/5/2002	at South Dakota	4	L, 37-40
10/18/2003	at North Dakota	1	L, 21-28
11/8/2003	at St. Cloud State	1	L, 30-33
12/11/2010	at E. Washington*	1	L, 31-38
8/27/2016	Charleston Southern	1	W, 24-17
9/10/2016	Eastern Washington	1	W, 50-44
10/14/2017	at Youngstown State	1	W, 27-24
12/2/2023	at Montana State*	1	W, 35-34
12/16/2023	at Montana*	2	L, 29-31

*NCAA playoff games

Stats Perform FCS Top 25

October 20, 2025

Team (First Place)	W-L	Pts.	Prv
1. North Dakota St. (55)	7-0	1399	1
2. South Dakota St. (1)	7-0	1339	2
3. Tarleton St.	8-0	1276	3
4. Montana	7-0	1220	4
5. Montana St.	5-2	1198	5
6. UC Davis	5-1	1078	6
7. Lehigh	7-0	1035	7
8. North Dakota	5-2	995	9
9. Tennessee Tech	7-0	987	8
10. Monmouth	6-1	909	11
11. Villanova	5-2	683	15
12. Jackson St.	5-1	638	14
13. Rhode Island	6-2	631	16
14. Harvard	5-0	601	18
15. Lamar	6-1	585	17
16. Southern Illinois	4-3	481	12
17. Mercer	5-1	475	20
18. Illinois St.	4-3	429	10
19. Presbyterian	7-0	369	21
20. Northern Arizona	4-3	342	19
21. South Dakota	5-3	296	22
22. Youngstown St.	4-3	244	NR
23. Abilene Christian	4-4	227	13
24. Stephen F. Austin	5-2	226	25
25. Austin Peay	4-3	182	23

Dropped out: Idaho (24)

Others receiving votes: Southeastern Louisiana 176, Western Carolina 61, Sacramento St. 47, North Carolina Central 36, Lafayette 9, Penn 8, Gardner-Webb 7, Alabama St. 6, Duquesne 2, West Georgia 2

AFCA FCS Coaches Poll

October 20, 2025

Team (First Place)	W-L	Pts.	Prv
1. North Dakota St. (25)	7-0	625	1
2. South Dakota St.	7-0	597	2
3. Tarleton St.	8-0	578	3
4. Montana	7-0	547	4
5. Montana St.	5-2	501	5
6. UC Davis	5-1	487	6
7. Lehigh	7-0	465	7
8. Tennessee Tech	7-0	431	8
9. Monmouth	6-1	417	10
10. North Dakota	5-2	398	11
11. Jackson St.	5-1	345	13
12. Villanova	5-2	322	14
13. Rhode Island	6-2	314	15
14. Mercer	5-1	277	16
15. Lamar	6-1	268	18
16. Presbyterian	7-0	241	19
17. Harvard	5-0	198	20
18. Southern Illinois	4-3	165	12
19. Southeastern Louisiana	5-2	164	22
20. Illinois St.	4-3	163	9
21. Youngstown St.	4-3	155	25
22. Northern Arizona	4-3	124	21
23. Austin Peay	4-3	73	24
24. Stephen F. Austin	5-2	64	NR
25. Abilene Christian	4-4	48	17

Dropped out: West Georgia (25)

Others receiving votes: South Dakota 32, West Georgia 29, Western Carolina 23, North Carolina Central 17, Lafayette 13, Penn 11, Sacramento St. 11, UT Rio Grande Valley 7, Central Arkansas 6, Gardner-Webb 4, Alabama St. 3, Dartmouth 1, Duquesne 1

NATIONAL LEADERS: NDSU quarterback **Cole Payton** leads the FCS in passing efficiency (211.4), completion percentage (.744) and passing yards per completion (17.39) and per attempt (12.93) through his first seven starts. Payton is also ninth in total offense (291.4 ypg) and 12th in yards per carry (6.69). **Barika Kpeenu** is seventh in the FCS for scoring (9.4 ppg) and ranks third with 11 rushing TDs and fourth in total touchdowns (11). **Bryce Lance** is ninth in yards per reception (20.58) and **Jackson Williams** is ranked 14th in punt return average (11.4).

TEAM RANKINGS: In this week's FCS statistics, North Dakota State ranks first in scoring defense (10.0 ppg), passing defense (133.1 ypg) and total defense (229.0 ypg), and seventh in rushing defense (95.9 ypg). NDSU is also first nationally in passing efficiency (206.78), completion percentage (.736) and passing yards per completion (17.06). The Bison rank fourth in total offense (493.1 ypg), fifth in rushing offense (242.1 ypg) and sixth in scoring offense (43.6 ppg). NDSU along with Dayton and San Diego leads the FCS with only two turnovers committed.

RECORD PACE: North Dakota State is on school-record pace in passing and total offense through seven games averaging 7.77 yards per play, 493.1 total yards per game, 251.0 passing yards per game, and 12.6 yards per pass attempt with a 206.8 pass efficiency rating and 73.6 completion percentage. Quarterback **Cole Payton's** 10.62 yards per play, 291.4 total offense yards per game, 223.6 passing yards per game, 12.9 yards per pass attempt, 74.4 completion percentage, 211.4 efficiency rating would also be school single-season records. Payton has two of the top five single-game offensive performances in school history, and his 348 passing yards against Southeast Missouri State were third most in NDSU single-game history.

NDSU Single-Game Total Offense Yards

466 - Graig Gorder at Omaha, 11/9/2002 (50 rush, 416 pass)
 455 - Steve Walker at Ball State, 9/23/2006 (4 rush, 451 pass)
 401 - Cole Payton, Southeast Missouri State, 9/13/2025 (53 rush, 348 pass)
 382 - Carson Wentz, Northern Iowa, 10/10/2015 (47 rush, 335 pass)
 375 - Cole Payton, South Dakota, 9/27/2025 (102 rush, 273 pass)

GOOD WORKS TEAM: Senior linebacker **Logan Kopp** was one of 22 players in college football named to the 2025 Allstate AFCA Good Works Team. Kopp is the 10th NDSU player named to the team, which recognizes extraordinary commitment to community service. Read more about the team members at ESPN.com/allstate.

Special Teams Tackles

	Total	Kickoffs	Punts
Kegan Huber	3	3	0
Ryan Jones	3	1	2
Peder Haugo	2	2	0
Will Steil	2	2	0
Darius Givance	2	1	1
Austin Altepeter	1	1	0
Jaquise Alexander	1	1	0
Taylen Eady	1	1	0
Preston Brown	1	1	0

NDSU Opening Drives

	First Half	Second Half
at The Citadel	Punt	TD
at Tennessee State	TD	Punt
SE Missouri State	TD	FG
South Dakota	TD	TD
at Illinois State	Safety	FG
Southern Illinois	TD	TD
at Indiana State	INT	TD
at South Dakota State		
Youngstown State		
at North Dakota		
Northern Iowa		
St. Thomas		

NDSU Longest Drives

Longest Drive, Total Plays

12, at The Citadel (95 yards, 7:20, TD)
 12, at The Citadel (90 yards, 6:22, TD)
 12, South Dakota (90 yards, 6:16, TD)
 12, at The Citadel (82 yards, 7:14, TD)
 12, at Indiana State (75 yards, 5:33, TD)
 12, Southern Illinois (62 yards, 6:58, Half)

Longest Drive, Total Yards

95, at The Citadel (12 plays, 7:20, TD)
 95, South Dakota (11 plays, 5:49, TD)
 93, SE Missouri State (7 plays, 3:39, TD)
 90, at The Citadel (12 plays, 6:22, TD)
 90, South Dakota (12 plays, 6:16, TD)

Longest Drive, Time

7:20, at The Citadel (12 plays, 95 yards, TD)
 7:14, at The Citadel (12 plays, 82 yards, TD)
 6:58, Southern Illinois (12 plays, 62 yards, Half)
 6:38, at Illinois State (11 plays, 65 yards, FG)
 6:32, South Dakota (11 plays, 33 yards, TD)

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK: North Dakota State has had four players earn five Missouri Valley Football Conference player of the week awards this season:

– QB **Cole Payton**, Offensive (9/29, 10/13)...Had 375 yards of total offense and three TDs against South Dakota...Went 14 of 18 passing for 273 yards and two TDs with 11 carries for 102 yards and one score...Picked up six first downs in the run game including one on fourth-and-short and three third down conversions including a 21-yard scramble on third-and-17...Had 291 total yards and three TDs including a 41-yard scramble against Southern Illinois...Picked up eight first downs on 13 of 16 passing for 243 yards.

– LB **Nathaniel Staehling**, Defensive (9/29)...Scored on a 43-yard interception return to end USD's opening drive of the second half, assisted on two tackles for loss and finished with a team-high five tackles.

– RS **Jackson Williams**, Special Teams (9/29)...Had 107 all-purpose yards including two 21-yard punt returns, a 21-yard kickoff return, a 35-yard pass reception from NDSU's 10 to spark a 90-yard scoring drive in the first quarter, and a 9-yard touchdown run.

– RG **Griffin Empey**, Offensive Line (9/29)...Played 66 snaps against USD with no penalties or sacks allowed and had a 94 percent overall grade with three key blocks to help the Bison rush for 274 yards, 5.5 yards per carry and four touchdowns.

WATCH LISTS: North Dakota State has three players under consideration for national player of the year awards. Wide receiver **Bryce Lance** is on the preseason watch list for the Walter Payton Award, presented annually to the FCS offensive player of the year. Defensive end **Toby Anene** and linebacker **Logan Kopp** are on the watch list for the Buck Buchanan Award, presented to the FCS defensive player of the year. Other preseason All-Americans from NDSU are center **Trent Fraley** and kick returner **Jackson Williams**.

18 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS: North Dakota State has won 18 football national championships. NDSU claimed three College Division national championships in 1965, 1968 and 1969 via the national polls, five Division II playoff titles in 1983, 1985, 1986, 1988 and 1990, and was the first team in college football history to win five straight national titles with FCS crowns in 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015 before winning again in 2017, 2018, 2019, 2021 and 2024. The Bison lost to the eventual national champion in the 2010 and 2020 quarterfinals and 2016 semifinals.

NON-CONFERENCE SUCCESS: North Dakota State is 90-6 against non-conference opponents since the beginning of its first FCS national championship season in 2011. Two losses were to FBS opponents (31-28 at Arizona in 2021 and 31-26 at Colorado in 2024) and two were in the playoffs to the eventual national champion (27-17 to James Madison in 2016 and 24-20 at Sam Houston State in 2020-21). Montana's 31-29 double-overtime win in the 2023 FCS semifinals and 38-35 victory in the 2015 FCS Kickoff are NDSU's only other non-conference losses the past 13 years.

BISON AT HOME: The Bison have a 202-29 all-time record in the Fargodome since 1993, including 36-5 against FCS Top 10 ranked teams and 77-1 against FCS non-conference teams with 33 straight wins over non-MVFC teams since 2017. North Dakota State has a 38-1 record in the Fargodome during the NCAA playoffs and has won 20 straight home playoff games since the 2016 semifinal loss to eventual national champion James Madison. NDSU's 32-game home winning streak September 2017 through April 2021 is fifth longest in FCS history.

#ProBison in the NFL

North Dakota State has 24 former players with NFL clubs, including six in coaching positions.

Name	Club	Pos.	Year	Name	Year	Club
Chris Board	Giants	LB	8th	Bobby Babich	14th	Bills Defensive Coord.
Josh Hayes*	Buccaneers	DB	3rd	Gus Bradley	20th	49ers Asst. Head Coach
Dom Jones^	Browns	CB	1st	Ben Ellefson	3rd	Vikings Offensive Asst.
Jake Kubas	Giants	OG	2nd	Scott Fuchs	2nd	Titans Offensive Line
Trey Lance	Chargers	QB	5th	Tyler Roehl	1st	Lions Tight Ends
Hunter Luepke	Cowboys	FB	3rd	Todd Wash	19th	Panthers Defensive Line
Cody Mauch	Buccaneers	OG	3rd			
Cam Miller	Raiders	QB	1st			
Mason Miller	Lions	OT	1st			
Jayden Price	Saints	CB	1st			
Dillon Radunz	Titans	OT	5th			
Marques Sigle#	49ers	S	1st			
Easton Stick	Falcons	QB	7th			
Jalen Sundell	Seahawks	C	2nd			
Cordell Volson	Bengals	OG	4th			
Christian Watson	Packers	WR	4th			
Carson Wentz	Vikings	QB	10th			
Grey Zabel	Seahawks	OG	1st			

*NDSU graduate, finished at Kansas State

#Transferred from NDSU, finished at Kansas State

^Transferred from NDSU, finished at Colorado State

NUMERICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown/High School/Previous School
0	Jaquise Alexander	CB	5-10	178	Jr.	Ruskin, Fla./Sumner HS
1	Donovan Woolen	LB	6-4	219	So.	Frisco, Texas/Wakeland HS
2	Jailen Duffie	CB	5-11	175	So.	Waukegan, Ill./Warren Township HS
3	RaJa Nelson	WR	5-9	196	Sr.	Lakeville, Minn./Lakeville North HS
4	Owen Johnson	RB	5-11	212	Sr.	Mankato, Minn./Mankato West HS
5	Bryce Lance	WR	6-3	209	Sr.	Marshall, Minn./Marshall HS
6	Jaylin Crumby	S	5-11	196	So.	Tampa, Fla./Armwood HS
7	DJ Scott	RB	5-11	206	So.	Oviedo, Fla./Oviedo HS/Kennesaw State
8	Barika Kpeenu	RB	5-10	213	Sr.	West Fargo, N.D./Sheyenne HS
9	Cole Payton	QB	6-3	233	Sr.	Omaha, Neb./Westside HS
10	Antoine Booth	CB	5-11	170	Sr.	Jessup, Md./DeMatha Catholic HS/James Madison
10	Trey Drake	QB	6-3	206	So.	Jamestown, N.Y./Jamestown HS
11	Chance Symons	DE	6-2	236	Jr.	Mitchell, Neb./Scottsbluff HS/Arizona State
12	Nathan Hayes	QB	6-3	219	Jr.	West Chicago, Ill./St. Charles East HS
14	Taylen Eady	S	6-0	198	RFr.	Toano, Va./Warhill HS
15	Mekhi Collins	WR	6-4	214	Jr.	North Mankato, Minn./Mankato West HS
16	Preston Brown	QB	6-1	198	Fr.	Festus, Mo./Hillsboro HS
17	Isiah St. Romain	WR	6-0	195	RFr.	Williston, N.D./Williston HS
18	Jackson Williams	WR	5-11	183	So.	Omaha, Neb./Millard West HS
19	Chris Harris	WR	6-3	210	Sr.	El Paso, Texas/El Dorado HS
20	Will Steil	S	6-2	202	RFr.	Cold Spring, Minn./ROCORI HS
21	Noah Taylor	LB	6-0	224	So.	Lemont, Ill./Lemont Township HS
22	Hudson Artz	S	6-0	203	Jr.	Fairmont, Minn./Fairmont HS
23	Kegan Huber	CB	6-0	184	Jr.	Lake Geneva, Wis./Badger HS
24	Anthony Chideme-Alfaro	CB	6-2	206	Sr.	Sacramento, Calif./Jesuit HS/Cornell
25	Ray James Jr.	LB	6-2	220	RFr.	Eden Prairie, Minn./DeLaSalle HS
27	Ryan Jones	S	6-3	204	Sr.	Frisco, Texas/Reedy HS
28	Cortez LeGrant	RB	5-10	189	So.	Sun Prairie, Wis./Sun Prairie East HS/Minnesota
29	Darius Givance	S	6-2	208	Jr.	Champlin, Minn./Champlin Park HS
32	Austin Altepeter	LB	6-2	228	Jr.	Fargo, N.D./Moorhead HS
36	McClain Miller	FB	6-1	230	RFr.	Middlebury, Ind./Northridge HS
37	Drew Klein	K	5-9	175	Jr.	Hortonville, Wis./Hortonville HS
38	Eli Ozick	K	5-11	191	So.	Liberty, Mo./Liberty HS
39	Aaron Bickerton	P	6-3	201	RJr.	Stoke-on-Trent, England/Gulf Coast HS/Howard
40	Kaden Zenzen	TE	6-4	244	Jr.	Barnesville, Minn./Barnesville HS
41	Peder Haugo	LB	6-1	222	RFr.	Fargo, N.D./Fargo North HS
43	Logan Kopp	LB	6-1	221	Sr.	St. Louis, Mo./Lindbergh HS
44	Luke Kokat	TE	6-3	238	Jr.	Sturtevant, Wis./Union Grove HS
46	Truman Werremeyer	FB	6-2	248	Sr.	Fargo, N.D./Fargo Davies HS
48	Caleb Bowers	LS	6-1	224	Jr.	Whitefish Bay, Wis./Whitefish Bay HS
49	Matthew Stenbroten	DE	6-4	242	RFr.	Lake Mills, Wis./Lake Mills HS
52	Nathaniel Staehling	LB	6-2	238	Jr.	Baxter, Minn./Brainerd HS
54	Alijah Wayne	DT	6-4	273	Fr.	Omaha, Neb./Omaha Central HS
55	Oliver Lucht	LB	6-1	223	So.	Fargo, N.D./Fargo Davies HS
58	Keenan Wilson	DT	6-1	283	So.	Eagan, Minn./Eagan HS
61	Gage Schmidt	C	6-3	298	RFr.	North Mankato, Minn./Mankato West HS
62	Griffin Empey	OG	6-3	298	So.	Stoughton, Wis./Stoughton HS
63	Trent Fraley	C	6-1	303	Jr.	Moon Township, Pa./Moon Area HS/Marshall
64	Jaxon Duttonhefer	DT	6-2	289	Sr.	Mandan, N.D./Mandan HS
66	Jack Liwinski	OG	6-3	300	So.	Chanhausen, Minn./Minnetonka HS
69	Devin Lockerby	OT	6-5	310	Jr.	Faribault, Minn./Faribault HS
70	Beau Johnson	OT	6-6	297	So.	Spring Lake Park, Minn./Spring Lake Park HS
71	Nate Tastad	OG	6-5	285	RFr.	Rolette, N.D./Rolette HS
72	Nate Schneckloth	OG	6-5	300	So.	Eldridge, Iowa/North Scott HS
75	Josh Magin	OT	6-6	304	Jr.	Shakopee, Minn./Shakopee HS
76	Ryan Babatz	OG	6-5	308	Fr.	Montrose, Minn./Buffalo HS
78	Noah Stommies	OT	6-6	261	RFr.	Richmond, Minn./Eden Valley-Watkins HS
80	John Gores	WR	5-6	170	Jr.	Fargo, N.D./Shanley HS
81	Reis Kessel	TE	6-5	239	RFr.	Fargo, N.D./Fargo South HS
82	Jacob Kilzer	WR	6-3	199	RFr.	Maple Grove, Minn./Maple Grove HS/Air Force Prep
83	Cade Osterman	WR	6-1	197	So.	Elk River, Minn./Elk River HS/Minnesota
84	Logan Conklin	WR	6-4	202	RFr.	Minot, N.D./Minot HS
88	Carson Williams	TE	6-4	247	Sr.	Marshalltown, Iowa/Marshalltown HS/Buffalo
89	Finn Diggins	TE	6-4	246	Sr.	Perham, Minn./Perham HS
92	Kelton McCaslin	DE	6-5	245	Jr.	St. Charles, Ill./St. Charles East HS
93	Toby Anene	DE	6-4	259	Jr.	Cottage Grove, Minn./East Ridge HS
94	Logan Larson	DT	6-3	283	Jr.	Woodbury, Minn./East Ridge HS
95	Zach Vanderpool	DE	6-5	268	RFr.	Byron, Minn./Byron HS
97	Victor Isele	DE	6-2	235	So.	Grand Island, Neb./Northwest HS
98	Jack Iuliano	DE	6-3	257	Sr.	Rye, N.Y./Rye HS/Albany
99	Obald Niyonkuru	DT	5-11	288	So.	Altoona, Iowa/Southeast Polk HS/Iowa State

ALPHABETICAL

No.	Name	Pos.
0	Jaquise Alexander	CB
32	Austin Altepeter	LB
51	Sam Anderson	LB
93	Toby Anene	DE
44	Carter Appl	LB
30	Jaylen Archibald	S
22	Hudson Artz	S
76	Ryan Babatz	OG
39	Aaron Bickerton	P
10	Antoine Booth	CB
48	Caleb Bowers	LS
33	Walker Braaten	S
40	Chase Brixius	LB
16	Preston Brown	QB
56	Allante Burley	DE
28	Kendrick Carter	CB
67	Kaden Chadwick	OG
24	Anthony Chideme-Alfaro	CB
65	Brody Clubb	DT
15	Mekhi Collins	WR
84	Logan Conklin	WR
6	Jaylin Crumby	S
33	Gabriel Cunningham	TE
69	Carter Dauner	DE
50	Damian Devine	LB
89	Finn Diggins	TE
10	Trey Drake	QB
2	Jailen Duffie	CB
64	Jaxon Duttonhefer	DT
14	Taylen Eady	S
42	Alex Elliott	LB
42	Isaac Ellison	TE
62	Griffin Empey	OG
2	Kellen Entz	WR
16	Silas Evans III	WR
53	Chase Evink	DT
31	Mikhale Ford	S
63	Trent Fraley	C
29	Darius Givance	S
80	John Gores	WR
82	SJ Green	WR
66	Jack Hansen	DT
19	Chris Harris	WR
34	Jonathan Harvey	RB
41	Peder Haugo	LB
12	Nathan Hayes	QB
23	Kegan Huber	CB
97	Victor Isele	DE
98	Jack Iuliano	DE
25	Ray James Jr.	LB
70	Beau Johnson	OT
4	Owen Johnson	RB
27	Ryan Jones	S
81	Reis Kessel	TE
21	Chris Kiel	WR
82	Jacob Kilzer	WR
37	Drew Klein	K
41	Sam Knoll	P
44	Luke Kokat	TE
43	Logan Kopp	LB
8	Barika Kpeenu	RB
32	Barry Kpeenu	RB
5	Bryce Lance	WR
94	Logan Larson	DT
28	Cortez LeGrant	RB
66	Jack Liwinski	OG
69	Devin Lockerby	OT
55	Oliver Lucht	LB
75	Josh Magin	OT
92	Kelton McCaslin	DE
39	Landon Meier	CB

NUMERICAL ROSTER (cont.)

ADDITIONAL PLAYERS

2	Kellen Entz	WR	6-3	206	Jr.	West Fargo, N.D./Sheyenne HS
13	Najee Nelson	CB	5-11	191	So.	Lakeville, Minn./Lakeville North HS
13	Zander Smith	QB	6-3	222	Fr.	Lakeland, Fla./Lakeland HS
16	Silas Evans III	WR	6-1	193	So.	Denver, Colo./George Washington HS/Colorado State
19	Will Rosenmeyer	CB	6-0	188	RFr.	Highlands Ranch, Colo./Rock Canyon HS
20	Drake Schlosser	WR	6-1	198	Fr.	Stanley, N.D./Stanley HS
21	Chris Kiel	WR	5-11	198	Fr.	Mount Horeb, Wis./Mount Horeb HS
22	Charles Ross III	RB	5-9	191	Fr.	Kansas City, Mo./St. Pius X HS
25	Myles Mitchell	RB	5-9	195	Fr.	Chicago, Ill./Richards HS
26	Brady Wavrunek	RB	5-11	206	So.	Sioux City, Iowa/Sioux City East HS
26	Evrett Tait	S	6-0	199	Fr.	Chippewa Falls, Wis./Regis HS
28	Kendrick Carter	CB	5-10	151	Fr.	Dallas, Texas/South Oak Cliff HS
30	Kelly Watson	WR	5-11	195	So.	Elmhurst, Ill./York HS
30	Jaylen Archibald	S	6-1	195	Fr.	Frisco, Texas/Frisco HS/Air Force Prep
31	Mikhale Ford	S	5-11	181	Fr.	Lincoln, Neb./Lincoln East HS
32	Barry Kpeenu	RB	5-10	199	So.	West Fargo, N.D./Sheyenne HS/Rochester CTC
33	Walker Braaten	S	6-3	183	Fr.	Westhope, N.D./Westhope HS
33	Gabriel Cunningham	TE	6-3	225	Fr.	Wentzville, Mo./Holt HS
34	Jonathan Harvey	RB	5-10	195	Jr.	Mahtomedi, Minn./Mahtomedi HS
34	Marion Moore	CB	5-11	186	Fr.	Madison, Wis./Madison Memorial HS
35	Ryland Satter	LB	6-1	230	RFr.	Sioux Falls, S.D./O'Gorman HS
38	Ben Schepp	S	6-1	204	Fr.	Velva, N.D./Velva HS
39	Landon Meier	CB	5-11	199	RFr.	Fargo, N.D./Shanley HS
40	Chase Brixius	LB	6-2	216	Fr.	Plymouth, Minn./Benilde-St. Margaret's HS
41	Sam Knoll	P	6-2	200	Fr.	Story City, Iowa/Roland-Story HS
42	Alex Elliott	LB	6-2	219	So.	Hutchinson, Minn./Hutchinson HS/Minnesota
42	Isaac Ellison	TE	6-4	216	Fr.	Menomonie, Wis./Menomonie HS
44	Carter Appl	LB	6-2	211	Fr.	Menasha, Wis./Xavier HS
45	Gavin Sell	LB	6-2	221	Fr.	Woodville, Wis./Baldwin-Woodville HS
47	Jacob Wrbanek	LB	6-4	224	Fr.	Maple Grove, Minn./Maple Grove HS
48	Blake Schiltz	DE	6-2	236	Fr.	Pine Island, Minn./Pine Island HS
50	Damian Devine	LB	6-3	222	Fr.	St. Paul, Minn./Academy of Holy Angels
51	Sam Anderson	LB	6-3	204	Fr.	St. Michael, Minn./St. Michael-Albertville HS
53	Chase Evink	DT	6-5	256	Fr.	Hancock, Minn./Hancock HS
56	Allante Burley	DE	6-3	229	Jr.	Lawrenceville, Ga./Peachtree Ridge HS
57	Gavin Wang	OT	6-7	282	Fr.	Annandale, Minn./Annandale HS
59	James Nellis	OG	6-3	279	Fr.	Grafton, Wis./Grafton HS
60	Thomas Roberts	DE	6-4	236	Fr.	Albion, Neb./Boone Central HS
65	Brody Clubb	DT	6-3	273	Fr.	Tiffin, Iowa/Clear Creek Amana HS
66	Jack Hansen	DT	6-3	275	RFr.	Eagan, Minn./Eagan HS
67	Kaden Chadwick	OG	6-6	285	Jr.	Granville, N.D./Velva HS
68	Coy Okeson	OG	6-5	294	RFr.	Minot, N.D./Bishop Ryan HS
69	Carter Dauner	DE	6-4	208	Fr.	West Fargo, N.D./West Fargo HS
73	Alex Warden	OT	6-6	257	Fr.	Suamico, Wis./Bay Port HS
74	Brett Tastad	OG	6-5	265	Fr.	Rolette, N.D./Rolette HS
77	Austin Schultz	OT	6-4	300	So.	Moorhead, Minn./Moorhead HS
82	SJ Green	WR	5-10	176	Fr.	Tampa, Fla./Jesuit HS
85	Jett Zabel	TE	6-3	226	RFr.	Pierre, S.D./T.F. Riggs HS
86	Dylan Vokal	WR	6-2	195	Fr.	Maple Grove, Minn./Maple Grove HS
87	Noah Nelson	TE	6-5	238	Fr.	Hawley, Minn./Hawley HS
90	Wyatt Osterbauer	DE	6-4	234	RFr.	Montrose, Minn./Buffalo HS
91	Ethan Wood	DE	6-4	247	Fr.	Mount Vernon, Iowa/Mount Vernon HS
96	Abraham Myers	DE	6-2	242	So.	Sioux Falls, S.D./Washington HS

CAPTAINS: Bryce Lance, Cole Payton, Chris Harris, Logan Kopp, Nathaniel Staehling, Jaxon Duttenhefer

PRONUNCIATIONS

Allante (uh-LAWN-tay)
 Altepeteter (ALL-teh-pee-ter)
 Anene (uh-NAY-nay)
 Antoine (ANN-twahn)
 Appl (APP-ull)
 Babatz (BAB-itiz)
 Barika (buh-REE-kuh)
 Beschorner (beh-SHAW-ner)
 Bowers (BAH-wers)
 Braaten (BRAH-ten)
 Brixius (BRICKS-ee-iss)
 Chideme-Alfaro
 (shih-DEH-mee all-FAR-oh)
 Clubb (like "club")
 Devine (duh-VINE)

Duffie (DUH-fee)
 Duttenhefer (DOOT-en-hef-er)
 Evink (EE-vink)
 Givance (GIVE-ence)
 Gores (GORZ)
 Haugo (HOW-go)
 Huber (HUE-ber)
 Isele (IZZ-lee)
 Isiah (eye-ZAY-uh)
 Iuliano (you-lee-AH-no)
 Jaquise (jay-KEECE)
 Kessel (KESS-ull)
 Klein (KLINE)
 Klieman (KLY-men)
 Knoll (nole)
 Kokat (KO-cat)

Kopp (COP)
 Kpeenu (PEN-noo)
 Liwienski (luh-WIN-skee)
 Lucht (LUCKT)
 Magin (MAG-in)
 Marion (MAR-ee-on)
 Mekhi (meh-KYE)
 Mikhale (mih-CALE)
 Najee (NAH-zhee)
 Niyonkuru (nee-AWN-kuh-roo)
 Okeson (OAK-uh-son)
 Osterbauer (OH-stur-bah-er)
 Osterman (OH-stur-men)
 Ozick (OH-zick)
 Polasek (PAWL-uh-seck)
 RaJa (RAH-zhah)

Rosenmeyer (RO-zen-my-er)
 Schepp (shep)
 Schlosser (SLAW-sheer)
 Schneckloth (SHNEK-lawth)
 Silas (SIGH-liss)
 St. Romain (saint-roh-MAIN)
 Staehling (STAY-ling)
 Stenbrotten (STEN-brah-ten)
 Stommes (STUM-iss)
 Symons (SIGH-muns)
 Tastad (TAH-stad)
 Vokal (VOE-kull)
 Wavrunek (WAH-vra-neck)
 Werremeyer (WHIR-my-ur)
 Wrbanek (whir-BAN-ek)
 Zabel (ZAY-bull)

ALPHABETICAL

36	McClain Miller	FB
25	Myles Mitchell	RB
34	Marion Moore	CB
96	Abraham Myers	DE
59	James Nellis	OG
13	Najee Nelson	CB
87	Noah Nelson	TE
3	RaJa Nelson	WR
99	Obald Niyonkuru	DT
68	Coy Okeson	OG
90	Wyatt Osterbauer	DE
83	Cade Osterman	WR
38	Eli Ozick	K
9	Cole Payton	QB
60	Thomas Roberts	DE
19	Will Rosenmeyer	CB
22	Charles Ross III	RB
35	Ryland Satter	LB
38	Ben Schepp	S
48	Blake Schiltz	DE
20	Drake Schlosser	WR
61	Gage Schmidt	C
72	Nate Schneckloth	OG
77	Austin Schultz	OT
7	DJ Scott	RB
45	Gavin Sell	LB
13	Zander Smith	QB
17	Isiah St. Romain	WR
52	Nathaniel Staehling	LB
20	Will Steil	S
49	Matthew Stenbrotten	DE
78	Noah Stommes	OT
11	Chance Symons	DE
26	Evrett Tait	S
74	Brett Tastad	OG
71	Nate Tastad	OG
21	Noah Taylor	LB
95	Zach Vanderpool	DE
86	Dylan Vokal	WR
57	Gavin Wang	OT
73	Alex Warden	OT
30	Kelly Watson	WR
26	Brady Wavrunek	RB
54	Alijah Wayne	DT
46	Truman Werremeyer	FB
88	Carson Williams	TE
18	Jackson Williams	WR
58	Keenan Wilson	DT
91	Ethan Wood	DE
1	Donovan Woolen	LB
47	Jacob Wrbanek	LB
85	Jett Zabel	TE
40	Kaden Zenzen	TE

BY YEAR

Seniors	15
Juniors	25
Sophomores	26
Redshirt Freshmen	21
Freshmen	37

BY STATE

Minnesota	39	Colorado	2
North Dakota	21	New York	2
Wisconsin	15	California	1
Iowa	7	Georgia	1
Nebraska	7	Indiana	1
Illinois	6	Maryland	1
Texas	5	Pennsylvania	1
Florida	5	Virginia	1
Missouri	5	England	1
South Dakota	3		

Pioneer Seeds

Bison Sports Network

NDSU football can be heard live on 25 stations across North Dakota and Minnesota. Coverage includes 1-hour pregame and 30-minute postgame shows. Head coach Tim Polasek is also a guest on The Bison Football Coaches Show Thursday nights from 6:30 to 8:00 live from the Holiday Inn Fargo. Email the show at studio@bison1660.com or call 701-476-1660.

Broadcast Team

Sam Neidermann..... Play-By-Play
Phil Hansen..... Analyst
Noah Gindorff Sideline

Location

Signal

Fargo KPFX-FM 107.9 The Fox
*Fargo KQWB Bison 1660/92.7 FM
Ada, MN KRJB-FM 106.5
Bemidji, MN KKWB-FM 102.5
Bismarck KXMR-AM 710
Bowman KPOK-AM 1340
Detroit Lakes, MN KDLB-FM 94.5
Devils Lake KDVL-FM 102.5
Dickinson KLTC-AM 1460
Fergus Falls, MN KBRF-AM 1250
Fosston, MN KKQC-FM 96.7
Glenwood, MN KMGK-FM 107.1
Grafton KXPO-AM 1340
Grand Forks KQYZ-FM 98.5
Harvey KHND-AM 1470
*Jamestown KSJB-AM 600
*Mpls-St. Paul, MN KYCR-AM 1440
Minot KCJB-AM 910
Oakes KDDR-AM 1220
Park Rapids, MN KXXX-FM 92.5
Rugby KZZJ-AM 1450
St. Cloud, MN KXSS-AM 1390
Thief River Falls, MN KTRF-AM 1230
Wahpeton KBMW-AM 1450
Williston KEYZ-AM 660

*Also carries the Bison Football Coaches Show

The Bison Football Show

The Bison Football Show with coach Tim Polasek and host Sam Neidermann airs at 10:35 p.m. Sundays statewide on ABC stations WDAY (Fargo), WDAZ (Grand Forks), KBYM (Bismarck/Dickinson) and KCMY (Minot/Williston).

Bison Television Schedule

Opponent

Coverage

at The Citadel ABC ND / ESPN+
at Tennessee State ESPN+
SE Missouri State ABC ND / ESPN+
South Dakota ABC ND / ESPN+
at Illinois State ESPN+
Southern Illinois ABC ND / ESPN+
at Indiana State ABC ND / ESPN+
at South Dakota State ESPN2 or ESPNU
Youngstown State ABC ND / ESPN+
at North Dakota ABC ND / ESPN+
Northern Iowa ABC ND / ESPN+
St. Thomas ABC ND / ESPN+

BISON DEPTH CHART

			Offense			
Pos.	No.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown
LT	70	Beau Johnson	6-6	297	So.	Spring Lake Park, Minn.
	69	Devin Lockerby	6-5	310	Jr.	Faribault, Minn.
LG	71	Nate Tastad	6-5	285	RFr.	Rolette, N.D.
	66	Jack Liwienski	6-3	300	So.	Chanhassen, Minn.
	or 76	Ryan Babatz	6-5	308	Fr.	Montrose, Minn.
C	63	Trent Fraley	6-1	303	Jr.	Moon Township, Pa.
	61	Gage Schmidt	6-3	298	RFr.	North Mankato, Minn.
RG	62	Griffin Empey	6-3	298	So.	Stoughton, Wis.
	72	Nate Schneckloth	6-5	300	So.	Eldridge, Iowa
	or 76	Ryan Babatz	6-5	308	Fr.	Montrose, Minn.
RT	75	Josh Magin	6-6	304	Jr.	Shakopee, Minn.
	78	Noah Stommes	6-6	261	RFr.	Richmond, Minn.
TE	81	Reis Kessel	6-5	239	RFr.	Fargo, N.D.
	40	Kaden Zenzen	6-4	244	Jr.	Barnesville, Minn.
	or 88	Carson Williams	6-4	247	Sr.	Marshalltown, Iowa
WR-X	5	Bryce Lance	6-3	209	Sr.	Marshall, Minn.
	15	Mekhi Collins	6-4	214	Jr.	North Mankato, Minn.
WR-Z	19	Chris Harris	6-3	210	Sr.	El Paso, Texas
	17	Isiah St. Romain	6-0	195	RFr.	Williston, N.D.
WR-F	3	RaJa Nelson	5-9	196	Sr.	Lakeville, Minn.
	18	Jackson Williams	5-11	183	So.	Omaha, Neb.
FB	46	Truman Werremeyer	6-2	248	Sr.	Fargo, N.D.
	44	Luke Kokat	6-3	238	Jr.	Sturtevant, Wis.
RB	8	Barika Kpeenu	5-10	213	Sr.	West Fargo, N.D.
	or 7	DJ Scott	5-11	206	So.	Oviedo, Fla.
QB	9	Cole Payton	6-3	233	Sr.	Omaha, Neb.
	12	Nathan Hayes	6-3	219	Jr.	West Chicago, Ill.

			Defense			
Pos.	No.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown
DE	92	Kelton McCaslin	6-5	245	Jr.	St. Charles, Ill.
	98	Jack Iuliano	6-3	257	Sr.	Rye, N.Y.
DT	95	Zach Vanderpool	6-5	268	RFr.	Byron, Minn.
	or 64	Jaxon Duttonhefer	6-2	289	Sr.	Mandan, N.D.
NG	58	Keenan Wilson	6-1	283	So.	Eagan, Minn.
	94	Logan Larson	6-3	283	Jr.	Woodbury, Minn.
DE	93	Toby Anene	6-4	259	Jr.	Cottage Grove, Minn.
	97	Victor Isele	6-2	235	So.	Grand Island, Neb.
WLB	43	Logan Kopp	6-1	221	Sr.	St. Louis, Mo.
	32	Austin Altepeter	6-2	228	Jr.	Fargo, N.D.
MLB	52	Nathaniel Staehling	6-2	238	Jr.	Baxter, Minn.
	55	Oliver Lucht	6-1	223	So.	Fargo, N.D.
SLB	1	Donovan Woolen	6-4	219	So.	Frisco, Texas
	41	Peder Haugo	6-1	222	RFr.	Fargo, N.D.
	or 25	Ray James Jr.	6-2	220	RFr.	Eden Prairie, Minn.
CB	24	Anthony Chideme-Alfaro	6-2	206	Sr.	Sacramento, Calif.
	10	Antoine Booth	5-11	170	Sr.	Jessup, Md.
SS	29	Darius Givance	6-2	208	Jr.	Champlin, Minn.
	or 27	Ryan Jones	6-3	204	Sr.	Frisco, Texas
FS	6	Jaylin Crumby	5-11	196	So.	Tampa, Fla.
	or 14	Taylen Eady	6-0	198	RFr.	Toano, Va.
CB	2	Jailen Duffie	5-11	175	So.	Waukegan, Ill.
	0	Jaquise Alexander	5-10	178	Jr.	Ruskin, Fla.

Specialists						
Pos.	No.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown
K	38	Eli Ozick	5-11	191	So.	Liberty, Mo.
	or 37	Drew Klein	5-9	175	Jr.	Hortonville, Wis.
H	39	Aaron Bickerton	6-3	201	RJr.	Stoke-on-Trent, England
	12	Nathan Hayes	6-3	219	Jr.	West Chicago, Ill.
LS	48	Caleb Bowers	6-1	224	Jr.	Whitefish Bay, Wis.
	1	Donovan Woolen	6-4	219	So.	Frisco, Texas
P	39	Aaron Bickerton	6-3	201	RJr.	Stoke-on-Trent, England
	37	Drew Klein	5-9	175	Jr.	Hortonville, Wis.
KR	18	Jackson Williams	5-11	183	So.	Omaha, Neb.
	80	John Gores	5-6	170	Jr.	Fargo, N.D.
PR	18	Jackson Williams	5-11	183	So.	Omaha, Neb.
	3	RaJa Nelson	5-9	196	Sr.	Lakeville, Minn.

THE COACHING STAFF

Tim Polasek was named head football coach at North Dakota State University on Dec. 17, 2023. He is the 32nd head coach in program history.

Polasek was part of the NDSU staff under head coach Craig Bohl from 2006 to 2012 coaching the running backs, tight ends and fullbacks in addition to his duties with special teams and recruiting. He returned to North Dakota State in 2014 and spent three seasons as the offensive coordinator and running backs coach under Chris Klieman.

In between his two stops at North Dakota State, Polasek was the tight ends and fullbacks coach for a 12-2 Northern Illinois team that advanced to the 2013 Mid-American Conference championship game and Poinsettia Bowl.

Polasek has eight years of experience at the FBS level. He spent four seasons in the Big Ten as offensive line coach at Iowa from 2017 to 2020, and was in the Mountain West as offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach under Bohl at Wyoming from 2021 to 2023.

He was an assistant coach at Wisconsin-Stevens Point for three seasons before coming to North Dakota State. Polasek coached the defensive backs (2005), wide receivers/tight ends (2003-04) and quarterbacks (spring 2003), and was the special teams coordinator in 2004-05 and passing game coordinator in 2003-04.

The all-time leading passer at Concordia University in Wisconsin, he set single-game, single-season and career records in TD passes, passing yards, completions and completion percentage. Polasek was the 2000 Badger-Illini Conference Player of the Year. He was a two-time first team all-conference selection in 2000-01 and second team in 1999.

Polasek graduated from Concordia in 2002 with a bachelor's degree in physical education and earned his master's degree from Wisconsin-Stevens Point in 2005. He is married to Jill Polasek.



Tim Polasek
Head Coach



Dan Larson
Offensive Coord.
Tight Ends/Fullbacks



Grant Olson
Defensive Coordinator
Linebackers



Joe Beschoner
Quarterbacks



Dylan Chmura
Offensive Line



Steve Crutchley
Wide Receivers



Will Johnson
Cornerbacks



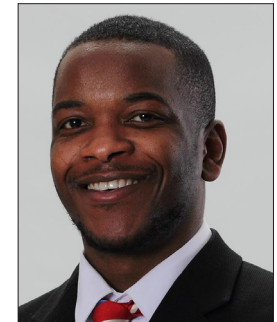
Devin Klieman
Safeties



Carlton Littlejohn
Defensive Ends



Kody Morgan
Defensive Tackles



Sam Ojuri
Running Backs



Jim Kramer
Director of
Athletic Performance



Ryan Napoli
Director of
Athletic Performance



Trisha Shannon
Associate
Athletic Trainer

PLAYER PARTICIPATION

	Played 2025	Played Career	Played Streak	Starts 2025	Starts Career	Starts Streak	at The Citadel	at Tennessee St.	SE Missouri St.	South Dakota	at Illinois St.	Southern Illinois	at Indiana St.	at South Dakota St.	Youngstown St.	at North Dakota	Northern Iowa	St. Thomas
Alexander	7	28	10	1	8	1	***	***	***	***	***	***	CB					
Altepeter	6	22	4				***	***		***	***	***	***					
Anene	7	34	25	7	16	16	DE	DE	DE	DE	DE	DE	DE					
Artz	7	24	20				***	***	***	***	***	***	***					
Babatz	3	3	1					***	***				***					
Bickerton	7	7	7				***	***	***	***	***	***	***					
Booth	7	7	7				***	***	***	***	***	***	***					
Bowers	7	39	38				***	***	***	***	***	***	***					
Brown	2	2	2									***	***					
Burley	3	3					***	***		***								
Chideme-Alfaro	7	21	13	6	14		CB	CB	CB	CB	CB	CB	***					
Collins	7	32	13	1	3		***	***	***	WR	***	***	***					
Conklin	7	7	7				***	***	***	***	***	***	***					
Crumby	7	21	19	6	12	6	***	FS	FS	FS	FS	FS	FS					
Devine	1	1								***								
Diggins	6	48		5	6		TE	TE	TE	***	TE	TE						
Drake	2	3					***	***										
Duffie	7	20	7	7	15	10	CB	CB	CB	CB	CB	CB	CB					
Duttenhefer	7	54	16	7	16	7	DT	DT	DT	DT	DT	DT	DT					
Eady	7	14	7				***	***	***	***	***	***	***					
Empey	7	21	13	7	21	13	RG	RG	RG	RG	RG	RG	RG					
Entz	3	10					***	***	***									
Evans		7																
Evink	1	1	1										***					
Ford	2	2						***	***									
Fraley	7	23	23	7	23	23	C	C	C	C	C	C	C					
Givance	7	38	38	6	18		SS	SS	SS	SS	SS	SS	***					
Gores	7	19	7				***	***	***	***	***	***	***					
Hansen	1	1					***											
Harris	5	38	4		2		***			***	***	***	***					
Harvey	1	1							***									
Haugo	7	11	7				***	***	***	***	***	***	***					
Hayes	6	14	2				***	***	***	***		***	***					
Huber	7	12	7				***	***	***	***	***	***	***					
Isele	7	10	7				***	***	***	***	***	***	***					
Iuliano	6	6	4				***	***		***	***	***	***					
James	4	4	1				***	***	***				***					
B. Johnson	7	15	7	7	7	7	LT	LT	LT	LT	LT	LT	LT					
O. Johnson	7	27	7				***	***	***	***	***	***	***					
Jones	7	53	53	2	9	1	FS	***	***	***	***	***	SS					
Kessel	7	7	7	2	2	1	***	***	***	TE	***	***	TE					
Kiel	1	1								***								
Kilzer	4	5	2				***	***				***	***					
Klein	2	6					***	***										
Kokat	7	24	22				***	***	***	***	***	***	***					
Kopp	7	52	14	7	36	12	WLB	WLB	WLB	WLB	WLB	WLB	WLB					
Barika Kpeenu	7	41	38	7	13	7	RB	RB	RB	RB	RB	RB	RB					
Barry Kpeenu	1	1								***								
Lance	7	51	43	7	20	12	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR					
Larson	7	37	23				***	***	***	***	***	***	***					
LeGrant	6	6	2				***	***	***	***		***	***					
Liwienski	7	17	7		2		***	***	***	***	***	***	***					
Lockerby	2	11					***	***										
Lucht	6	10	2				***	***	***	***		***	***					
Magin	7	23	11	7	7	7	RT	RT	RT	RT	RT	RT	RT					
McCasin	7	29	11	7	7	7	DE	DE	DE	DE	DE	DE	DE					
Meier	2	2					***			***								
Miller	1	1	1										***					
Mitchell	3	3					***	***	***									
Moore	1	1								***								
Myers	1	3								***								
N. Nelson	4	17					***	***	***	***								

PLAYER PARTICIPATION (cont.)														
	Played 2025			Played Career			Played Streak							
				Starts 2025	Starts Career	Starts Streak	at The Citadel	at Tennessee St.	SE Missouri St.	South Dakota	at Illinois St.	Southern Illinois	at Indiana St.	at South Dakota St.
							Youngstown St.	at North Dakota	Northern Iowa	St. Thomas				
R. Nelson	7	69	12	4	20		WR	WR	WR	***	***	WR	***	
Niyonkuru	4	4	2				***	***				***	***	
Osterbauer	1	1								***				
Osterman	5	10	2					***	***	***		***	***	
Ozick	7	31	30				***	***	***	***	***	***	***	
Payton	7	46	7	7	8	7	QB	QB	QB	QB	QB	QB	QB	
Rosenmeyer	1	1								***				
St. Romain	5	5	2				***	***	***			***	***	
Schmidt	6	6	2				***	***	***	***		***	***	
Schneckloth	7	13	7				***	***	***	***	***	***	***	
Scott	7	7	7				***	***	***	***	***	***	***	
Staehling	7	26	7	7	7	7	MLB	MLB	MLB	MLB	MLB	MLB	MLB	
Steil	7	12	7				***	***	***	***	***	***	***	
Stenbroten	7	7	7				***	***	***	***	***	***	***	
Stommes	6	6	2				***	***	***	***		***	***	
Symons	6	6	2				***	***	***	***		***	***	
N. Tastad	7	7	7	7	7	7	LG	LG	LG	LG	LG	LG	LG	
Taylor	6	20	4				***	***		***	***	***	***	
Vanderpool	6	6					***	***	***	***	***	***	***	
Watson		5												
Wavrunek	1	3								***				
Wayne	7	7	7				***	***	***	***	***	***	***	
Werremeyer	7	49	45	3	14	1	FB	***	***	***	FB	***	FB	
C. Williams	5	38		3	11		***	***	TE	TE	TE			
J. Williams	7	22	22	2	2		***	WR	***	***	***	WR	***	
Wilson	7	22	22	7	7	7	NG	NG	NG	NG	NG	NG	NG	
Woolen	7	18	15	7	7	7	SLB	SLB	SLB	SLB	SLB	SLB	SLB	
Zabel	5	5	1				***	***	***	***	***	***	***	
K. Zenzen	7	32	23	1	1	1	***	***	***	***	***	***	TE	

OFF.	LT	LG	C	RG	RT	WR	WR/TE	TE/WR	FB/TE	RB	QB
at CIT	Johnson	N.Tastad	Fraley	Empey	Magin	Lance	R.Nelson	Diggins	Werremeyer	Barika Kpeenu	Payton
at TSU	Johnson	N.Tastad	Fraley	Empey	Magin	Lance	R.Nelson	J.Williams	Diggins	Barika Kpeenu	Payton
SEMO	Johnson	N.Tastad	Fraley	Empey	Magin	Lance	R.Nelson	C.Williams	Diggins	Barika Kpeenu	Payton
USD	Johnson	N.Tastad	Fraley	Empey	Magin	Lance	Collins	C.Williams	Kessel	Barika Kpeenu	Payton
at ILST	Johnson	N.Tastad	Fraley	Empey	Magin	Lance	Diggins	C.Williams	Werremeyer	Barika Kpeenu	Payton
SIU	Johnson	N.Tastad	Fraley	Empey	Magin	Lance	R.Nelson	J.Williams	Diggins	Barika Kpeenu	Payton
at INST at SDSU YSU at UND UNI UST	Johnson	N.Tastad	Fraley	Empey	Magin	Lance	Kessel	Zenzen	Werremeyer	Barika Kpeenu	Payton
DEF.	DE	DT	NG	DE	SLB	MLB	WLB	CB	SS	FS	CB
at CIT	McCaslin	Duttenhefer	Wilson	Anene	Woolen	Staehling	Kopp	Duffie	Givance	Jones	Chideme-Alfaro
at TSU	McCaslin	Duttenhefer	Wilson	Anene	Woolen	Staehling	Kopp	Duffie	Givance	Crumby	Chideme-Alfaro
SEMO	McCaslin	Duttenhefer	Wilson	Anene	Woolen	Staehling	Kopp	Duffie	Givance	Crumby	Chideme-Alfaro
USD	McCaslin	Duttenhefer	Wilson	Anene	Woolen	Staehling	Kopp	Duffie	Givance	Crumby	Chideme-Alfaro
at ILST	McCaslin	Duttenhefer	Wilson	Anene	Woolen	Staehling	Kopp	Duffie	Givance	Crumby	Chideme-Alfaro
SIU	McCaslin	Duttenhefer	Wilson	Anene	Woolen	Staehling	Kopp	Duffie	Givance	Crumby	Chideme-Alfaro
at INST at SDSU YSU at UND UNI UST	McCaslin	Duttenhefer	Wilson	Anene	Woolen	Staehling	Kopp	Duffie	R.Jones	Crumby	Alexander

2025 North Dakota State Football
North Dakota State Game Results (as of Oct 21, 2025)
All games

Date	Opponent	Score	Overall	Conference	Time	Attend
Aug 30, 2025	at The Citadel	W 38-0	1-0	0-0	2:51	10691
Sep 06, 2025	at Tennessee State	W 59-3	2-0	0-0	2:58	8569
Sep 13, 2025	SE MISSOURI STATE	W 41-14	3-0	0-0	3:05	17354
* Sep 27, 2025	#17 SOUTH DAKOTA	W 51-13	4-0	1-0	2:59	18498
* Oct 04, 2025	at #6 Illinois State	W 33-16	5-0	2-0	2:46	9829
* Oct 11, 2025	#8 SOUTHERN ILLINOIS	W 45-17	6-0	3-0	2:52	15812
* Oct 18, 2025	at Indiana State	W 38-7	7-0	4-0	5:15	3252

*Missouri Valley Football Conference games

North Dakota State Team Game-by-Game Comparison (as of Oct 21, 2025)
All games

Opponent	Score	First Downs				Rushing		Passing		Total Offense		Return Yards	Turn-Overs
		Total	Rush	Pass	Pen	Number-Yards		Comp-Att-Int	Yards	Plays-Yards			
The Citadel	38-0	25 / 8	12 / 7	13 / 1	0 / 0	47-256 / 41-104		15-21-0 / 2-6-0	263 / 22	68-519 / 47-126		47 / 13	0 / 1
Tennessee State	59-3	24 / 4	13 / 2	9 / 2	2 / 0	39-191 / 28-70		16-23-1 / 8-18-1	242 / 61	62-433 / 46-131		162 / 42	1 / 2
SE MISSOURI STATE	41-14	22 / 12	8 / 6	11 / 4	3 / 2	37-214 / 32-64		16-24-0 / 13-25-1	348 / 153	61-562 / 57-217		-3 / 45	0 / 1
SOUTH DAKOTA	51-13	24 / 13	14 / 6	9 / 6	1 / 1	50-274 / 27-88		15-19-0 / 13-21-1	273 / 208	69-547 / 48-296		140 / 0	0 / 1
Illinois State	33-16	21 / 22	14 / 11	7 / 11	0 / 0	36-213 / 31-137		12-14-0 / 20-35-1	194 / 191	50-407 / 66-328		92 / 4	0 / 2
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS	45-17	24 / 22	13 / 10	11 / 8	0 / 4	43-264 / 32-123		16-19-0 / 15-29-1	276 / 190	62-540 / 61-313		11 / 24	0 / 3
Indiana State	38-7	25 / 10	17 / 6	8 / 4	0 / 0	52-283 / 29-84		13-20-1 / 14-24-1	161 / 108	72-444 / 53-192		64 / 39	1 / 1
Totals	305-70	165 / 91	91 / 48	68 / 36	6 / 7	304-1695 / 220-670		103-140-2 / 85-158-6	1757 / 933	444-3452 / 378-1603		513 / 167	2 / 11

Opponent	3rd Down		4th Down		Time of Possession	TOP Margin	Avg Yds/Rush	Avg Yds/Pass	Avg Yds/Play	Punting		Penalties Number-Yards	Sacks
	Conversions		Conversions							Number-Avg			
The Citadel	6-11	2-12	1-1	1-2	36:03 / 23:57	12:06	5.4 / 2.5	12.5 / 3.7	7.6 / 2.7	3-33.7 / 7-45.3		6-35 / 0-0	5 / 0
Tennessee State	3-9	1-13	1-1	0-0	33:37 / 26:23	7:14	4.9 / 2.5	10.5 / 3.4	7.0 / 2.8	2-47.0 / 8-42.4		1-10 / 5-44	1 / 0
SE MISSOURI STATE	2-10	6-15	1-1	1-1	30:48 / 29:12	1:36	5.8 / 2.0	14.5 / 6.1	9.2 / 3.8	3-48.7 / 8-42.4		7-74 / 8-70	4 / 2
SOUTH DAKOTA	10-13	2-9	1-1	0-1	35:07 / 24:53	10:14	5.5 / 3.3	14.4 / 9.9	7.9 / 6.2	1-49.0 / 5-50.0		6-45 / 5-20	3 / 1
Illinois State	4-7	7-13	0-0	1-3	29:38 / 30:22	-0:44	5.9 / 4.4	13.9 / 5.5	8.1 / 5.0	0-0.0 / 3-40.0		2-15 / 3-15	2 / 2
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS	8-12	5-11	0-0	0-0	32:46 / 27:14	5:32	6.1 / 3.8	14.5 / 6.6	8.7 / 5.1	2-37.5 / 3-44.7		5-50 / 3-12	4 / 1
Indiana State	6-11	3-13	0-2	1-2	37:19 / 22:41	14:38	5.4 / 2.9	8.1 / 4.5	6.2 / 3.6	2-52.5 / 7-42.0		5-30 / 4-35	0 / 1
Totals	39-73	26-86	4-6	4-9	235:18 / 184:42	50:36	5.6 / 3.0	12.6 / 5.9	7.8 / 4.2	13-43.8 / 41-43.7		32-259 / 28-196	19 / 7

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

2025 North Dakota State Football
North Dakota State Overall Team Statistics (as of Oct 21, 2025)
All games

Team Statistics	NDSU	OPP
SCORING	305	70
Points Per Game	43.6	10.0
Points Off Turnovers	63	7
FIRST DOWNS	165	91
Rushing	91	48
Passing	68	36
Penalty	6	7
RUSHING YARDAGE	1695	670
Yards gained rushing	1804	887
Yards lost rushing	109	217
Rushing Attempts	304	220
Average Per Rush	5.6	3.0
Average Per Game	242.1	95.7
TDs Rushing	25	6
PASSING YARDAGE	1757	933
Comp-Att-Int	103-140-2	85-158-6
Average Per Pass	12.6	5.9
Average Per Catch	17.1	11.0
Average Per Game	251.0	133.3
TDs Passing	13	2
TOTAL OFFENSE	3452	1603
Total Plays	444	378
Average Per Play	7.8	4.2
Average Per Game	493.1	229.0
KICK RETURNS: #-Yards	10-224	12-163
PUNT RETURNS: #-Yards	12-137	3-4
INT RETURNS: #-Yards	6-132	2-0
KICK RETURN AVERAGE	22.4	13.6
PUNT RETURN AVERAGE	11.4	1.3
INT RETURN AVERAGE	22.0	0.0
FUMBLES-LOST	3-0	8-5
PENALTIES-Yards	32-259	28-196
Average Per Game	37.0	28.0
PUNTS-Yards	13-570	41-1793
Average Per Punt	43.8	43.7
Net punt average	40.5	40.4
KICKOFFS-Yards	56-3397	18-1117
Average Per Kick	60.7	62.1
Net kick average	41.7	38.5
TIME OF POSSESSION/Game	33:37	26:23
3RD-DOWN Conversions	39/73	26/86
3rd-Down Pct	53%	30%
4TH-DOWN Conversions	4/6	4/9
4th-Down Pct	67%	44%
SACKS BY-Yards	19-140	7-42
MISC YARDS	0	0
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED	40	8
FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS	8-10	4-6
ON-SIDE KICKS	0-0	0-0
RED-ZONE SCORES	(34-37) 92%	(10-14) 71%
RED-ZONE TOUCHDOWNS	(29-37) 78%	(7-14) 50%
PAT-ATTEMPTS	(37-38) 97%	(8-8) 100%
ATTENDANCE	51664	32341
Games/Avg Per Game	3/17221	4/8085
Neutral Site Games		0/0

Score by Quarters	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Total
North Dakota State	58	111	65	71	0	305
Opponents	19	24	7	20	0	70

CAREER

Total Offense	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
Cole Payton	7	192	475	1565	2040	291.4	46	401	1616	2034	3650	79.3
Barika Kpeenu	7	107	601	0	601	85.9	41	350	1879	0	1879	45.8
DJ Scott	7	54	307	0	307	43.9	7	54	307	0	307	43.9
Nathan Hayes	6	20	4	188	192	32.0	14	46	94	402	496	35.4
Cortez LeGrant	6	18	94	0	94	15.7	6	18	94	0	94	15.7
Bryce Lance	7	3	87	0	87	12.4	51	8	116	0	116	2.3
Myles Mitchell	3	13	66	0	66	22.0	3	13	66	0	66	22.0
Owen Johnson	7	16	38	0	38	5.4	27	45	224	0	224	8.3
Jackson Williams	7	2	12	0	12	1.7	22	4	31	0	31	1.4
RaJa Nelson	7	6	12	0	12	1.7	69	49	318	0	318	4.6
Trey Drake	2	3	5	4	9	4.5	3	3	5	4	9	3.0
Brady Wavrunek	1	1	3	0	3	3.0	3	6	14	0	14	4.7
Barry Kpeenu	1	1	1	0	1	1.0	1	1	1	0	1	1.0
TEAM	7	8	-10	0	-10	-1.4						
Total	7	444	1695	1757	3452	493.1						
Opponents	7	378	670	933	1603	229.0						

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SEASON									CAREER									
Scoring	td	fg	PAT				d xp	saf	pts	td	fg	PAT				d xp	saf	pts
			kick	rush	rcv	pass						kick	rush	rcv	pass			
Barika Kpeenu	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	66	24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	144
Eli Ozick	-	8-10	36-37	-	-	-	-	-	60	-	11-15	40-41	-	-	-	-	-	73
Cole Payton	6	-	-	2-2	-	-	-	-	40	24	-	-	3-3	-	-	-	-	150
Bryce Lance	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30	23	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	140
DJ Scott	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30
RaJa Nelson	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24	12	-	-	-	-	0-1	-	-	72
Mekhi Collins	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30
Jackson Williams	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24
Nathaniel Staehling	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Donovan Woolen	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Isiah St. Romain	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Myles Mitchell	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Reis Kessel	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Truman Werremeyer	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Drew Klein	-	-	1-1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1-1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Total	40	8-10	37-38	2-2	-	-	-	-	305									
Opponents	8	4-6	8-8	-	-	-	-	-	1	70								

Punt Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Jackson Williams	12	137	11.4	0	37	25	278	11.1	1	67
Total	12	137	11.4	0	37					
Opponents	3	4	1.3	0	4					

Kick Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Jackson Williams	6	141	23.5	0	34	23	687	29.9	1	100
John Gores	2	37	18.5	0	25	2	37	18.5	0	25
Chris Kiel	1	22	22.0	0	22	1	22	22.0	0	22
RaJa Nelson	1	24	24.0	0	24	37	813	22.0	0	77
Total	10	224	22.4	0	34					
Opponents	12	163	13.6	0	21					

Interceptions	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Jaquise Alexander	1	0	0.0	0	0	2	0	0.0	0	0
Oliver Lucht	1	11	11.0	0	11	1	11	11.0	0	11
Ryan Jones	1	12	12.0	0	12	1	12	12.0	0	12
Jaylin Crumby	1	32	32.0	0	32	1	32	32.0	0	32
Donovan Woolen	1	34	34.0	1	34	1	34	34.0	1	34
Nathaniel Staehling	1	43	43.0	1	43	1	43	43.0	1	43
Total	6	132	22.0	2	43					
Opponents	2	0	0.0	0	0					

Fumble Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Logan Kopp	1	9	9.0	0	9	2	25	12.5	0	16
Nathaniel Staehling	1	11	11.0	0	11	1	11	11.0	0	11
Total	2	20	10.0	0	11					
Opponents	0	0	0.0	0	0					

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	SEASON								CAREER							
All Purpose	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g
Barika Kpeenu	7	601	129	0	0	0	730	104.3	41	1879	251	0	0	0	2130	52.0
Bryce Lance	7	87	535	0	0	0	622	88.9	51	116	1613	2	0	0	1731	33.9
Cole Payton	7	475	0	0	0	0	475	67.9	46	1616	5	0	0	0	1621	35.2
Jackson Williams	7	12	156	137	141	0	446	63.7	22	31	284	278	687	0	1280	58.2
DJ Scott	7	307	27	0	0	0	334	47.7	7	307	27	0	0	0	334	47.7
RaJa Nelson	7	12	258	0	24	0	294	42.0	69	318	1143	0	813	0	2274	33.0
Reis Kessel	7	0	230	0	0	0	230	32.9	7	0	230	0	0	0	230	32.9
Mekhi Collins	7	0	116	0	0	0	116	16.6	32	0	430	0	0	0	430	13.4
Cortez LeGrant	6	94	0	0	0	0	94	15.7	6	94	0	0	0	0	94	15.7
Finn Diggins	6	0	89	0	0	0	89	14.8	48	0	142	0	9	0	151	3.1
Chris Harris	5	0	68	0	0	0	68	13.6	38	0	472	0	0	0	472	12.4
Myles Mitchell	3	66	0	0	0	0	66	22.0	3	66	0	0	0	0	66	22.0
Logan Conklin	7	0	49	0	0	0	49	7.0	7	0	49	0	0	0	49	7.0
Carson Williams	5	0	46	0	0	0	46	9.2	38	0	115	0	0	0	115	3.0
Nathaniel Staehli	7	0	0	0	0	43	43	6.1	26	0	0	0	0	43	43	1.7
Owen Johnson	7	38	0	0	0	0	38	5.4	27	224	32	0	0	0	256	9.5
Isiah St. Romain	5	0	38	0	0	0	38	7.6	5	0	38	0	0	0	38	7.6
John Gores	7	0	0	0	37	0	37	5.3	19	41	126	84	37	0	288	15.2
Donovan Woolen	7	0	0	0	0	34	34	4.9	18	0	0	0	0	34	34	1.9
Jaylin Crumby	7	0	0	0	0	32	32	4.6	21	0	0	0	0	32	32	1.5
Chris Kiel	1	0	0	0	22	0	22	22.0	1	0	0	0	22	0	22	22.0
Truman Werreme	7	0	12	0	0	0	12	1.7	49	0	78	0	0	0	78	1.6
Ryan Jones	7	0	0	0	0	12	12	1.7	53	0	0	0	0	12	12	0.2
Oliver Lucht	6	0	0	0	0	11	11	1.8	10	0	0	0	0	11	11	1.1
Trey Drake	2	5	0	0	0	0	5	2.5	3	5	0	0	0	0	5	1.7
Jett Zabel	5	0	4	0	0	0	4	0.8	5	0	4	0	0	0	4	0.8
Nathan Hayes	6	4	0	0	0	0	4	0.7	14	94	0	0	0	0	94	6.7
Brady Wavrunek	1	3	0	0	0	0	3	3.0	3	14	0	0	0	0	14	4.7
Barry Kpeenu	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1.0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1.0
TEAM	7	-10	0	0	0	0	-10	-1.4								
Total	7	1695	1757	137	224	132	3945	563.6								
Opponents	7	670	933	4	163	0	1770	252.9								

Field Goals	fg	pct.	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	lg	blk	att	good	long	blkd
Eli Ozick	8-10	80.0	0-0	2-2	3-3	2-3	1-2	54	0	15	11	54	1

FG Sequence	North Dakota State	Opponents
The Citadel	(31)	-
Tennessee State	(22)	49,(45)
SE Missouri State	50,(43),(43)	-
South Dakota	(29)	(31),(51)
Illinois State	40,(38)	-
Southern Illinois	(38)	(35)
Indiana State	(54)	41

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made.

Punting	no.	yds	avg	lg	blk	no.	yds	avg	lg	blk
Aaron Bickerton	13	570	43.8	59	0	13	570	43.8	59	0
Total	13	570	43.8	59	0					
Opponents	41	1793	43.7	57	0					

Kickoffs	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob
Eli Ozick	53	3252	61.4	35	1	219	13311	60.8	125	6
Drew Klein	3	145	48.3	1	0	16	901	56.3	3	0
Total	56	3397	60.7	36	1					
Opponents	18	1117	62.1	8	0					

SEASON	CAREER
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##	Defensive Leaders	gp	ua	a	total	tfl	sack	int	pbu	fr	ff	blk	gp	ua	a	total	tfl	sack	int	pbu	fr	ff	blk
52	Nathaniel Staehling	7	17	30	47	3.5	0.5	1	.	1	.	.	26	27	36	63	4.5	0.5	1	1	2	.	.
43	Logan Kopp	7	19	19	38	4.0	1.0	.	1	1	.	.	52	123	116	239	21.5	7.5	8	11	3	3	.
1	Donovan Woolen	7	14	18	32	3.5	1.5	1	4	.	.	.	18	21	21	42	3.5	1.5	1	5	.	1	.
58	Keenan Wilson	7	10	14	24	7.0	4.0	.	.	.	1	.	22	19	20	39	12.0	6.5	.	.	.	2	.
29	Darius Givance	7	14	4	18	0.0	.	.	1	.	1	.	38	51	24	75	1.0	.	2	4	.	1	.
27	Ryan Jones	7	8	8	16	1.0	.	1	2	.	.	.	53	49	28	77	2.0	.	1	7	.	.	.
92	Kelton McCaslin	7	9	6	15	1.5	.	.	.	.	1	.	29	19	12	31	6.0	3.0	.	.	2	2	.
64	Jaxon Duttonhefer	7	6	8	14	3.5	1.0	.	2	1	.	.	54	33	41	74	15.5	11.0	.	4	2	2	.
93	Toby Anene	7	7	6	13	3.5	2.0	.	.	1	.	.	34	23	22	45	9.0	5.5	.	4	1	4	.
6	Jaylin Crumby	7	7	5	12	0.0	.	1	.	.	.	.	21	34	9	43	1.0	.	1	3	1	.	.
41	Peder Haugo	7	7	5	12	2.5	2.0	.	.	.	.	.	11	7	5	12	2.5	2.0	.	.	.	.	.
14	Taylen Eady	7	7	4	11	0.0	.	.	1	1	1	.	14	8	4	12	0.0	.	.	1	1	1	.
98	Jack Iuliano	6	4	7	11	2.5	2.0	.	.	.	.	.	6	4	7	11	2.5	2.0	.	.	.	.	.
0	Jaquise Alexander	7	6	5	11	1.5	0.5	1	2	.	.	.	28	21	12	33	1.5	0.5	2	6	.	.	.
32	Austin Altepeter	6	5	6	11	0.5	.	.	.	.	.	.	22	15	10	25	3.5	1.0	.	1	1	1	.
24	A. Chideme-Alfaro	7	5	4	9	0.0	.	.	2	.	.	.	21	23	17	40	2.0	.	1	4	.	.	.
2	Jailen Duffie	7	7	2	9	0.0	.	.	2	.	1	.	20	25	11	36	1.0	.	.	5	1	1	.
97	Victor Isele	7	6	3	9	3.0	3.0	.	.	.	.	.	10	8	5	13	3.0	3.0	.	.	.	.	.
25	Ray James	4	5	3	8	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	4	5	3	8	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.
95	Zach Vanderpool	6	6	2	8	0.0	.	.	.	.	1	.	6	6	2	8	0.0	.	.	.	.	1	.
94	Logan Larson	7	4	3	7	0.5	0.5	.	.	.	.	.	37	17	11	28	8.0	3.5	.	.	1	.	.
54	Alijah Wayne	7	6	1	7	3.5	1.0	.	.	.	.	.	7	6	1	7	3.5	1.0	.	.	.	.	.
20	Will Steil	7	6	1	7	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	12	8	2	10	0.0	.	.	1	1	.	.
55	Oliver Lucht	6	3	2	5	0.0	.	1	.	.	.	.	10	3	3	6	0.0	.	1	.	.	.	.
21	Noah Taylor	6	2	3	5	0.0	.	.	1	.	.	.	20	4	5	9	0.0	.	.	1	.	.	.
23	Kegan Huber	7	3	1	4	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	12	6	3	9	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.
11	Chance Symons	5	3	1	4	1.5	.	.	.	.	.	.	5	3	1	4	1.5	.	.	.	.	.	.
49	Matthew Stenbroten	7	.	4	4	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	7	.	4	4	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.
56	Allante Burley	3	3	.	3	2.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	3	3	.	3	2.0	.	.	.	.	.	.
99	Obald Niyonkuru	4	2	.	2	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	4	2	.	2	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.
10	Antoine Booth	7	1	1	2	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	7	1	1	2	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.
13	Najee Nelson	4	1	1	2	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	17	3	4	7	0.0	.	1	3	.	.	.
91	Jack Hansen	1	1	.	1	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	1	.	1	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.
1B	Preston Brown	2	1	.	1	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	1	.	1	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.
53	Chase Evink	1	1	.	1	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	1	.	1	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.
34	Landon Meier	2	.	1	1	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	.	1	1	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.
15	Mekhi Collins	7	1	.	1	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	32	1	.	1	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.
	Total	7	207	178	385	45	19	6	18	5	6	.											
	Opponents	7	253	230	483	32	7	2	13	.	1	.											

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TEAM STATISTICS

Date	Opponent	Rushing				Receiving				Passing				Kick Returns				Punt Returns				tot off
		no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	cmp-att-int	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	
Aug 30	at The Citadel	47	256	3	27	15	263	2	34	15-21-0	263	2	34	1	34	0	34	2	4	0	3	519
Sep 06	at Tennessee State	39	191	5	21	16	242	2	68	16-23-1	242	2	68	2	49	0	25	4	79	0	37	433
Sep 13	SE MISSOURI STATE	37	214	1	39	16	348	4	75	16-24-0	348	4	75	0	0	0	0	1	-3	0	0	562
Sep 27	SOUTH DAKOTA	50	274	4	30	15	273	2	41	15-19-0	273	2	41	3	55	0	22	2	42	0	21	547
Oct 04	at Illinois State	36	213	3	42	12	194	1	51	12-14-0	194	1	51	3	69	0	30	0	0	0	0	407
Oct 11	SOUTHERN ILLINOIS	43	264	5	75	16	276	1	50	16-19-0	276	1	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	540
Oct 18	at Indiana State	52	283	4	27	13	161	1	42	13-20-1	161	1	42	1	17	0	17	3	15	0	12	444
		304	1695	25	75	103	1757	13	75	103-140-2	1757	13	75	10	224	0	34	12	137	0	37	3452
Opponents		220	670	6	31	85	933	2	65	85-158-6	933	2	65	12	163	0	21	3	4	0	4	1603

Games: 7 • Avg/rush: 5.6 • Avg/catch: 17.1 • Pass eff: 206.78 • KR avg: 22.4 • PR avg: 11.4 • All purpose avg/game: 563.6 • Total offense avg/gm: 493.1

		Tackles				Sacks	Fumble		Pass Defense			blkd	PAT Attempts			off		
Date	Opponent	ua	a	total	tfl-yds	no-yds	ff	fr-yds	int-yds	qbh	brup	kick	kick	rush	rcv	saf	t/o	pts
Aug 30	at The Citadel	31	24	55	9.0-32	5.0-20	0	1-9	0-0	2	1	0	5-5	0	0	0	7	38
Sep 06	at Tennessee State	35	4	39	8.0-34	1.0-10	1	1-0	1-34	4	1	0	8-8	0	0	0	14	59
Sep 13	SE MISSOURI STATE	32	22	54	8.0-28	4.0-21	0	0-0	1-0	3	3	0	5-5	0	0	0	0	41
Sep 27	SOUTH DAKOTA	26	22	48	6.0-42	3.0-35	1	0-0	1-43	3	1	0	6-7	0	0	0	7	51
Oct 04	at Illinois State	22	48	70	4.0-20	2.0-15	1	1-11	1-12	6	3	0	2-2	2	0	0	7	33
Oct 11	SOUTHERN ILLINOIS	35	22	57	4.0-39	4.0-39	3	2-0	1-11	2	4	0	6-6	0	0	0	21	45
Oct 18	at Indiana State	26	36	62	6.0-10	0.0-0	0	0-0	1-32	2	5	0	5-5	0	0	0	7	38
		207	178	385	45.0-205	19.0-140	6	5-20	6-132	22	18	0	37-38	2	0	0	63	305
Opponents		253	230	483	32.0-98	7.0-42	1	0-0	2-0	14	13	0	8-8	0	0	1	7	70

		Punting									Field Goals			Kickoffs				
Date	Opponent	no.	yds	avg	long	blkd	tb	fc	50+	i20	md-att	long	blkd	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob
Aug 30	at The Citadel	3	101	33.7	40	0	1	1	0	0	1-1	31	0	7	405	57.9	4	0
Sep 06	at Tennessee State	2	94	47.0	59	0	0	0	1	1	1-1	22	0	10	568	56.8	4	0
Sep 13	SE MISSOURI STATE	3	146	48.7	52	0	1	1	1	1	2-3	43	0	8	507	63.4	5	0
Sep 27	SOUTH DAKOTA	1	49	49.0	49	0	0	1	0	0	1-1	29	0	9	585	65.0	9	0
Oct 04	at Illinois State	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1-2	38	1	7	444	63.4	5	1
Oct 11	SOUTHERN ILLINOIS	2	75	37.5	41	0	0	0	0	1	1-1	38	0	8	482	60.2	5	0
Oct 18	at Indiana State	2	105	52.5	59	0	0	0	1	2	1-1	54	0	7	406	58.0	4	0
		13	570	43.8	59	0	2	3	3	5	8-10	54	1	56	3397	60.7	36	1
Opponents		41	1793	43.7	57	0	0	14	9	13	4-6	51	0	18	1117	62.1	8	0

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OPPONENT STATISTICS

Date	Opponent	Rushing				Receiving				Passing				Kick Returns				Punt Returns				tot off
		no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	cmp-att-int	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	
Aug 30	at The Citadel	41	104	0	14	2	22	0	14	2-6-0	22	0	14	1	13	0	13	0	0	0	0	126
Sep 06	at Tennessee State	28	70	0	31	8	61	0	16	8-18-1	61	0	16	3	42	0	18	0	0	0	0	131
Sep 13	SE MISSOURI STATE	32	64	1	16	13	153	1	65	13-25-1	153	1	65	3	45	0	17	1	0	0	0	217
Sep 27	SOUTH DAKOTA	27	88	1	27	13	208	0	46	13-21-1	208	0	46	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	296
Oct 04	at Illinois State	31	137	1	23	20	191	1	26	20-35-1	191	1	26	1	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	328
Oct 11	SOUTHERN ILLINOIS	32	123	2	25	15	190	0	40	15-29-1	190	0	40	2	24	0	18	1	0	0	0	313
Oct 18	at Indiana State	29	84	1	18	14	108	0	25	14-24-1	108	0	25	2	35	0	21	1	4	0	4	192
		220	670	6	31	85	933	2	65	85-158-6	933	2	65	12	163	0	21	3	4	0	4	1603
North Dakota State		304	1695	25	75	103	1757	13	75	103-140-2	1757	13	75	10	224	0	34	12	137	0	37	3452

Games: 7 • Avg/rush: 3.0 • Avg/catch: 11.0 • Pass eff: 99.98 • KR avg: 13.6 • PR avg: 1.3 • All purpose avg/game: 252.9 • Total offense avg/gm: 229.0

Date	Opponent	Tackles				Sacks no-yds	Fumble		Pass Defense			blkd kick	PAT Attempts			off		
		ua	a	total	tfl-yds		ff	fr-yds	int-yds	qbh	brup		kick	rush	rcv	saf	t/o	pts
Aug 30	at The Citadel	44	30	74	3.0-4	0.0-0	1	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Sep 06	at Tennessee State	46	6	52	3.0-7	0.0-0	0	0-0	1-0	3	2	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	3
Sep 13	SE MISSOURI STATE	32	22	54	6.0-27	2.0-17	0	0-0	0-0	1	5	0	2-2	0	0	0	0	14
Sep 27	SOUTH DAKOTA	43	36	79	2.0-8	1.0-7	0	0-0	0-0	1	2	0	1-1	0	0	0	0	13
Oct 04	at Illinois State	28	32	60	5.0-15	2.0-12	0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	2-2	0	0	1	0	16
Oct 11	SOUTHERN ILLINOIS	30	36	66	7.0-24	1.0-3	0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	2-2	0	0	0	0	17
Oct 18	at Indiana State	30	68	98	6.0-13	1.0-3	0	0-0	1-0	7	3	0	1-1	0	0	0	7	7
		253	230	483	32.0-98	7.0-42	1	0-0	2-0	14	13	0	8-8	0	0	1	7	70
North Dakota State		207	178	385	45.0-205	19.0-140	6	5-20	6-132	22	18	0	37-38	2	0	0	63	305

		Punting									Field Goals			Kickoffs				
Date	Opponent	no.	yds	avg	long	blkd	tb	fc	50+	i20	md-att	long	blkd	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob
Aug 30	at The Citadel	7	317	45.3	57	0	0	2	4	5	0-0	0	0	1	63	63.0	0	0
Sep 06	at Tennessee State	8	339	42.4	52	0	0	1	1	1	1-2	45	0	2	125	62.5	0	0
Sep 13	SE MISSOURI STATE	8	339	42.4	56	0	0	2	1	2	0-0	0	0	3	195	65.0	3	0
Sep 27	SOUTH DAKOTA	5	250	50.0	57	0	0	2	2	3	2-2	51	0	3	151	50.3	0	0
Oct 04	at Illinois State	3	120	40.0	47	0	0	1	0	1	0-0	0	0	3	193	64.3	0	0
Oct 11	SOUTHERN ILLINOIS	3	134	44.7	46	0	0	3	0	0	1-1	35	0	4	260	65.0	4	0
Oct 18	at Indiana State	7	294	42.0	51	0	0	3	1	1	0-1	0	0	2	130	65.0	1	0
		41	1793	43.7	57	0	0	14	9	13	4-6	51	0	18	1117	62.1	8	0
North Dakota State		13	570	43.8	59	0	2	3	3	5	8-10	54	1	56	3397	60.7	36	1

North Dakota State Inside Opponent Red-Zone

34 of 37 (91.9%)

10 of 14 (71.4%)

2025 North Dakota State Football
North Dakota State By-Quarter Statistics (as of Oct 21, 2025)
All games

3rd-Down Conversions

Date	Opponent	Score	Overall	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	Overtime
Aug 30, 2025	at The Citadel	W 38-0	6-11 54.5	0-3 0.0	1-2 50.0	3-3 100.0	2-3 66.7	
Sep 06, 2025	at Tennessee State	W 59-3	3-9 33.3	1-3 33.3	0-0 0.0	1-3 33.3	1-3 33.3	
Sep 13, 2025	SE MISSOURI STATE	W 41-14	2-10 20.0	0-2 0.0	1-3 33.3	0-2 0.0	1-3 33.3	
Sep 27, 2025	SOUTH DAKOTA	W 51-13	10-13 76.9	3-4 75.0	5-5 100.0	1-2 50.0	1-2 50.0	
Oct 04, 2025	at Illinois State	W 33-16	4-7 57.1	1-1 100.0	0-1 0.0	2-3 66.7	1-2 50.0	
Oct 11, 2025	SOUTHERN ILLINOIS	W 45-17	8-12 66.7	0-1 0.0	1-3 33.3	4-4 100.0	3-4 75.0	
Oct 18, 2025	at Indiana State	W 38-7	6-11 54.5	2-2 100.0	1-4 25.0	1-1 100.0	2-4 50.0	
North Dakota State			39-73 53.4	7-16 43.8	9-18 50.0	12-18 66.7	11-21 52.4	0-0 0.0
Opponents			26-86 30.2	7-21 33.3	9-27 33.3	7-21 33.3	3-17 17.6	0-0 0.0

4th-Down Conversions

Date	Opponent	Score	Overall	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	Overtime
Aug 30, 2025	at The Citadel	W 38-0	1-1 100.0	1-1 100.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	
Sep 06, 2025	at Tennessee State	W 59-3	1-1 100.0	1-1 100.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	
Sep 13, 2025	SE MISSOURI STATE	W 41-14	1-1 100.0	0-0 0.0	1-1 100.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	
Sep 27, 2025	SOUTH DAKOTA	W 51-13	1-1 100.0	0-0 0.0	1-1 100.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	
Oct 04, 2025	at Illinois State	W 33-16	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	
Oct 11, 2025	SOUTHERN ILLINOIS	W 45-17	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	
Oct 18, 2025	at Indiana State	W 38-7	0-2 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-1 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-1 0.0	
North Dakota State			4-6 66.7	2-2 100.0	2-3 66.7	0-0 0.0	0-1 0.0	0-0 0.0
Opponents			4-9 44.4	2-2 100.0	1-2 50.0	1-2 50.0	0-3 0.0	0-0 0.0

Time of Possession

Date	Opponent	Score	Overall	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	Overtime
Aug 30, 2025	at The Citadel	W 38-0	36:03	9:22	9:48	7:48	9:05	
Sep 06, 2025	at Tennessee State	W 59-3	33:37	11:15	8:14	5:47	8:21	
Sep 13, 2025	SE MISSOURI STATE	W 41-14	30:48	9:14	6:59	6:35	8:00	
Sep 27, 2025	SOUTH DAKOTA	W 51-13	35:07	11:55	8:59	7:53	6:20	
Oct 04, 2025	at Illinois State	W 33-16	29:38	3:57	5:35	9:51	10:15	
Oct 11, 2025	SOUTHERN ILLINOIS	W 45-17	32:46	2:18	6:32	11:27	12:29	
Oct 18, 2025	at Indiana State	W 38-7	37:19	8:39	8:28	10:36	9:36	
North Dakota State			Total 235:18	56:40	54:35	59:57	64:06	0:00
			Avg. 33:36	8:05	7:47	8:33	9:09	0:00
Opponents			Total 184:42	48:20	50:25	45:03	40:54	0:00
			Avg. 26:23	6:54	7:12	6:26	5:50	0:00

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North Dakota State - Long Plays

20-YARD PLUS PLAYS

Yds	Type	Player(s)	Opponent
75*	Rush	Bryce Lance	Southern Illinois
75*	Pass	Bryce Lance from Cole Payton	SE Missouri State
68*	Pass	Mekhi Collins from Nathan Hayes	Tennessee State
51	Pass	Jackson Williams from Cole Payton	Illinois State
50	Pass	Reis Kessel from Cole Payton	Southern Illinois
48	Pass	Bryce Lance from Cole Payton	SE Missouri State
48	Pass	Bryce Lance from Cole Payton	Southern Illinois
43*	INT	Nathaniel Staehling	South Dakota
42*	Rush	Barika Kpeenu	Illinois State
42	Pass	Bryce Lance from Cole Payton	Indiana State
41	Pass	Reis Kessel from Cole Payton	Tennessee State
41	Pass	Bryce Lance from Cole Payton	South Dakota
41*	Rush	Cole Payton	Southern Illinois
39	Rush	DJ Scott	SE Missouri State
37	PR	Jackson Williams	Tennessee State
36	Pass	Barika Kpeenu from Cole Payton	Southern Illinois
35	Pass	Jackson Williams from Cole Payton	South Dakota
34	PR	Jackson Williams	Tennessee State
34*	INT	Donovan Woolen	Tennessee State
34	Pass	Bryce Lance from Cole Payton	SE Missouri State
34*	Pass	RaJa Nelson from Cole Payton	The Citadel
34	KR	Jackson Williams	The Citadel
33	Rush	Cole Payton	SE Missouri State
32	Pass	RaJa Nelson from Cole Payton	Illinois State
32	Pass	Bryce Lance from Cole Payton	South Dakota
32	INT	Jaylin Crumby	Indiana State
31	Rush	Barika Kpeenu	SE Missouri State
31	Pass	Reis Kessel from Cole Payton	The Citadel
31	Pass	Reis Kessel from Cole Payton	SE Missouri State
30	Rush	Cole Payton	South Dakota
30	Pass	RaJa Nelson from Cole Payton	South Dakota
30	Pass	Barika Kpeenu from Cole Payton	SE Missouri State
30	KR	Jackson Williams	Illinois State
30	Pass	Barika Kpeenu from Cole Payton	South Dakota
29*	Pass	Reis Kessel from Cole Payton	South Dakota
28*	Pass	Mekhi Collins from Cole Payton	SE Missouri State
27	Rush	DJ Scott	Indiana State
27	Rush	Cole Payton	The Citadel
27	Rush	Cole Payton	The Citadel
26	Pass	RaJa Nelson from Cole Payton	The Citadel
26	KR	Jackson Williams	Illinois State
26	Pass	Bryce Lance from Cole Payton	Tennessee State
26	Pass	RaJa Nelson from Cole Payton	Southern Illinois
25	KR	John Gores	Tennessee State
24*	Rush	DJ Scott	Southern Illinois
24	KR	RaJa Nelson	Tennessee State
24	Rush	Barika Kpeenu	The Citadel
23	Pass	Chris Harris from Cole Payton	The Citadel
23	Pass	Bryce Lance from Cole Payton	South Dakota
23*	Pass	Bryce Lance from Cole Payton	Illinois State
22	Rush	Cortez LeGrant	SE Missouri State
22	KR	Chris Kiel	South Dakota
22	Pass	RaJa Nelson from Cole Payton	South Dakota
21	KR	Jackson Williams	South Dakota
21	Rush	Cole Payton	South Dakota
21	PR	Jackson Williams	South Dakota
21	PR	Jackson Williams	South Dakota
21	Rush	Myles Mitchell	Tennessee State
20	Pass	Mekhi Collins from Cole Payton	The Citadel
20	Pass	Barika Kpeenu from Cole Payton	The Citadel

* touchdown scored on play

LONG PLAYS BY THE NUMBERS

Long Plays By Yards	No.	TD
100+	0	0
90-99	0	0
80-89	0	0
70-79	2	2
60-69	1	1
50-59	2	0
40-49	8	3
30-39	21	2
20-29	26	4

Long Plays By Type	No.	TD
Rushing	15	4
Passing	31	6
Punt returns	4	0
Kick returns	7	0
Interceptions	3	2
Fumble returns	0	0
Other	0	0
TOTAL	60	12

20-YARD PLUS BY PLAYER

Player	No.	TD	R	P	KR	PR	IR	FR
Bryce Lance	11	3	1	10	0	0	0	0
Jackson Williams	10	0	0	2	4	4	0	0
Barika Kpeenu	7	1	3	4	0	0	0	0
RaJa Nelson	7	1	0	6	1	0	0	0
Cole Payton	6	1	6	0	0	0	0	0
Reis Kessel	5	1	0	5	0	0	0	0
Mekhi Collins	3	2	0	3	0	0	0	0
DJ Scott	3	1	3	0	0	0	0	0
Nathaniel Staehling	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Donovan Woolen	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Jaylin Crumby	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
John Gores	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Chris Harris	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Cortez LeGrant	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Chris Kiel	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Myles Mitchell	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	60	12	15	31	7	4	3	0

LONGEST PLAYS OF THE YEAR

Rushing
75 Bryce Lance vs Southern Illinois (10/11/2025)
Rushing Touchdown
75 Bryce Lance vs Southern Illinois (10/11/2025)
Passing
75 Bryce Lance from Cole Payton vs SE Missouri State (9/13/2025)
Passing Touchdown
75 Bryce Lance from Cole Payton vs SE Missouri State (9/13/2025)
Punt Return
37 Jackson Williams vs Tennessee State (9/6/2025)
Kick Return
34 Jackson Williams vs The Citadel (8/30/2025)
Interception Return
43 Nathaniel Staehling vs South Dakota (9/27/2025)
Fumble Return
11 Nathaniel Staehling vs Illinois State (10/4/2025)
Punt
59 Aaron Bickerton vs Indiana State (10/18/2025)
59 Aaron Bickerton vs Tennessee State (9/6/2025)
Field Goal
54 Eli Ozick vs Indiana State (10/18/2025)

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Big Plays

(15+ yard receptions & 10+ yard runs)

NDSU BIG PLAY DIFFERENTIAL

Date	Opponent	Result	NDSU					Opponents					Diff
			Tot Plys	Big Rush	Big Pass	Big Plays	BP%	Tot Plys	Big Rush	Big Pass	Big Plays	BP%	
08-30-25	The Citadel	W 38-0	68	7	10	17	25.0	47	5	0	5	7.4	12
09-06-25	Tennessee St.	W 59-3	62	8	5	13	21.0	46	3	1	4	6.5	9
09-13-25	Southeast Mo. St.	W 41-14	61	8	10	18	29.5	57	2	3	5	8.2	13
09-27-25	South Dakota	W 51-13	69	8	9	17	24.6	48	3	3	6	8.7	11
10-04-25	Illinois State	W 33-16	50	11	5	16	32.0	66	4	3	7	14.0	9
10-11-25	Southern Ill.	W 45-17	62	6	5	11	17.7	61	4	6	10	16.1	1
10-18-25	Indiana St.	W 38-7	72	11	3	14	19.4	53	2	2	4	5.6	10
Totals			444	59	47	106	23.9	378	23	18	41	10.8	65

NDSU TOXIC DIFFERENTIAL

Date	Opponent	Result	NDSU		Opponents		Turnover	Big Play	Toxic
			Takeaways	Big Plays	Takeaways	Big Plays	Diff	Diff	Differential
08-30-25	The Citadel	W 38-0	1	17	0	5	1	12	13
09-06-25	Tennessee St.	W 59-3	2	13	1	4	1	9	10
09-13-25	Southeast Mo. St.	W 41-14	1	18	0	5	1	13	14
09-27-25	South Dakota	W 51-13	1	17	0	6	1	11	12
10-04-25	Illinois State	W 33-16	2	16	0	7	2	9	11
10-11-25	Southern Ill.	W 45-17	3	11	0	10	3	1	4
10-18-25	Indiana St.	W 38-7	1	14	1	4	0	10	10
Totals			11	106	2	41	9	65	74

2025 North Dakota State Football
Stuffed Runs & Drive Stats

STUFFED RUSH PERCENTAGE

Date	Opponent			NDSU			Opponents		
				Stuffed	Attempts	Stuffed%	Stuffs	Attempts	Stuffed%
08-30-25	The Citadel	W	38-0	8	47	17.0	7	41	17.1
09-06-25	Tennessee St.	W	59-3	5	39	12.8	10	28	35.7
09-13-25	Southeast Mo. St.	W	41-14	10	37	27.0	6	32	18.8
09-27-25	South Dakota	W	51-13	3	50	6.0	5	27	18.5
10-04-25	Illinois State	W	33-16	11	36	30.6	3	31	9.7
10-11-25	Southern Ill.	W	45-17	9	43	20.9	6	32	18.8
10-18-25	Indiana St.	W	38-7	10	52	19.2	8	29	27.6
Total				56	304	18.4	45	220	20.5

NDSU DRIVE STATS

Date	Opponent	Drives	Scoring (TD/FG)	3andOut	5+ min	10+ play	75+ yds	OppTerr	AvgStart
08-30-25	The Citadel	10	6 (5/1)	1	3	3	4	1	29
09-06-25	Tennessee St.	12	8 (7/1)	2	2	0	1	6	46
09-13-25	Southeast Mo. St.	12	7 (5/2)	2	0	1	5	1	27
09-27-25	South Dakota	9	7 (6/1)	1	3	3	5	1	26
10-04-25	Illinois State	9	5 (4/1)	0	1	1	0	1	25
10-11-25	Southern Ill.	10	7 (6/1)	1	3	1	3	1	30
10-18-25	Indiana St.	12	6 (5/1)	1	3	2	3	2	35
Totals		74	46 (38/8)	8	15	11	21	13	32
Percentages			62.2% (51.4% / 10.8%)	10.8%	20.3%	14.9%	28.4%	17.6%	

OPPONENT DRIVE STATS

Date	Opponent	Drives	Scoring (TD/FG)	3andOut	5+ min	10+ play	75+ yds	OppTerr	AvgStart
08-30-25	The Citadel	10	0 (0/0)	5	1	1	1	0	24
09-06-25	Tennessee St.	13	1 (0/1)	8	0	0	0	0	21
09-13-25	Southeast Mo. St.	12	2 (2/0)	7	3	1	2	0	23
09-27-25	South Dakota	10	3 (1/2)	4	0	0	1	0	24
10-04-25	Illinois State	8	2 (2/0)	2	3	4	1	0	25
10-11-25	Southern Ill.	10	3 (2/1)	0	1	2	1	0	23
10-18-25	Indiana St.	12	1 (1/0)	6	1	1	1	1	24
Totals		75	12 (8/4)	32	9	9	7	1	23
Percentages			16.0% (10.7% / 5.3%)	42.7%	12.0%	12.0%	9.3%	1.3%	

2025 North Dakota State Football
North Dakota State Passing Game-by-Game (as of Oct 21, 2025)
All games

#9 Cole Payton	Comp	Att	Int	Pct	Yards	TD	Long	Sacked	Effic
The Citadel	10	16	0	62.5	192	1	34	0-0	183.92
Tennessee State	13	16	0	81.2	166	1	41	0-0	189.02
SE Missouri State	16	23	0	69.6	348	4	75	2-17	254.05
South Dakota	14	18	0	77.8	273	2	41	1-7	241.84
Illinois State	12	14	0	85.7	194	1	51	2-12	225.69
Southern Illinois	13	16	0	81.2	243	1	50	1-3	229.45
Indiana State	12	18	1	66.7	149	1	42	1-3	143.42
TOTALS	90	121	1	74.4	1565	11	75	7-42	211.37

#12 Nathan Hayes	Comp	Att	Int	Pct	Yards	TD	Long	Sacked	Effic
The Citadel	5	5	0	100.0	71	1	16	0-0	285.28
Tennessee State	2	6	1	33.3	72	1	68	0-0	155.80
SE Missouri State	0	1	0	0.0	0	0	0	0-0	0.00
South Dakota	1	1	0	100.0	0	0	0	0-0	100.00
Southern Illinois	3	3	0	100.0	33	0	13	0-0	192.40
Indiana State	1	2	0	50.0	12	0	12	0-0	100.40
TOTALS	12	18	1	66.7	188	2	68	0-0	179.96

#1Q Trey Drake	Comp	Att	Int	Pct	Yards	TD	Long	Sacked	Effic
Tennessee State	1	1	0	100.0	4	0	4	0-0	133.60
TOTALS	1	1	0	100.0	4	0	4	0-0	133.60

2025 North Dakota State Football
North Dakota State Rushing/Receiving Game-by-Game (as of Oct 21, 2025)
All games

RUSHING	No-Yds/TD	CITADEL	TSU	SEMO	USD	ILST	SIU	INST
Barika Kpeenu	107-601/11	12-79/2	10-57/3	14-84/0	18-86/2	14-116/1	16-66/1	23-113/2
Cole Payton	71-475/6	11-101/0	5-21/0	11-53/1	11-102/1	15-79/1	8-48/2	10-71/1
DJ Scott	54-307/5	10-43/1	8-29/1	3-44/0	13-50/0	5-21/1	6-42/1	9-78/1
Cortez LeGrant	18-94/0	5-21/0	5-23/0	1-22/0	1-3/0	DNP	2-17/0	4-8/0
Bryce Lance	3-87/1	1-0/0	-	-	1-12/0	-	1-75/1	-
Myles Mitchell	13-66/1	4-4/0	6-53/1	3-9/0	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
Owen Johnson	16-38/0	2-2/0	3-8/0	2-6/0	3-8/0	-	5-9/0	1-5/0
J. Williams	2-12/1	-	-	-	1-9/1	-	1-3/0	-
RaJa Nelson	6-12/0	-	-	1--2/0	-	-	2-6/0	3-8/0
Trey Drake	2-5/0	1-3/0	1-2/0	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
Nathan Hayes	2-4/0	1-3/0	-	-	-	DNP	-	1-1/0
Brady Wavrunek	1-3/0	DNP	DNP	DNP	1-3/0	DNP	DNP	DNP
Barry Kpeenu	1-1/0	DNP	DNP	DNP	1-1/0	DNP	DNP	DNP
TEAM	8--10/0	-	1--2/0	2--2/0	-	2--3/0	2--2/0	1--1/0

RECEIVING	No-Yds/TD	CITADEL	TSU	SEMO	USD	ILST	SIU	INST
Bryce Lance	26-535/4	4-34/0	3-46/0	4-159/1	4-98/1	3-45/1	4-79/1	4-74/0
RaJa Nelson	15-258/4	2-60/1	3-24/1	4-41/2	2-52/0	1-32/0	1-26/0	2-23/0
Reis Kessel	10-230/1	1-31/0	1-41/0	1-31/0	2-29/1	1-9/0	1-50/0	3-39/0
J. Williams	8-156/0	1-12/0	-	1-16/0	1-35/0	3-71/0	1-10/0	1-12/0
Barika Kpeenu	10-129/0	1-20/0	1-4/0	1-30/0	4-39/0	1-2/0	1-36/0	1--2/0
Mekhi Collins	3-116/2	1-20/0	1-68/1	1-28/1	-	-	-	-
Finn Diggins	8-89/0	-	3-28/0	2-33/0	2-20/0	-	1-8/0	DNP
Chris Harris	5-68/0	2-36/0	DNP	DNP	-	1-12/0	2-20/0	-
Logan Conklin	5-49/0	1-16/0	1-4/0	1-7/0	-	-	1-10/0	1-12/0
Carson Williams	4-46/0	-	2-23/0	-	-	2-23/0	DNP	DNP
I. St. Romain	3-38/1	1-15/1	-	-	DNP	DNP	2-23/0	-
DJ Scott	3-27/0	1-19/0	-	1-3/0	-	-	1-5/0	-
T. Werremeyer	2-12/1	-	-	-	-	-	1-9/0	1-3/1
Jett Zabel	1-4/0	-	1-4/0	-	-	DNP	DNP	-

PUNT RETURNS	No-Yds	CITADEL	TSU	SEMO	USD	ILST	SIU	INST
J. Williams	12-137	2-4	4-79	1--3	2-42	-	-	3-15

KICK RETURNS	No-Yds	CITADEL	TSU	SEMO	USD	ILST	SIU	INST
J. Williams	6-141	1-34	-	-	1-21	3-69	-	1-17
John Gores	2-37	-	1-25	-	1-12	-	-	-
RaJa Nelson	1-24	-	1-24	-	-	-	-	-
Chris Kiel	1-22	DNP	DNP	DNP	1-22	DNP	DNP	DNP

INT. RETURNS	No-Yds	CITADEL	TSU	SEMO	USD	ILST	SIU	INST
Ryan Jones	1-12	-	-	-	-	1-12	-	-
Donovan Woolen	1-34	-	1-34	-	-	-	-	-
Jaylin Crumby	1-32	-	-	-	-	-	-	1-32
Oliver Lucht	1-11	-	-	-	-	DNP	1-11	-
J. Alexander	1-0	-	-	1-0	-	-	-	-
N. Staehling	1-43	-	-	-	1-43	-	-	-

FUMBLE RETURNS	No-Yds	CITADEL	TSU	SEMO	USD	ILST	SIU	INST
N. Staehling	1-11	-	-	-	-	1-11	-	-
Logan Kopp	1-9	1-9	-	-	-	-	-	-

SINGLE-GAME NDSU CAREER HIGHS

RUSHING	Carries	Yards	Touchdowns	Long
3 - RaJa Nelson	6, at Montana St. 12/2/2023	103, Western Ill. 10/21/2023	1, twice	76, Western Ill. 10/21/2023
4 - Owen Johnson	9, at Missouri St. 10/7/2023	82, at Missouri St. 10/7/2023	1, Maine, 9/9/2023	55, at Missouri St. 10/7/2023
5 - Bryce Lance	1, eight times	75, Southern Ill. 10/11/2025	1, twice	75, Southern Ill. 10/11/2025
7 - DJ Scott	13, South Dakota 9/27/2025	78, at Indiana St. 10/18/2025	1, four times	39, SE Missouri St. 9/13/2025
8 - Barika Kpeenu	23, at Indiana St. 10/18/2025	169, Missouri St. 11/16/2024	3, at Tennessee St. 9/6/2025	52, Missouri St. 11/16/2024
9 - Cole Payton	15, at Illinois St. 10/4/2025	104, twice	2, five times	73, at Illinois St. 9/28/2024
10 - Trey Drake	1, twice	3, at Citadel 8/30/2025		3, at Citadel 8/30/2025
12 - Nathan Hayes	3, at Murray St. 10/26/2024	51, Tennessee St. 9/7/2024	1, Tennessee St. 9/7/2024	51, Tennessee St. 9/7/2024
18 - Jackson Williams	1, four times	12, S.Dakota St. 12/21/2024	1, South Dakota 9/27/2025	12, S.Dakota St. 12/21/2024
26 - Brady Wavrunek	3, Missouri St. 11/16/2024	8, Missouri St. 11/16/2024		4, Missouri St. 11/16/2024
28 - Cortez LeGrant	5, twice	23, at Tennessee St. 9/6/2025		22, SE Missouri St. 9/13/2025
30 - Kelly Watson	8, Western Ill. 10/21/2023	43, Western Ill. 10/21/2023		19, Western Ill. 10/21/2023
45 - Myles Mitchell	6, at Tennessee St. 9/6/2025	53, at Tennessee St. 9/6/2025	1, at Tennessee St. 9/6/2025	21, at Tennessee St. 9/6/2025
47 - Barry Kpeenu	1, South Dakota 9/27/2025	1, South Dakota 9/27/2025		1, South Dakota 9/27/2025
80 - John Gores	5, Western Ill. 10/21/2023	41, Western Ill. 10/21/2023		25, Western Ill. 10/21/2023
PASSING	Completions	Attempts	Yards	Touchdowns
9 - Cole Payton	16, SE Missouri St. 9/13/2025	23, SE Missouri St. 9/13/2025	348, SE Missouri St. 9/13/2025	4, SE Missouri St. 9/13/2025
12 - Nathan Hayes	9, at Murray St. 10/26/2024	15, at Murray St. 10/26/2024	141, at Murray St. 10/26/2024	2, at Murray St. 10/26/2024
RECEIVING	Receptions	Yards	Touchdowns	Long
3 - RaJa Nelson	6, at UNI 11/18/2023	113, at UNI 11/18/2023	2, twice	40, twice
4 - Owen Johnson	2, Central Ark. 9/16/2023	23, Central Ark. 9/16/2023		12, Central Ark. 9/16/2023
5 - Bryce Lance	9, vs Montana St. 1/6/2025	159, SE Missouri St. 9/13/2025	3, twice	75, SE Missouri St. 9/13/2025
7 - DJ Scott	1, three times	19, at Citadel 8/30/2025		19, at Citadel 8/30/2025
8 - Barika Kpeenu	4, South Dakota 9/27/2025	46, at Illinois St. 9/28/2024	1, at Illinois St. 9/28/2024	40, at Illinois St. 9/28/2024
9 - Cole Payton	2, Tennessee St. 9/7/2024	5, Tennessee St. 9/7/2024		3, Tennessee St. 9/7/2024
15 - Mekhi Collins	4, twice	119, Mercer 12/14/2024	1, five times	70, Mercer 12/14/2024
17 - Isiah St. Romain	2, Southern Ill. 10/11/2025	23, Southern Ill. 10/11/2025	1, at Citadel 8/30/2025	15, at Citadel 8/30/2025
18 - Jackson Williams	3, twice	71, at Illinois St. 10/4/2025	1, Missouri St. 11/16/2024	51, at Illinois St. 10/4/2025
19 - Chris Harris	5, S.Dakota St. 10/19/2024	58, Towson 9/21/2024	1, twice	49, Towson 9/21/2024
40 - Kaden Zenzen	1, UNI 11/2/2024	17, UNI 11/2/2024		17, UNI 11/2/2024
46 - Truman Werremeyer	2, three times	18, at Illinois St. 9/28/2024	1, at Indiana St. 10/18/2025	16, Abilene Christian 12/7/2024
80 - John Gores	2, twice	50, at ETSU 9/14/2024	1, twice	38, at ETSU 9/14/2024
81 - Reis Kessel	3, at Indiana St. 10/18/2025	50, Southern Ill. 10/11/2025	1, South Dakota 9/27/2025	50, Southern Ill. 10/11/2025
83 - Cade Osterman	1, three times	29, Missouri St. 11/16/2024		29, Missouri St. 11/16/2024
84 - Logan Conklin	1, five times	16, at Citadel 8/30/2025		16, at Citadel 8/30/2025
85 - Jett Zabel	1, at Tennessee St. 9/6/2025	4, at Tennessee St. 9/6/2025		4, at Tennessee St. 9/6/2025
88 - Carson Williams	2, three times	24, Western Ill. 10/21/2023		24, Western Ill. 10/21/2023
89 - Finn Diggins	3, twice	33, SE Missouri St. 9/13/2025		19, SE Missouri St. 9/13/2025

SINGLE-GAME NDSU CAREER HIGHS

DEFENSE	Total Tackles	Tackles For Loss	Sacks
0 - Jaquise Alexander	4, Tennessee St. 9/7/2024	1.0, at Tennessee St. 9/6/2025	0.5, SE Missouri St. 9/13/2025
1 - Donovan Woolen	8, at Illinois St. 10/4/2025	2.0, SE Missouri St. 9/13/2025	1.0, SE Missouri St. 9/13/2025
2 - Jailen Duffie	4, North Dakota 10/5/2024	1.0, Mercer 12/14/2024	
6 - Jaylin Crumby	6, twice	1.0, S.Dakota St. 10/19/2024	
10 - Antoine Booth	1, twice		
11 - Chance Symons	4, at Tennessee St. 9/6/2025	1.5, at Tennessee St. 9/6/2025	
13 - Najee Nelson	2, twice		
14 - Taylen Eady	5, South Dakota 9/27/2025		
16 - Preston Brown	1, Southern Ill. 10/11/2025		
20 - Will Steil	3, South Dakota 9/27/2025		
21 - Noah Taylor	3, at Indiana St. 10/18/2025		
22 - Hudson Artz	4, Tennessee St. 9/7/2024	1.0, at Murray St. 10/26/2024	
23 - Kegan Huber	2, twice		
24 - A. Chideme-Alfaro	6, Mercer 12/14/2024	1.0, twice	
25 - Ray James	4, at Citadel 8/30/2025		
27 - Ryan Jones	7, S.Dakota St. 12/21/2024	1.0, SE Missouri St. 9/13/2025	
29 - Darius Givance	6, UNI 11/2/2024	1.0, at Southern Ill. 10/12/2024	
32 - Austin Altepeter	5, twice	2.0, Tennessee St. 9/7/2024	1.0, Tennessee St. 9/7/2024
33 - Landon Meier	1, South Dakota 9/27/2025		
41 - Peder Haugo	8, at Indiana St. 10/18/2025	2.0, South Dakota 9/27/2025	2.0, South Dakota 9/27/2025
43 - Logan Kopp	10, three times	2.5, at Citadel 8/30/2025	1.0, seven times
49 - Matthew Stenbroten	2, Southern Ill. 10/11/2025		
52 - Nathaniel Staehling	11, at Illinois St. 10/4/2025	1.0, three times	0.5, at Citadel 8/30/2025
54 - Alijah Wayne	3, at Tennessee St. 9/6/2025	2.5, at Tennessee St. 9/6/2025	1.0, at Citadel 8/30/2025
53 - Chase Evink	1, at Indiana St. 10/18/2025		
55 - Oliver Lucht	2, twice		
56 - Allante Burley	1, three times	1.0, twice	
58 - Keenan Wilson	7, at Illinois St. 10/4/2025	2.0, twice	1.5, twice
64 - Jaxon Duttonhefer	5, twice	2.0, SE Missouri St. 9/13/2025	1.0, nine times
91 - Jack Hansen	1, at Citadel 8/30/2025		
92 - Kelton McCaslin	4, at Illinois St. 10/4/2025	1.0, five times	1.0, three times
93 - Toby Anene	5, vs Montana St. 1/6/2025	1.5, Mercer 12/14/2024	1.5, Mercer 12/14/2024
94 - Logan Larson	5, at Murray St. 10/26/2024	1.5, at Murray St. 10/26/2024	1.0, twice
95 - Zach Vanderpool	4, at Tennessee St. 9/6/2025		
96 - Abraham Myers	1, Tennessee St. 9/7/2024		
97 - Victor Isele	3, SE Missouri St. 9/13/2025	1.0, three times	1.0, three times
98 - Jack Iuliano	4, at Illinois St. 10/4/2025	1.0, twice	1.0, twice
99 - Obald Niyonkuru	1, twice		

INDIVIDUAL GAME HIGHS

Rushes	23	Barika Kpeenu at Indiana State (Oct 18)
Yards Rushing	116	Barika Kpeenu at Illinois State (Oct 04)
TD Rushes	3	Barika Kpeenu at Tennessee State (Sep 06)
Long Rush	75	Bryce Lance vs Southern Illinois (Oct 11)
Pass attempts	23	Cole Payton vs SE Missouri State (Sep 13)
Pass completions	16	Cole Payton vs SE Missouri State (Sep 13)
Yards Passing	348	Cole Payton vs SE Missouri State (Sep 13)
TD Passes	4	Cole Payton vs SE Missouri State (Sep 13)
Long Pass	75	Cole Payton vs SE Missouri State (Sep 13)
Receptions	4	seven times
Yards Receiving	159	Bryce Lance vs SE Missouri State (Sep 13)
TD Receptions	2	RaJa Nelson vs SE Missouri State (Sep 13)
Long Reception	75	Bryce Lance vs SE Missouri State (Sep 13)
Field Goals	2	Eli Ozick vs SE Missouri State (Sep 13)
Long Field Goal	54	Eli Ozick at Indiana State (Oct 18)
Punts	3	Aaron Bickerton at The Citadel (Aug 30)
		Aaron Bickerton vs SE Missouri State (Sep 13)
Punting Avg	52.5	Aaron Bickerton at Indiana State (Oct 18)
Long Punt	59	Aaron Bickerton at Tennessee State (Sep 06)
		Aaron Bickerton at Indiana State (Oct 18)
Punts inside 20	2	Aaron Bickerton at Indiana State (Oct 18)
Long Punt Return	37	Jackson Williams at Tennessee State (Sep 06)
Long Kickoff Return	34	Jackson Williams at The Citadel (Aug 30)
Tackles	11	Nathaniel Staehling at Illinois State (Oct 04)
Sacks	2.0	Peder Haugo vs South Dakota (Sep 27)
Tackles For Loss	2.5	Logan Kopp at The Citadel (Aug 30)
		Alijah Wayne at Tennessee State (Sep 06)
Interceptions	1	six times

OPPONENT INDIVIDUAL GAME HIGHS

Rushes	16	Israel Benjamin at The Citadel (Aug 30)
		Nick Osho at Indiana State (Oct 18)
Yards Rushing	68	Victor Dawson at Illinois State (Oct 04)
TD Rushes	1	six times
Long Rush	31	Simmons-Brown at Tennessee State (Sep 06)
Pass attempts	35	T. Rittenhouse at Illinois State (Oct 04)
Pass completions	20	T. Rittenhouse at Illinois State (Oct 04)
Yards Passing	208	Aidan Bouman vs South Dakota (Sep 27)
TD Passes	1	Jax Leatherwood vs SE Missouri State (Sep 13)
		T. Rittenhouse at Illinois State (Oct 04)
Long Pass	65	Jax Leatherwood vs SE Missouri State (Sep 13)
Receptions	7	D. Sobkowicz at Illinois State (Oct 04)
Yards Receiving	75	D. Sobkowicz at Illinois State (Oct 04)
TD Receptions	1	Kalvin Gilbert vs SE Missouri State (Sep 13)
		D. Sobkowicz at Illinois State (Oct 04)
Long Reception	65	Kalvin Gilbert vs SE Missouri State (Sep 13)
Field Goals	1	four times
Long Field Goal	51	Zeke Mata vs South Dakota (Sep 27)
Punts	8	twice
Punting Avg	50.0	Tyler Ebel vs South Dakota (Sep 27)
Long Punt	57	twice
Punts inside 20	5	James Platte at The Citadel (Aug 30)
Long Punt Return	4	Rashad Rochelle at Indiana State (Oct 18)
Long Kickoff Return	21	Torey French at Indiana State (Oct 18)
Tackles	16	Braxton Sampson at Indiana State (Oct 18)
Sacks	1.0	five times
Tackles For Loss	1.5	four times
Interceptions	1	Byron Davis at Tennessee State (Sep 06)
		Jorge Valdes at Indiana State (Oct 18)

TEAM GAME HIGHS

Rushes	52	at Indiana State (Oct 18)
Yards Rushing	283	at Indiana State (Oct 18)
Yards Per Rush	6.1	vs Southern Illinois (Oct 11)
TD Rushes	5	at Tennessee State (Sep 06)
		vs Southern Illinois (Oct 11)
Pass attempts	24	vs SE Missouri State (Sep 13)
Pass completions	16	three times
Yards Passing	348	vs SE Missouri State (Sep 13)
Yards Per Pass	14.5	vs Southern Illinois (Oct 11)
TD Passes	4	vs SE Missouri State (Sep 13)
Total Plays	72	at Indiana State (Oct 18)
Total Offense	562	vs SE Missouri State (Sep 13)
Yards Per Play	9.2	vs SE Missouri State (Sep 13)
Points	59	at Tennessee State (Sep 06)
Sacks By	5	at The Citadel (Aug 30)
First Downs	25	at The Citadel (Aug 30)
		at Indiana State (Oct 18)
Penalties	7	vs SE Missouri State (Sep 13)
Penalty Yards	74	vs SE Missouri State (Sep 13)
Turnovers	1	at Tennessee State (Sep 06)
		at Indiana State (Oct 18)
Interceptions By	1	six times
Punts	3	at The Citadel (Aug 30)
		vs SE Missouri State (Sep 13)
Punting Avg	52.5	at Indiana State (Oct 18)
Long Punt	59	at Tennessee State (Sep 06)
		at Indiana State (Oct 18)
Punts inside 20	2	at Indiana State (Oct 18)
Long Punt Return	37	at Tennessee State (Sep 06)

OPPONENT GAME HIGHS

Rushes	41	at The Citadel (Aug 30)
Yards Rushing	137	at Illinois State (Oct 04)
Yards Per Rush	4.4	at Illinois State (Oct 04)
TD Rushes	2	vs Southern Illinois (Oct 11)
Pass attempts	35	at Illinois State (Oct 04)
Pass completions	20	at Illinois State (Oct 04)
Yards Passing	208	vs South Dakota (Sep 27)
Yards Per Pass	9.9	vs South Dakota (Sep 27)
TD Passes	1	vs SE Missouri State (Sep 13)
		at Illinois State (Oct 04)
Total Plays	66	at Illinois State (Oct 04)
Total Offense	328	at Illinois State (Oct 04)
Yards Per Play	6.2	vs South Dakota (Sep 27)
Points	17	vs Southern Illinois (Oct 11)
Sacks By	2	vs SE Missouri State (Sep 13)
		at Illinois State (Oct 04)
First Downs	22	at Illinois State (Oct 04)
		vs Southern Illinois (Oct 11)
Penalties	8	vs SE Missouri State (Sep 13)
Penalty Yards	70	vs SE Missouri State (Sep 13)
Turnovers	3	vs Southern Illinois (Oct 11)
Interceptions By	1	at Tennessee State (Sep 06)
		at Indiana State (Oct 18)
Punts	8	at Tennessee State (Sep 06)
		vs SE Missouri State (Sep 13)
Punting Avg	50.0	vs South Dakota (Sep 27)
Long Punt	57	at The Citadel (Aug 30)
		vs South Dakota (Sep 27)
Punts inside 20	5	at The Citadel (Aug 30)
Long Punt Return	4	at Indiana State (Oct 18)

THE LAST TIME IT HAPPENED...

NORTH DAKOTA STATE

	RUSHING	OPPONENT
Barika Kpeenu (113), at Indiana State 10/18/2025	Player rushed for 100-149 yards	Tommy Mellott (135), vs Montana State, 1/6/2025
Barika Kpeenu (169), Missouri State, 11/16/2024	Player rushed for 150-199 yards	Sam Hicks (153), Abilene Christian, 12/7/2024
Kobe Johnson (206), Montana, 12/3/2022	Player rushed for 200+ yards	ShunDerrick Powell (218), Central Arkansas, 9/16/2023
Barika Kpeenu, at Tennessee State, 9/6/2025	Player rushed for 3 TDs	Bryson Irby, at ETSU, 9/14/2024
Lance Dunn, Montana State, 12/1/2018	Player rushed for 4 TDs	Dave Beyer, Minnesota State Mankato, 9/15/1984
Cam Miller, North Dakota, 11/19/2022	Player rushed for 5 TDs	Ronnie Moore, at Pittsburg State, 11/28/1992
B.Kpeenu (169)/C.Brown (113), Missouri State, 11/16/2024	Two 100-yard rushers	Amar Johnson(126)/Isaiah Davis(103), vs SDSU, 1/8/2023
Dunn (127)/Anderson (118)/Brooks (103), Montana St., 12/1/2018	Three 100-yard rushers	Unknown

PASSING

Cole Payton (243), Southern Illinois 10/11/2025	QB passed for 200-249 yards	Aidan Bouman (208), South Dakota, 9/27/2025
Cole Payton (273), South Dakota, 9/27/2025	QB passed for 250-299 yards	Aidan Bouman (272), at South Dakota, 11/23/2024
Cole Payton (348), SE Missouri State, 9/13/2025	QB passed for 300-399 yards	Theo Day (341), at Northern Iowa, 11/18/2023
Steve Walker (451), at Ball State, 9/23/2006	QB passed for 400+ yards	Shedeur Sanders (445), at Colorado, 8/29/2024
Cam Miller, South Dakota State, 12/21/2024	QB passed for 3 TDs	Mark Gronowski, vs South Dakota State, 1/8/2023
Cole Payton, SE Missouri State, 9/13/2025	QB passed for 4 TDs	Shedeur Sanders, at Colorado, 8/29/2024
Easton Stick, at Missouri State, 11/10/2018	QB passed for 5 TDs	Never

RECEIVING

Bryce Lance (107), vs Montana State, 1/6/2025	Player with 100-149 yards receiving	Sergio Morancy (102), Northern Iowa, 11/2/2024
Bryce Lance (159), SE Missouri State, 9/13/2025	Player with 150-199 yards receiving	Jimmy Horn Jr. (198), at Colorado, 8/29/2024
Tim Strehlow (206), at Northern Colorado, 11/6/1999	Player with 200+ yards receiving	Jason Madkins (239), at Sam Houston State, 9/12/2009
RaJa Nelson, SE Missouri State, 9/13/2025	Player caught 2 TDs	Sergio Morancy, Northern Iowa, 11/2/2024
Bryce Lance, South Dakota State, 12/21/2024	Player caught 3 TDs	Travis Hunter, at Colorado, 8/29/2024
TR McDonald, at St. Cloud State, 10/23/1993	Player caught 4 TDs	Never
J.Schultenover(115)/K.Heckendorf(112), at Cal Poly 11/10/2007	Two 100-yard receivers	Jimmy Horn(198)/Travis Hunter(132), at Colorado, 8/29/2024

KICKING/PUNTING

Eli Ozick (54), at Indiana State, 10/18/2025	Made FG 50+ yards	Zeke Mata (51), South Dakota, 9/27/2025
Kaedin Steindorf, at ETSU, 9/14/2024 (4Q, down 35-30)	Onside kick recovered	Brandyn Bangsund, Eastern Wash., 9/10/2016 (2Q, tied 7-7)
Kaedin Steindorf, South Dakota, 9/30/2023 (4Q, down 24-19)	Onside kick not recovered	Brendan Hall, vs Montana State, 1/6/2025 (4Q, down 35-32)
Kaedin Steindorf -2 run, at Murray State, 10/26/2024 (4&1)	Fake punt	Harry Traum 18 run, at Indiana State, 10/18/2025 (4&2)
James Hendricks 20 TD run, vs James Madison, 1/11/2020 (4&8)	Fake field goal	Jayce Gilder 2 TD from Gunner Talkington, vs E.Wash., 1/5/2019 (4&G)
Nick Kubitz, Towson, 9/21/2024 (Bryce LaFollette)	Blocked a punt	Jayson Coley, at Murray State, 10/26/2024 (Kaedin Steindorf)
Kody Huisman, at Murray State, 10/24/2024 (James London 51)	Blocked a field goal	Jarod DePriest, at S.Dakota St., 11/4/2023 (Griffin Crosa 37)
Kody Huisman, South Dakota St., 10/19/2024 (Hunter Dustman)	Blocked a PAT kick	Ryan Van Marel, at S.Dakota St., 11/4/2023 (Griffin Crosa)

EXTRA POINTS

Eli Ozick, South Dakota, 9/27/2025 (wide right)	PAT kick failed	Hunter Dustman, South Dakota State, 10/19/2024 (blocked)
Hunter Luepke, East Tennessee State, 12/11/2021	Rush failed	Travis Theis, at South Dakota, 11/23/2024
Cole Payton, at Illinois State 10/4/2025 (twice)	Rush conversion	Breylin Smith, Central Arkansas, 10/3/2020
Cam Miller, South Dakota State, 10/19/2024	Pass failed	Aidan Bouman, at South Dakota, 11/23/2024
Bryce Lance from Cam Miller, at ETSU, 9/14/2024	Pass conversion	Ryan Loneragan from Tommy Mellott, vs Montana State, 1/6/2025
Kevin Best, Minn. St. Moorhead, 9/11/1999 (Chad Simmers block)	Defensive PAT	Joe Guereno, St. Cloud State, 10/10/1992 (blocked kick)

SCORING

Jackson Williams (67), Towson, 9/21/2024	Punt return TD	Carter Bell (47), South Dakota, 11/20/2021
Jackson Williams (100), Abilene Christian, 12/7/2024	Kickoff return TD	Luke Skokna (100), at North Dakota, 10/14/2023
Nathaniel Staehling (43), South Dakota, 9/27/2025	Interception return TD	Corbin Walker (58), Montana, 12/3/2022
Kelton McCaslin (5), Drake, 11/25/2023	Fumble return TD	Dan DelGrosso (29), vs Butler, 8/31/2019
Destin Talbert (56), Drake, 9/3/2022 (Jake Kava block)	Blocked FG return TD	Unknown
Dawson Weber, at South Dakota State, 11/6/2021	Safety	Tye Niekamp, at Illinois State 10/4/2025
Jake Lippe (37) from Zeb Noland, at Southern Illinois, 2/27/2021	Hail Mary TD	Unknown

MISCELLANEOUS

Back-to-back interceptions: 1/5/2019 vs Eastern Washington, Eric Barriere by NDSU's James Hendricks then Easton Stick by EWU's D'londo Tucker		
Back-to-back kickoff return TDs: 10/26/2013 at Indiana State, ISU's LeMonte Booker (97) then NDSU's Ryan Smith (100)		
NDSU player back-to-back 100-yard rushing games: CharMar Brown, 11/2/2024, Northern Iowa (124); 11/16/2024, Missouri State (113)		
NDSU QB back-to-back 100-yard rushing games: Cole Payton, 9/2/2023, vs Eastern Washington (104); 9/9/2023, Maine (102)		
NDSU player three straight 100-yard rushing games: Lance Dunn, 9/2/2017, MVSU (142); 9/9/2017, at EWU (148); 9/23/2017, Robert Morris (111)		
NDSU QB three straight 100-yard rushing games: Chris Simdorn, 9/24/1988, Augustana (210); 10/1, at Morningside (147); 10/8, St. Cloud State (155)		
NDSU player 100 yards rushing & passing in same game: Cole Payton, 8/30/2025, at Citadel (101 rushing, 192 passing)		
NDSU player 100 yards rushing & receiving in same game: DJ McNorton, 11/27/2010, Robert Morris (110 rushing, 110 receiving)		
NDSU player led team in rushing & receiving yards in same game: Hunter Luepke, 9/17/2022, at Arizona (115 rushing, 65 receiving)		
NDSU player kickoff return TD and rushing TD in same game: Kobe Johnson, at Youngstown State, 11/2/2019		
NDSU player kickoff return TD and receiving TD in same game: Ryan Smith, at Indiana State, 10/26/2013		
NDSU player punt return TD and rushing TD in same game: Tony Satter, Northern Michigan, 9/9/1989		
NDSU player punt return TD and receiving TD in same game: Ryan Smith, Youngstown State, 10/6/2012		
NDSU player kickoff return TD and punt return TD in same game: Never		
NDSU player rushing, receiving and return TD in same game: Never		
Opponent player rushing, receiving and return TD in same game: Luke Skokna, at North Dakota, 10/4/2023 (100 KR, 13 pass, 4 rush)		

NCAA FCS TEAM RANKINGS

Statistic	National Rank	Conference Rank	Value	National Leader	Value	Conference Leader	Value
3rd Down Conversion Pct (126 ranked)	4	1	0.534	Alabama St.	0.571	North Dakota St.	0.534
3rd Down Conversion Pct Defense (126 ranked)	9	2	0.302	Houston Christian	0.260	South Dakota St.	0.274
4th Down Conversion Pct (126 ranked)	14	3	0.667	Southern Utah	1.000	Youngstown St.	0.722
				Jackson St.	1.000		
4th Down Conversion Pct Defense (126 ranked)	35	2	0.444	Drake	0.100	South Dakota St.	0.333
Blocked Kicks (38 ranked)				Norfolk St.	5	North Dakota	3
				UT Martin	5		
Blocked Kicks Allowed (126 ranked)	1	1	0	50 teams tied	0	5 teams tied	0
Blocked Punts (14 ranked)				Merrimack	4	North Dakota	2
				Tennessee Tech	4		
Blocked Punts Allowed (123 ranked)	1	1	0	77 teams tied	0	8 teams tied	0
Completion Percentage (126 ranked)	1	1	0.736	North Dakota St.	0.736	North Dakota St.	0.736
Defensive TDs (28 ranked)	11	1	2	Eastern Ky.	4	North Dakota St.	2
				Tarleton St.	4		
Fewest Penalties (126 ranked)	16	4	32	Harvard	18	Murray St.	28
						North Dakota	28
Fewest Penalties Per Game (126 ranked)	16	4	4.57	Lindenwood	3.00	Murray St.	4.00
						North Dakota	4.00
Fewest Penalty Yards (126 ranked)	13	2	259	Brown	136	Murray St.	230
Fewest Penalty Yards Per Game (126 ranked)	12	2	37.00	Lindenwood	25.86	Murray St.	32.86
First Downs Defense (126 ranked)	3	1	91	Harvard	70	North Dakota St.	91
First Downs Offense (126 ranked)	10	1	166	Western Caro.	204	North Dakota St.	166
Fumbles Lost (125 ranked)	1	1	0	Cal Poly	0	North Dakota St.	0
				Florida A&M	0		
				North Dakota St.	0		
Fumbles Recovered (119 ranked)	29	2	5	Tarleton St.	11	South Dakota St.	6
Kickoff Return Defense (126 ranked)	3	1	13.58	Brown	11.93	North Dakota St.	13.58
Kickoff Returns (126 ranked)	35	4	22.40	Texas Southern	31.96	North Dakota	29.45
Net Punting (126 ranked)	15	4	40.46	Idaho St.	43.00	North Dakota	42.43
Passes Had Intercepted (126 ranked)	5	2	2	San Diego	0	North Dakota	1
				Dayton	0		
Passes Intercepted (123 ranked)	36	5	6	Tarleton St.	13	South Dakota St.	12
Passing Offense (126 ranked)	28	1	251.0	Monmouth	368.0	North Dakota St.	251.0
Passing Yards Allowed (126 ranked)	1	1	133.1	North Dakota St.	133.1	North Dakota St.	133.1
Passing Yards per Completion (126 ranked)	1	1	17.06	North Dakota St.	17.06	North Dakota St.	17.06
Punt Return Defense (126 ranked)	3	1	1.33	Penn	-5.50	North Dakota St.	1.33
Punt Returns (126 ranked)	35	2	11.42	Penn	20.38	North Dakota	13.07
Red Zone Defense (123 ranked)	11	3	0.714	Harvard	0.600	South Dakota St.	0.625
Red Zone Offense (126 ranked)	15	2	0.919	Drake	1.000	South Dakota	0.920
Rushing Defense (126 ranked)	7	2	95.9	Tennessee Tech	46.3	North Dakota	93.1
Rushing Offense (126 ranked)	5	1	242.1	Delaware St.	327.0	North Dakota St.	242.1
Sacks Allowed (126 ranked)	11	1	1.00	Harvard	0.20	North Dakota St.	1.00
Scoring Defense (126 ranked)	1	1	10.0	North Dakota St.	10.0	North Dakota St.	10.0
Scoring Offense (126 ranked)	6	1	43.6	Tennessee Tech	51.7	North Dakota St.	43.6
Tackles for Loss Allowed (126 ranked)	28	5	4.57	Harvard	2.60	Southern Ill.	3.00
Team Passing Efficiency (126 ranked)	1	1	206.78	North Dakota St.	206.78	North Dakota St.	206.78
Team Passing Efficiency Defense (126 ranked)	4	1	99.93	Harvard	90.50	North Dakota St.	99.93
Team Sacks (126 ranked)	10	1	2.86	Mercer	4.00	North Dakota St.	2.86
Team Tackles for Loss (126 ranked)	23	2	6.6	Tennessee Tech	9.4	Indiana St.	7.1
Time of Possession (126 ranked)	5	2	33:37	South Dakota St.	34:24	South Dakota St.	34:24
Total Defense (126 ranked)	1	1	229.0	North Dakota St.	229.0	North Dakota St.	229.0
Total Offense (126 ranked)	4	1	493.1	Monmouth	534.4	North Dakota St.	493.1
Turnover Margin (126 ranked)	6	2	1.29	Tarleton St.	2.50	South Dakota St.	1.71
Turnovers Gained (126 ranked)	28	2	11	Tarleton St.	24	South Dakota St.	18
Turnovers Lost (126 ranked)	1	1	2	Dayton	2	North Dakota St.	2
				North Dakota St.	2		
				San Diego	2		
Winning Percentage (124 ranked)	1	1	1.000	8 teams tied	1.000	North Dakota St.	1.000
						South Dakota St.	1.000

NCAA FCS INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS

Statistic	Player	National Rank	Conference Rank	Value	National Leader	Value	Conference Leader	Value
All Purpose (200 ranked)	Barika Kpeenu	38	4	104.29	Michael Wortham, Montana	170.29	L.J. Phillips Jr., South Dakota	151.50
	Bryce Lance	84	10	88.86				
	Cole Payton	185	16	67.86				
Combined Kick Returns (200 ranked)	Jackson Williams	43	4	278	Sidney Webb, Morehead St.	573	Kylon Wilson, Youngstown St.	448
Completion Percentage (109 ranked)	Cole Payton	1	1	0.744	Cole Payton, North Dakota St.	0.744	Cole Payton, North Dakota St.	0.744
Completions Per Game (149 ranked)	Cole Payton	75	8	12.86	Derek Robertson, Monmouth	27.43	Beau Brungard, Youngstown St.	20.57
	Nathan Hayes	137	10	2.00				
Field Goal Percentage (86 ranked)	Eli Ozick	26	3	0.800	Samuel Tremblay, Maine	1.000	Paul Geelen, Southern Ill.	0.857
					Nick Garrido, Lehigh	1.000		
Field Goals Per Game (138 ranked)	Eli Ozick	25	2	1.14	Nick Reed, New Hampshire	2.00	Andrew Lastovka, Youngstown St.	1.29
Forced Fumbles (52 ranked)					Justin Waters, Charleston So.	0.88	Joe Ollman, South Dakota St.	0.43
Fumbles Recovered (39 ranked)	Toby Anene	39	4	1	Rashon Myles Jr., Abilene Christian	4	Conlee Crossno, Murray St.	2
	Jaxon Duttenhefer	39	4	1			Dawson Ripperda, South Dakota St.	2
	Taylen Eady	39	4	1			Michael Wells, Youngstown St.	2
	Logan Kopp	39	4	1				
	Nathaniel Staehling	39	4	1				
Interceptions Per Game (138 ranked)	Oliver Lucht	138	11	0.17	Kasyus Kurns, Tarleton St.	0.67	Shadwel Nkuba II, Illinois St.	0.57
					Markel Linzer, Grambling	0.67		
Passing Efficiency (109 ranked)	Cole Payton	1	1	211.4	Cole Payton, North Dakota St.	211.4	Cole Payton, North Dakota St.	211.4
Passing TDs (116 ranked)	Cole Payton	29	4	11	Derek Robertson, Monmouth	27	Jerry Kaminski, North Dakota	18
							Tommy Rittenhouse, Illinois St.	18
Passing Yards (150 ranked)	Cole Payton	22	3	1,565	Derek Robertson, Monmouth	2,482	DJ Williams, Southern Ill.	1,662
	Nathan Hayes	134	10	188				
Passing Yards Per Game (150 ranked)	Cole Payton	26	3	223.6	Derek Robertson, Monmouth	354.6	DJ Williams, Southern Ill.	237.4
	Nathan Hayes	135	10	31.3				
Passing Yards per Completion (109 ranked)	Cole Payton	1	1	17.39	Cole Payton, North Dakota St.	17.39	Cole Payton, North Dakota St.	17.39
Points Responsible For (162 ranked)	Cole Payton	15	5	106	Derek Robertson, Monmouth	172	Beau Brungard, Youngstown St.	140
	Barika Kpeenu	59	7	66				
	Eli Ozick	69	9	60				
Points Responsible For Per Game (150 ranked)	Cole Payton	17	5	15.1	Derek Robertson, Monmouth	24.6	Beau Brungard, Youngstown St.	20.0
	Barika Kpeenu	62	7	9.4				
	Eli Ozick	72	8	8.6				
Punt Returns (39 ranked)	Jackson Williams	14	1	11.4	Julien Stokes, Penn	22.9	Jackson Williams, North Dakota St.	11.4
Receiving TDs (81 ranked)	Bryce Lance	40	3	4	Josh Derry, Monmouth	9	Daniel Sobkowitz, Illinois St.	7
	Raja Nelson	40	3	4	Joey Isabella, Duquesne	9		
Receiving Yards (150 ranked)	Bryce Lance	25	3	535	Josh Derry, Monmouth	759	Vinson Davis III, Southern Ill.	620
Receiving Yards Per Game (200 ranked)	Bryce Lance	27	3	76.4	Jared Richardson, Penn	125.6	Vinson Davis III, Southern Ill.	88.6
	Raja Nelson	200	16	36.9				
Receptions Per Game (199 ranked)	Bryce Lance	101	10	3.71	Treyvon Saunders, Colgate	8.33	Darius Cannon, Murray St.	6.86
Rush Yards Per Carry (126 ranked)	Cole Payton	12	3	6.69	Ahmad Miller, Jackson St.	7.80	Nick Osho, Indiana St.	7.39
	Barika Kpeenu	36	7	5.62				
Rushing TDs (134 ranked)	Barika Kpeenu	3	2	11	Joshua Dye, Southern Utah	15	Beau Brungard, Youngstown St.	12
	Cole Payton	32	6	6				
	DJ Scott	61	9	5				
Rushing Yards (200 ranked)	Barika Kpeenu	20	4	601	L.J. Phillips Jr., South Dakota	1,059	L.J. Phillips Jr., South Dakota	1,059
	Cole Payton	48	6	475				
	DJ Scott	132	13	307				
Rushing Yards Per Game (198 ranked)	Barika Kpeenu	22	4	85.9	Rodney Nelson, Monmouth	143.6	Beau Brungard, Youngstown St.	132.4
	Cole Payton	50	6	67.9				
	DJ Scott	144	14	43.9				
Sacks (193 ranked)	Keenan Wilson	42	1	0.57	Joshua Stoneking, Furman	1.50	4 players tied	0.57
	Victor Isele	84	6	0.43				
	Jack Iuliano	173	18	0.33				
Scoring (200 ranked)	Barika Kpeenu	7	2	9.4	Joshua Dye, Southern Utah	12.9	Beau Brungard, Youngstown St.	10.3
	Eli Ozick	11	4	8.6				
	Cole Payton	130	16	5.7				
	Bryce Lance	200	19	4.3				
	DJ Scott	200	19	4.3				
Tackles For Loss (52 ranked)	Keenan Wilson	52	3	1.00	Joshua Stoneking, Furman	2.21	Ryan Crandall, UNI	1.29
Total Offense (200 ranked)	Cole Payton	9	3	291.4	Beau Brungard, Youngstown St.	364.9	Beau Brungard, Youngstown St.	364.9
	Barika Kpeenu	143	12	85.9				
Total Tackles (200 ranked)	Nathaniel Staehling	141	9	6.7	James Conway, Fordham	14.7	Dylan Rowsey, Murray St.	12.4
Total Touchdowns (150 ranked)	Barika Kpeenu	4	2	11	Joshua Dye, Southern Utah	15	Beau Brungard, Youngstown St.	12
	Cole Payton	60	9	6				
	Bryce Lance	99	12	5				
	DJ Scott	99	12	5				
	Raja Nelson	150	16	4				
Yards per Pass Attempt (109 ranked)	Cole Payton	1	1	12.93	Cole Payton, North Dakota St.	12.93	Cole Payton, North Dakota St.	12.93
Yards per Reception (200 ranked)	Bryce Lance	9	2	20.58	Xayvion Noland, UTRGV	28.40	Lorenzo Fenner, South Dakota	23.50
	Raja Nelson	44	4	17.20				