



MSU MOORHEAD

DRAGON FOOTBALL



14 Conference Championships

1932, 1935, 1952, 1966, 1971, 1973, 1979, 1981, 1982, 1984, 1988, 1989, 1991, 1995

84 All-Americans

2026 SCHEDULE (0-0, 0-0 NSIC)

Date	Opp	Time (CT)
8/27	N. Michigan	6 p.m.
9/3	Concordia-St. Paul*	6 p.m.
9/12	Sioux Falls*	1 p.m.
9/19	Augustana*	1 p.m.
9/26	MN Duluth*	12 p.m.
10/3	Minot State*	2 p.m.
10/10	Mary*!	12 p.m.
10/24	Northern State*	12 p.m.
10/31	Bemidji State*	1 p.m.
11/7	Jamestown*	1 p.m.
11/14	Minnesota State*	12 p.m.

Home Games in Bold

**NSIC Contests*

!Homecoming Game

ABOUT MSUM

Location: Moorhead, Minn. 56563

Founded: 1887

Nickname: Dragons

Colors: Scarlet, White and Gray

Field: SCHEELS Field

Stadium: Alex Nemzek Stadium

Affiliation: NCAA Division II

Conference: Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference (NSIC)

2025 Record: 8-3

President: Dr. Tim Downs (CSU Sacramento)

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DRAGONS BEGIN 2026 AT HOME, BATTLING NORTHERN MICHIGAN

Matchup History...

Thursday's game will be the second half of a home and home agreement between the Dragons and Wildcats. Moorhead vanquished Northern Michigan in Marquette, Mich., a season ago on August 28, 2025. MSUM would fall behind by 21

points in the first half before rebounding for a 44-37 conquest. Last season's tilt was also the first time a Dragon team played a team from the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Conference (GLIAC).

Preseason Buzz... Moorhead commanded the eighth spot in the NSIC preseason coaches' rankings behind 86 total points, including a fourth-place projection in the North Division. Additionally, senior offensive lineman **Nick Haugrud** and senior defensive back **Adam Kallenbach** were tabbed as MSUM's 'players to watch' in 2026. A four-year starter along the Dragon offensive line, Haugrud is set to start his 32nd career game when the Dragons kick off on August 27. Kallenbach is set to conclude his stellar Dragon career in 2026 following an all-conference season in 2025, tallying a career-high 46 tackles.

THE MATCH-UP



**MSUM
DRAGONS**

2025: 8-3, 7-3

NSIC

Head Coach:

Steve Laqua

VS.



**N. MICHIGAN
WILDCATS**

2025: 3-8, 2-5

GLIAC

Head Coach: Matt

Janus

THE DETAILS

Time: 6 p.m. (CT)

Location: Moorhead, Minn.

Stadium: SCHEELS Field at Alex Nemzek Stadium

Watch: Midco Sports Plus (PPV\$)
WDAY Channel 6.2

Listen: WZFG Radio (1100 AM/92.3 FM)



Coach Speak...Steve Laqua had this to say about his 2026 outfit: “This is one of the younger teams we’ve had in recent years, with many players stepping into meaningful game action for the first time. Replacing a talented senior class is never easy, and there are undoubtedly big shoes to fill,” said MSUM head football coach Steve Laqua, who enters his 16th season at the helm in the fall. “As we move through the season, our identity will continue to evolve. The key will be discovering what this team does best, building around those strengths, and making steady progress each week.”

TEAM COMPARISON (2025)

DRAGONS

Team Statistics	MSU	OPP
SCORING	421	301
Points Per Game	38.27	27.36
FIRST DOWNS	282	226
Rushing	80	118
Passing	186	92
Penalty	16	16
RUSHING YARDAGE	1277	2174
Yards gained	1534	2400
Yards lost	257	226
Attempts	285	464
Avg Per Attempt	4.5	4.7
Avg Per Game	116.1	197.6
TDs Rushing	11	19
PASSING YARDAGE	3658	1964
Att-Comp-Int	495-309-14	318-181-11
Avg Per Attempt	7.39	6.18
Avg Per Catch	11.84	10.85
Avg Per Game	332.55	178.55
TDs Passing	44	15
TOTAL OFFENSE	4935	4138
Total Plays	780	782
Avg Per Play	6.3	5.3
Avg Per Game	448.6	376.2
KICK RETURNS: #-YARDS	25-586	49-841
PUNT RETURNS: #-YARDS	6-36	4-45
INT RETURNS: #-YARDS	11-58	14-174
KICK RETURN AVERAGE	23.44	17.16
PUNT RETURN AVERAGE	6.00	11.25
INT RETURN AVERAGE	5.27	12.43
FUMBLES-LOST	6-3	14-8
PENALTIES-YARDS	40-346	47-463
Avg Per Game	31.45	42.09
PUNTS-YARDS	29-1143	46-1758
Avg Per Punt	39.41	38.22
Net Punt Avg	36.48	35.70
KICKOFFS-YARDS	72-3949	52-2732
Avg Per Kick	54.85	52.54
Net Kick Avg	39.28	34.35
TIME OF POSSESSION	05:19:29	05:37:56
Per Game	29:03	30:43
3RD-DOWN CONVERSIONS	63-133	65-161
3rd-Down Pct	47.37%	40.37%
4TH-DOWN CONVERSIONS	12-25	17-27
4th-Down Pct	48.00%	62.96%
SACKS BY-YARDS	17-88	33-184
MISC YARDS	0	0
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED	57	37
FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS	8-11	14-17
ON-SIDE KICKS	0-1	2-6
RED-ZONE SCORES	49-56	38-44
RED-ZONE TOUCHDOWNS	43-56	26-44
PAT-ATTEMPTS	49-50	27-30
ATTENDANCE	7,723	16,183
Dates-Avg Per Date	5-1,545	6-2,697
Neutral Site #-Avg	-	0-0

WILDCATS

Team Statistics	NMU	OPP
SCORING	296	407
Points Per Game	26.91	37.00
FIRST DOWNS	216	212
Rushing	158	85
Passing	38	110
Penalty	20	17
RUSHING YARDAGE	3123	1589
Yards gained	3358	1843
Yards lost	235	254
Attempts	624	341
Avg Per Attempt	5.0	4.7
Avg Per Game	283.9	144.5
TDs Rushing	31	27
PASSING YARDAGE	871	2546
Att-Comp-Int	150-68-13	316-189-6
Avg Per Attempt	5.81	8.06
Avg Per Catch	12.81	13.47
Avg Per Game	79.18	231.45
TDs Passing	7	24
TOTAL OFFENSE	3994	4135
Total Plays	774	657
Avg Per Play	5.2	6.3
Avg Per Game	363.1	375.9
KICK RETURNS: #-YARDS	38-629	41-874
PUNT RETURNS: #-YARDS	14-47	15-224
INT RETURNS: #-YARDS	6-3	13-78
KICK RETURN AVERAGE	16.55	21.32
PUNT RETURN AVERAGE	3.36	14.93
INT RETURN AVERAGE	0.50	6.00
FUMBLES-LOST	25-12	20-8
PENALTIES-YARDS	62-526	65-591
Avg Per Game	47.82	53.73
PUNTS-YARDS	43-1725	39-1530
Avg Per Punt	40.12	39.23
Net Punt Avg	33.51	37.00
KICKOFFS-YARDS	52-2408	68-3903
Avg Per Kick	46.31	57.40
Net Kick Avg	28.73	46.68
TIME OF POSSESSION	06:24:48	04:34:19
Per Game	34:59	24:56
3RD-DOWN CONVERSIONS	71-168	44-121
3rd-Down Pct	42.26%	36.36%
4TH-DOWN CONVERSIONS	19-29	17-24
4th-Down Pct	65.52%	70.83%
SACKS BY-YARDS	18-118	15-74
MISC YARDS	0	0
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED	39	55
FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS	6-10	6-10
ON-SIDE KICKS	0-2	1-2
RED-ZONE SCORES	26-32	41-46
RED-ZONE TOUCHDOWNS	24-32	36-46
PAT-ATTEMPTS	34-34	47-48
ATTENDANCE	16,863	9,219
Dates-Avg Per Date	6-2,811	5-1,844
Neutral Site #-Avg	-	0-0

We’re Going Early...When the Dragons and Wildcats kick off on Thursday, it will be the second-earliest recorded game in Dragon football history (Aug. 27). The earliest dated game in the history of the program was August 26, 2010. On that day, Moorhead fell to Missouri Southern in Joplin, Mo. (30-0). Head coach **Steve Laqua** would take over as leader the following fall.

Veterans In The Trenches...

While Moorhead bolsters a host of young talent in 2026, one area of veteranship lies in the offensive and defensive lines. Moorhead welcomes back four starters to the offensive line led by Haugrud and fellow captain **Manny Wilson**. Additionally, **Luke Rogen** and **Jacob Dornier** are back to protect the Dragon offense. In total, those four have played in a combined 67 games for MSUM. The same can be said on the defensive line as **Zach Dahl**, **Denver Piechowski** and **Will Martin** are back, coupled with **Dean Lempka** and **Derek Tibbetts**. Dahl and Piechowski alone have played in 43 combined games for the Dragons.

Quick Scout...Northern Michigan is set to enter a new era under first-year head coach Matt Janus. After running a triple option scheme in 2025, it appears the Wildcats will look to a more spread offense in 2026. That’s not to say the rush game is completely dead. Running back Noah Dobert is coming off an All-GLIAC season, including 97 rush yards against MSUM last season. On defense, look for senior linebacker Jax Hertel, who was an All-GLIAC performer in 2025.



POSITIONAL BREAKDOWN (OFFENSE)

QUARTERBACKS

With the departure of Jack Strand, MSUM will look to a new signal caller in 2026. Junior **Timmy Guler** (right) is the lone quarterback on the roster to take game reps in 2025. Guler played in two games for Moorhead, throwing for 112 yards and two scores. Guler is also an adept runner in the open field. Sophomore **Drew Huebner** (left) has elevated his play after traveling with the team as a true freshman. Huebner's arm strength and size is surely something to watch in 2026.



RUNNING BACKS

Familiar names will occupy the Dragon running back corp in 2026 led by workhorse senior **Tyson Brandt**. The Brookings, S.D., native toted the ball 90 times in 2025, racing for 578 yards and three scores on the ground. Brandt also caught two touchdowns as a junior as well. Speedy sophomore **Kevon Johnson** looks to provide change of pace in the backfield for the Dragons as well junior **Isaiah Favors**.



TIGHT ENDS

In the ever-important tight end role, Moorhead will be fortunate to have a wealth of experience. Fifth-year **Owen Wiersma** (right) will take snaps at both tight end and running back to offer some versatility for MSUM. Wiersma had a strong year on the ground in 2025, rushing for 262 yards and three touchdowns. Junior **Gavin Lill** will also use his size and strength to get involved in the Dragon pass game. Lill caught two touchdowns in 2026.



WIDE RECEIVERS

Much like the quarterback position, the wide receiver room has seen tremendous turnover from 2025. However, the group still offers up an incredible amount of talent led by senior captain **Kelly Johnson** (right). The Alexandria, Minn., native caught 12 passes and a touchdown last season. Sophomore **Kalen Lucas** (left) is also expected to take on a larger role in the offense in 2026. Lucas tallied 211 receiving yards as a freshman with one touchdown.



OFFENSIVE LINE

If there is one area without question marks, it is the Dragon offensive line. Led by captains **Nick Haugrud** (left) and **Manny Wilson** (right), MSUM's front five is stacking up as one of the most experienced (and talented) groups in the Northern Sun. On top of Haugrud and Wilson, Moorhead welcomes back stalwarts **Luke Rogen** and **Jacob Dörner** as well as multi-year contributors like **Kyle Nemzek**, **Dallen Ernst** and **Joe Rose**.





POSITIONAL BREAKDOWN (DEFENSE/SPECIALISTS)



DEFENSIVE LINE

Leaders and heavy contributors make up a strong defensive line room under defensive coordinator Jesse Currier. Captain **Zach Dahl** (left) leads the group following an All-NSIC campaign in 2025. Dahl recorded 42 total tackles with three tackles for loss. Flanking Dahl will be the ball-hawking **Denver Piechowski** (right), known for his pesky playmaking in the backfield. Add to that sure-tacklers in **Dean Lempka** and **Derek Tibbetts**. On the interior, junior **Will Martin** will take on a large role alongside sophomores **Brodie Brunssen**, **Ben Kolodziej** and **Dylan Hunt**.



LINEBACKERS

Replacing a veteran-laden crew can often times be a challenge in college football. Luckily for the Dragons, their linebacker corp shapes up nicely, despite youth in some spots. Senior **Josh Bilstad** (right) will hold down the middle while sophomores **Preston Johnson**, **Gannon Bolgrean** (left), **Reign Battle** and **Jake Schaefer** will flank at the Will and Sam spots. Expect to see the Dragon linebackers in a variety of areas (including the secondary) based on opponent packaging.



SECONDARY

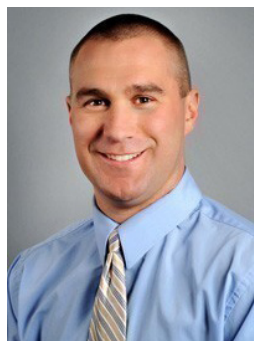
Captain **Gavin Jarchow** (left) and fifth-year **Adam Kallenbach** (right) make up the backend of a very experienced Dragon secondary. Kallenbach was an All-NSIC First Team performer in 2025 while Jarchow was third on the team with 72 total tackles. Add to that experienced players in **Kennan Stowers** and **Micah Runion**, too. On the boundary, senior **Evan Miles** will set the tone for the Dragon corners alongside talented sophomore **Jacion Owens**. Junior **Seth Newbern** and sophomore **Abe Monson** will also play a factor in larger pass packages.



SPECIALISTS

On special teams, the questions do not necessarily apply to the specialists themselves. Junior kicker **Max Watson** (left) is back after a 2025 that saw him set the MSUM single-season record for PAT conversions. Sophomore punter **Tristan Ulmer** (right) made an immediate splash in 2025, putting 12 kicks inside the 20-yard line. Snapping duties remain a question mark as freshman **Logan Kleist** is set to longsnap while sophomore **Aidan Anderson** will handle short snaps. In the return game, **Kelly Johnson** and **Kalen Lucas** will field punts while **Payton Longmeyer** and **Preston Johnson** will take kickoffs.





MSUM HEAD FOOTBALL COACH STEVE LAQUA

Steve Laqua is entering his 16th year as the head football coach at Minnesota State University Moorhead in 2026. Laqua enters the fall having won 73 career games with the Dragons, the second-most in the history of the program.

Laqua and the Dragons experienced another historic campaign throughout 2025. The Dragon offense, led by seniors Jack Strand and Gage Florence, graded out as one of the best in the NCAA. Strand and Florence were named All-Americans by four separate entities while senior wide receiver Brady Perryman was a Don Hansen All-America Honorable Mention honoree. Strand was named a Harlon Hill finalist, eventually finishing fourth in national voting. The quarterback was also named NSIC and D2CCA Offensive Player of the Year. Florence etched Moorhead in the NCAA Division II record books, securing an NCAA record 402 career receptions throughout his career.

Moorhead had nine all-conference players by year's end, including six First Team selections. The Dragons completed the season with an 8-3 record, securing the highest win percentage in the Division II era of Dragon football. Moorhead completed the season with a dominant win over 14th-ranked Minnesota State, nearly earning their first-ever NCAA playoff bid. On September 13, 2025, Laqua surpassed the great Alex Nemzek for the second-most head coaching wins in MSUM history. Laqua secured his 68th career victory in a 45-21 home conquest over Winona State.

Laqua is the 17th coach in Dragon history, being named to the post in the spring of 2011. He came to the Dragons after a turning around the Fargo Shanley High School program as its head coach for four seasons.

Prior to his reign at Shanley, the Deacons had two winless seasons, and under Laqua's guidance became North Dakota State Football Champions during his third year (2009). The team won a tight battle over Devils Lake, 31-30. In 2010, he coached the Deacons to their second state title, as the team topped Devils Lake on a field goal as time expired, 24-21.

Laqua was honored as the the 2009 and 2010 North Dakota High School AA Coach of the Year. During the 2009 season, the Deacon's began their 20-game winning streak, a streak that was active when Laqua resigned his position.

Prior to joining the prep-ranks, Laqua served as the Running Backs, Tight Ends and Punt Team Coach at North Dakota State from January 2005-March 2007, where he coached five All-Americans including Tyler Roehl and Mike Dragosavich.

For the 2004 season, Laqua was the Minnesota Crookston Golden Eagles' Offensive Coordinator, where he led an offense that led the NSIC in rushing yards, yards per attempt and least turnovers. During that season, he directly coached an NCAA DII All-American Frederic Rolins, who was also named a National Player of the Week during the season.

The Golden Eagle offense set records for rushing yards in a season, as well as single game marks. He directed the Golden Eagle offense that led the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference in rushing yards, yards per attempt and least turnovers per game.

His coaching experience also extends to one season at St. Olaf College, in Northfield, Minn., where he was the Outside Linebackers Coach. He also served his first stint at NDSU as a Graduate Assistant Coach for tight ends in 2002-03.

Laqua had a decorated career at North Dakota State as a Division II student-athlete, playing safety for the Bison. He was an Academic All-Conference member for three years as well as graduated with honors. He earned his Masters of Education from NDSU in 2007.

Laqua and his wife, Patty, have eight children.



THE DRAGON STAFF



CHRIS NEEDHAM
ASSISTANT HEAD COACH



JESSE CURRIER
DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR



TAYLOR JAMES
LINEBACKERS COACH



MARK MARTIN
WIDE RECEIVERS COACH



JUSTIN CZECH
QUARTERBACKS COACH



A.J. SCOTT
OFFENSIVE LINE AND TIGHT ENDS
COACH



CODY COOPER
DEFENSIVE BACKS COACH



ELI BAASCH
RUNNING BACKS COACH



JERSEY SELZLER
OFFENSIVE ASSISTANT COACH



ASHTON TJADEN
DEFENSIVE ASSISTANT COACH

NSIC STANDINGS

	Conf.	Ovr.	Pct.	Streak
Augustana	0-0	0-0	.000	
Minnesota State	0-0	0-0	.000	
Bemidji State	0-0	0-0	.000	
Sioux Falls	0-0	0-0	.000	
Northern State	0-0	0-0	.000	
MN Duluth	0-0	0-0	.000	
Wayne State	0-0	0-0	.000	
MSU Moorhead	0-0	0-0	.000	
Winona State	0-0	0-0	.000	
Minot State	0-0	0-0	.000	
Concordia, St. Paul	0-0	0-0	.000	
Mary	0-0	0-0	.000	
SW MN State	0-0	0-0	.000	



MSUM DEPTH CHART

Offense

WR	12	Payton Longmeyer (Jr., 5-10, 174, Glenwood, Iowa)
	89	Reggie Bruner (So., 6-2, 213, Drake, N.D.)
TE	45	Gavin Lill (Jr., 6-0, 260, Bismarck, N.D.)
	24	Owen Wiersma (5th., 6-1, 237, Casselton, N.D.)
LT	72	Manny Wilson (Jr., 6-1, 285, Plymouth, Minn.)
	75	Kyle Nemzek (Sr., 6-5, 298, Palmetto, Fla.)
LG	66	Dallen Ernst (Sr., 6-4, 297, Breckenridge, Minn.)
	62	Evan Wiersma (Fr., 6-2, 290, Casselton, N.D.)
C	78	Nick Haugrud (5th., 6-2, 289, Pelican Rapids, Minn.)
	77	Carson Lund (So., 6-3, 297, Maple Grove, Minn.)
RG	74	Jacob Dornier (Sr., 6-1, 302, Lakeville, Minn.)
	70	Jackson Barth (Fr., 6-3, 265, Bismarck, N.D.)
RT	73	Luke Rogen (Jr., 6-2, 305, West Fargo, N.D.)
	67	Joe Rose (Jr., 6-4, 273, Fargo, N.D.)
WR	14	Kelly Johnson (Sr., 5-11, 185, Alexandria, Minn.)
	9	Denzel Sutton (Jr., 5-10, 204, Thorp, Wis.)
WR	3	Kalen Lucas (So., 5-9, 158, Bismarck, N.D.)
	88	Seth Staloch (So., 6-6, 220, Osakis, Minn.)
QB	10	Timmy Guler (Jr., 5-11, 215, Pelican Rapids, Minn.) OR
	17	Drew Huebner (So., 6-4, 245, Morris, Minn.) OR
	15	Joey Kallay (So., 5-11, 202, Franklin, Wis.)
RB	26	Tyson Brandt (Sr., 6-0, 208, Brookings, S.D.)
	27	Kevon Johnson (So., 5-9, 180, Brooklyn Park, Minn.)

Defense

DE	55	Zach Dahl (Sr., 6-2, 235, Farmington, Minn.)
	44	Dean Lempka (So., 6-3, 227, Alexandria, Minn.)
DT	90	Will Martin (Jr., 6-2, 254, Detroit Lakes, Minn.)
	97	Dylan Hunt (So., 6-3, 258, Valley City, N.D.)
DT	54	Brodie Brunssen (So., 6-2, 240, Springfield, Neb.)
	85	Ben Kolodziej (So., 6-3, 256, Crystal Lake, Ill.)
DE	84	Denver Piechowski (5th., 6-1, 211, Fargo, N.D.)
	31	Derek Tibbetts (Sr., 6-3, 218, Hawley, Minn.)
WLB	20	Reign Battle (So., 6-0, 224, Moorhead, Minn.) OR
	38	Jake Schaefer (So., 6-0, 207, Minot, N.D.)
MLB	35	Josh Balstad (Sr., 6-1, 228, West Fargo, N.D.)
	52	Henry Smith (Sr., 6-1, 225, Golden Valley, Minn.)
SLB	6	Gannon Bolgrean (So., 6-0, 192, Barnesville, Minn.)
	5	Preston Johnson (So., 6-1, 191, River Falls, Wis.)
CB	2	Evan Miles (Sr., 6-2, 180, Oregon, Wis.)
	23	Seth Newbern (Jr., 6-0, 189, Plymouth, Minn.)
FS	7	Adam Kallenbach (5th., 6-1, 185, Jamestown, ND)
	32	Micah Runion (Sr., 5-10, 190, Cottage Grove, Minn.)
SS	13	Gavin Jarchow (5th., 6-1, 180, Cumberland, Wis.)
	1	Kennan Stowers (5th., 5-10, 200, New Richmond, Wis.)
CB	8	Jacion Owens (So., 5-9, 186, Esko, Minn.)
	33	Abe Monson (So., 5-9, 174, New Richmond, Wis.)

Specialists

KOS	46	Max Watson (Jr., 5-11, 178, Fargo, N.D.)
	48	Brayden Spears (Jr., 5-10, 191, Thief River Falls, Minn.)
PK	46	Max Watson (Jr., 5-11, 178, Fargo, N.D.)
H	10	Timmy Guler (Jr., 5-11, 215, Pelican Rapids, Minn.)
	15	Joey Kallay (So., 5-11, 202, Franklin, Wis.)
LS	59	Logan Kleist (Fr., 6-0, 207, Eagle Lake, Minn.)
	60	Aidan Anderson (So., 6-0, 239, Gwinner, N.D.)
SS	60	Aidan Anderson (So., 6-0, 239, Gwinner, N.D.)
	90	Will Martin (Jr., 6-2, 254, Detroit Lakes, Minn.)
KR	12	Payton Longmeyer (Jr., 5-10, 174, Glenwood, Iowa)
	5	Preston Johnson (So., 6-1, 191, River Falls, Wis.)
P	19	Tristan Ulmer (So., 6-1, 210, Mandan, N.D.)
	48	Brayden Spears (Jr., 5-10, 191, Thief River Falls, Minn.)
PR	14	Kelly Johnson (Sr., 5-11, 185, Alexandria, Minn.)
	3	Kalen Lucas (So., 5-9, 158, Bismarck, N.D.)

NMU DEPTH CHART

Offense

WR	7	Sebastian Boyea (6-3, 190, Sr.)
	89	Chris Battley (6-0, 200, So.)
WR	9	Trevor Theurkauf (5-11, 170, Jr.)
	23	Wilson Ptacek (5-10, 165, Fr.)
LT	64	Daniel Babcock (6-4, 295, Sr.)
	71	Tyler Methner (6-3, 265, So.)
LG	71	Tyler Methner (6-2, 265, So.)
	70	Wyatt Gibson (6-2, 200, Fr.)
C	76	Luke Emmons (6-3, 305, Jr.)
	62	KI Peterson (6-2, 295, Jr.)
RG	61	Mitch Verstegen (6-4, 300, So.)
	63	James Hinds (6-3, 305, Jr.)
RT	72	Damonte Lee (6-4, 302, So.)
	77	Pavel McCutcheon (6-7, 285, Fr.)
TE	88	Joe Mueller (6-4, 245, Sr.)
	87	Lachlin Acker (6-3, 220, So.)
QB	8	Duke Shovald (6-1, 200, Jr.)
	12	Liam Oczkowski (6-5, 220, Jr.)
RB	20	Noah Dobert (5-11, 197, Jr.)
	26	Noah Hoffman (5-10, 183, Jr.)
WR	10	Isaac Olson (6-2, 190, Jr.)
	19	Hayden May (5-11, 175, Jr.)

Defense

DE	94	Jake Price (6-3, 215, Sr.)
	90	Sam Corey (6-2, 205, So.)
DT	95	Daniel Simon (6-5, 260, So.)
	55	Jordan Dodge (6-3, 215, So.)
DT	1	Jace Miller (6-3, 275, So.)
	96	Theo Cunningham (6-2, 265, Fr.)
DE	33	Demarcus Campbell (6-1, 220, Jr.)
	42	Nathan Pralle (6-2, 210, So.)
OLB	5	Logan McGraw (6-0, 218, Sr.)
	3	Tyler Carnell (6-3, 210, Jr.)
MLB	0	Jax Hertel (6-2, 215, Sr.)
	37	Brock Gauthier (6-2, 210, Fr.)
OLB	36	Andrew Stewart (6-2, 194, Jr.)
	50	Will Graffin (6-2, 200, Jr.)
CB	22	Leelohn Majerus (6-3, 195, Sr.)
	15	J'juan Ford (5-9, 165, So.)
FS	35	Murphy Monreal (5-10, 170, Jr.)
	6	Carter Schmitt (6-1, 181, Jr.)
SS	4	Luc Damiani (6-2, 195, Jr.)
	24	Markiss Nelson (6-1, 170, So.)
CB	11	Xavier Wade (6-0, 190, So.)
	21	Isaiah Jones (6-0, 170, Jr.)

Specialists

K	40	Sawyer McLinden (5-10, 175, Fr.)
	99	Mason Bratonia (5-10, 200, Fr.)
P	47	Liam Rubino (6-1, 175, Fr.)
	40	Sawyer McLinden (5-10, 175, Fr.)
LS	28	Tyler Van Sluys (5-9, 185, So.)
	49	Richie Skinkis (5-9, 200, Fr.)
H	47	Liam Rubino (6-1, 175, Fr.)
	9	Trevor Theuekauf (5-11, 170, Jr.)
KR	23	Wilson Ptacek (5-10, 165, Fr.)
	26	Noah Hoffman (5-10, 183, So.)
PR	23	Wilson Ptacek (5-10, 165, Fr.)
	26	Noah Hoffman (5-10, 183, So.)



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#	FULL NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	YEAR	WHOMETOWN / HIGH SCHOOL
0	Hunter MacGillivray	DB	5-10	180	Jr.	Prior Lake, Minn. / Prior Lake HS
1	Kennan Stowers	LB	5-10	200	5th	New Richmond, Wis. / New Richmond
2	Evan Miles	DB	6-2	180	5th	Oregon, Wis / Oregon HS
3	Kalen Lucas	WR	5-9	158	So.	Bismarck, N.D. / Bismarck Legacy HS
4	Ryan Routhieaux	DB	6-1	170	Sr.	Casco, Wis. / Luxemburg-Casco HS
5	Preston Johnson	LB	6-1	191	So.	River Falls, Wis. / River Falls HS
6	Gannon Bolgrean	LB	6-0	192	So.	Barnesville, Minn. / Barnesville HS
7	Adam Kallenbach	DB	6-1	185	5th	Jamestown, N.D. / Jamestown
8	Jacion Owens	DB	5-9	186	So.	Esko, Minn. / Esko HS
9	Denzel Sutton	WR	5-10	204	Jr.	Thorp, Wis. / Thorp HS
10	Timmy Guler	QB	5-11	215	Jr.	Pelican Rapids, Minn. / Pelican Rapids HS
11	Michael Rostberg	QB	6-4	214	Jr.	West Fargo, N.D. / Fargo Shanley HS
12	Payton Longmeyer	WR	5-10	174	Jr.	Glenwood, Iowa / Glenwood HS
13	*Gavin Jarchow	DB	6-1	180	5th	Cumberland, Wis. / Cumberland
14	*Kelly Johnson	WR	5-11	185	Sr.	Alexandra, Minn. / Alexandra Area HS
15	Joey Kallay	QB	5-11	202	So.	Franklin, Wis. / Franklin HS
16	Madden Riggs	QB	6-3	209	So.	Elkhorn, Neb. / Elkhorn South HS
17	Drew Huebner	QB	6-4	245	So.	Morris, Minn. / Morris Area-Chokio-Alberta HS
18	Brody Headley	WR	6-0	185	5th	Bowman, N.D. / Bowman Central
19	Tristan Ulmer	P	6-1	210	Jr.	Mandan, N.D. / Mandan HS
20	Reign Battle	LB	6-0	224	So.	Moorhead, Minn. / Moorhead HS
21	Keegan DeYoung	RB	5-10	203	Jr.	Tea, S.D. / Tea Area HS
22	Peyton Arndt	DB	5-10	180	Sr.	Bismarck, N.D. / Bismarck Century HS
23	Seth Newbern	DB	6-0	189	Jr.	Plymouth, Minn. / Robbinsdale Armstrong HS
24	Owen Wiersma	RB	6-1	237	5th	Casselon, N.D. / Central Cass HS
25	Isaiah Favors	RB	6-0	208	Jr.	Dakota Dunes, S.D. / Bishop Heelan Catholic HS
26	Tyson Brandt	RB	6-0	208	Sr.	Brookings, S.D. / Brookings HS
27	Kevon Johnson	RB	5-9	180	So.	Brooklyn Park,, Minn. / Robbinsdale Armstrong HS
28	Jack Julson	WR	6-1	170	Fr.	Bismarck, N.D. / Bismarck Legacy HS
29	Caleb Johnson	LB	6-0	217	So.	Glyndon, Minn. / Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton HS
30	Treyce Bownes	DB	6-1	204	So.	Plainfield, Ill. / Plainfield North HS
31	Derek Tibbetts	DL	6-3	218	Sr.	Hawley, Minn. / Hawley HS
32	Micah Runion	DB	5-10	190	Sr.	Cottage Grove, Minn. / Park High School
33	Abe Monson	DB	5-9	174	So.	New Richmond, Wis. / New Richmond HS
34	Brayden Brosz	LB	6-2	195	Sr.	Bismarck, N.D. / Bismarck Century HS
35	Josh Balstad	LB	6-1	228	Sr.	West Fargo, N.D. / West Fargo HS
36	Landon Bedell	DL	6-6	243	So.	Minot, N.D. / Minot HS
37	Gideon Breker	WR	6-1	193	So.	Plymouth, Minn. / Robbinsdale Armstrong HS
38	Jake Schaefer	LB	6-0	207	So.	Minot, N.D. / Des Lacs-Burlinton HS
39	Rufus Kermee	WR	5-9	147	So.	Moorhead, Minn. / Moorhead HS
40	Cooper Bryant	TE	6-4	225	So.	West Fargo, N.D. / West Fargo Sheyenne
41	Adam Dorsey	DB	5-11	185	So.	Eagan, Minn. / Eagan HS
42	Wyatt Piehl	DL	6-1	211	Jr.	Mandan, N.D. / Mandan High School
43	Malik Winfield	DL	6-1	235	Jr.	Big Lake, Minn. / Buffalo HS
44	Dean Lempka	DL	6-3	227	So.	Alexandria, Minn. / Alexandria Area HS
45	Gavin Lill	TE	6-0	260	Jr.	Bismarck, N.D. / Bismarck Century HS



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46	Max Watson	K	5-11	178	Jr.	Fargo, N.D. / Fargo North HS
47	Brody Friend	LB	6-1	215	Jr.	Dilworth, Minn. / Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton HS
48	Brayden Spears	P	5-10	191	Jr.	Thief River Falls, Minn. / Thief River Falls
49	Kaisen Nordick	DL	5-11	186	Fr.	West Fargo, N.D. / West Fargo Sheyenne HS
50	Tyrese Behnken	DL	6-1	225	So.	Hugo, Minn. / White Bear Lake HS
51	Dominic Morton	LB	6-4	201	So.	Minneapolis, Minn. / Minneapolis Washburn HS
52	Henry Smith	LB	6-1	225	Sr.	Golden Valley, Minn. / Robbinsdale Armstrong HS
54	Brodie Brunssen	DL	6-2	240	So.	Springfield, Neb. / Platteview HS
55	Zach Dahl	DL	6-2	235	Sr.	Farmington, Minn. / Farmington HS
56	Rylan Gravos	OL	6-4	247	So.	East Grand Forks, Minn. / East Grand Forks HS
57	Carson Jewett	OL	6-2	300	Jr.	Stillwater, Minn. / Hill-Murray HS
59	Logan Kleist	LB	6-0	207	Fr.	Eagle Lake, Minn. / Mankato East HS
60	Aidan Anderson	LS	6-0	239	So.	Gwinner, N.D. / North Sargent HS
62	Evan Wiersma	OL	6-2	290	Fr.	Casselton, N.D. / Central Cass HS
64	Malik Traore	OL	6-4	256	Jr.	Grand Forks, N.D. / Red River HS
66	Dallen Ernst	OL	6-4	297	Sr.	Breckenridge, Minn. / Breckenridge HS
67	Joe Rose	OL	6-4	273	Jr.	Fargo, N.D. / Fargo North HS
70	Jackson Barth	OL	6-3	232	Fr.	Bismarck, N.D. / Bismarck St. Mary's HS
71	Adam Schierholz	OL	6-2	268	Jr.	Hartley, Iowa / Hartley-Melvin-Sanborn HS
72	*Manny Wilson	OL	6-1	285	Jr.	Plymouth, Minn. / Wayzata HS
73	Luke Rogen	OL	6-2	305	Jr.	West Fargo, N.D. / Shanley HS
74	Jacob Dorner	OL	6-1	302	Sr.	Lakeville, Minn. / Lakeville South
75	Kyle Nemzek	OL	6-5	298	Sr.	Palmetto, Fla. / Palmetto High School
77	Carson Lund	OL	6-3	297	So.	Maple Grove, Minn. / Maple Grove HS
78	*Nick Haugrud	OL	6-2	289	5th	Pelican Rapids, Minn. / Pelican Rapids
80	Kellen Entz	WR	6-3	210	Sr.	West Fargo, N.D. / West Fargo Sheyenne HS
81	Tallen Thorson	WR	6-1	199	So.	Harvey, N.D. / Harvey-Wells County
82	Peyton Young	WR	6-0	190	Jr.	Rapid City, S.D. / St. Thomas More HS
84	Denver Piechowski	DL	6-1	211	5th	Fargo, N.D. / Davies
85	Ben Kolodziej	DL	6-3	256	So.	Crystal Lake, Ill. / Crystal Lake Central HS
86	Mason Neitzel	DL	6-2	225	Jr.	Waconia, Minn. / Mayer Lutheran HS
88	Seth Staloch	WR	6-6	220	So.	Osakis, Minn. / Osakis HS
89	Reggie Bruner	WR	6-2	213	So.	Drake, N.D. / Velva-Drake-Anamoose-Garrison HS
90	Will Martin	DL	6-2	254	Jr.	Detroit Lakes, Minn. / Detroit Lakes HS
94	Hunter Corbin	DL	6-2	260	Jr.	Mandan, N.D. / Mandan HS
97	Dylan Hunt	DL	6-3	258	So.	Valley City, N.D. / Valley City HS
**	Bryce Bangasser	OL	6-2	280	Fr.	Sioux Falls, S.D. / Brandon Valley HS
**	Xavier Banjoko	LB	6-2	225	Fr.	Pipestone, Minn. / Pipestone HS
**	Andrew Brown	DB	6-0	180	Fr.	Pillager, Minn. / Pillager HS
**	JJ Dunlap	WR	5-6	128	Fr.	Moorhead, Minn. / Moorhead HS
**	Ayden Grulke	DL	6-1	228	Fr.	Neosho, Wis. / Hartford HS
**	Preston Hanson	TE	6-4	212	Fr.	Mentor, Minn. / Fertile-Beltrami HS
**	Asher Hanzal	WR	6-2	181	Fr.	Chandler, Ariz. / Valley Christian HS
**	Seth Holder	OL	6-5	296	Fr.	West Fargo, N.D. / West Fargo Sheyenne HS
**	Gary Holloway Jr.	DB	5-8	155	Fr.	Maple Grove, Minn. / Osseo HS



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**	Parker Hunter	LB	6-3	185	Fr.	Menahga, Minn. / Park Rapids HS
**	Jacion Jones	OL	6-1	250	Fr.	St. Paul, Minn. / Two Rivers HS
**	Eli Kuempel	WR	6-1	182	Fr.	New Hope, Minn. / Robbinsdale Armstong HS
**	Brody Lhotka	DL	6-2	221	Fr.	Ogema, Minn. / Mahnomen-Waubun HS
**	Brody Lillo	DB	6-1	160	Fr.	Esko, Minn. / Esko HS
**	Alex Meece	DL	6-2	233	Fr.	Fargo, N.D. / Fargo Davies HS
**	Jaxon Narum	DB	5-10	173	Fr.	West Fargo, N.D. / West Fargo Horace HS
**	Isaac Olson	OL	6-2	266	Fr.	Spring Lake Park, Minn. / Spring Lake Park HS
**	Calan Pilon	LB	6-2	206	Fr.	Plymouth, Minn. / Robbinsdale Armstrong HS
**	Carson Quam	DB	6-0	190	Fr.	Bismarck, N.D. / Shiloh Christian HS
**	Elliot Reed	K	6-0	190	Fr.	Oshkosh, Wis. / Oshkosh West HS
**	Parker Rode	DB	6-0	182	Fr.	New Richmond, Wis. / New Richmond HS
**	Aiden Samek	RB	5-8	161	Fr.	West Fargo, N.D. / West Fargo HS
**	Brenden Severson	DL	6-3	230	Fr.	Detroit Lakes, Minn. / Detroit Lakes HS
**	Ian Skari	WR	5-6	137	Fr.	West Fargo, N.D. / West Fargo HS
**	Nate Streit	WR	6-3	178	Fr.	Avon, Minn. / Holdingford HS
**	Eli Thompson	LB	6-2	212	Fr.	Grand Forks, N.D. / Grand Forks Central HS
**	Harrison Walker	DL	5-11	223	Fr.	Mt. Horeb, Wis. / Mount Horeb-Barneveld HS
**	Payton Wallen	QB	6-1	230	Fr.	Royse City, Texas / Ford HS
**	Maxx Wittmer	OL	6-3	290	Fr.	Menomonie, Wis. / Spring Valley, Wis.

**Captain*

***True freshmen are not assigned an official jersey number until they dress for a game. In the event that one of these players dresses/plays, an official jersey number will be assigned with multiple players potentially wearing the same number at different points during the season.*

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Laqua - LAH-kway
 Czech - Check
 #0 - MacGillivray - muh-gill-vray
 #1 - Kennan - KEN-nan
 #3 - Kalen Lucas - CAL-in
 #4 - Routhieaux - ru-theo
 #6 - Bolgrean - BALL-green
 #7 - Kallenbach - call-IN-bach
 #8 - Jacion Owens - juh-CY-on (or 'J')
 #10 - Guler - GOO-ler
 #13 - Jarchow - JAR-koe
 #15 - Kallay - KAL-ay
 #17 - Huebner - HEEB-ner
 #20 - Reign Battle - rain
 #24 - Wiersma - WEER-z-muh
 #27 - Kevon Johnson - KEE-von
 #30 - Treycen Bownes - tray-cen bow-ens

#32 - Runion - RUN-yun
 #34 - Brosz - bros
 #36 - Bedell - bi-dell
 #37 - Breker - BRECK-er
 #42 - Piehl - peel
 #49 - Kaisen Nordick - CASE-in
 #56 - Gravos - grav-iss
 #59 - Kleist - klighst (like heist)
 #64 - Traore - truh-orry
 #78 - Haugrud - HOW-grood
 #84 - Piechowski - PE-ow-ski
 #85 - Kolodziej - cuh-LOW-jay
 #86 - Neitzel - knight-zull
 #88 - Staloch - STAL-o
 #89 - Bruner - brew-ner

Hanzal - HON-zull
 Jacion Jones - JAY-see-on
 Koep - KEP
 Lhotka - lut-kuh
 Lillo - lill-o
 Narum - NAIR-um
 Calan Pilon - CAL-in PE-lon
 Rode - row-dee
 Streit - strite



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Team Statistics	MSU	OPP
SCORING	421	301
Points Per Game	38.27	27.36
FIRST DOWNS	282	226
Rushing	80	118
Passing	186	92
Penalty	16	16
RUSHING YARDAGE	1277	2174
Yards gained	1534	2400
Yards lost	257	226
Attempts	285	464
Avg Per Attempt	4.5	4.7
Avg Per Game	116.1	197.6
TDs Rushing	11	19
PASSING YARDAGE	3658	1964
Att-Comp-Int	495-309-14	318-181-11
Avg Per Attempt	7.39	6.18
Avg Per Catch	11.84	10.85
Avg Per Game	332.55	178.55
TDs Passing	44	15
TOTAL OFFENSE	4935	4138
Total Plays	780	782
Avg Per Play	6.3	5.3
Avg Per Game	448.6	376.2
KICK RETURNS: #-YARDS	25-586	49-841
PUNT RETURNS: #-YARDS	6-36	4-45
INT RETURNS: #-YARDS	11-58	14-174
KICK RETURN AVERAGE	23.44	17.16
PUNT RETURN AVERAGE	6.00	11.25
INT RETURN AVERAGE	5.27	12.43
FUMBLES-LOST	6-3	14-8
PENALTIES-YARDS	40-346	47-463
Avg Per Game	31.45	42.09
PUNTS-YARDS	29-1143	46-1758
Avg Per Punt	39.41	38.22
Net Punt Avg	36.48	35.70
KICKOFFS-YARDS	72-3949	52-2732
Avg Per Kick	54.85	52.54
Net Kick Avg	39.28	34.35
TIME OF POSSESSION	05:19:29	05:37:56
Per Game	29:03	30:43
3RD-DOWN CONVERSIONS	63-133	65-161
3rd-Down Pct	47.37%	40.37%
4TH-DOWN CONVERSIONS	12-25	17-27
4th-Down Pct	48.00%	62.96%
SACKS BY-YARDS	17-88	33-184
MISC YARDS	0	0
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED	57	37
FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS	8-11	14-17
ON-SIDE KICKS	0-1	2-6
RED-ZONE SCORES	49-56	38-44
RED-ZONE TOUCHDOWNS	43-56	26-44
PAT-ATTEMPTS	49-50	27-30
ATTENDANCE	7,723	16,183
Dates-Avg Per Date	5-1,545	6-2,697
Neutral Site #-Avg	-	0-0

Conf	Date	Opponent	WL	Score	Record	Time	Attend
	08/28/2025	at Northern Mich.	W	44-37	1-0 , 0-0	03:12	2,021
*	09/06/2025	at Southwest Minnesota State	W	51-3	2-0 , 1-0	02:49	2,609
*	09/13/2025	WINONA ST.	W	45-21	3-0 , 2-0	03:02	1,234
*	09/20/2025	WAYNE ST. (NE)	L	17-27	3-1 , 2-1	02:50	879
*	09/27/2025	at Minn. Duluth	L	14-28	3-2 , 2-2	03:22	0
*	10/04/2025	MINOT ST.	W	40-37	4-2 , 3-2	02:47	2,376
*	10/11/2025	at Mary	W	38-35	5-2 , 4-2	03:03	2,791
*	10/25/2025	at (RV) Northern State	L	48-49	5-3 , 4-3	02:55	4,947
*	11/01/2025	BEMIDJI ST.	W	49-21	6-3 , 5-3	02:37	1,467
*	11/08/2025	JAMESTOWN	W	44-20	7-3 , 6-3	02:33	1,767
*	11/15/2025	at Minnesota St.	W	31-23	8-3 , 7-3	02:30	3,815

* = Conference game

Score by Quarters	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Total
MSU Moorhead	72	124	105	108	12	421
Opponents	63	77	50	101	10	301



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#	Rushing	GP	ATT	GAIN	LOSS	NET	AVG	TD	LG	AVG/G
26	Brandt, Tyson	10	90	594	16	578	6.4	3	48	57.80
15	Strand, Jack	11	112	497	209	288	2.6	5	50	26.18
24	Wiersma, Owen	7	44	265	3	262	6.0	3	26	37.43
40	Johnson, Kevon	3	9	52	0	52	5.8	0	14	17.33
25	Favors, Isaiah	1	6	46	0	46	7.7	0	15	46.00
10	Guler, Timmy	2	7	42	0	42	6.0	0	21	21.00
6	Florence, Gage	11	4	17	0	17	4.3	0	9	1.55
16	Warkenthien, Grant	11	2	13	0	13	6.5	0	8	1.18
21	DeYoung, Keegan	2	1	8	0	8	8.0	0	8	4.00
	Team	11	10	0	29	-29	-2.9	0	0	-2.64
	Total	11	285	1534	257	1277	4.5	11	50	116.09
	Opponents	11	464	2400	226	2174	4.7	19	78	197.64

#	Passing	GP	Rating	COMP-ATT-INT	PCT	YDS	TD	LG	AVG/G
15	Strand, Jack	11	147.30	303-483-14	62.73%	3546	42	76	322.36
10	Guler, Timmy	2	244.53	6-9-0	66.67%	112	2	34	56.00
	Team	11	0.00	0-3-0	0.00%	0	0	0	0.00
	Total	11	148.18	309-495-14	62.42%	3658	44	76	332.55
	Opponents	11	117.45	181-318-11	56.92%	1964	15	45	178.55

#	Recelving	GP	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	AVG/G
6	Florence, Gage	11	105	1002	9.54	12	36	91.09
3	Perryman, Brady	11	52	855	16.44	13	76	77.73
11	Thorson, Madden	11	37	472	12.76	4	45	42.91
17	Elbert, Carson	11	30	414	13.80	6	42	37.64
4	Birrenkott, Carter	10	10	216	21.60	2	43	21.60
85	Lucas, Kalen	10	14	211	15.07	1	64	21.10
14	Johnson, Kelly	11	21	205	9.76	1	70	18.64
26	Brandt, Tyson	10	31	145	4.68	2	13	14.50
28	Lill, Gavin	10	3	77	25.67	2	55	7.70
24	Wiersma, Owen	7	6	61	10.17	1	22	8.71
	Total	11	309	3658	11.84	44	76	332.55
	Opponents	11	181	1964	10.85	15	45	178.55

#	Punt Returns	NO	YRDS	AVG	TD	LG
31	Tibbetts, Derek	1	17	17.00	0	17
6	Florence, Gage	4	11	2.75	0	6
11	Thorson, Madden	1	8	8.00	0	8
	Total	6	36	6.00	0	17
	Opponents	4	45	11.25	0	19

#	Interceptions	NO	YRDS	AVG	TD	LG
8	Pierson, McKale	4	-7	-1.75	0	0
7	Kallenbach, Adam	3	38	12.67	0	21
5	Sorenson, Cody	1	25	25.00	0	25
13	Jarchow, Gavin	1	2	2.00	0	2
9	Gustafson, Tate	1	0	0.00	0	0
1	Stowers, Kennan	1	0	0.00	0	0
	Total	11	58	5.27	0	25
	Opponents	14	174	12.43	3	82

#	Kick Returns	NO	YRDS	AVG	TD	LG
8	Pierson, McKale	12	388	32.33	1	97
32	Runion, Micah	2	49	24.50	0	49
11	Thorson, Madden	3	48	16.00	0	30
12	Longmeyer, Payton	2	31	15.50	0	17
3	Perryman, Brady	2	26	13.00	0	27
81	Sutton, Denzel	1	25	25.00	0	25
37	Miles, Evan	1	11	11.00	0	11
28	Lill, Gavin	1	8	8.00	0	8
43	Bolgrean, Gannon	1	0	0.00	0	0
	Total	25	586	23.44	1	97
	Opponents	49	841	17.16	0	45

#	Fumble Returns	NO	YRDS	AVG	TD	LG
7	Kallenbach, Adam	1	40	40.00	1	40
13	Jarchow, Gavin	1	1	1.00	0	1
20	Johnson, Jack	1	0	0.00	0	0
86	Lempka, Dean	1	0	0.00	0	0
15	Strand, Jack	1	0	0.00	0	0
	Total	5	41	8.20	1	40
	Opponents	0	0	0	0	0

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#	Scoring	TD	FG	KICK	RUSH	PAT			SAF	PTS
						RCV	PASS	DXP		
3	Perryman, Brady	13	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	78
46	Watson, Max	—	8	49-50	—	—	—	—	—	73
6	Florence, Gage	12	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	72
17	Elbert, Carson	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	36
15	Strand, Jack	5	—	—	1-1	1	1-3	—	—	34
26	Brandt, Tyson	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	30
11	Thorson, Madden	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	24
24	Wiersma, Owen	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	24
4	Birrenkott, Carter	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	12
28	Lill, Gavin	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	12
14	Johnson, Kelly	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6
7	Kallenbach, Adam	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6
85	Lucas, Kalen	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6
8	Pierson, McKale	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6
16	Warkenthien, Grant	—	—	—	1-2	—	—	—	—	2
Total		57	8	49-50	2-3	1	1-3	—	—	421
Opponents		37	14	27-30	3-4	2	2-3	—	—	301

#	Field Goals	FGM-FGA	PCT	I20	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	LG	BLK
46	Watson, Max	8-11	72.73%	0-0	4-4	3-5	1-2	0-0	46	0
	FOURNIER,CONNOR	1-1	100.00%	0-0	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	29	0
Total		9-12	75.00%	0-0	5-5	3-5	1-2	0-0	46	0
Opponents		14-17	82.35%	0-2	2-2	10-10	0-0	2-3	52	1

FG Sequence	MSU Moorhead	Opponents
Northern Mich.	-	(24)
Southwest Minnesota State	41,(27)	(32)
Winona St.	(46)	-
Wayne St. (NE)	(30)	(34),(26)
Minn. Duluth	-	33,(52),(40)
Minot St.	(24),(22)	(34),(25),(35),(28),(28)
Mary	36,(38)	-
(RV) Northern State	-	(33),(23)
Bemidji St.	-	39
Jamestown	(29)	28
Minnesota St.	34,(32)	(29)

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made.

#	Total Offense	G	Plays	Rush	Pass	Total	AVG/G
15	Strand, Jack	11	595	288	3546	3834	348.55
26	Brandt, Tyson	10	90	578	0	578	57.80
24	Wiersma, Owen	7	44	262	0	262	37.43
10	Guler, Timmy	2	16	42	112	154	77.00
40	Johnson, Kevon	3	9	52	0	52	17.33
25	Favors, Isaiah	1	6	46	0	46	46.00
6	Florence, Gage	11	4	17	0	17	1.55
16	Warkenthien, Grant	11	2	13	0	13	1.18
21	DeYoung, Keegan	2	1	8	0	8	4.00
	Team	11	13	-29	0	-29	-2.64
Total		11	780	1277	3658	4935	448.64
Opponents		11	782	2174	1964	4138	376.18

#	Punting	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TB	FC	I20	50+	BLK
89	Ulmer, Tristan	29	1143	39.41	67	2	12	12	6	0
Total		29	1143	39.41	67	2	12	12	6	0
Opponents		46	1758	38.22	58	4	12	13	7	1

#	Kickoffs	NO	YDS	AVG	TB	OB
46	Watson, Max	65	3593	55.3	12	2
42	Amorrortu, Sebastian	7	356	50.9	2	2
Total		72	3949	54.8	14	4
Opponents		52	2732	52.5	18	2



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#	All Purpose	G	RUSH	RCV	PR	KR	IR	Total	AVG/G
6	Florence, Gage	11	17	1002	11	0	0	1030	93.64
3	Perryman, Brady	11	0	855	0	26	0	881	80.09
26	Brandt, Tyson	10	578	145	0	0	0	723	72.30
11	Thorson, Madden	11	0	472	8	48	0	528	48.00
17	Elbert, Carson	11	0	414	0	0	0	414	37.64
8	Pierson, McKale	11	0	0	0	388	-7	381	34.64
24	Wiersma, Owen	7	262	61	0	0	0	323	46.14
15	Strand, Jack	11	288	0	0	0	0	288	26.18
4	Birrenkott, Carter	10	0	216	0	0	0	216	21.60
85	Lucas, Kalen	10	0	211	0	0	0	211	21.10
14	Johnson, Kelly	11	0	205	0	0	0	205	18.64
28	Lill, Gavin	10	0	77	0	8	0	85	8.50
40	Johnson, Kevon	3	52	0	0	0	0	52	17.33
32	Runion, Micah	11	0	0	0	49	0	49	4.45
25	Favors, Isaiah	1	46	0	0	0	0	46	46.00
10	Guler, Timmy	2	42	0	0	0	0	42	21.00
7	Kallenbach, Adam	11	0	0	0	0	38	38	3.45
12	Longmeyer, Payton	11	0	0	0	31	0	31	2.82
81	Sutton, Denzel	5	0	0	0	25	0	25	5.00
5	Sorenson, Cody	9	0	0	0	0	25	25	2.78
31	Tibbetts, Derek	8	0	0	17	0	0	17	2.13
16	Warkenthien, Grant	11	13	0	0	0	0	13	1.18
37	Miles, Evan	10	0	0	0	11	0	11	1.10
21	DeYoung, Keegan	2	8	0	0	0	0	8	4.00
13	Jarchow, Gavin	11	0	0	0	0	2	2	0.18
	Team	11	-29	0	0	0	0	-29	-2.64
	Total	11	1277	3658	36	586	58	5615	510.45
	Opponents	11	2174	1964	45	841	174	5198	472.55



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#	Defensive Leaders	GP	Tackles				Sacks NO-YDS	Pass Defense			Fumbles		Blocked	
			Solo	ASST	TOT	TFL-YDS		INT-YDS	BU	QBH	RCV-YDS	FF	KICK	SAF
9	Gustafson, Tate	11	52	40	92.0	8.0-11	1.0-1	1-0	2	—	—	1	—	—
45	Jezierski, Mitchell	11	49	40	89.0	5.0-17	1.0-5	—	1	—	—	2	—	—
13	Jarchow, Gavin	11	40	32	72.0	1.5-3	—	1-2	3	—	1-1	—	—	—
20	Johnson, Jack	11	50	21	71.0	8.0-33	2.0-16	—	11	—	1-0	1	—	—
8	Pierson, McKale	11	41	22	63.0	2.0-8	—	4--7	4	—	—	—	1	—
7	Kallenbach, Adam	11	26	20	46.0	6.5-12	—	3-38	5	—	1-40	—	—	—
55	Dahl, Zach	11	18	24	42.0	3.0-7	1.0-2	—	—	3	1-0	—	—	—
32	Runion, Micah	11	17	24	41.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
98	Sayre, Ashton	11	20	11	31.0	3.0-6	1.5-2	—	1	2	—	—	1	—
38	Beach, Devin	10	19	10	29.0	5.5-30	4.0-27	—	—	—	1-0	—	—	—
51	Brosius, Jacob	11	13	14	27.0	3.5-9	0.5-1	—	4	1	—	—	—	—
5	Sorenson, Cody	9	19	6	25.0	—	—	1-25	3	—	—	—	—	—
90	Martin, Will	11	6	12	18.0	2.0-4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1	Stowers, Kennan	10	10	7	17.0	—	—	1-0	—	—	—	—	—	—
37	Miles, Evan	10	13	3	16.0	—	—	—	5	—	—	—	—	—
2	Munger, Caleb	10	8	6	14.0	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
35	Balstad, Josh	10	11	2	13.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
12	Longmeyer, Payton	11	5	5	10.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
33	Johnson, Preston	9	6	3	9.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
86	Lempka, Dean	11	6	1	7.0	4.0-27	4.0-27	—	1	—	1-0	1	—	—
52	Smith, Henry	9	5	2	7.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
84	Piechowski, Denver	10	5	1	6.0	2.0-7	2.0-7	—	—	1	1-0	—	—	—
97	Tjaden, Ashton	11	2	3	5.0	—	—	—	1	2	—	—	—	—
31	Tibbetts, Derek	8	3	1	4.0	—	—	—	—	—	1-0	—	1	—
94	Corbin, Hunter	7	1	2	3.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
44	Knutson, Fox	8	1	2	3.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
30	Owens, Jacion	2	1	2	3.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
43	Bolgrean, Gannon	2	—	2	2.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
47	Friend, Brody	1	2	—	2.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
22	Arndt, Peyton	10	1	—	1.0	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
85	Lucas, Kalen	10	1	—	1.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
39	Routhieaux, Ryan	3	1	—	1.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
95	Rumohr, Sawyer	3	1	—	1.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
91	Traore, Malik	2	1	—	1.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	Battle, Reign	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
4	Birrenkott, Carter	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
26	Brandt, Tyson	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
17	Elbert, Carson	11	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
6	Florence, Gage	11	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
14	Johnson, Kelly	11	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
28	Lill, Gavin	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
3	Perryman, Brady	11	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15	Strand, Jack	11	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
11	Thorson, Madden	11	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
16	Warkenthien, Grant	11	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
46	Watson, Max	11	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
24	Wiersma, Owen	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	Total	11	454	318	772.0	54.0-174	17.0-88	11-58	44	9	8-41	5	3	—
	Opponents	11	402	194	596.0	49.0-241	33.0-184	14-174	52	12	3-0	5	—	—



MSUM SINGLE-GAME RECORDS

TEAM

TOTAL OFFENSE

Attempts - 102 vs Minnesota Crookston, 2014
Yards Gained - 711 vs. Minnesota Crookston, 2014
Total First Downs - 35 vs. Minnesota Crookston, 2014

RUSHING

Attempts - 81 vs Wayne State (NB), 1968
Yards Gained - 530 vs UM Morris, 1994; vs. Concordia College, 1998
First Downs - 27 vs. Minnesota Crookston, 2014

PASSING

Attempts - 71 vs Minnesota Duluth, 2024
Completions - 47 vs. Augustana, 2024
Yards Gained - 513 vs. Minot State, 2019
Touchdowns - 7 vs Bemidji State, 2025
First Downs - 24 vs Augustana, 2024

SCORING

Touchdowns - 10 vs Valley City State, 1961
Points - 67 vs Winona State, 1990
PAT Kicks - 9 vs. Minnesota Crookston, 2014
Field Goals - 5 vs Southwest State, 1978

INDIVIDUAL

RUSHING

Yards Gained
Grover Moore (vs UM Morris, 1997), 305
Average
Darrell Anderson (vs Winona State, 1990), 18.8

PUNTING

Attempts
Steve Sandberg (vs Concordia and Michigan Tech, 1974) and Blake Ochsendorf (vs. Northern, 2019) 11
Average Punting
Otto Klug (vs Mankato State, 1948), 56.0

PASSING

Attempts
Jack Strand (vs. Minnesota Duluth, 2024), 69
Completions
Jack Strand (vs. Augustana, 2023), 47
Interceptions
Bruce Bakeberg (vs Mankato State, 1967), 5
Yards Gained
Jakup Sinani vs. Minot (2019), 513
Touchdown Passes
Jack Strand (vs Bemidji State, 2025), 7

RECEIVING

Receptions
Gage Florence (vs Mary, 2022), 21
Yards Gained
Cory Ambrose vs. Minnesota Duluth (2013), 237 and Damon Gibson vs. Northern (2016)
Receiving Average
Bricker Johnsen (vs UM Duluth, 1968), 44.0
Touchdowns
Rick Manke (vs Winona State, 1972), Chad Davison (vs Wayne State, 2003), Bruce Green (vs Minnesota Crookston, 2006)
Damon Gibson (vs. MN Crookston, 2016) Ryan Bieberdorf (vs USF, 2023), 4

SCORING

Touchdowns
Zayne Medhaug (2014 vs. UMC), 6
Total Points
Zayne Medhaug, 36 (vs. MN Crookston, 2014)
PAT Attempts
Michael Schwichtenberg (2014 vs. UMC) 9
PAT Conversions
Michael Schwichtenberg (2014 vs. UMC) 9
Field Goals
Randy Bishoff (vs Southwest State, 1978), 5

INTERCEPTIONS

Number
Bob Hopek (vs Concordia, 1966), Dan Choudek (vs Bemidji State, 1984), Josh Jones (vs Concordia, 2006), D.J. Elliott (vs. Augustana 2010) 3
Yards Returned
Eric Schaumburg (vs Southwest Minnesota State, 2008), 98
Josiah Behm (vs Sioux Falls), 98

KICKOFF RETURNS

Number
Joe Johnson (vs. Minnesota-Duluth 2009), 9
Yards Returned
Kendall Hendon (vs. Upper Iowa 2011), 192

PUNT RETURNS

Number
Tom Eldred (vs Winona State, 1977), 6
Yards Returned
George Spanish (vs Michigan Tech, 1971), 94



MSUM SINGLE-SEASON RECORDS

TEAM

TOTAL OFFENSE

Attempts - 957, 2014
Yards Gained - 5,694, 2014
Average Per Game - 517.6, 2014
Total First Downs - 292, 2014

RUSHING

Attempts - 645 in 1991
Yards Gained - 3750 in 1994
Average Per Game - 375.0 in 1994
Total First Downs - 183 in 2010

PASSING

Attempts - 598 in 2024
Completions - 377 in 2023
Yards Gained - 3965 in 2023
Average Per Game - 360.45 in 2023
Touchdowns - 44 in 2025
Total First Downs - 189 in 2024

SCORING

Touchdowns - 57 in 2025
Total Points - 421 in 2025
Scoring Average - 38.2 in 2025
PAT Kicks - 49 of 50 in 2025
Field Goals - 11 of 17 in 2018

PUNTING

Attempts - 74 in 2010
Yardage - 2763 in 2019
Average - 41.2 in 1959

PUNT RETURNS

Attempts - 41 in 1984
Return Yardage - 298 in 1971
Average Return - 12.9 in 1982

KICKOFF RETURNS

Attempts - 75 in 2009
Return Yardage - 1489 in 2009
Average Return - 23.1 in 2010

TOTAL DEFENSE

Fewest Plays Allowed - 523 in 1967
Fewest Net Yards Allowed - 1917 in 1980
Lowest Game Average Allowed - 176.8 in 1979
Fewest First Downs Allowed - 103 in 1966

RUSHING

Fewest Attempts Allowed - 344 in 1982
Fewest Net Yards Allowed - 685 in 1984
Lowest Average Per Carry - 1.9 in 1979
Lowest Average Per Game - 68.5 in 1984

PASSING

Fewest Attempts Allowed - 136 in 1967
Fewest Completions Allowed - 49 in 1966
Fewest Yards Allowed - 614 in 1978
Lowest Average Per Game - 55.8 in 1978
Most Pass Interceptions - 25 in 1981, 2006

PUNTING

Most Times Opponents Forced to Punt - 96 in 1979
Lowest Opponent Punting Average - 28.9 in 1975

PENALTIES

Most Times Opponents Penalized - 85 in 2006
Most Yards Opponents Penalized - 855 in 2009

FUMBLES

Most Times Opponents Fumbled - 39 in 1974
Most Opponents Fumbles Recovered - 22 in 1978

INDIVIDUAL

RUSHING

Yards Gained
Randy Sullivan (1984), 1,406
Average
Bill Beck (1957, 580 yds., 73 att.), 7.9

PUNTING

Attempts
Season - Patrick Haynes (2010), 74
Average Punting
Season - Roman Walz (1959), 41.2

PASSING

Yards Gained
Jack Strand (2023), 3,914
Attempts
Jack Strand (2024), 564
Completions
Jack Strand (2023), 370
Interceptions
Zach Fry (2009), 23
Touchdown Passes
Jack Strand (2025), 42

SCORING

Total Points
Randy Sullivan (1984), 132
Touchdowns
Randy Sullivan (1984), 22
PAT Attempts
Max Watson (2025), 49
PAT Conversions
Max Watson (2025), 50
Field Goals
Season - Greg Johnson (1987), 14-14

RECEIVING

Receptions
Gage Florence (2023), 108
Yards Gained
Damon Gibson, 1,549 (2016)
Receiving Average
Bricker Johnsen (1968), 24.7
Touchdowns
Damon Gibson (2016), 17

INTERCEPTIONS

Number
Season - Josh Jones (2006), 10
Yards Returned
Season - Tom Moll (1988), 148

KICKOFF RETURNS

Number
Season - Joe Johnson (2009), 41
Yards Returned
Season - Kendall Hendon (2011), 823

PUNT RETURNS

Number
Season - Tom Eldred (1977), 28
Yards Returned
Season - Ken Maye (1982), 236



MSUM CAREER RECORDS

Rushing

Grover Moore (1995-98), 4,059
 Troy Hendricks (1983-86), 3,734
 Randy Sullivan (1981-84), 3,515
 Mike Quirk (1966-68, 70), 3,486
 George Spanish (1970-73), 3,103

Passing

Jack Strand (2022-2025), 13,161
 Demetrius Carr (2013-17), 7,564
 Jake Hodge (2012-16), 6,929
 Dustin Long (2006-07), 5,748
 Mark Reed (1977-80), 4,056

Scoring

Randy Sullivan (1981-84), 316
 Zayne Medhaug (2012-15), 258
 Grover Moore (1995-98), 252
 Mike Quirk (1966-68, 70), 242
 Bob Jones (1989-91), 238

Receiving

Gage Florence (2022-2025), 402*
 Grady Bresnahan (2017-2021), 254
 Jabari Taylor (2006-08), 214
 Adam Jiskra (2012-15) 201
 Damon Gibson (2014-17) 191
 Cory Ambrose (2012-16), 162

Total Offense

Jack Strand (2022-Present), 13,216
 Demetrius Carr (2013-17), 8,634
 Jake Hodge (2012-16), 8,608
 Dustin Long (2006-07), 6,030
 Bob Jones (1989-91), 5,628
 Brad Duerr (2000-02), 4,789

**Denotes NCAA Division II record*

MSUM HISTORICAL STATISTICS

Fewest points scored against MSUM in season(at least eight games):
 40, 1931 (9 games)

Most points scored against MSUM in a season:
 496, 2014

Most points scored by MSUM in a season:
 421, 2025

Highest per game average:
 28.27, 2025 (11 games)

Most points scored by MSUM in one game:
 92 vs. Park Region JC, 1928 (Modern Record: 67 vs. Winona State, 1990)

Last time MSUM opponent held scoreless:
 November 7, 2015 vs UMary (37-0)

Longest streak holding opponent scoreless:
 7 games, 1929-1930

Longest MSUM undefeated streak (including ties):
 12 games, 1980-81

LONGEST PLAYS

Run From Scrimmage

95 - Randy Sullivan vs. Kearney State, 1984
 93 - Troy Hendricks vs. Northern State, 1984

Pass Play

92 - Jake Hodge to Cory Ambrose vs. Minot State, 2013
 87 - Kelly Meslow to Derek Blackburn vs. Wayne State, 2004
 86 - Jake Hodge to Cory Ambrose vs. Minnesota Duluth, 2013

Kickoff Return

102 - Mike Quirk vs. UM Duluth, 1968
 98 - Zayne Medhaug vs. Wayne State, 2014
 97 - McKale Pierson vs Northern State, 2025

Punt Return

94 - Josh Jones vs Bemidji State, 2008
 88 - George Spanish vs. Michigan Tech, 1971

Longest Punt

86 - Otto Klug vs. Concordia College, 1949
 81 - Cory Schmidgall vs. UM Morris, 2000

Longest Field Goal

58 - Randy Bishoff vs. UM Morris, 1978
 52 - Randy Bishoff vs. Southwest State, 1978
 51 - Randy Bishoff vs. Concordia College, 1977

Interception Return

98 - Josiah Behm (vs Sioux Falls, 2023)
 98 - Eric Schaumburg (vs SMSU, 2008)