



# GAMEDAY

VS. DRAKE | SEPT. 2, 2023  
HOME OPENER | GRAND FORKS, N.D.





# GAME #1

Grand Forks, N.D.  
Alerus Center (12,283)

**Series:** UND leads 4-0

**Last Meeting:** UND 38, DU 0 (Sept. 18, 2021)



## NO. 17/18 NORTH DAKOTA OPENS THE SEASON WITH DRAKE

## BY THE #'S

North Dakota will open the 2023 season on Sept. 2, hosting Drake inside the Alerus Center. Kickoff between the Fighting Hawks and Bulldogs is slated for 3 p.m. (CT). The game will be televised on Midco Sports and carried on the Home of Economy Radio Network, with the pregame show starting at 2 p.m. (CT).

The Fighting Hawks are coming off a 7-5 season with a 5-3 standing in the Missouri Valley Football Conference in 2022. UND finished the year as the No. 3 team in the MVFC. North Dakota is riding a 36-year streak of consecutive wins in home openers, last falling to Texas A&M Kingsville in the 1986 Potato Bowl, 67-44.

The Bulldogs compiled an overall record of 3-8 and a Pioneer Football League mark of 3-5 in 2022. Drake finished the year on a three-game winning-streak, winning at Stetson (24-17), vs. Butler (27-24) and at Valparaiso (W, 24-0) to close the season. All of those victories came with Luke Bailey under center. As the field general, Bailey completed 55 passes for 637 yards and four touchdowns.

This will be the fifth all-time meeting between UND and DU, with North Dakota holding a perfect 4-0 record in the series. All games between the two squads have taken place inside the Alerus Center. The Fighting Hawks won the most recent contest, 38-0, on Sept. 18, 2021.

### 675

All-time wins as a program (since 1894)

### 4-0

North Dakota is 4-0 all-time against Drake

### 0

UND last shutout an opponent on Sept. 18, 2021. It was a 38-0 victory over the Drake Bulldogs

### 6

North Dakota will host six teams in 2023, the most since hosting six in the Alerus Center in 2019

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**LAST MEETING**

**GRAND FORKS, N.D.** - North Dakota shutout Drake at the Alerus Center, 38-0, in the 2021 home opener. It marked the first UND shutout since the 2017 home-opener against Missouri State (34-0). The win over the Bulldogs remains the last time the Fighting Hawks have shutout an opponent.

NoDak registered 527 yards of total offense in the win, despite turning the ball over five times. The Fighting Hawk defense helped the turnover battle by picking off three passes and Sammy Fort recovering a muffed punt late in the game that led to UND's final score.

Luke Skokna and Isaiah Smith combined for 248 yards rushing and two touchdowns, with Smith leading the rushing attack with 12 carries for 125 yards and a touchdown. It was the first 100-yard rushing game for both Skokna and Smith in their careers.

Tommy Schuster went 23-for-36 passing for 234 yards and a pair of touchdowns, while throwing one interception. Brock Boltmann and Bo Belquist were Schuster's top targets. Boltmann hauled in four grabs for 35 yards and a score, while Belquist brought in four passes for 34 yards and a touchdown.

Wyatt Pedigo paced the defense with six total tackles and 1.0 tackle-for-loss. Jordan Canady, Jayson Coley and Matt Koshiol each ended the game with one interception.

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### NICKNAME HISTORY

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

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

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

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

The University of North Dakota officially retired its longtime "Fighting Sioux" nickname and logo prior to the 2012-13 athletics season. Following the retirement of the Fighting Sioux nickname, UND's varsity athletics teams operated without an official nickname for three seasons.

On Nov. 18, 2015, UND began a new chapter in its athletics history when President Robert Kelley announced that 'Fighting Hawks' would be the University's new athletics nickname effective immediately.

With a new nickname selected, Kelley also announced that the University would begin the process of developing, selecting and implementing a visual identity to accompany the name.



UND adopted its current Fighting Hawks mark in June 2016. The primary logo features a stoic hawk head icon emphasized by a resolute hawk eye to personify the persistence, hard work and determination of UND student-athletes. The icon rests within an “ND” ligature to place UND Athletics at the heart of North Dakota.



The University of North Dakota adopted the interlocking ND as its official logo during the summer of 2012 following the retirement of the Fighting Sioux nickname and logo. The interlocking ND served as UND Athletics’ primary logo until June 2016.



UND’s most recent Fighting Sioux logo (left), designed by noted Native American artist and UND alum Bennett Brien, was unveiled in 1999. The logo was named the No. 1 hockey logo in the world by The Hockey News in 2009.



The geometric Fighting Sioux logo (right) was introduced in 1976 and remained in use through the 1999-2000 season.

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# 2023 NORTH DAKOTA FOOTBALL 9



## » 2023 FIGHTING HAWKS FOOTBALL ROSTER

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	YR.	HOMETOWN/PREVIOUS SCHOOL
0	Jeffrey Griffin Jr.	DL	6-0	315	5th	Homewood, Ill. / Northern Illinois
1	Bo Belquist	WR	6-1	185	Sr.	New Rockford, N.D. / New Rockford-Sheyenne
2	Tommy Schuster	QB	6-0	195	Sr.	Macomb, Mich. / Chippewa Valley
3	Trey Feeny	QB	6-3	205	So.	Moorhead, Minn. / Moorhead
3	C.J. Siegel	DB	6-0	180	5th	La Crosse, Wis. / Logan
4	Malachi Buckner	DB	6-1	210	5th	Tucker, Ga. / Gardner-Webb
4	Quincy Vaughn	TE	6-4	250	Sr.	Hamilton, Ontario / Clarkson Football North
5	Clayton Bishop	DB	6-0	185	So.	Kenosha, Wis. / Indian Trail
6	Simon Romfo	QB	5-11	185	So.	Calvin, N.D. / Langdon Area
7	Luke Skokna	RB	5-9	180	Sr.	Hinsdale, Ill. / Hinsdale Central
7	Marcus Wahl	DB	5-11	170	Fr.	Winnipeg, Manitoba / Dakota Collegiate
8	Edmund Ocansey	DB	6-0	180	So.	Champlin, Minn. / Champlin Park
9	Wesley Eliodor	WR	6-0	210	5th	Fort Lauderdale, Fla. / South Dakota
9	Tyler Erkman	DB	6-1	195	Fr.	Lake Zurich, Ill. / Lake Zurich
10	Caden Dennis	WR	6-2	175	So.	Kansas City, Mo. / Liberty
11	Jerry Kaminski	QB	6-2	200	Fr.	Sun Prairie, Wis. / Sun Prairie
12	Red Wilson	WR	5-9	185	Sr.	Americus, Ga. / Mesabi Range College
13	Jack Wright	WR	6-0	190	Jr.	Broken Arrow, Okla. / Regent Prep
14	Donavan Hunt	RB	5-11	190	So.	Brookfield, Wis. / Jackson State
15	Korey Tai	WR	5-11	175	Fr.	Glen Ellyn, Ill. / Glenbard West
16	Elijah Klein	WR	6-6	230	Jr.	Mandan, N.D. / Mandan
17	Jamal Dixon	DB	6-2	195	R-Fr.	Moorhead, Minn. / Moorhead
18	Ben McNaboe	DL	6-3	245	Sr.	Rogers, Minn. / Minnesota
19	Payton Bodine	LB	6-2	210	Fr.	Voltaire, N.D. / Velva
19	Noah Schaffner	WR	6-3	190	So.	Bismarck, N.D. / Century
20	Sawyer Seidl	RB	5-10	170	Fr.	Hugo, Minn. / Hill-Murray
21	Sammy Fort	DB	6-0	195	Gr.	Lynn, Mass. / Blue Ridge
22	Antonio Bluiett	DB	6-1	190	R-Fr.	Buffalo, Minn. / Buffalo
23	Devin Hembry	DB	6-2	190	Sr.	Muskogee, Okla. / Northeastern Oklahoma A&M
24	Kadon Kauppinen	DB	6-2	210	5th	Sun Prairie, Wis. / Sun Prairie
24	Adam Poncelet	WR	6-3	195	Fr.	Goodhue, Minn. / Goodhue
25	Sam Klestinski	P	6-1	200	Fr.	Madison, Wis. / Edgewood
25	Teagan Pfeffer	DB	6-0	185	R-Fr.	Alexandria, Minn. / Alexandria
26	Paine Parks	LB	6-3	230	R-Fr.	Grand Forks, N.D. / Red River
27	Lance Rucker	LB	6-3	210	Fr.	Omaha, Neb. / Millard South

## 2023 NORTH DAKOTA FOOTBALL 10

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	YR.	HOMETOWN/PREVIOUS SCHOOL
28	Matt Koshiol	LB	6-2	215	Sr.	Cold Spring, Minn. / Rocori
28	Gaven Ziebarth	RB	6-0	205	So.	Cambridge, Minn. / Cambridge-Isanti
29	Isaiah Smith	RB	6-0	200	Jr.	Minneapolis, Minn. / Benilde-St. Margaret's School
30	Hudson Flom	DB	5-11	185	Fr.	Grand Forks, N.D. / Red River
30	Jack Ihry	FB	6-1	220	So.	Hope, N.D. / Hope-Page
31	Cole Davis	DB	5-10	175	So.	Marengo, Ill. / Marengo
32	Dylan Boecker	LB	6-2	225	Jr.	Menomonie, Wis. / Menomonie
33	Jett Sutton	DB	5-11	195	R-Fr.	Kansas City, Mo. / Oak Park
34	Josh Navratil	LB	6-2	225	Sr.	Pine Island, Minn. / Pine Island
35	Ethan Ball	DB	6-1	195	Jr.	Regina, Saskatchewan / Riffel
36	Malachi McNeal	LB	6-0	235	So.	Waukegan, Ill. / Warren Township
37	Jace Boswell	LB	6-2	225	Fr.	Holton, Kan. / Holton
38	Ethan Boll	LB	6-2	220	Fr.	Crookston, Minn. / Crookston
38	Grant Romfo	RB	6-1	210	So.	Calvin, N.D. / Langdon Area
39	Noah Gehin	TE	6-3	230	Fr.	De Pere, Wis. / De Pere
40	Haydn Stay	TE	6-4	250	R-Fr.	Princeton, Minn. / Princeton
42	Kason Kelley	LB	6-2	235	Jr.	Omaha, Neb. / Millard North
43	Jaden Norby	TE	6-3	245	Jr.	Evansville, Minn. / West Central Area-Ashby
44	Mason South	TE	6-2	240	R-Fr.	Maple Grove, Minn. / Maple Grove
45	Landon Docken	K	6-0	165	Fr.	Fargo, N.D. / Fargo South
45	Hayden Stec	LB	6-1	220	R-Fr.	Elkhorn, Neb. / Elkhorn
46	Ted Mullin	LB	6-1	220	Gr.	Littleton, Colo. / Columbine
47	Bartholomew Ogbu	DL	6-3	250	Gr.	Bismarck, N.D. / North Dakota State
47	Zack Schusted	TE	6-6	245	Fr.	Ham Lake, Minn. / Blaine
48	Jack Baretz	LB	6-3	230	R-Fr.	Franklin, Wis. / Franklin
49	Josh Yon	LB	6-1	225	R-Fr.	Thompson, N.D. / Thompson
51	Caleb Olson	OL	6-2	285	R-Fr.	Fort Ransom, N.D. / Lisbon
52	Logan Doell	LB	6-3	220	R-Fr.	Luxemburg, Wis. / Luxemburg-Casco
53	C.J. Elrichs	K/P	6-2	190	R-Fr.	Olathe, Kan. / Olathe Northwest
55	Lucas Schweigert	DL	6-0	280	R-Fr.	Bismarck, N.D. / Century
56	Sam Hindbjorgen	DL	6-4	265	Fr.	Sioux Falls, S.D. / Lincoln
57	Casey Schultz	DL	6-3	245	So.	Caledonia, Minn. / Caledonia
58	Owen McCloud	LB	6-0	225	Fr.	Lakeville, Minn. / Lakeville South
59	Wyatt Pedigo	LB	6-0	230	Jr.	Hoisington, Kan. / Hoisington
61	Danny Carroll	OL	6-1	280	So.	Overland Park, Kan. / St. Thomas Aquinas
62	Ben Buxa	OL	6-3	285	Fr.	Lake Mills, Wis. / Lakeside Lutheran
64	Dolapo Egunjobi	OL	6-5	310	Jr.	Winnipeg, Manitoba / Manitoba
66	Isaac Folland	OL	6-3	335	Fr.	Halma, Minn. / Kittson County Central
67	Liam Becher	OL	6-6	315	R-Fr.	Iowa City, Iowa / West
68	Brayden Bryant	OL	6-2	305	Jr.	Ardmore, Okla. / Butler CC
69	Cade Borud	OL	6-2	315	R-Fr.	Pleasant Hill, Iowa / Southeast Polk
70	Matthew Schoenecker	OL	6-7	265	Fr.	New Prague, Minn. / New Prague

## 2023 NORTH DAKOTA FOOTBALL 11

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	YR.	HOMETOWN/PREVIOUS SCHOOL
71	Seth Anderson	OL	6-4	305	Jr.	Moorhead, Minn. / North Dakota State
72	Colin Lavell	OL	6-4	300	Sr.	Parker, Colo. / Legend
73	Jack Kuntz	OL	6-4	315	Jr.	Devils Lake, N.D. / Devils Lake
74	Donny Ventrelli	OL	6-4	300	5th	St. Paul, Minn. / Como Park
75	Sam Hagen	OL	6-6	320	So.	Fordville, N.D. / Park River Area-Fordville Lankin
76	Gus German	OL	6-7	330	Jr.	Colorado Springs, Colo. / Purdue
77	Easton Kilty	OL	6-5	305	Jr.	Stratford, Wis. / Stratford
78	Jacob Lopau	OL	6-7	295	Fr.	St. Joseph, Minn. / Rocori
79	Trace Thaden	OL	6-7	260	R-Fr.	Omaha, Neb. / Millard West
80	Nick Kupfer	WR	6-3	195	So.	Bismarck, N.D. / Legacy
81	Sam Strandell	WR	6-2	205	R-Fr.	Grand Forks, N.D. / Central
83	Vuciri Hakim	WR	6-4	195	Fr.	Fargo, N.D. / Shanley
84	Nate DeMontagnac	WR	6-2	190	So.	Mississauga, Ontario / Clarkson Football North
85	Michael Gross	WR	6-3	175	Fr.	Eden Prairie, Minn. / Eden Prairie
85	Luke Silvernale	P/K	6-0	185	R-Fr.	Grand Rapids, Mich. / Forest Hills Northern
86	Max Gunderson	TE	6-5	255	Jr.	Detroit Lakes, Minn. / Detroit Lakes
88	Kellen Kinzer	LB	6-4	220	Fr.	St. Cloud, Minn. / St. Cloud Cathedral
89	Kaden Vig	DL	6-5	235	Fr.	Hallock, Minn. / Kittson County Central
90	Craig Orlando	DL	6-3	290	Jr.	Verndale, Minn. / Verndale
91	Jack Teiken	DL	6-4	245	R-Fr.	Moorhead, Minn. / Moorhead
92	Brady Stevens	K	6-1	170	Gr.	Highlands Ranch, Colo. / Colorado
93	Elijah Beach	DL	6-3	290	Sr.	Streamwood, Ill. / Streamwood
94	Braden Mohr	DL	6-3	240	Fr.	Farmington, Minn. / Farmington
95	Jake Saltonstall	DL	6-4	270	Gr.	Morgan Hill, Calif. / New Mexico
96	David Neuberger	LS	6-0	205	So.	Davenport, Iowa / Assumption
97	Logyn Eckheart	DL	6-3	280	Fr.	Glenwood, Iowa / Glenwood
98	Adam Newel	DL	6-2	285	Fr.	Green Bay, Wis. / Ashwaubenon
99	Jaelen Johnson	DL	6-2	260	5th	Greendale, Wis. / Greendale

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# 2023 NORTH DAKOTA FOOTBALL 13

## OPPONENT TRACKER

<b>DRAKE (SEPT. 2)</b> <b>Overall:</b> 0-0 <b>Pioneer:</b> 0-0 <b>This Week:</b> at North Dakota <b>Last Week:</b>	<b>NORTHERN ARIZONA (SEPT. 9)</b> <b>Overall:</b> 0-0 <b>Big Sky:</b> 0-0 <b>This Week:</b> at Arizona <b>Last Week:</b>	<b>Boise State (SEPT. 16)</b> <b>Overall:</b> 0-0 <b>Mountain West:</b> 0-0 <b>This Week:</b> at Washington <b>Last Week:</b>
<b>South Dakota State (SEPT. 30)</b> <b>Overall:</b> 0-0 <b>MVFC:</b> 0-0 <b>This Week:</b> vs. Western Oregon <b>Last Week:</b>	<b>WESTERN ILLINOIS (OCT. 7)</b> <b>Overall:</b> 0-0 <b>MVFC:</b> 0-0 <b>This Week:</b> at New Mexico State <b>Last Week:</b>	<b>NORTH DAKOTA STATE (OCT. 14)</b> <b>Overall:</b> 0-0 <b>MVFC:</b> 0-0 <b>This Week:</b> vs. Eastern Washington <b>Last Week:</b>
<b>Northern Iowa (OCT. 21)</b> <b>Overall:</b> 0-0 <b>MVFC:</b> 0-0 <b>This Week:</b> at Iowa State <b>Last Week:</b>	<b>INDIANA STATE (OCT. 28)</b> <b>Overall:</b> 0-0 <b>MVFC:</b> 0-0 <b>This Week:</b> vs. Eastern Illinois <b>Last Week:</b>	<b>Murray State (NOV. 4)</b> <b>Overall:</b> 0-0 <b>MVFC:</b> 0-0 <b>This Week:</b> vs. Presbyterian <b>Last Week:</b>
<b>South Dakota (NOV. 11)</b> <b>Overall:</b> 0-0 <b>MVFC:</b> 0-0 <b>This Week:</b> at Missouri <b>Last Week:</b>	<b>ILLINOIS STATE (Nov. 18)</b> <b>Overall:</b> 0-0 <b>MVFC:</b> 0-0 <b>This Week:</b> vs. Dayton <b>Last Week:</b>	

## 2022 MVFC STANDINGS

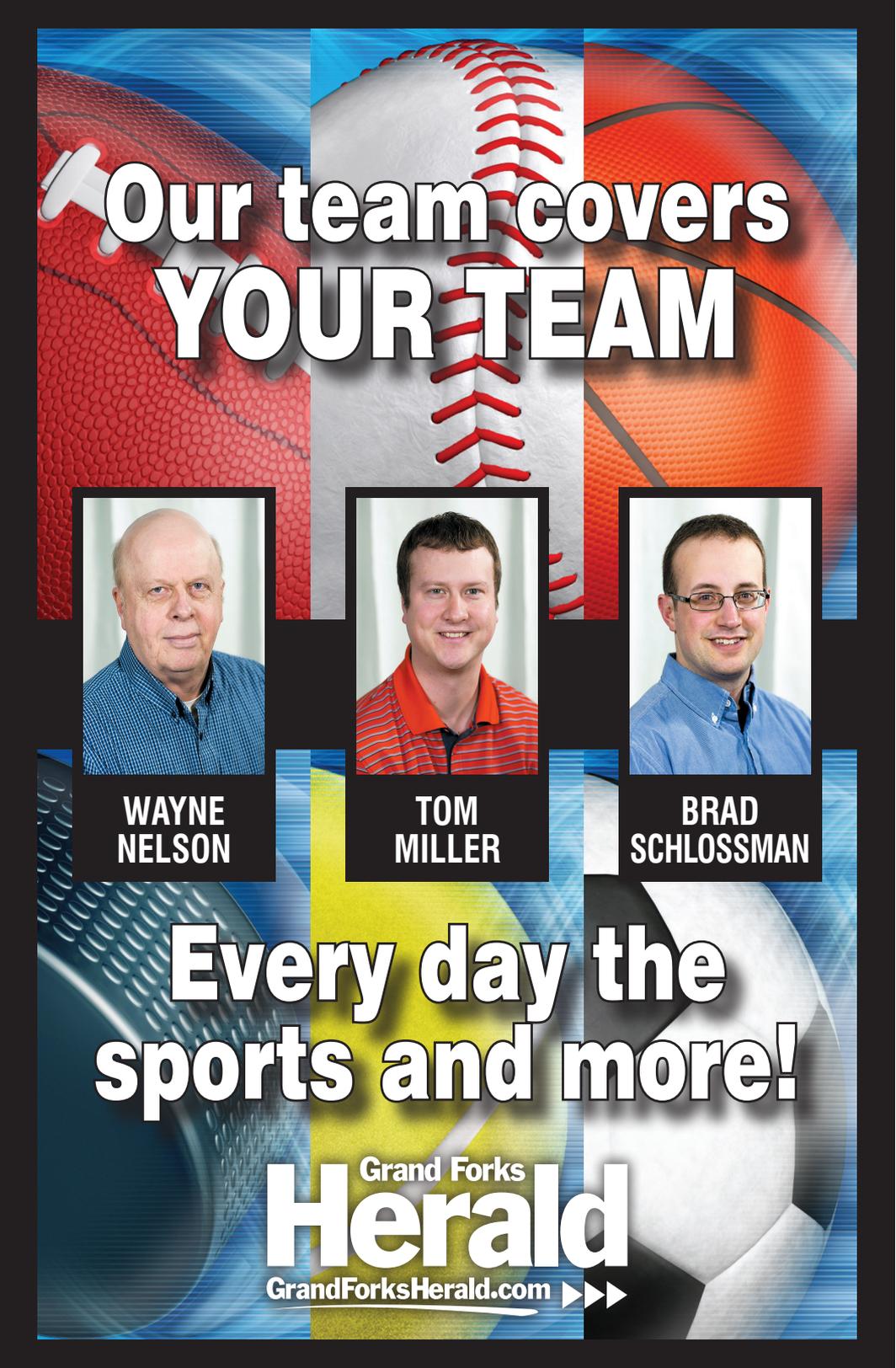
TEAM	CONF	OVR	HOME	AWAY	STRK
South Dakota State	8-0	14-1	9-0	4-1	W14
North Dakota State	7-1	12-3	8-1	4-1	L1
<b>North Dakota</b>	<b>5-3</b>	<b>7-5</b>	<b>4-1</b>	<b>3-4</b>	<b>L2</b>
Youngstown State	5-3	7-4	5-1	2-3	W1
Northern Iowa	5-3	6-5	3-3	3-2	W1
Illinois State	4-4	6-5	4-2	2-3	W1
Southern Illinois	4-4	5-6	2-3	3-3	L4
Missouri State	3-5	5-6	3-2	2-4	W2
South Dakota	2-6	3-8	3-2	0-6	L2
Indiana State	1-7	2-9	1-5	1-4	L1
Western Illinois	0-8	0-11	0-5	0-6	L11

## THIS DAY IN HISTORY

# SEPT. 2

**RECORD:** 2-2-0  
**STREAK:** L1

Year	Opponent	Result
2010	at Idaho	L, 0-45
2000	Central Washington	W, 52-7
1989	Northern Michigan	L, 22-24
1978	MSU Moorhead	W, 13-3



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# 2023 NORTH DAKOTA FOOTBALL 15



## » 2023 BULLDOGS FOOTBALL ROSTER

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	YR.	HOMETOWN/PREVIOUS SCHOOL
0	Dorian Boyland	RB	6-1	212	Jr.	Medina, Ohio/Medina
1	Xavier Washington	QB	5-11	165	So.	Rancho Cucamonga, Calif./Rancho Cucamonga
1	Ethan Zager	DB	6-2	194	Sr.	Lincoln, Neb./Lincoln Lutheran
2	Luke Bailey	QB	6-2	190	Sr.	Lemont, Ill./Lemont
2	Tony Graham II	DB	5-11	185	Sr.	Liberty, N.C./Southeast Guilford
3	Chris Davis Jr.	DB	6-0	185	So.	Canonsburg, Pa./Canon-McMillan
3	Gage Vander Leest	FB	6-0	215	Gr.	Lynnville, Iowa/Lynnville-Sully
4	Joey Lukrich	DB	6-1	193	Gr.	Heber City, Utah/Park City
4	Parker Olthoff	TE	6-3	225	So.	Irvine, Calif./Portola
5	CJ Grisar	DB	5-9	180	Jr.	Waukesha, Wis./Waukesha West
5	Hunter Johnson	WR	5-11	172	Sr.	Edmond, Okla./Crossings Christian
6	Blake Ellingson	QB	6-2	211	Jr.	Libertyville, Ill./Libertyville
6	Tyler Radocha	DB	5-11	194	Sr.	Austin, Texas/Vandegrift
7	Trey Buckbee	WR	6-4	176	So.	McPherson, Kan./McPherson
7	J.R. Flood	LB	6-1	219	So.	Northbrook, Ill./Glenbrook North
8	Sam Rodriguez	TE	6-3	235	Sr.	Western Springs, Ill./Lyons Township
8	Ty Scott	DB	6-0	160	Jr.	Newark, Del./Saint Mark's
9	Ian Corwin	WR	6-1	197	Gr.	Tulsa, Okla./Jenks
9	Jacob Thompson	LB	6-1	209	Sr.	Cedar Rapids, Iowa/Jefferson
10	Linden Howe	LB	6-1	245	Gr.	Kearney, Neb./Kearney Catholic
10	Mitchell January	WR	6-1	182	So.	Richfield, Minn./Richfield
11	Caleb Bowling	DB	5-9	188	Jr.	Winston-Salem, N.C./Davie County
11	Dante DeNardo	WR	6-1	191	Jr.	Pottstown, Pa./Owen J. Roberts
12	Triton Chandler	QB	6-2	191	So.	Tulsa, Okla./Victory Christian
12	Kemani Wilson	DB	5-10	150	Fr.	Jacksonville, Fla./The Bolles School
13	Trey Radocha	WR	5-11	193	Sr.	Austin, Texas/Vandegrift
14	Jacob McCauley	WR	5-11	190	Sr.	St. Louis, Mo./St. John Vianney
15	Boyce McIntosh	LB	6-0	221	So.	Norman, Okla./Community Christian
15	Ike Owens	QB	6-3	192	Fr.	Jenks, Okla./Jenks
16	Jun Ahn	RB	5-6	175	Sr.	Fullerton, Calif./Sunny Hills
17	Chris Rice	DB	6-2	200	Fr.	Colorado Springs, Colo./Palmer Ridge
18	Holden Hughes	DB	6-2	180	Jr.	Lehi, Utah/Lehi
18	Drew Tapley	QB	6-4	200	Fr.	Scottsdale, Ariz./Desert Mountain
19	Logan Lawonn	DB	6-1	178	Fr.	Wind Lake, Wis./Muskego
19	Walker Tart	WR	6-2	194	Fr.	Dubuque, Iowa/Dubuque Senior
20	Luke Woodson	RB	5-11	203	So.	Deerfield, Ill./Deerfield

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NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	YR.	HOMETOWN/PREVIOUS SCHOOL
21	Sam Anderson	DB	6-1	188	Jr.	Castle Pines, Colo./Rock Canyon
22	Christian Galvan	RB	5-9	191	So.	Bothell, Wash./Washington
23	Triston Burkett	RB	6-0	195	Sr.	Fort Collins, Colo./Poudre
23	Jackson Williams	DB	5-11	176	Sr.	Aurora, Ill./Batavia
24	Jake Metze	RB	5-9	180	Fr.	Johnsburg, Ill./Johnsburg
24	Jack Ward	LB	6-3	223	Fr.	Houston, Texas/St. Thomas
25	Taj Hughes	RB	5-10	194	So.	Phoenix, Ariz./Brophy College Prep
26	Jeremy Villalobos	DB	6-3	179	Sr.	Vacaville, Calif./Vacaville
27	Mikey Mangialardi	DB	5-10	175	So.	Roselle, Ill./Lake Park
28	Deyon Campbell	WR	5-10	200	Gr.	Minneapolis, Minn./South Dakota State
29	Ty Naaktgeboren	DL	6-3	230	Fr.	Sioux Falls, S.D./Sioux Falls Roosevelt
30	Brett Welsing	LS	6-3	233	So.	De Pere, Wis./West De Pere
30	Tommy Williams	DB	6-1	179	So.	Dubuque, Iowa/Dubuque Senior
32	Javon Murry	RB	5-9	171	Fr.	Greendale, Wis./Greendale
33	Sean Allison	LB	6-0	225	So.	Hinsdale, Ill./Hinsdale Central
34	Drew Bramlett	DB	6-1	190	Sr.	Woodbury, Minn./Woodbury
35	Michael Jefferson Jr.	DB	6-1	175	Fr.	Grayslake, Ill./Grayslake North
37	Hudson Fields	LB	6-3	223	Sr.	Enid, Okla./Chisholm
39	Ben Jameson	K/P	6-3	229	Fr.	Maple Grove, Minn./Maple Grove
40	Jadon Williams	DL	6-3	233	Fr.	Parker, Colo./Lutheran
41	Christian Aguilar	LB	6-1	206	Fr.	Peoria, Ariz./Mountain Ridge
42	Davion Cherwin	RB	5-9	203	Jr.	Bartlett, Ill./South Elgin
44	Benjamin Wilson	DB	6-2	200	So.	Gurnee, Ill./Warren Township
45	Noah Rychlick	LB	6-1	215	Fr.	Maple Grove, Minn./Wayzata
46	Joe Frommelt	LB	6-1	217	Sr.	Woodbury Minn./Woodbury
49	Eli Stewart	TE	6-2	232	Sr.	Blue Springs, Mo./Blue Springs
50	Gene Blalock III	DL	6-3	277	Fr.	Grinnell, Iowa/Grinnell
51	Jacque Gariepy	DL	6-4	226	Fr.	Glenview, Ill./Glenbrook South
52	Sebastian Adamski	LB	6-0	252	Jr.	Sahuarita, Ariz./Walden Grove
52	Bennet Krebs	OL	6-2	298	Sr.	Breese, Ill./Mater Dei
53	Brenden Burton	OL	6-5	271	Gr.	Waterloo, Iowa/Waterloo West
54	Tom Shefte	LB	6-3	216	Jr.	Littleton, Colo./Heritage
55	Shaku Sangarie	DL	6-3	225	Fr.	Jacksonville, Fla./Atlantic Coast
56	Jake Shipla	DL	6-1	289	Sr.	Joliet, Ill./Minooka Community
57	Carter Kallen	DL	6-3	222	Fr.	Johnston, Iowa
58	Trystan Anderson	DL	6-4	230	So.	Buffalo Grove, Ill./Buffalo Grove
60	Parker Matiyow	OL	6-3	250	Fr.	Council Bluffs, Iowa/Lewis Central
61	Daniel Bowers	OL	6-4	307	Sr.	Tulsa, Okla./Holland Hill
62	Parker Althaus	OL	6-4	285	Gr.	Waconia, Minn./Waconia
63	Andrew Grout	OL	6-5	313	Gr.	Castle Rock, Colo./Castle View
64	Hunter Seelye	OL	6-3	293	So.	Gilbert, Ariz./Campo Verde
66	Nathan Henry	OL	6-2	285	So.	Aurora, Ill./Aurora Christian
67	Kaiden Parrish	OL	6-3	276	So.	Woodmoor, Colo./Valor Christian
68	Ross Palmer	OL	6-6	387	Sr.	Waukee, Iowa/Waukee

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NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	YR.	HOMETOWN/PREVIOUS SCHOOL
70	Joshua Kelly	OL	6-1	273	So.	Rocklin, Calif./Rocklin
71	Rhent Addis	OL	6-3	312	Sr.	Goshen, Ind./Northridge
72	Isaac House	OL	6-4	302	Sr.	Collinsville, Okla./Collinsville
73	Tyler Tortorich	OL	6-3	277	Fr.	Plainfield, Ill./Plainfield North
74	Justin Newman	OL	6-5	281	Fr.	Morris, Ill./Morris
75	Kyle Kennedy	OL	6-3	297	Jr.	Schwenksville, Pa./Spring-Ford
76	Jimmy Poremba	OL	6-4	308	Gr.	Wildwood, Ill./Warren Township
77	Drew Heiss	OL	6-4	282	Fr.	Arlington Heights, Ill./Prospect
78	Nathan VanDeWoestyne	OL	6-5	290	So.	Geneseo, Ill./Geneseo
80	Colin Howard	WR	6-2	203	Gr.	St. Petersburg, Fla./Concordia Lutheran
81	Vincent Buckles	WR	6-2	180	Fr.	Chandler, Ariz./Chandler
82	Tyler Nansel	WR	6-4	200	So.	Bozeman, Mont./Gallatin
83	Brandon Langdok	WR	6-0	170	Sr.	St. Michael, Minn./St. Michael Albertville
84	Tyson Hancock	WR	5-10	168	Fr.	Smithville, Texas/Smithville
85	Chance Bell	TE	6-5	245	Fr.	San Diego, Calif./Mira Mesa
86	Jaxon Laminack	WR	5-10	160	Fr.	Blanchard, Okla./Blanchard
87	Tim Nesslage	FB	6-3	233	Sr.	O'Fallon, Mo./Fort Zumwalt North
88	Zack Gray	WR	6-4	222	Gr.	Scottsdale, Ariz./Notre Dame Prep
89	Shane Dunning	K/P	6-0	212	Sr.	Muskego, Wis./Muskego
90	Finn Claypool	DL	6-1	232	R-So.	Des Moines, Iowa/Dowling Catholic
91	Griffin Kollhoff	K/P	5-11	160	Fr.	Burlington, Ill./Burlington Central
92	Collin Schremp	DL	6-4	235	So.	Middleton, Wis./Middleton
93	Jacob Auen	DL	6-6	274	So.	West Des Moines, Iowa/Valley
94	Nolan Korzeniowski	DL	6-3	255	So.	Elmhurst, Ill./York
95	Cole Sigler	DL	6-4	226	Fr.	Anamosa, Iowa/Anamosa
96	Nolan Engmann	DL	6-3	280	Gr.	Huntley, Ill./Huntley
97	Jason Christenson	DL	6-3	277	Sr.	Cypress, Texas/Cypress Woods
98	Duke Frye	DL	6-0	271	So.	Scottsdale, Ariz./Notre Dame Prep
99	Ryan Schroeder	K/P	6-4	220	So.	Cedarburg, Wis./Cedarburg

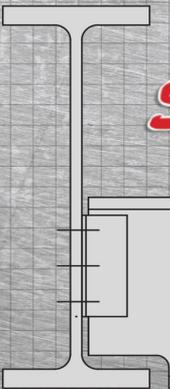
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**Offensive Assistant/Pass Game Coordinator:** Adam Gajo

**Offensive Assistant/Run Game Coordinator:** Nate Thompson

**Defensive Coordinator:** Al Smith

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# 2023 NORTH DAKOTA FOOTBALL 19

## DRAKE OFFENSE

### Left Tackle

- #62 Parker Althaus (Gr., 6-4, 285)
- #78 Nathan VanDeWoestyne (So., 6-5, 290)

### Left Guard

- #63 Andrew Grout (Gr., 6-5, 313)
- #70 Joshua Kelly (So., 6-1, 273)

### Center

- #52 Bennet Krebs (Gr., 6-2, 298)
- #53 Brenden Burton (Gr., 6-5, 271)

### Right Guard

- #68 Ross Palmer (Sr., 6-6, 387)
- #75 Kyle Kennedy (Jr., 6-3, 297)

### Right Tackle

- #76 Jimmy Poremba (Gr., 6-4, 308)
- #72 Isaac House (Sr., 6-4, 302)

### Wide Receiver

- #80 Colin Howard (Gr., 6-2, 203)
- #10 Mitchell January (So., 6-1, 182)

### Wide Receiver

- #13 Trey Radocha (Sr., 5-11, 193)
- #5 Hunter Johnson (Sr., 5-11, 172)

### Tight End

- #8 Sam Rodriguez (Sr., 6-3, 235)
- #88 Zack Gray (Gr., 6-4, 222)

### Quarterback

- #2 Luke Bailey (Sr., 6-2, 190)
- #6 Blake Ellingson (Jr., 6-2, 211)

### Fullback

- #49 Eli Stewart (Sr., 6-2, 232)
- #3 Gage Vander Leest (Fr., 6-0, 215)

### Running Back

- #0 Dorian Boyland (Jr., 6-1, 212)
- #22 Christian Galvan (So., 5-9, 191)

## NORTH DAKOTA DEFENSE

### Defensive End

- #99 Jaelen Johnson (5th, 6-2, 260)
- #47 Bartholomew Ogbu (Gr., 6-3, 250)

### Nose Tackle

- #0 Jeffrey Griffin Jr. (5th, 6-0, 315)
- #90 Craig Orlando (Jr., 6-3, 290)

### Defensive End

- #18 Ben McNaboe (Sr., 6-3, 245)
- #91 Jack Teiken (R-Fr., 6-4, 245)

### Outside Linebacker

- #46 Ted Mullin (Gr., 6-1, 220)
- #45 Hayden Stec (R-Fr., 6-1, 220)

### Inside Linebacker

- #59 Wyatt Pedigo (Jr., 6-0, 230)
- #48 Jack Baretz (R-Fr., 6-3, 230)

### Inside Linebacker

- #36 Malachi McNeal (So., 6-0, 235)
- #42 Kason Kelley (Jr., 6-2, 235)

### Outside Linebacker

- #34 Josh Navratil (Sr., 6-2, 225)
- #32 Dylan Boecker (Jr., 6-2, 225)

### Cornerback

- #8 Edmund Ocansey (So., 6-0, 180)
- #23 Devin Hembry (Sr., 6-2, 190)

### Safety

- #4 Malachi Buckner (5th, 6-1, 210)
- #21 Sammy Fort (Gr., 6-0, 195)

### Safety

- #24 Kadon Kauppinen (5th, 6-2, 210)
- #35 Ethan Ball (Jr., 6-1, 195)

### Cornerback

- #3 C.J. Siegel (5th, 6-0, 180)
- #22 Antonio Bluiett (R-Fr., 6-1, 190)

## DRAKE SPECIALISTS

### Punter

- #89 Shane Dunning (Sr., 6-0, 212)
- #99 Ryan Schroeder (So., 6-4, 220)

### Kicker (Kickoffs)

- #39 Ben Jameson (Fr., 6-3, 229)
- #89 Shane Dunning (Sr., 6-0, 212)

### Kicker (FG's/PAT's)

- #89 Shane Dunning (Sr., 6-0, 212)
- #91 Griffin Kollhoff (Fr., 5-11, 160)

### Long Snapper

- #30 Brett Welsing (So., 6-3, 233)
- #75 Kyle Kennedy (Jr., 6-3, 297)

### Holder

- #20 Luke Woodson (So., 5-11, 203)
- #89 Shane Dunning (Sr., 6-0, 212)

### Kickoff Returners

- #42 Davion Cherwin (Jr., 5-9, 203)
- #83 Brandon Langdok (Sr., 6-0, 170)

### Punt Returners

- #83 Brandon Langdok (Sr., 6-0, 170)
- #3 Chris Davis Jr. (R-Fr., 6-0, 185)

# 2023 NORTH DAKOTA FOOTBALL 20

## NORTH DAKOTA

### OFFENSE

#### Tight End

- #43 Jaden Norby (Jr., 6-3, 245)
- #4 Quincy Vaughn (Sr., 6-4, 250)
- OR-
- #86 Max Gunderson (Jr., 6-5, 255)

#### Left Tackle

- #77 Easton Kilty (Jr., 6-5, 305)
- #67 Liam Becher (R-Fr., 6-6, 315)

#### Left Guard

- #74 Donny Ventrelli (5th, 6-4, 300)
- #73 Jack Kuntz (Jr., 6-4, 315)

#### Center

- #69 Cade Borud (R-Fr., 6-2, 315)
- #72 Colin Lavell (Sr., 6-4, 300)

#### Right Guard

- #75 Sam Hagen (So., 6-6, 320)
- #68 Brayden Bryant (Jr., 6-2, 305)

#### Right Tackle

- #71 Seth Anderson (Jr., 6-4, 305)
- #79 Trace Thaden (R-Fr., 6-7, 260)

#### Wide Receiver

- #13 Jack Wright (Jr., 6-0, 190)
- #10 Caden Dennis (So., 6-2, 175)
- OR-
- #80 Nick Kupfer (So., 6-3, 190)

#### Wide Receiver

- #84 Nate DeMontagnac (So., 6-2, 190)
- #9 Wesley Eliodor (5th, 6-0, 210)

#### Wide Receiver

- #1 Bo Belquist (Sr., 6-1, 185)
- #12 Red Wilson (Sr., 5-9, 185)

#### Quarterback

- #2 Tommy Schuster (Sr., 6-0, 195)
- #3 Trey Feeny (So., 6-3, 205)

#### Running Back

- #29 Isaiah Smith (Jr., 6-0, 200)
- #28 Gaven Ziebarth (So., 6-0, 205)
- OR-
- #7 Luke Skokna (Sr., 5-9, 180)

## DRAKE

### DEFENSE

#### Defensive End

- #90 Finn Claypool (So., 6-1, 232)
- #58 Trystan Anderson (So., 6-4, 230)

#### Nose Guard

- #93 Jacob Auen (So., 6-6, 274)
- #94 Nolan Korzeniowski (So., 6-4, 225)

#### Defensive Tackle

- #56 Jake Shipla (Sr., 6-1, 289)
- #97 Jason Christenson (Sr., 6-3, 277)

#### Defensive End

- #54 Tom Shefte (Jr., 6-3, 216)
- #92 Collin Schremp (So., 6-4, 235)

#### Linebacker

- #52 Sebastian Adamski (Jr., 6-0, 252)
- #7 J.R. Flood (So., 6-1, 219)

#### Linebacker

- #10 Linden Howe (Gr., 6-1, 245)
- #33 Sean Allison (So., 6-0, 225)

#### Linebacker

- #9 Jacob Thompson (Sr., 6-1, 209)
- #37 Hudson Fields (Sr., 6-3, 223)

#### Cornerback

- #2 Tony Graham II (Sr., 5-11, 185)
- #18 Holden Hughes (Jr., 6-2, 180)

#### Free Safety

- #6 Tyler Radocha (Sr., 5-11, 194)
- #12 Kemani Wilson (Fr., 5-10, 150)

#### Strong Safety

- #11 Caleb Bowling (Jr., 5-9, 188)
- #1 Ethan Zager (Sr., 6-2, 194)

#### Cornerback

- #4 Joey Lukrich (Gr., 6-1, 193)
- #3 Chris Davis Jr. (R-Fr., 6-0, 185)

## NORTH DAKOTA

### SPECIALISTS

#### Punter

- #85 Luke Silvernale (R-Fr., 6-0, 185)
- #53 C.J. Elrichs (R-Fr., 6-2, 190)

#### Kicker

- #92 Brady Stevens (Gr., 6-1, 170)
- #53 C.J. Elrichs (R-Fr., 6-2, 190)

#### Holder

- #53 C.J. Elrichs (R-Fr., 6-2, 190)
- #85 Luke Silvernale (R-Fr., 6-0, 185)

#### Long Snapper

- #96 David Neuberger (So., 6-0, 205)
- #32 Dylan Boecker (Jr., 6-2, 225)

#### Kickoff Returners

- #12 Red Wilson (Sr., 5-9, 185)
- #3 C.J. Siegel (5th, 6-0, 180)

#### Punt Returners

- #7 Luke Skokna (Sr., 5-9, 180)
- #1 Bo Belquist (Sr., 6-1, 185)