

NORTH DAKOTA COLLEGIATE FOOTBALL

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH DAKOTA FIGHTING HAWKS



North Dakota opens the season with new faces all over the field.

The Fighting Hawks return just six starters on offense and three on defense, following a 7-5 season which included a lopsided home win over North Dakota State.

Tommy Schuster, UND's starting quarterback the past four years, is off to Michigan State for his final year of eligibility, leaving new offensive coordinator Isaac Fruechte with a big decision right away. The competition will go into fall camp. **Trey Feeney**, a junior from Moorhead, played in seven games last season. Fellow junior **Simon Romfo** from Calvin, N.D., carved out a running role last season. Freshman **Jerry Kaminski** and **Cole Hentges**, a transfer from the University of Mary, also got QB reps during spring ball.

Bubba Schweigert's Fighting Hawks do return one of the top wide receivers in the FCS in **Bo Belquist**. The New Rockford product ranked sixth in the Missouri Valley Football Conference with 772 yards and six touchdown catches last season.

"Bo is expected to be one of the leaders on offense after another stellar season," Schweigert said.

Caden Dennis (15-211) and Bismarck Legacy's **Nick Kupfer** (7-110, 2 TDs) also return at receiver spots.

UND needs to replace four starters on the offensive line. **Seth Anderson** is back from a group that helped provide Schuster and Co. the time to complete 70.3 percent of their passes last season, ranking third in the FCS.

North Dakota's offense will be led by a promising trio of running backs. **Gaven Ziebarth** turned in a strong freshman season, piling up 712 yards on just 107 carries. He also scored nine touchdowns.

Isaiah Smith also showed major upside, running for 603 yards on 95 carries with three scores. Schweigert also expects **Sawyer Seidl** to play a key role out of the backfield.

On the other side of the ball, there's work to do.

"We're looking to replace several starters on defense," Schweigert said.

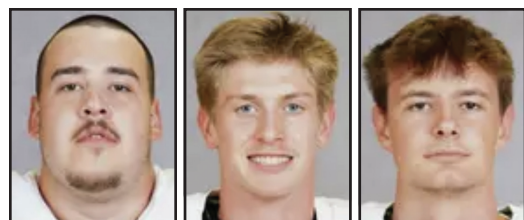
They're in good shape at linebacker with **Wyatt Pedigo**, **Malachi McNeal** and **Josh Navratil**.

Pedigo was one of the top players in the MVFC, leading the Hawks in tackles (72), tackles-for-loss (7.5) and sacks (4) last season.

Devin Hembry is back in the defensive secondary after 32 tackles and a pair of interceptions last season, but there are snaps up for grabs everywhere else.

UND opens the season in Ames against Iowa State, but from there seven of their last 11 games will be played in Grand Forks as they look for their fifth FCS playoff appearance in the last six seasons.

— Dave Selvig



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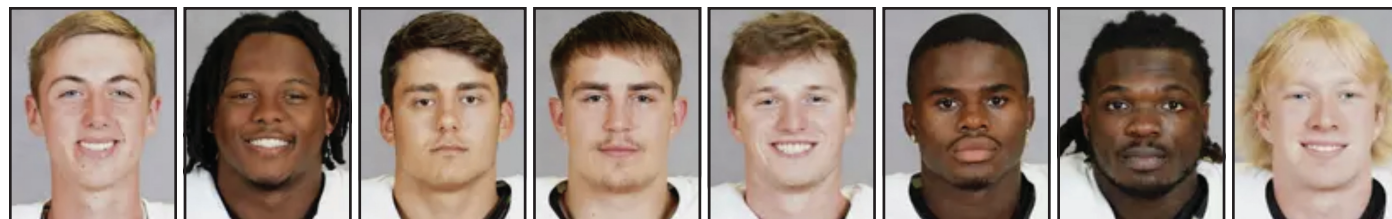
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2024 SEASON

Head Coach: Bubba Schweigert (11th year)

Assistant Coaches: Isaac Fruechte, Joel Schwenzfeier, Shawn Kostich, Austin Flyger, Sam King, Travis Stepps, Carl Reinholz, Donnell Kirkwood Jr., Tom Dosch, Trevor Olson

Affiliation: NCAA Division I FCS

Conference: Missouri Valley Football

Key Players

Trey Feeney, Jr, 6-3, 200, QB
 Simon Romfo, Jr, 5-11, 190, QB
 Jerry Kaminski, Fr, 6-2, 200, QB
 Cole Hentges, Fr, 6-0, 200, QB
 Bo Belquist, 5th Yr, 6-1, 185, WR
 Caden Dennis, Jr, 6-2, 175, WR
 Nick Kupfer, Jr, 6-3, 195, WR
 Seth Anderson, Sr, 6-4, 295, OL
 Gaven Ziebarth, Jr, 6-0, 215, RB
 Isaiah Smith, Sr, 6-0, 205, RB
 Sawyer Seidl, Fr, 5-10, 170, RB
 Wyatt Pedigo, Sr, 6-0, 225, LB
 Malachi McNeal, Jr, 6-0, 225, LB
 Josh Navratil, Grad St, 6-2, 230, LB
 Devin Hembry, 5th Yr, 6-2, 185, DB

2023 RESULTS

Overall Record: 7-5

Conference 5-3

DRAKE.....W 55-7
 NORTHERN ARIZONA.....W 37-22
 at Boise State.....L 18-42
 at South Dakota State.....L 21-42
 WESTERN ILLINOIS.....W 49-10
 NORTH DAKOTA STATE.....W 49-24
 at Northern Iowa.....L 0-27
 INDIANA STATE.....OT W 36-33
 at Murray State.....W 45-31
 at South Dakota.....L 10-14
 ILLINOIS STATE.....W 22-21

FCS First Round

SACRAMENTO STATE.....L 35-42

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH DAKOTA FIGHTING HAWKS

Location: Grand Forks, N.D.

Enrollment: 13,000+

Stadium: Alerus Center (cap. 12,283)

Team Colors: Green and White

School Song:

Stand Up and Cheer

Websites: www.und.edu
 www.fightinghawks.com