



NORTH DAKOTA STATE WRESTLING

10 NCAA Division I All-Americans / Clay Ream, 2016, 2017 NCAA Elite 90 Award
2014, 2015 NCAA West Region/Western Wrestling Conference Champions
2013, 2015 Western Wrestling Conference Regular Season Champions
17 NCAA West Region/Western Wrestling Conference Champions
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Schedule/Results (0-0 Overall, 0-0 #Big12WR)

Date	Event	Time
Nov. 5	at Daktronics Open	No Team Scores
Nov. 5	GREEN/GOLD	Green 26-14
Nov. 11	47th BISON OPEN	Five Champions
Nov. 17	at #8 Iowa	1:30 p.m.
Nov. 18	at Finn Grinaker Open	All Day
Nov. 19	* at #13 UNI	2 p.m.
Nov. 26	* #3 OKLAHOMA STATE	1 p.m.
Dec. 1-2	at Cliff Keen Invitational	All Day
Dec. 2	at Dragon Open	9 a.m.
Dec. 10	CENTRAL MICHIGAN	2 p.m.
Dec. 15	* at Utah Valley	1 p.m.
Dec. 17	at Reno TOC	All Day
Dec. 29	% vs. Cornell	10 a.m.
Dec. 29	% vs. Rider	Noon
Dec. 30	% vs. Franklin & Marshall	10 a.m.
Dec. 30	% vs. Columbia	Noon
Jan. 5	at Pitt	6 p.m.
Jan. 7	* at West Virginia	6 p.m.
Jan. 20	* WYOMING	7 p.m.
Jan. 26	at Purdue	6 p.m.
Jan. 27	at North Country Open	All Day
Jan. 28	at Northern Illinois	2 p.m.
Feb. 2	* IOWA STATE	7 p.m.
Feb. 4	* AIR FORCE	12:30 pm
Feb. 16	* at South Dakota State	7 p.m.
Mar. 3-4	& at Big 12 Championships	All Day
Mar. 15-17	\$ at NCAA Championships	All Day

All times CENTRAL TIME
Home duals in **BOLD** at the Scheels Center
* Big 12 Conference dual
% South Beach Duals (Deerfield Beach, Fla.)
& Big 12 Championships (Tulsa, Okla.)
\$ NCAA Championships (Cleveland, Ohio)

HISTORY

First Year of Wrestling	1957-58 (60 seasons)
All-Time Dual Meet Record	552-250-18 (.684)
NCAA Team Championships	4
Division II -	1988, 1998, 2000, 2001
NCAA Individual Titles	30 (all in Division II)
NCAA All-Americans	162 (10 DI)

COACHES INFO

Head Coach	Roger Kish (Minnesota, '08)
Record at NDSU	54-39, 7th year (17-4 WWWC/ 6-5 Big 12)
Career Record	Same
Office Phone	(701) 231-8783
Assistant Coach	Jarrod Garnett (Virginia Tech, '13)
Assistant Coach	Matt Nagel (Minnesota, '06)
Video Coordinator	Evan Knutson (NDSU, '15)
Alumni Relations	Nick Magee (NDSU, '05)

TEAM INFORMATION

2016-17 Record	14-5
2016-17 Big 12 Conference Record	4-3
Big 12 Championships Finish	4th (82.5 pts)
NCAA Championships Finish	T47th (3 pts)
NCAA Qualifiers Returning/Lost	4/1
Starters Returning/Lost	8/2
Newcomers	10



NDSU Wrestling Opens Dual Season at #8 Iowa, #13 Northern Iowa

This Weekend

North Dakota State will open the dual schedule at No. 8-ranked Iowa at 1:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 17, in Carver-Hawkeye Arena (15,077) at Iowa City ... Match will streamed live on BTN Plus and FloWrestling ... NDSU will take on No. 13-ranked Northern Iowa at 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 19, in historic West Gym (2,100) at Cedar Falls ... The match will be streamed live on FloWrestling.

The Series

North Dakota State and Iowa have met once before ... The Hawkeyes defeated NDSU 33-7 before a sellout crowd of over 7,000 at the Bison Sports Arena on Nov. 22, 1992 ... This will be the 25th meeting between North Dakota State and Northern Iowa ... UNI leads the series 20-3-1 ... NDSU defeated the Panthers 22-15 in Fargo on Feb. 13, 2016, winning for the first time since 1976-77.

Coming Soon

North Dakota State is schedule to host No. 3 Oklahoma State at 1 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 26, at the Scheels Center ... The Bison will then travel and compete at the Cliff Keen Collegiate Invitational in Las Vegas on Dec. 1-2.

The Lineups

Wt. North Dakota State (0-0, 0-0 #Big12WR)

125 -- Paul Bianchi (3-1, 0-0)
133 -- #13 Cam Sykora (1-0, 0-0) OR McGwire Midkiff (5-3, 0-0)
141 -- Sam Hampton (4-0, 0-0) OR Nico Colunga (4-2, 0-0)
149 -- Kyle Gliva (4-1, 0-0) OR Mitch Bengtson (3-1, 0-0)
157 -- #14 Clay Ream (4-0, 0-0)
165 -- Andrew Fogarty (9-1, 0-0)
174 -- Dylan Urbach (0-0, 0-0) OR Charley Popp (0-0, 0-0)
184 -- Tyler McNutt (3-2, 0-0)
197 -- Cordell Eaton (3-, 0-0)
285 -- Brandon Metz (8-2, 0-0) OR Dan Stibral (4-0, 0-0)
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Wt. #8 Iowa Hawkeyes (0-0, 0-0 Big TEN)

125 -- Justin Stickleby (3-0, 0-0)
133 -- Paul Glynn (2-1, 0-0) OR Phillip Laux (3-0, 0-0)
141 -- Vince Turk (0-0)
149 -- #2 Brandon Sorensen (0-0, 0-0)
157 -- #3 Michael Kemerer (0-0, 0-0)
165 -- Kaleb Young (0-0, 0-0)
174 -- Joey Gunther (0-0, 0-0)
184 -- Mitch Bowman (0-0, 0-0)
197 -- #11 Cash Wilcke (0-0, 0-0)
285 -- #7 Sam Stoll (0-0, 0-0)

Wt. #13 Northern Iowa Panthers (0-0, 0-0 #Big12WR)

125 -- #19 Jay Schwarm (7-0, 0-0)
133 -- Darren Eades (0-4, 0-0) OR Jack Wagner (3-2, 0-0)
141 -- #14 Josh Alber (4-0, 0-0)
149 -- #3 Max Thomsen (4-0, 0-0)
157 -- Paden Moore (5-0, 0-0)
165 -- Dan Kelly (3-1, 0-0) OR Isaiah Patton (6-3, 0-0)
174 -- #8 Taylor Lujan (7-0, 0-0)
184 -- #4 Drew Foster (3-0, 0-0)
197 -- Jacob Holschlag (3-0, 0-0) OR Izaak Shedenhelm (4-3, 0-0)
285 -- Carter Isley (8-0, 0-0)

NDSU Receives Votes Toward Top 25

North Dakota State received 3 points toward the USA Today/NWCA Division I Wrestling Coaches poll released Nov. 14 ... The Bison are one of five Big 12 Conference teams in the rankings including No. 3 Oklahoma State, No. 13 Northern Iowa, No. 16 South Dakota State, No. 20 Oklahoma ... Nine opponents on NDSU schedule are ranked in top 25 ... The Bison are tied for 36th in the *TrackWrestling/Resilite* rankings ... North Dakota State was tied for 38th in the *WIN Magazine* Tournament Power Index.

Bison in the Rankings

Individually, on the *InterMat.com* (Nov. 13) rankings, **Cam Sykora** is No. 13 at 133 pounds and **Clay Ream** is No. 14 at 157 pounds ... In *TheOpenMat.com* (Nov. 13) rankings, **Cam Sykora** is No. 13 at 133 pounds, **Clay Ream** is No. 11 at 157 pounds and **Andrew Fogarty** is No. 17 at 165 ... In the *Asics/Flowrestling* rankings (Nov. 13), **Clay Ream** is No. 13 at 157 pounds and **Andrew Fogarty** is No. 19 at 165 pounds ... In the *Track Wrestling* (Nov. 13) rankings, **Cam Sykora** is No. 12 at 133 pounds, **Clay Ream** is No. 16 at 157 pounds and **Andrew Fogarty** is No. 16 at 165 pounds ... And, in the *WIN Wrestling Magazine* (Nov. 13) rankings, **Mitch Bengtson** is No. 19 at 141 pounds and **Clay Ream** is No. 11 at 157 pounds.

Six Newcomers Sign With NDSU

North Dakota State head wrestling coach Roger Kish announced on Nov. **Chase Bittle**, Belleville, Ill. (Althoff Catholic H.S.); **Austin Brenner**, St. Cloud, Minn. (St. Cloud Tech); **Noah Cressell**, Wabash, Ind. (Wabash H.S.); **Dylan Droegemueller**, Champlin, Minn. (Anoka H.S.); **Jared Franek**, West Fargo, N.D. (West Fargo H.S.) and **Jimmy Noel**, St. Louis, Mo. (Pulaski Academy, Little Rock, Ark.) have all signed National Letters of Intent to attend NDSU and wrestle beginning in the fall of 2018.

Fogarty, Eaton Each Claim Third Bison Open Titles

North Dakota State University 165-pounder **Andrew Fogarty** and 197 **Cordell Eaton** each won their third title, while 157-pounder **Clay Ream** claimed his second at the 47th annual Bison Open on Nov. 11 before 647 spectators at Scheels Center in the Sanford Health Complex ... NDSU notched a champion for the 11th straight season ... First-time Bison Open champions were 141 **Sam Hampton** and heavyweight **Dan Stibral**.

NDSU 165 Fogarty, 285 Metz Third at Warren Williamson/Daktronics Open

North Dakota State 165-pounder **Andrew Fogarty** and unattached 285 **Brandon Metz** each placed third to highlight the NDSU effort on Nov. 5, at the Warren Williamson/Daktronics Open hosted by South Dakota State ... Four of the 13 NDSU wrestlers competing placed in the top five overall. Joining Fogarty and Metz were unattached 133-pounder **Sawyer Degen**, who placed fourth, and unattached 174 **Jesse Shearer**, who finished fifth.

NATIONAL WRESTLING COACHES ASSOCIATION

USA Today/NWCA Top 25

Dual Rankings/Nov. 14, 2017

Rk	Team (First)	Record	Pts	Conf	LW
1	Penn State (16)	2-0	400	Big Ten	1
2	Ohio State	1-0	384	Big Ten	2
3	Oklahoma State	1-0	366	Big 12	3
4	Michigan	1-0	352	Big Ten	4
5	Missouri	4-0	332	MAC	5
6	Minnesota	1-0	313	Big Ten	6
7	NC State	3-0	297	ACC	8
8	Iowa	0-0	291	Big Ten	7
9	Virginia Tech	1-0	275	ACC	9
10	Lehigh	1-0	256	EIWA	10
11	Rutgers	3-0	232	Big Ten	12
12	Arizona State	0-2	220	Pac-12	11
13	Northern Iowa	0-0	211	Big 12	13
14	Illinois	0-1	192	Big Ten	14
15	Nebraska	0-0	187	Big Ten	15
16	South Dakota State	0-0	162	Big 12	16
17	Central Michigan	0-0	146	MAC	17
18	Wisconsin	0-0	131	Big Ten	18
19	Cornell	0-0	102	EIWA	20
20	Oklahoma	1-2	94	Big 12	19
21	Stanford	2-1	72	Pac-12	21
22	Purdue	3-0	48	Big Ten	NR
23	Rider	0-0	46	EWL	23
24	Edinboro	2-0	34	EWL	25
25	Pittsburgh	0-0	24	ACC	24

Others Receiving Votes: Drexel 9, Kent State 7, North Carolina 7, Chattanooga 3, **North Dakota State** 3, Appalachian State 2, Lock Haven 2

Dropped Out: No. 22 North Carolina (0-2)



NCAA Division I Wrestling Rankings

InterMat Top 25

Dual Rankings / November 14, 2017

Rank	Team (First)	Record	Conf.	LW
1	Penn State	2-0	Big Ten	1
2	Ohio State	1-0	Big Ten	2
3	Michigan	1-0	Big Ten	3
4	Oklahoma State	1-0	Big 12	4
5	Missouri	4-0	MAC	5
6	Minnesota	1-0	Big Ten	6
7	Iowa	0-0	Big Ten	7
8	Virginia Tech	1-0	ACC	8
9	NC State	3-0	ACC	9
10	Lehigh	1-0	EIWA	10
11	Nebraska	0-0	Big Ten	11
12	Rutgers	3-0	Big Ten	12
13	Arizona State	0-2	Pac-12	13
14	Northern Iowa	0-0	Big 12	14
15	South Dakota State	0-0	Big 12	15
16	Illinois	0-1	Big Ten	16
17	Central Michigan	0-0	MAC	17
18	Cornell	0-0	EIWA	18
19	Oklahoma	1-2	Big 12	19
20	Wisconsin	0-0	Big Ten	20
21	Edinboro	2-0	EWL	21
22	Oregon State	1-0	Pac-12	22
23	Pittsburgh	0-0	ACC	23
24	Rider	0-0	EWL	24
25	Purdue	3-0	Big Ten	NR

2017-18 NORTH DAKOTA STATE WRESTLING ROSTER

<u>NAME</u>	<u>WT.</u>	<u>HT.</u>	<u>YR.</u>	<u>HOMETOWN (PREVIOUS SCHOOL)</u>
^*Mitch Bengtson	149	5-7	RSr.	St. Cloud, Minn. (St. Cloud Apollo HS)
Paul Bianchi	125	5-4	RFr.	Two Rivers, Wis. (Two Rivers HS)
Alex Bleeker	197	5-10	RSo.	Pekin, Ill. (Pekin Community HS)
Austin Braun	149	5-10	Fr.	Woodbury, Minn. (Woodbury HS)
Colton Clingenpeel	165	5-7	RFr.	Council Bluffs, Iowa (Thomas Jefferson HS)
*Nico Colunga	141	5-10	RSo.	Oakdale, Calif. (Oakdale HS)
Sawyer Degen	133	6-2	Fr.	Belgrade, Mont. (Belgrade HS)
*Cordell Eaton	197	6-0	RSo.	Long Grove, Iowa (North Scott HS)
Brent Fleetwood (RS)	125	5-9	Sr.	Smyrna, Del. (Central Michigan/Smyrna HS)
^*Andrew Fogarty	165	5-10	RSo.	Jordan, Minn. (Scott West HS)
*Mitch Friedman (C)	149	5-7	RSr.	Oconto Falls, Wis. (Oconto Falls HS)
Sam Gilseth	149	5-7	RSo.	Plymouth, Minn. (Wayzata HS)
*Kyle Gliva (C)	149	5-7	RSr.	Inver Grove Heights, Minn. (Simley HS)
Sam Hampton	141	5-7	RFr.	Blue Springs, Mo. (Blue Springs South HS)
Nick Knutson	174	5-9	RFr.	New Prague, Minn. (New Prague HS)
Tirso Lara	125	5-5	RJr.	Imperial, Calif. (Poway HS)
*Tyler McNutt	184	6-2	RJr.	Saint Joseph, Mo. (Benton HS)
Nick Mergen	157	5-9	RSo.	Albany, Minn. (Albany HS)
Brandon Metz	285	6-2	Fr.	West Fargo, N.D. (West Fargo HS)
McGwire Midkiff	133	5-7	Fr.	Carter Lake, Iowa (Thomas Jefferson HS)
*Taylor Nein	141	5-7	So.	Bismarck, N.D. (Bismarck HS)
Jerrad Nieland	285	6-2	RSr.	St. Cloud, Minn. (St. Cloud Tech)
Michael Otomo (RS)	174	6-1	So.	Dover, Minn. (UW-La Crosse/Dover-Eyota HS)
August Peplinski	197	6-0	RFr.	Eland, Wis. (Wittenberg-Birnamwood HS)
Charley Popp	174	5-10	RJr.	Crystal Lake, Ill. (Prairie Ridge HS)
^^^*Clay Ream (C)	157	5-9	RSr.	Wentzville, Mo. (Holt HS)
Brody Schmidt	141	5-11	Fr.	Cokato, Minn. (Dassel Cokato HS)
Jesse Shearer	174	5-10	Fr.	Fargo, N.D. (West Fargo HS)
Nate Smith	141	5-8	RFr.	Eagle, Wis. (Mukwonago HS)
*Dan Stibral	285	6-3	RSo.	Tabor, S.D. (Bon Homme-Scotland HS)
Gavin Sutton	149	5-8	Fr.	Richmond, Ill. (Richmond-Burton HS)
^*Cam Sykora	133	5-6	RSo.	Wheaton, Minn. (South Dakota State/Wheaton HS)
*Dylan Urbach	174	5-10	RJr.	Lisbon, N.D. (Minnesota/Lisbon HS)
Jaden Van Maanen	149	5-8	Fr.	La Crosse, Wis. (La Crosse HS)
Cole Witzig	184	5-10	RFr.	Troy, Ill. (Triad HS)

^ NCAA Qualifier * Returning Starter
RS -- Redshirt C -- Captain

BY ELIGIBILITY

- True Freshmen (8)** - Austin Braun, Sawyer Degen, Brandon Metz, McGwire Midkiff, Brody Schmidt, Jesse Shearer, Gavin Sutton, Jaden Van Maanen
- Redshirt Freshmen (7)** - Paul Bianchi, Colton Clingenpeel, Sam Hampton, Nick Knutson, August Peplinski, Nate Smith, Cole Witzig
- Sophomore (2)** - Michael Otomo, Taylor Nein
- Redshirt Sophomore (8)** - Alex Bleeker, Nico Colunga, Cordell Eaton, Andrew Fogarty, Sam Gilseth, Nick Mergen, Dan Stibral, Cam Sykora
- Redshirt Juniors (4)** - Tirso Lara, Tyler McNutt, Charley Popp, Dylan Urbach
- Seniors (1)** - Brent Fleetwood
- Redshirt Seniors (5)** - Mitch Bengtson, Mitch Friedman, Kyle Gliva, Jerrad Nieland, Clay Ream

BY WEIGHT CLASS

- 125 (3)** - Paul Bianchi, Brent Fleetwood, Tirso Lara
- 133 (3)** - Sawyer Degen, McGwire Midkiff, Cam Sykora
- 141 (5)** - Nico Colunga, Sam Hampton, Taylor Nein, Brody Schmidt, Nate Smith
- 149 (7)** - Mitch Bengtson, Austin Braun, Mitch Friedman, Sam Gilseth, Kyle Gliva, Gavin Sutton, Jaden Van Maanen
- 157 (2)** - Clay Ream, Nick Mergen
- 165 (2)** - Colton Clingenpeel, Andrew Fogarty
- 174 (5)** - Nick Knutson, Michael Otomo, Charley Popp, Jesse Shearer, Dylan Urbach
- 184 (2)** - Tyler McNutt, Cole Witzig
- 197 (3)** - Alex Bleeker, Cordell Eaton, August Peplinski
- Hwt (3)** - Brandon Metz, Jerrad Nieland, Dan Stibral

BY STATE

- California (2)** - Colunga, Lara;
- Delaware (1)** - Fleetwood;
- Illinois (4)** - Bleeker, Popp, Sutton, Witzig;
- Iowa (3)** - Clingenpeel, Eaton, Midkiff;
- Minnesota (11)** - Bengtson, Braun, Fogarty, Gilseth, Gliva, Knutson, Mergen, Nieland, Otomo, Schmidt, Sykora;
- Missouri (3)** - Hampton, McNutt, Ream;
- Montana (1)** - Degen;
- North Dakota (4)** - Metz, Nein, Shearer, Urbach;
- South Dakota (1)** - Stibral;
- Wisconsin (5)** - Bianchi, Friedman, Peplinski, Smith, Van Maanen



Roger Kish
Head Coach
Seventh Season
(Minnesota, 2008)

Roger Kish is in his seventh season as head coach of the North Dakota State wrestling team. He is the fourth head coach in the 60-year history of the Bison wrestling program. He has a 54-39 overall record including 23-9 in the Big 12 Conference (6-5) and Western Wrestling Conference (17-4) duals.

He spent two years as an assistant wrestling coach at NDSU prior to taking the head coaching position for the 2011-12 season.

Kish led the Bison to a fourth place finish at the Big 12 Championships last season. Josh Rodriguez was Big 12 runner-up at 125 pounds and Clay Ream placed second at 157 pounds both placed third. Ream was NCAA Elite 90 Award winner for the second year in a row at the 2017 NCAA Wrestling Championships in St. Louis.

Kish has directed the Bison to a pair of NCAA West Regional/Western Wrestling Conference championships (2014, 2015) and two WWC regular season titles (2013, 2015). Kish is a three-time WWC Coach of the Year award and the Bison have produced 17 NCAA West Region/WWC individual champions. Four wrestlers, Trent Sprenkle (2013, 125/5th), Steven Monk (2014, 165/3rd), Kurtis Julson (2015, 174/8th) and Hayden Zillmer (2015, 184/6th) have earned All-American honors.

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

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

Kish graduated from Minnesota in May 2008 with a bachelor's degree in business and marketing education.

He was also a two-time cadet national champion and also captured a USA Wrestling junior national title. At Lapeer West High School, he was a four-time Michigan state champion. Kish is the son of Roger and Brenda Kish. His older brother, James, wrestled at North Carolina.