

North Dakota State University



# FOOTBALL

## GAME NOTES

**Game #1 BISON vs. VALPARAISO**  
**Saturday, August 28, 2004**  
**6 p.m., Fargodome (18,700)**

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# BISON OPEN 2004 SEASON Vs. VALPARAISO IN INAUGURAL NCAA DIVISION I-AA GAME

## 2004 Bison Schedule (0-0)

Date	Opponent	Time
A28	VALPARAISO	6 pm
S4	*at Northern Colorado	2:10 pm
<b>S11</b>	<b>MONTANATECH</b>	<b>6 pm</b>
<b>S18</b>	<b>CARSON-NEWMAN</b>	<b>6 pm</b>
<b>S25</b>	<b>OPENDATE</b>	
O2	at Nicholls State	4 pm
O9	*at South Dakota State	4 pm
<b>O16</b>	<b>*SOUTHERNUTAH</b>	<b>1 pm</b>
	(Homecoming)	
<b>O23</b>	<b>*CALPOLY</b>	<b>1 pm</b>
<b>O30</b>	<b>*NORTHWESTERNST.</b>	<b>1 pm</b>
	(Harvest Bowl)	
N6	at Weber State	1 pm
N13	*at UC Davis	1 pm

\*Great West Football Games  
Home games at Fargodome  
in BOLD CAPS  
All times local

## 2004 Valparaiso Schedule (0-0)

Date	Opponent	Time
A28	at North Dakota State	6 pm
<b>S4</b>	<b>WISCONSINLUTHERAN</b>	<b>1 pm</b>
<b>S11</b>	<b>AUSTINPEAY</b>	<b>Noon</b>
S18	at St. Francis (Pa.)	1 pm
<b>S25</b>	<b>JACKSONVILLE</b>	<b>Noon</b>
O2	at Morehead State	1 pm
<b>O9</b>	<b>*DAYTON</b>	<b>1:30 pm</b>
	(Homecoming)	
O16	*at San Diego	1 pm
O23	*at Drake	1 pm
O30	OPENDATE	
<b>N6</b>	<b>*BUTLER</b>	<b>1 pm</b>
<b>N13</b>	<b>AURORA</b>	<b>12:30 pm</b>
<b>N20</b>	<b>PFL Championship</b>	<b>TBA</b>

\*Pioneer Football League North Division Game  
Home Games at Brown Field in BOLD CAPS  
All Times Local

**FIRST GAME:** North Dakota State University will host Valparaiso University (IN) in the inaugural NCAA Division I-AA football game at 6 p.m. Saturday, August 28, in the Fargodome ... It is the season opener for both teams ... North Dakota State ended a long and successful run in the North Central Conference and NCAA Division II with an 8-3 record in 2003 under the direction of first-year head coach **Craig Bohl** ... North Dakota State opens with a Division I-AA opponent for the first time since 1979, when the Bison edged Weber State 11-10 ... Weber State is on the 2004 schedule ... Valparaiso University compiled an 8-4 record last season and won the 2003 Pioneer Football League Championship game ... The Crusaders were ranked No. 3 in the Football Gazette's Pre-season Top 20.

**FOR OPENERS:** North Dakota State has won five straight opening games since 1999 ... Last year the Bison opened with a 28-7 win over Tusculum (TN) ... Emporia State (KS) defeated NDSU 23-21 in the 1998 opener ... North Dakota State has compiled a 71-29-7 record in the first game of the season ... The Bison have posted 28 shutouts in 107 openers with the last coming 1974 when NDSU edged Nebraska-Omaha 3-0 ... The last tie came during the 1979, when North Dakota State and Eastern Michigan battled to a 3-3 draw.

**TICKETS:** Through Wednesday afternoon, there were less than 1,000 tickets remaining for Saturday's opener against Valparaiso University ... For more information, contact the NDSU ticket office at 1-888-231-NDSU (6378) ... Capacity is listed at 18,700 at the Fargodome ... The top five Fargodome crowds have all come against North Dakota: 19,046 (2002), 19,020 in 2000, 19,006 in 1998, 18,760 in 1994 and 18,600 in 1996 ... The top home opening crowd at the Fargodome was 18,059 in the inaugural game at the facility ... The Bison topped Emporia State 35-16 on Sept. 4, 1993 ... Including games played at Dacotah Field, the top crowd was 18,500 vs. Northern Michigan in 1989 home opener.

**RADIO BROADCASTS:** WDAY-AM 970, Fargo...**Scott Miller** will handle the play-by-play. Former NDSU All-American and 11-year NFL great **Phil Hansen** will handle the color duties, while WDAY-TV sports anchor **Steve Hallstrom** and radio personality **Jack Michaels** will handle the sideline and locker room interviews ... Air time is set for 5:15 p.m.

**Brent Whitlock** and **Baron Brendel** will handle the call for Valparaiso University on WVUR- 95.1 FM based out of Valparaiso, IN.

**BISON CAPTAINS SELECTED:** Quarterback **Tony Stauss**, center **Rob Hunt**, safety **Jared Essler** and cornerback **Matt Gorman** have been selected as North Dakota State's team captains for the 2004 season.

Stauss and Hunt served last year with former linebackers **Mike Sheppard** and **Josh Mock**. Sheppard is still with the team as a student assistant coach.

**NEW TALENT, NEW FORMAT FOR CRAIG BOHL FOOTBALL SHOW:** The first edition of the all-new Craig Bohl Football Show airs tomorrow night. It can be seen every Sunday throughout the season at 10:30 p.m. on WDAY-TV in Fargo,

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## The Sports Network NCAA I-AA Top 25

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**First-place votes in parenthesis**

	Record	Pts.	Prv.
1. Delaware (57)	15-1	1,753	1
2. Southern Illinois (7)	10-2	1,569	9
3. Montana (3)	9-4	1,500	14
4. Wofford (1)	12-2	1,406	3
5. Colgate	15-1	1,323	2
6. Northern Iowa (2)	10-3	1,316	5
7. Furman (1)	6-5	1,225	NR
8. McNeese State	10-2	1,150	8
9. Villanova	7-4	1,039	25
10. Georgia Southern	7-4	969	24
11. Maine	7-5	893	NR
12. Western Illinois	9-4	839	6
13. Western Kentucky	9-4	816	7
14. Northern Arizona	9-4	728	10
15. Montana State	7-6	654	21
16. Stephen F. Austin	7-4	583	NR
17. Grambling State	9-3	576	17
<b>18. Northwestern State</b>	<b>6-6</b>	<b>558</b>	<b>NR</b>
19. Massachusetts	10-3	557	11
20. Appalachian State	7-4	462	NR
21. Eastern Kentucky	7-5	434	NR
22. Northeastern	8-4	395	20
23. Lehigh	8-3	328	23
24. North Carolina A & T	10-3	281	16
25. Penn	10-0	222	12

Others receiving votes (in order of points, minimum of five required): Southern (221), **Northern Colorado (216)**, Bethune-Cookman (125), Jacksonville State (120), Idaho State (108), Eastern Washington (95), **Cal Poly (78)**, Gardner-Webb (72), South Carolina State (69), Hampton (40), Harvard (37), Illinois State (26), Sam Houston State (24), **Nicholls State (22)**, Yale (22), Samford (20), Alabama A & M (16), Weber State (15), Youngstown State (15), James Madison (10), Southeast Missouri (10), New Hampshire (9), Southeastern Louisiana (8), Fordham (7), Tennessee State (6), Alabama State (5), Portland State (5), VMI (5)

## NORTH DAKOTA STATE Bison (0-0, 0-0 GWFC)

<u>Offense</u>		<u>Ht.</u>	<u>Wt.</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
LT 76	Nick Zilka	6-6	311	Jr.	Bloomington, MN
77	Nate Safe	6-5	298	Fr.	Cannon Falls, MN
LG 75	Justin Monson	6-4 1/2	279	Jr.	Gardner, ND
78	Jake Erickson	6-3	288	So.	Brooklyn Park, MN
C 53	Rob Hunt	6-4	289	Sr.	Cavalier, ND
62	Hugh Medal	6-1	282	Jr.	Grand Forks, ND
RG 73	Justin Buckwalter	6-4	313	So.	Lake Preston, SD
6	Jerrold Wagner	6-4	293,	Fr.,	Pewaukee, WI
RT 69	Tim Popowski	6-2 1/2	311	Jr.	Brookings, SD
74	Adam Tadisich	6-6 1/2	309	So.	Wausaukee, WI
TE 85	Andy DelaBarre	6-2 1/2	251	Jr.	Minot, ND
81	Derek Arndt	6-5 1/2	237	Jr.	LaMoure, ND
QB 9	Tony Stauss	6-0	209	Sr.	Racine, WI
11	Steve Walker	6-1	198	Fr.	Lockport, IL
FB 45	Johnny Frank	6-1	245	Sr.	Wabasso, MN
46	Tyler Roehl	5-10	228	Fr.	West Fargo, ND
HB 23	Kyle Steffes	5-11 1/2	204	So.	Dickinson, ND
OR 34	Cinque Chapman	5-8 1/2	173	Fr.	Chicago, IL
FL 1	Allen Burrell	5-10	176	Sr.	Aurora, CO
10	Charles Wiest	6-1	179	Sr.	North Mankato, MN
SE 15	Travis White	5-11	173	Jr.	Cedar, MN
6	Marques Johnson	5-8	159	Jr.	Milwaukee, WI
<u>Defense</u>		<u>Ht.</u>	<u>Wt.</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
LE 91	Alvin Robinson	6-0	238	Jr.	Sumrall, MS
97	Isaac Lavant	5-11 1/2	248	Jr.	Phoenix, AZ
DT 98	Dwight Summerville	6-2 1/2	266	Sr.	Grenada, MS
OR 95	Rodney Thompson	6-2 1/2	309	Jr.	Minneapolis, MN
NG 59	Isaac Snell	6-6	288	Sr.	Pipestone, MN
82	Justin Frick	6-3 1/2	283	So.	Yankton, SD
RE 50	Travis Ware	6-0	245	Sr.	Batesville, MS
96	James Delmedico	6-4	258	Sr.	White Bear Lake, MN
LB 33	Jayd Kittelson	5-9 1/2	216	Sr.	Velva, ND
26	Bill Wrigley	6-0 1/2	199	Sr.	Heyburn, ID
LB 28	Kole Zimmerman	5-11 1/2	222	Jr.	Windom, MN
OR 8	Joe Mays	5-11	244	Fr.	Chicago, IL
LB 32	Brian Erenberg	6-2	221	Sr.	West Fargo, ND
48	Rob Mamula	5-11	230	Sr.	West Linn, OR
CB 18	Matt Gorman	5-11 1/2	185	Sr.	Marshfield, WI
21	Ryan Olson	5-11	182	So.	Buffalo, MN
SS 20	Craig Dahl	6-1 1/2	207	So.	Mankato, MN
44	Cody Kittelson	5-11 1/2	181	Jr.	Velva, ND
FS 13	Jared Essler	5-11 1/2	191	Sr.	Minot, ND
24	Kyle Ihry	5-9 1/2	175	Sr.	Reynolds, ND
CB 2	Bobby Babich	5-10	177	Jr.	Fargo, ND
OR 27	Scott Walter	5-9	172	Jr.	Wahpeton, ND

**Specialists**

**Punter**—Mike Dragosavich  
**Snapper**—Allan Woodstrom  
**FGs, PAT, KO**—Cory Vartanian  
**Holder**—Steve Walker  
**Punt Return**—Shamen Washington  
**Kickoff Return**—Allen Burrell, Marques Johnson

## Football Gazette Preseason Top 40 Poll

Issued August 16, 2004

Team	Record
1. Delaware	15-1
2. Montana	9-4
3. Wofford	12-2
4. Southern Illinois	10-2
5. Colgate	15-1
6. Furman	6-5
7. Northern Iowa	10-3
8. Villanova	7-4
9. Georgia Southern	7-4
10. Maine	7-5
11. McNeese State	10-2
12. Northern Arizona	9-4
13. Western Illinois	9-4
14. Western Kentucky	9-4
15. Montana State	7-6
16. Massachusetts	10-3
17. Grambling	9-3
18. Stephen F. Austin	7-4
19. Pennsylvania	10-0
20. Northeastern	8-4
21. Lehigh	8-3
22. Southern	12-1
23. Appalachian State	7-4
<b>24. Northern Colorado</b>	<b>9-2</b>
25. Fordham	9-3
26. North Carolina A&T	10-3
<b>27. Weber State</b>	<b>8-4</b>
<b>28. Northwestern State</b>	<b>6-6</b>
29. Idaho State	8-4
30. Bethune-Cookman	9-3
31. Jacksonville State	8-4
32. Eastern Kentucky	7-5
<b>33. Cal Poly</b>	<b>7-4</b>
34. South Carolina State	8-4
35. Gardner-Webb	8-4
<b>36. UC Davis</b>	<b>6-4</b>
37. Harvard	7-3
38. William & Mary	5-5
39. Hampton	7-4
40. Illinois State	6-6

NDSU opponents in bold

## VALPARAISO Crusaders (0-0 Overall, 0-0 PFL)

Offense		Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown
FL	<b>89 Rob, Giancola</b>	<b>6-0</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>Sr.</b>	<b>Whiting, IN</b>
	8 Patrick Cash	6-2	205	Sr.	Chicago, IL
TE	<b>81 Kenny Kiel,</b>	<b>6-3</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>Sr.</b>	<b>Roselle, IL</b>
	84 Tom Schmidt	6-2	244	Jr.	Hales Corners, WI
RT	<b>71 Kyle Padgett</b>	<b>5-11</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>Sr.</b>	<b>Indianapolis, IN</b>
	65 Brad Schaum	6-2	277	Fr.	Naperville, IL
RG	<b>59 Ted Soller</b>	<b>5-11</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>Sr.</b>	<b>Michigan City, IN</b>
	73 Matt Hoffmann	6-0	282	Jr.	Milwaukee, WI
C	<b>56 Steven Hlady</b>	<b>6-1</b>	<b>271</b>	<b>Jr.</b>	<b>Montague, MI</b>
	71 Kyle Padgett	5-11	230	Sr.	Indianapolis, IN
LG	<b>58 Ryan Palonka</b>	<b>6-0</b>	<b>272</b>	<b>Jr.</b>	<b>Boca Raton, FL</b>
	70 Nathan Wagner	6-5	293	Fr.	Sheboygan, WI
LT	<b>74 Casey Losiniecki</b>	<b>6-0</b>	<b>286</b>	<b>Sr.</b>	<b>Michigan City, IN</b>
	68 Mike Schilling	6-5	288	So.	Wauwatosa, WI
WR	<b>6 Kevin Knutson</b>	<b>6-4</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>So.</b>	<b>River Falls, WI</b>
	82 Joe Blahowicz	6-2	189	Jr.	Alden, NY
QB	<b>4 Joe Milazzo</b>	<b>5-11</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>Sr.</b>	<b>Delafield, WI</b>
	12 Dustin Shamburg	6-1	178	So.	Aurora, CO
FB	<b>9 Matt Van Daele</b>	<b>5-9</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>Sr.</b>	<b>Wildwood, IL</b>
	45 Robert Clark	5-10	215	Jr.	East Palestine, OH
HB	<b>20 Nick Reid</b>	<b>6-1</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>Sr.</b>	<b>Orlando, FL</b>
	5 Jeff Horton	6-1	181	So.	St. Louis, MO
Defense		Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown
LE	<b>66 Bill Marshall</b>	<b>6-2</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>Jr.</b>	<b>Warwick, NY</b>
	92 Xavier Freeman	6-2	236	So.	Gary, IN
NT	<b>95 Seungyeup Ro</b>	<b>6-0</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>So.</b>	<b>Palatine, IL</b>
	72 Noah Schroeder	6-2	230	Fr.	Scottville, MI
DT	<b>98 Bradley Riley</b>	<b>6-2</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>Jr.</b>	<b>Aurora, IL</b>
	75 Ed Teare	6-2	230	Fr.	Independence, OH
RE	<b>50 James Riker</b>	<b>6-0</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>So.</b>	<b>Tekonsha, MI</b>
	63 Ross Connor	6-2	230	Sr.	Los Altos, CA
OLB	<b>46 Andrew Critchell</b>	<b>6-1</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>Jr.</b>	<b>Grosse Pointe Farms, MI</b>
	21 Nick Haas	6-0	175	So.	Chesterton, IN
MLB	<b>48 Brandon Sturman</b>	<b>5-7</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>Jr.</b>	<b>Brookeville, MD</b>
	42 Kyle Kater	5-9	210	So.	Montague, MI
OLB	<b>44 Wesley Kosko</b>	<b>6-0</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>Jr.</b>	<b>Emporia, KS</b>
	36 Travis Davis	6-2	227	So.	St. Louis, MO
SS	<b>28 Mike Jones</b>	<b>6-2</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>Jr.</b>	<b>Lake Zurich, IL</b>
	3 Charlie Thompson	5-11	191	Fr.	Cleveland, WI
CB	<b>11 Elliott, Powell</b>	<b>6-1</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>Jr.</b>	<b>Orange, CA</b>
	17 Michael Allen	5-11	184	So.	Waukegan, IL
CB	<b>24 Chris Daniels</b>	<b>5-11</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>Sr.</b>	<b>Peoria, IL</b>
	22 Michael Mroz	5-10	181	Jr.	Westfield, NJ
FS	<b>13 Brad Smeja</b>	<b>5-11</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>Jr.</b>	<b>Oak Brook, IL</b>
	16 John Schaeckel	5-11	176	So.	Tomball, TX

### SPECIALISTS

Place Kicker--Andrew McCawley

Punter--Joe Blahowicz

Kickoff--Andrew McCawley

Holder--Joe Milazzo

Long Snapper--Jake Feit

Kickoff Return--Joel Cyrier, Elliott Powell, Brad Smeja

Punt Return--Brad Smeja, Joel Cyrier

## North Dakota Opening Game Results

Year	'SU		Opp.
1894	24	North Dakota	6
1895	12	North Dakota	4
1896	4	St. Cloud State	4
1897	0	North Dakota	39
1898	0	West Superior	25
1899	0	North Dakota	46
1900	19	Moorhead State	0
1901	17	Fargo HS	0
1902	35	Mitchell	0
1903	72	Barnesville	0
1904	11	Fargo College	0
1905	0	Minnesota Frosh	5
1906	32	North Dakota	4
1907	46	Lawrence U.	4
1908	28	St. Cloud State	0
1909	12	Valley City State	3
1910	79	Wahpeton Indians	0
1911	3	South Dakota State	14
1912	21	Wahpeton Science	0
1913	0	Wahpeton Science	0
1914	19	Jamestown College	7
1915	33	Jamestown College	0
1916	54	Wahpeton Science	0
1917	0	St. Thomas	14
1919	0	South Dakota State	0
1920	7	Jamestown College	7
1921	0	Jamestown College	0
1922	54	Fargo Am. Legion	0
1923	21	Jamestown College	0
1924	38	Jamestown College	7
1925	47	Jamestown College	0
1926	6	St. Mary's	0
1927	0	Montana State	22
1928	21	Valley City State	0
1929	13	Concordia	6
1930	21	Davis & Elkins	13
1931	19	Concordia	0
1932	12	South Dakota State	6
1933	0	Concordia	0
1934	6	Concordia	0
1935	13	Concordia	0
1936	18	Nebraska-Omaha	13
1937	34	Nebraska-Omaha	7
1938	20	Moorhead State	13
1939	0	St. Thomas	15
1940	13	Moorhead State	6
1941	7	Concordia	13
1942	6	Concordia	7
1945	0	Bemidji State	6
1946	0	Iowa	39
1947	20	Bemidji State	0
1948	0	Bemidji State	13
1949	0	Marquette	66
1950	0	Augustana	6
1951	7	Concordia	21
1952	12	Concordia	0
1953	7	Concordia	6
1954	0	Concordia	12
1955	7	Concordia	20
1956	25	Valley City State	0
1957	0	Concordia	47
1958	8	Concordia	6
1959	29	Concordia	20
1960	12	Concordia	32
1961	21	Concordia	0
1962	8	Moorhead State	22

and on KBMY-TV in Bismarck and KBMT-TV in Minot on Wednesdays at 10 p.m.

Former NDSU and Buffalo Bills star **Phil Hansen**, in his second year as a radio commentator for Bison broadcasts on WDAY-AM, will host the new show with a different format and new set from previous Bison football shows.

**FOOTBALL 101:** Bison athletics is offering an opportunity for all to learn more about the game of football. Head coach **Craig Bohl** will be teaching a course called Football 101. The goal of the program is for ladies and fun-loving fans to gather in a social setting and learn more about football.

The locker room area of the Fargodome will be the setting for four fun and informative sessions starting Wednesday, Sept. 8. Classes will meet from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Sept. 8, Sept. 15, Sept. 22, and Sept. 29. Sessions will include classroom chalk talks, on field demonstrations, offense, defense, kicking game and football rules. Cost is \$40. All proceeds will benefit the Bison Excellence Fund.

**NDSU, NORTHERN COLORADO ON FOX SPORTS NET:** The North Dakota State-University of Northern Colorado game on Saturday, Sept. 4, is scheduled to be broadcast on Fox Sports North and Fox Sports Rocky Mountain at 2:00 p.m. Mountain Standard Time. Kick-off is scheduled for 2:10 p.m.

Tim Neveritt will handle the play-by-play and former Denver Bronco Howard Griffith will provide color commentary. FSN North reaches more than 3 million homes throughout Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa and North and South Dakota and telecasts nearly 2,600 hours of locally produced programming per year. The Emmy Award-winning regional sports network provides comprehensive coverage of the NBA's Minnesota Timberwolves and Milwaukee Bucks, MLB's Minnesota Twins and Milwaukee Brewers, the NHL's Minnesota Wild and the WNBA's Minnesota Lynx as well as University of Minnesota athletic events.

**THE SERIES:** This will be the first meeting between North Dakota State and Valparaiso University ... The Crusaders are a NCAA Division I-AA non-scholarship program and competes in the Pioneer Football League ... The Bison have played current PFL league members University of Dayton (0-1-0), and Drake University (0-2-0), compiling a 0-3-0 record.

**THE COACHES:** North Dakota State head coach **Craig Bohl** begins his second season at the helm of the Bison with an 8-3 mark to date ... Bohl came to NDSU in 2003 from the University of Nebraska where he was an assistant coach for eight seasons including defensive coordinator over the final three years ... He was an assistant at North Dakota State, Tulsa, Wisconsin, Rice and Duke prior to Nebraska ... He played his college ball at Nebraska (1977-79).

**Tom Horne** (Wisconsin-LaCrosse, 1976) enters his 16th season at Valpo and has compiled a 62-95-1 record ... Led the Crusaders to a 8-4 record last season and the Pioneer Football League championship ... Also coached at Iowa Wesleyan and Joliet (IL) Junior College ... Has a career record of 88-126-2 in 21 seasons.

**THE GIANCOLA FACTOR:** Valparaiso University's **Rob Giancola** was named Receiver of the Year and was selected to the 2003 I-AA Mid-Major All-America First Team by the Football Gazette. Valpo defensive back **Chris Daniels** earned Second Team All-America honors, while placekicker **Andrew McCawley** was accorded Honorable Mention All-America status. All three players are back this season.

Giancola led all I-AA receivers with 1,496 receiving yards and 23 touchdowns. He averaged 26.2 yards per catch with 14 of his touchdowns of 30-or-more yards. Giancola ranked second among all I-AA players with 140 points and second in receiving yards per game (124.67).

In helping Valpo (8-4) win its first-ever Pioneer Football League Championship, Giancola shattered eight school records. The 6-1, 215-pounder established Valpo's single-season school marks for scoring (140 points), touchdowns (23), receiving yards (1,496) and touchdown receptions (23); single-game records for receiving yards (275), touchdown receptions (4, twice) and points (tied, 24, twice); and the career record for touchdown receptions (36). He will enter his senior

## North Dakota Opening Game Results

Year	'SU		Opp.
1963	14	Moorhead State	31
1964	20	Moorhead State	13
1965	59	Wis.-Milwaukee	20
1966	46	Wis.-Milwaukee	6
1967	24	Montana State	6
1968	49	Nebraska-Omaha	7
1969	28	Northern Illinois	0
1970	14	Eastern Michigan	14
1971	42	Northern Arizona	9
1972	21	Mankato State	17
1973	33	Mankato State	17
1974	3	Nebraska-Omaha	0
1975	3	Nebraska-Omaha	10
1976	9	Northern Michigan	14
1977	38	Northern Michigan	17
1978	23	Northern Arizona	7
1979	11	Weber State	10
1980	0	Northern Michigan	10
1981	0	Northern Michigan	38
1982	20	Northern Michigan	3
1983	17	Northern Michigan	14
1984	38	Northern Michigan	12
1985	26	Northern Michigan	10
1986	52	Northern Michigan	7
1987	6	Northern Michigan	10
1988	55	Northern Michigan	21
1989	55	Northern Michigan	23
1990	28	Indiana (PA)	18
1991	17	Grand Valley State	21
1992	26	Cal Poly	10
1993	35	Pittsburg State	16
1994	21	Angelo State	12
1995	16	Delta State	13
1996	20	Texas A&M-Kingsville	10
1997	31	West Georgia	14
1998	21	Emporia State	23
1999	55	Ferris State	35
2000	52	Texas A&M-Kingsville	7
2001	48	Angelo State	9
2002	34	Winona State	23
2003	28	Tusculum	7

Opening Game Totals:  
71 wins, 29 losses, 7 ties

season needing 17 points to become Valpo's all-time scoring leader (Joe Pahr, 234 from 1949-51).

Daniels finished second in the PFL with six interceptions and led Valpo with seven pass breakups, while making 48 tackles.

McCawley led the PFL in field goals with 11 in 15 attempts. He finished second on the team behind Giancola with 67 points.

**NO PASSING FANCY:** North Dakota State quarterback **Tony Stauss** posted impressive numbers during his first season ... Completed 220 of 325 passes for 2,134 yards and a 67.7 percent completion rate ... The 220 completions set a new NDSU single-season record ... Intercepted only seven times ... Threw 15 TD passes ... Tossed a school record five TDs in the 35-3 win over South Dakota ... Passed for over 300 yards in the final two games including a season-best 317 yards against Concordia-St. Paul in the season finale ... Should crack the NDSU top five for completions in tonight's game ... With 220, he's close behind **Terry Hanson** (222, 1965-67), **Mark Sperial** (225, 1977-80) and **Ryan Johnson** (240, 1997-00) ... **Kevin Feeney** (1995-98) is the all-time leader in completions (304) and total yards (4,769).

**GREAT WEST FOOTBALL CONFERENCE:** North Dakota State will begin its first season at the Division I-AA level in the newly-formed Great West Football Conference. The conference is comprised of six schools located in five states and three time zones. League membership includes NDSU, Northern Colorado, South Dakota State, Cal Poly, Southern Utah and UC Davis.

The Bison open Great West Football Conference play against Northern Colorado at 2:10 p.m. (MST) Saturday, Sept. 4, at Nottingham Field in Greeley. The Bears were 9-2 last season.

North Dakota State had three seniors — offensive center **Rob Hunt**, defensive end **Travis Ware** and cornerback **Matt Gorman** — named to the Preseason All-Great West Football Conference first team selected by GWFC correspondent Chris Kelly.

On another Preseason All-GWFC team selected by Josh Buchanan (I-AA.org), Hunt, Ware, and Gorman were joined by sophomore running back **Kyle Steffes** on the first team. Second team selections included junior linebacker **Jayd Kittelson**, senior free safety **Jared Essler** and senior return specialist Allen Burrell. Honorable mention included senior quarterback **Tony Stauss**, wide receiver Burrell and senior defensive tackle **Dwight Summerville**.

**GREAT WEST FOOTBALL CONFERENCE PRESEASON POLLS:** North Dakota State was picked third in the Great West Football Conference Media Poll and fourth in the Great West Football Conference Coaches Poll.

**NORTH DAKOTA STATE FIRST IN DIVISION II ATTENDANCE:** North Dakota State University's football program, annually one of the top draws in the country in Division II football, earned its fifth national attendance title in 2003.

The Bison averaged 11,567 fans per game in six regular season games in 2003. The Bison dumped Tuskegee out of the top spot for the first time in three years. NDSU would have been ranked No. 23 among 2003 NCAA I-AA attendance leaders.

The Bison have won five national attendance crowns including 1987 (14,120), 1989 (16,833), 1997 (12,512), 2000 (12,723, and 2003 (11,567).

**NEW LOOK FOR BISON:** North Dakota State will have a new look on the field this season. The Bison will be wearing its new home uniform. The helmets haven't changed, but fans should notice substantial differences in the jerseys and pants.

The traditional green top has been modified with a solid yellow collar, yellow piping down the sides, and a bold yellow stripe around the shoulder. The word "BISON" has been added on the chest.

The yellow pants now feature a solid green stripe down the outside of the legs instead of the former green-white-green look.

Although the home uniforms have been completely replaced, the road jerseys have not. NDSU's white jerseys will be the same as worn in recent years

# Bison Single-Game Top Five

## PASSING YARDS

Name	Yds./Opponent/Year
1. Graig Gorder	416, vs. UN-O, 2002
2. Ryan Johnson	341, vs. UNC, 1999
3. Brian Owen	324, vs. N. Colo., 1988
4. Kevin Feeney	322, vs. USD, 1998
5. <b>Tony Stauss</b>	<b>317, vs. CSP, 2003</b>

## COMPLETIONS

Name	No./Opponent/Year
1. Graig Gorder	27, vs. UN-O, 2002
2. <b>Tony Stauss</b>	<b>26, vs. UND, 2003</b>
3. Graig Gorder	25, vs. MSU-Mkto, 2001
4. <b>Tony Stauss</b>	<b>24, vs. St. Cloud, 2003</b>
5. Frank Esposito	23, vs. UND, 1951

## TD PASSES THROWN

Name	No./Opponent/Year
1. <b>Tony Stauss</b>	<b>5, vs. USD, 2003</b>
2. Graig Gorder	4, vs. UN-O, 2002
Kevin Feeney	4, vs. M'side, 1997
Rob Hyland	4, vs. SCSU, 1993
Chris Simdorn	4, vs. SCSU, 1990
Don Siverson	4, vs. UNI, 1972

# Bison Single-Season Top Five

## PASSING YARDS

Name	Yds./Year
1. Ryan Johnson	2,153, 1999
2. <b>Tony Stauss</b>	<b>2,134, 2003</b>
3. Graig Gorder	1,950, 2002
4. Kevin Feeney	1,817, 1998
5. Terry Hanson	1,493, 1966

## COMPLETIONS

Name	No./Year
1. <b>Tony Stauss</b>	<b>220, 2003</b>
2. Graig Gorder	169, 2002
3. Ryan Johnson	127, 1999
4. Kevin Feeney	119, 1998
5. Terry Hanson	114, 1968

## TD PASSES THROWN

Name	No./Year
1. Ryan Johnson	18, 1999
2. Kevin Feeney	16, 1997
3. <b>Tony Stauss</b>	<b>15, 2003</b>
4. Mike Bentson	14, 1970
Terry Hanson	14, 1966

## PASSES CAUGHT

Name	No./Year
1. T.R. McDonald	69, 1993
2. <b>Allen Burrell</b>	<b>56, 2003</b>
3. Chuck Wald	47, 1968
4. Marques Johnson	37, 2002
Tim Strehlow	37, 1999
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with the addition of "NORTH DAKOTA STATE" across the chest.

The jersey modifications are the first major changes since 1975 when the Bison adopted the solid green top with yellow and white trim. Only minor alterations were made in the following years.

Authentic gameday jerseys by Wilson went on sale at area Scheels All Sports stores on Thursday, Aug. 5. They feature the jersey numbers of former Bison stars **Lamar Gordon, Phil Hansen and Tony Satter**.

**SUCCESS OF THE BISON PROGRAM:** The success of North Dakota State football over the past few years has been nothing short of phenomenal. Here is what the Bison have accomplished since the early 1980s:

- Captured six straight North Central Conference title from 1981 to 1986 and 11 in the last 23 years.

- Had NCC winning streak of 20 and 16 wins.

- Won 159 of the last 202 NCC games (159-41-2, .792)

- Won 212 of the last 271 games (212-57-2, .786)

- Won 186 of the last 234 regular-season games (186-46-2) played including a streak of 22 straight wins before losing to Nebraska-Omaha in October 1983.

- Won 197 of the last 216 home games (197-17-2) at home since a 1980 season-opening 10-0 loss to Northern Michigan.

- Appeared in six straight NCAA playoffs from 1981 to 1986 and 15 in the last 23 years including finishing second nationally in 1981 and 1984, making the semifinals in 1982 and 2000, and winning the NCAA title in 1983, 1985, 1986, 1988 and 1990.

**INTERVIEW POLICY:** Please note that Bison players and coaches will be available for interviews Tuesday and Wednesdays during the season prior to regularly scheduled practices (2 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.) and after practice ... No interviews will be allowed after Wednesday ... Like previous years, once the Bison report to meetings, the interview period will be over until after practice ... It would be prudent to contact our office 24 hours in advance to set up an interview and guarantee that we can have that athlete present ... Otherwise, you will be gambling on player's availability ... Please contact the Bison Sports Information Office in advance to check on the practice site (grass practice fields, Dacotah Field and the Fargodome) ... Times could also change ... A member of the SID staff will always be available to you.

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