

NORTH DAKOTA STATE BISON

Craig Bohl (Career 75-31)

10th Year at NDSU (75-31)

Fargo, North Dakota

Enrollment: 14,189

2012 SCHEDULE

9/1	Robert Morris
9/8	at Colorado St
9/15	
9/22	Prairie View A&M
9/29	at UNI
10/6	Youngstown St (HC)
10/13	Indiana St
10/20	at South Dakota
10/27	Southern Illinois
11/3	at Missouri St
11/10	South Dakota St
11/17	at Illinois St

2011 RESULTS

PRE #1	OPPONENT	POST #1
#11	Lafayette	42-6
#11	St Francis (PA)	56-3
#8	at Minnesota St	37-24
#5	Illinois St	20-10
#4	at Southern Illinois - #17	9-3
#4	Missouri St	51-21
#3	at South Dakota St	38-14
#3	UNI - #2	27-19
#1	at Indiana St - #16	27-16
#1	Youngstown St	24-27
#5	at Western Illinois	37-21
#4	James Madison - #17	26-14
#4	Lehigh - #6	24-0
#4	Georgia Southern - #2	35-7
#4	at Sam Houston St - #1	17-6

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2012

QB's - Jose Moehler (1181, 59%, 5-6) won the job in 2010 but after an injury Brock Jensen came in and he started gms 4-6. He was in'nd and originally thought to be OFY but unexpectedly returned and started the L/4 throwing for 950 (45%, 7-2) while adding 231 (3.4) rushing. Jensen took control LY starting all 15 despite being hampered by turf toe. He finished with 2,524 (67.2%, 14-4) adding 173 (2.4) rushing with 9 t'ds and set a school record with 142 passes w/out an int. Jensen returns and very few teams can say they have back a National Championship winner at QB.

RB's - The Bison have had a 1,000 yd rusher for NINE straight seasons. DJ McNorton was #2 in '09 with 282 (4.4). He took over in '10 and led with 1,559 (5.6) and 15 td's plus 433 (17.3) rec. While McNorton topped 1,000 gain LY (1,020, 5.2, 13.0) he finished #2. Sam Ojuri who played as a true in '09 with 144 (4.5) and RS in '10, led with 1,105 (5.9) despite making only 1 start. McNorton departs but Ojuri returns and will be spelled by Derrick Lang (142, 3.5) who was the #3 RB LY. Also back is FB Andrew Grothmann (10 st) who deserves accolades for opening holes for the school's first pair of 1,000 yd rushers. We'll call the unit even with LY's and a tenth straight season is well within reach.

Rec's - In 2010 they ret'd 6 of their top 8 rec's incl their top 3. Warren Holloway led with 698 (14.2) while RB McNorton was #2 and they were the only ones to return LY. Holloway again led and this time topped the century mark with 1,003 (13.0). Ryan Smith was #2 with 531 (12.1) while TE Matt Veldman finished #3 (331, 12.7) taking home 2nd tm MVFC honors. This season Smith is the only rec in the top 4 to return and while 3 others are back who made at least one start at WR LY none had over 100 yds rec. Losing a 3 year starter who led in B2B2B seasons will be tough to replace.

O-Line - The OL opened holes for 200+ ypg rushing from '07-'09. They lost 3 starters in '10 and the numbers fell to 174 ypg (4.5) but the shocking number was 34 sks (16 more than any of the L7Y). LY they only lost 1 starter and with a pair of 1,000 yd rushers you would have thought they bettered their numbers but with 15 games played they basically stayed the same at 173 ypg. They did however improve to 4.9 ypc and allowed a respectable 18 sks. This year they lose 2 multi-year starters incl a 1st tm AA RT Paul Cornick who signed a UFA contract with the NYJ and a 2nd tm MVFC LG.

D-Line - After losing 2 of their 4 starters in 2010 they allowed their worst rushing numbers (172 ypg, 4.6) since their move up to the FCS but did produce 38 sks. LY they lost 1 starter who was an AA DT. All 3 back made 14 st in '10 making it a veteran unit and they produced their best numbers since 2006 allowing 119 ypg (3.5) with 41 sks. TY they lose 1 starter but it was their sk leader Coulter Boyer (9 sk, 1st tm MVFC). They are set up well to fill the big shoes as the 2 DE's split the spot making 7 and 8 sts respectively. NDSU lost their star into LY and now do so again so we'll call the unit equal.

LB's - What a difference 2 seasons can make. In '09 they lost 2 starters (#1 & #2 tkl'rs) and allowed 28.6 ppg, their worst in FCS play. In '10 they lost 1 starter but ret'd their #1 and #2 tkl'rs and improved to allowing 18.2 ppg. LY they lost one starter, (#10 tkl'r) but returned their #1 and #2 plus a LB who started 3 gms but was the #3 tkl'r. The unit not only improved to 12.7 ppg but that led the FCS thanks to only allowing a total of 27 points in their 4 playoff games. TY they lose their #1 and #2 tkl'rs so a sizeable drop off would not surprise.

DB's - The unit has clearly overachieved the last several years. They lost 2 starters in 2010 yet still finished #15 in pass eff D with a 12-18 ratio. They again lost 2 starters LY but with the very effective front 7 finished #16 in pass eff D with a 14-21 ratio. TY they only lose 1 starter and ret a 2nd tm MVFC SS and 1st tm AA CB Marcus Williams (7 int). Andre Martin made 24 st at CB at UNI and tran in after grad so they move Christian Dudzik to the open FS spot basically giving them 4 starters back.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Heading into LY the Bison lost their AA P and top 2 KR's. Matt Voigtlander avg'd 41.0 with a 36.6 net compared to 42.6 and 39.2 in '10. Ryan Jastram was 14-23 (L/51) in '10 but improved by hitting 16-18 (L/53). The PR duties for both seasons were handled by Ryan Smith who avg'd 10.7 in '10 and 10.5 LY earning 2nd tm MVFC. The KR unit got a boost as '10's top man avg'd 22.7 while AA CB Marcus Williams would have led the FCS LY with more att's avg'd 34.2 and both main return men are back. A #5 finish in '10 was followed by a #2 finish LY but with having to replace both K's we expect a decent drop in the rankings for this year.

COACHES - HC Craig Bohl is entering his 10th year here and has produced 8 of 9 winning seasons, B2B playoff appearances and now a Nat'l Championship. Brent Vigen is in his 3rd yr as OC and in his 15th yr overall here as an asst. Chris Kweman is in his 2nd year here and after being the DB cch in 2011 he was promoted to DC this year.

Overview - The Bison came into '11 off of a confidence building 9-5 season in which they made their first ever FCS playoff appearance and won a pair of post-season games by 26 and 25 pts before falling to the eventual Nat'l Champ in OT. They came into LY ranked #11 and blewout a pair of overmatched foes by a combined 89 pts. They stood toe-to-toe vs Minnesota and 2 def td's by AA CB Williams opened up the door for their 2nd str upset of the Gophers. They led ISU 14-3 and got a 14 pt swing with an 82 yd int ret td to secure the win. The next week a defensive battle ensued with NDSU needing a 50/7p 4Q drive for the 9-3 win over #17 SIU and they led SDSU 38-7 before allowing a td with :04 left. It was #2 UNI vs #3 and the game turned in the 3Q as NDSU, leading 17-13 got a 3 yd fmbt rec td. Against #17 Ind St the bend but don't break D got outgained for the 4th time in 6 games but again led 27-10 before allowing a 4Q td with 3:01 left. There was nothing fluky about getting upset by YSU as they were outgained 451-293 and lost the TOP battle 37:36-22:24. They clinched the MVFC Title taking out their frustrations on WIU as they led 37-7 into the 4Q. They got progressively better in the playoffs beating #17 James Madison by 12, shutting out #6 Lehigh 24-0 and were +3 in TO's against #3 GA Southern in a 28 pt win. NDST won 5 DII Nat'l Championships with their last in 1990 and got their 1st FCS Nat'l Championship by holding Sam Houston St to 210 yards and 31 pts below their FCS leading scoring offense. This year they return 14 starters plus a 1,000 yd rusher but thanks to 9 def/ret td's the team that only outgained its foes by 30 ypg outscored them by 18.6 ppg.

OFFENSE - LAST 7 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	TOTAL OFF	OFF RUSH	YPP	OFF PASS	OFF YPP	OFF SKS	TOTAL DEF	DEF DEF											
7	31.3	346	173	4.9	173	67.0	11.0	18	2011	8	12.7	316	119	3.5	197	57.0	24.8	41	
5	25.4	327	174	4.5	153	62.3	12.9	34	+15	2010	6	18.2	361	172	4.6	189	53.8	19.8	38
4	29.2	400	220	5.7	180	55.4	13.7	18	-4	2009	4	28.6	361	153	4.0	209	62.8	12.6	22
7	29.9	384	200	5.4	184	58.1	12.8	13	-9	2008	7	19.2	254	137	3.1	117	56.1	13.2	39
7	39.5	464	235	5.6	229	67.0	11.7	14	-3	2007	8	22.3	329	127	3.9	203	57.7	14.8	27
7	34.0	399	194	5.1	205	63.9	11.7	14	+3	2006	5	13.4	254	67	2.5	187	56.6	19.0	27
5	29.1	346	177	4.2	169	54.4	11.9	11	+11	2005	4	13.7	272	122	3.6	150	57.7	19.8	22

STADIUM: FARGODOME (18,700) (#35) PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL

STRAIGHT UP	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	10 Yr Total
HOME	2-4	5-1	8-3	7-4	10-1	10-1	6-5	3-8	9-5	14-1	77-39
AWAY	0-4	3-2	3-2	2-3	5-1	5-1	2-3	1-4	6-1	9-1	47-15
PLAYOFFS	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-1	4-0	6-1
CONF	1-7	5-2	2-3	2-2	4-0	3-1	4-4	2-6	4-4	7-1	35-30
NON CONF	1-1	3-1	6-0	4-2	6-1	7-0	2-1	1-2	5-1	7-0	42-9

2011 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG	PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT	QBH
Sam Ojuri	187	1137	32	1105	11	5.9	Chad Willson LB	99	2.5	6.5	1	1	2
DJ McNorton	197	1060	40	1020	13	5.2	Preston Evans LB	88	1.5	3.5	3	1	3
Brock Jensen	7	319	146	173	9	2.4	Colten Heagle SS	82	1.5	0	2	0	2
Derrick Lang	40	14	5	142	2	3.5	Travis Beck LB	76	1.5	2.5	4	1	3
Wes Hudson	11	55	5	50	2	4.5	Christian Dudzik DB	72	0	2.5	10	1	0
Ryan Smith	6	40	5	35	0	5.8	Carlton Littlejohn LB	53	0.5	3	2	1	3
Matt Voigtlander	1	27	0	27	0	27.0	Marcus Williams CB	53	0	1	15	7	0
Cooper Wahlo	2	27	0	27	0	13.5	Coulter Boyer DE	51	9	3.5	3	0	10
PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT	Cole Jirik DE	50	7	3.5	0	0	7
Brock Jensen	326	219	67.2	2524	14	4	John Pike S	46	0	1	6	5	2
REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG	Grant Olson LB	44	0	2	0	0	5	5	5
Warren Holloway	77	1003	13.0	8	67	Brandon Jamison LB	43	0	2	0	0	0	0
Ryan Smith	44	531	12.1	0	58	Kyle Emanuel DE	41	3.5	0.5	1	0	3	0
Matt Veldman	26	331	12.7	3	29	Justin Juckem NG	41	0.5	3.5	0	0	0	3
DJ McNorton	24	245	10.2	3	39	Leavon Perry DT	38	3.5	5.5	0	0	0	3
Garrett Bruhn	11	145	13.2	0	30	Daniel Eaves FS	34	0	1	4	1	0	1
Trevor Gebhart	10	93	9.3	0	26	Bryan Shepherd DB	34	0	1	7	0	1	0
Nate Moody	7	68	9.7	0	20	Bobby Ollman SS	26	0	1	0	1	0	1
Kevin Vaadeland	5	51	10.2	0	26	Ryan Drevlow NG	26	2	4	1	0	2	0
Andrew Grothmann	3	24	8.0	0	12	Scott Stoczynski DE	20	2.5	2	1	0	3	0
Cooper Wahlo	3	24	8.0	0	12	Ricky Hagen DE	16	2	0.5	0	0	1	0
Taylor Nelson	2	15	7.5	0	12	PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG		
Matt Voigtlander	66	2703	41.0	18	36.6	0	25	Ryan Smith	25	262	10.5	1	41
KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TTL	LNG	KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
Ryan Jastram	54-59	4-4	8-9	3-4	1-1	16-18	53	Marcus Williams	12	410	34.2	1	90



2011 RECORD: (14-1)
RETURNING STARTERS: OFFENSE: 6 DEFENSE: 8 LETTERMEN: Returning: 44 (21,22,1) Lost: 21 (10,8,3) 2011 AVG ATTENDANCE: 18,143 (#10)

MVFC

OFFENSE

QB	RB	WR	TE	FB
14-4) HM MVFC LY. 9 Esley Thornton (6'3" 213 So) PS#467. Carson Wentz (6'5" 219 Jr) 6-0 205 PS#507. RS '10. 1 st, 15 yds, (11.0) 5/9	LY. 42 Derrick Lang (5'11" 215 Jr). DeVon Diwiddie (5'8" 175 Jr). Matt Jones (5'9" 198 Jr). 6-1 234 2 st, 13 gm, 57 rec (19.0) 10/11. FB 40 ANDREW GROTHMANN JR. 6-1 234 2 st, 13 gm, 57 rec (19.0) 10/11. FB 40 ANDREW GROTHMANN JR. 6-1 234 2 st, 13 gm, 57 rec (19.0) 10/11. FB 40 ANDREW GROTHMANN JR. 6-1 234 2 st, 13 gm, 57 rec (19.0) 10/11.	WR 4 RYAN SMITH JR. 5-7 175 PS#473. 14 gm RS, 31 PR (10/21) fr. 13 st, 531 rec yd (12.1) 2nd Tm MVFC LY. Trevor Gebhart (6'1" 191 So) 1 st, 6 gm, 93 (9.3) inj LY. WR 89 Zach Vraa So. 6-2 199 PS#289 RS '10. 1 st opener inj OFY LY. 12 Cooper Wahlo (6'2" 196 Jr) 1 st, 15 gm, 24 (8.0) LY. Nate Moody (6'1" 193 So) 10 gm, 68 (9.7) LY. TE 47 Garrett Bruhn Sr. 6-1 244 PS#385 8 st, 38 gm FB, 216 rec (10.3) L3Y. Taylor Nelson (6'4" 245 Jr) PS#74. Kevin Vaadeland (6'3" 295 So). C 73 JOE LUND SR. 6-2 304 9 st, 9 gm '10. 15 st LY. "The Diesel". Adam Schueller (6'3" 295 So). LS 50 Michael Murphy (6'0" 238 Jr) 27 gm, 124 st. RG 71 TYLER GIMMESTAD JR. 6-2 300 PS#403 RS '09. 11 gm NG '10. 14 st LG LY. Andrew Nack (6'3" 297 Jr) PS#647. Josh Colville (6'1" 279 Jr) PS#344. LB 63 Anthony LaVoy Jr. 6-4 295 11 gm, 3 tkl at LY. Move to #1 LB spg '12. 68 Ty Beckius (6'4" 294 Sr) 4 st, 21 gm LY. Landon Lechler (6'7" 250 Fr). RT 72 Jeff Jerve Jr. 6-4 308 RS '09. 3 gm LY. Jason Pomeroy (6'5" 314 So) RS '10. 2 gm LY. Zack Johnson (6'5" 315 Fr). Sam Hahn (6'8" 265 Fr). LT 77 BILLY TURNER JR. 6-6 300 12 st RT as true. Last 14 st LT LY. 72 Jesse Hinz (6'3" 291 Jr) 4 st, 9 gm at C true. 1 st, 6 gm C LY. Jack Plankers (6'7" 290 Fr). K 17 Adam Keller So. 6-1 209 Backup LZ.Y. Myles Brooks (6'0" 193 So).		

OFFENSE

Total	Off	Rush	Pass	Sks	Total	Def	Rush	Pass	Sks											
17,023	416	18	38-180	4.7	18-25	236	1	198	8	27-54	20	15-21	144	4	218	0	#4	90	#1	217
18,341	394	17	28-233	8.3	13-19	161	0	182	15	40-66	1.7	127	116	6	44	+2	#9	16	#1	217
48,802	336	17	28-139	5.0	16-21	197	0	292	18	41-168	4.1	9-20	126	5	212	+3	#11	-73	#5	20
18,904	331	16	33-124	3.8	15-22	207	3	397	21	29-127	4.4	31-48	270	1	-86	+1	#4	-57	#8	15
9,059	210	9	33-60	1.8	13-23	150	3	297	17	43-128	3.0	16-28	169	1	-67	+2	#11	-228	#3	132
18,029	428	26	41-212	5.2	20-24	216	1	363	19	29-141	4.9	18-25	222	2	65	+3	#7	120	#8	48
14,823	327	23	38-149	3.9	20-25	178	3	349	18	27-63	2.3	25-43	286	2	-22	0	#10	-48	#4	23
18,886	349	19	38-145	3.8	22-25	204	1	345	18	18-53	2.9	24-39	292	2	4	+2	#7	16	#6	-11
6,412	343	21	41-161	3.9	13-20	182	1	373	17	22-124	5.6	19-39	249	2	-30	+2	#9	-29	#5	-4
18,450	293	11	28-160	5.7	11-22	133	1	451	24	45-214	4.8	20-24	237	1	-158	-1	#6	-182	#5	8
3,560	263	17	38-167	4.4	12-19	196	2	292	14	48-210	4.4	6-14	82	4	71	0	#7	59	#5	20
17,432	329	16	37-219	5.9	11-18	110	1	301	20	34-84	2.5	22-39	217	2	28	+1	#6	-21	#3	52
18,111	Lehigh	384	20	36-221																