

# NORTH DAKOTA STATE BISON

Fargo, North Dakota  
Enrollment: 14,407

Craig Bohl (Career 61-30)  
9th Year at NDSU  
Bohl's record at North Dakota St 61-30

## POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2011

**QB's** - NDSU ret'd st'r Nick Mertens (2004, 59%, 16-15) and he started the 1st 7 (ply'd 9) of '09 throwing for 1,348 (54%, 9-8). Jose Mohler (PS#286) started the L/4 (ply'd 5) as a rFr and threw for 635 (60%, 6-2). Mertens left LY and Mohler competed with PS#328JC Dante Perez and rFr Brock Jensen for the starting job. Mohler started the 1st 3 but was inj'd and Jensen came in and threw 3 td passes. Jensen started the next 3 until inj vs YSU and was initially ruled OFY but he only missed 5. Overall, he threw for 950 (45%, 7-2) in 7 st and was the #3 rusher (231, 3.4) while Mohler had 1,181 (58.7%, 5-6). Perez ply'd in 3 (1-3, 2 int). The unit put up their worst passing ypg (153) since joining the FCS. After finishing spg as the #3 QB, Mohler trans but as long as Jensen and Perez stay healthy, this unit should improve.

**RB's** - NDSU lost 2x 1,000 yd rusher Tyler Roehl in '09. They ret'd the next 4 rushers led by Pat Paschall (601, 5.6). Paschall finished the ssn with 10 straight 100 yd gms (1st tm MVFC) and led the FCS with 1,397 (6.7, 16 td) but departed LY. They ret'd 5 of their top 7 and also ret Mike Sigers who was inj'd after just 3 gms in '09 (MedRS). McNorton extended the NDSU streak of 1,000 yd rushers to 8 str with 1,559 (5.6, 15 td, 2nd tm MVFC). Sigers had 373 (6.5) while Matt Voigtlander had 202 (7.0). TY they lose FB Lee Vandal (9 st, 6 rec) and Sigers is ineligible (acad) but should continue the 1,000 yd streak.

**Rec's** - The Bison lost their top 6 rec in '09. Warren Holloway emerged with 514 (15.6) but only 1 td. LY they ret'd 6 of their top 8 incl their top 3 in Holloway, Gary Williams (271, 22.6) and TE Matt Veldman (191, 12.7). Holloway led again with 698 (14.2) and ret's along with #2, RB McNorton. They lose 4 of their top 6 incl WR's Justin Howard (280, 11.7) and Titus Mack (245, 14.4) along with TE Landon Smith (224, 14.4). I expect the pass game to improve which will help here.

**O-Line** - The OL lost 2 str's in '09 but ret'd 5 who comb for 36 sts. They improved the ypg rush to 220 (5.7) which was #6 in the FCS and all'd 18 sks (6.7%). LY they lost 3 str's incl 2nd

tm MVFC LG Buckman and their rush numbers fell to a 5 yr low of 174 ypg (4.5) and they allowed 34 sk (11.0%) incl 11 vs UNI. TY they only lose LT Michael Arndt (14 st, 2 yr str), returning 6 who started led by 2nd tm MVFC RT Paul Cornick (14 st), LG Austin Richard (14 st), RT Billy Turner (12 st, moves to LT TY) and C Joe Lund (9 st). With all of the exp on hand the Bison should get closer to '09's numbers.

**D-Line** - The DL lost 2 str's in '09 incl a 2nd Tm MVFC DE. They had a new DC and their ypc went from 3.3 to 4.0, while the D had 17 fewer sks (22). LY they lost 2 str's incl DE Garrett Johnson (#8 tk/r, 5.5 sk) but ret'd 4 who comb for 25 sts incl 2nd tm MVFC DT Matthew Gratzek (#4 tk/r, 10.5 tfl) and DE Coulter Boyer (#6, 6.5 sk). They allowed 172 rush ypg (4.6) their worst since joining the FCS but the D did total 37 sks. TY they lose AA DT Gratzek (10 tfl) but ret three 14 gm str's in 2nd tm MVFC DE Boyer (#6 tk/r, 10 sk), DE Scott Stoczynski (47 tk, 6 tfl) and DT Leevon Perry (32 tk/r, 5.5 tfl), plus ret Cole Jirik who had 8.5 tfl off of the bench.

**LB's** - In '09 the LB unit lost the #1 (1st tm MVFC) and #2 tk/r's. They ret'd 5 who comb'd for 12 sts led by Tyler Henry (5st, 30 tk). The inexp unit all'd 28.6 ppg, their highest since joining the FCS. LY they lost 4 who comb for 11 sts but ret'd 2nd tm MVFC Preston Evans (#1 tk/r, 6 tfl), Brandon Jemison (#2 tk/r) and added Chad Willson (PS#262JC). The exp unit all'd just 18.2 ppg which was their best S/O'6. TY they lose Matt Anderson (#7 tk/r, 3 int, 10st) but return Evans (#1 tk/r), Jemison (#2) and Willson (t-#3, 3st).

**DB's** - The secondary lost both starting CB's in '09 along with a 1st tm MVFC FS (#7DC TEN). They ret'd SS Cyrus Lemon (#3 tk/r) and all'd almost 100 pass ypg more with a poor 18-3 ratio (2nd fewest int FCS). LY they lost 2 str's in SS Kyle Belmont (#3 tk/r) and CB Richard Bowman (#11). They ret'd a comb 24 sts led by FS Daniel Eaves (t-#6 tk/r). They improved from last to first in the MVFC in pass eff D with a 12-18 ratio. TY they lose CB Freddie Banks (12st, 37 tk) and SS Lemon (7st, #14). They ret CB Marcus Williams (47 tk, 4 int, 12 pbu), FS Eaves (#4 tk/r, 3 int) and SS Colten Heagle (7st, #5).

**SPECIAL TEAMS** - LY the ST unit lost its top KR and 2 of 3 K's incl Shawn Bibeau (6-9 FG, L/S2). They ret'd P John Plevitz (39.3), K Ryan Jastrum (1-4) and their top PR. Plevitz was named 1st tm AA after avg 42.6 and his 39.1 net was #2 in the FCS. Jastrum hit 14-23 (L/51) and avg'd 62.3 on KO (5 TB). The PR D all'd just

## 2011 SCHEDULE

9/3	Lafayette
9/10	St Francis (PA)
9/17	
9/24	at Minnesota
10/1	Illinois St (HC)
10/8	at Southern Illinois
10/15	Missouri St
10/22	at South Dakota St
10/29	UNI
11/5	at Indiana St
11/12	Youngstown St
11/19	at Western Illinois



**2010 RECORD:**  
(9-5)  
**RETURNING STARTERS:**  
**OFFENSE: 7\***  
**DEFENSE: 8**  
**LETTERMAN:**  
**Returning: 43 (21,22,1)**  
**Lost: 19 (10,8,1)**  
**2010 AVG ATTENDANCE:**  
15,944 (#14)  
**MVFC**

122 TOTAL yds (3.9) but they did give up 21.2 (1 td) on KR. TY the losses are heavy as gone are Plevitz and their top 2 KR but they ret Jastrum and signed PS#133K Ben LeCompte.

**COACHES** - HC Craig Bohl has had a winning ssn in 7 of his 8 yrs here and led NDSU to its 1st FCS playoffs LY. In June Bohl signed a 5Y extension and he's already #2 in all-time wins at NDSU. Scottie Hazelton enters his 2nd ssn as DC while Brent Vigen enters his 3rd yr as OC and his 14th yr overall here.

**FORECAST** - After going 3-8, the Bison ret'd just 5 off str's LY but were in the 2nd yr under OC Vigen. Their stats fell in almost every category but surprisingly they finished 9-5 and made their 1st FCS playoffs thanks in part to a D which ret'd 6 str's and 5 of its top 7 tk/r's. The '10 D all'd just 18.2 ppg which was #1 in the MVFC. Bohl opened up every starting spot in the offseason, forcing each player to earn his job and it paid off with a 6-3 win over Kansas (now 4-3 vs FBS S/O'6). They entered the polls for the 1st time S/O'8 but suffered a letdown vs UNI with the worst rushing day in NDSU history (-40 yd, 11 sk all'd). After a W vs Morgan St, the D had all'd just 1 td in the first 3 gms. They went 5-3 the rest of the season and got an at-large bid to their 1st playoffs S/O'0. After defeating NEC champ Robert Morris, they upset Big Sky champ Montana St on the road but lost in OT to eventual champ EW. NDSU was +15 TO's LY which was a HUGE part of their success as they were outgained by 34 ypg. The Bison have had 33 winning ssns the L/35Y and TY return 15 str's and should challenge for the MVFC crown.

## STADIUM: FARGODOME (18,700) (#33)

### PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	9 Yr Total
Straight Up	2-8	8-3	8-3	7-4	10-1	10-1	6-5	3-8	9-5	63-38
Home	2-4	5-1	5-1	5-1	5-0	5-0	4-2	1-4	6-1	38-14
Away	0-4	3-2	3-2	2-3	5-1	5-1	2-3	2-4	3-4	25-24
Playoffs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2-1	2-1
Conf	1-7	5-2	2-3	3-2	4-0	3-1	4-4	2-6	4-4	28-29
Non-Conf	1-1	3-1	6-0	4-2	6-1	7-0	2-1	1-2	5-1	35-9

## 2010 STATISTICAL LEADERS

	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG	PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT
RUSHING												
DJ McNorton	280	1630	71	1559	15	5.6	Preston Evans	95	0.5	5	1	0
Mike Sigers	57	394	21	373	4	6.5	Brandon Jemison	81	0	5.5	0	0
Brock Jensen	68	319	88	231	4	3.4	Daniel Eaves	74	0.5	2	6	3
Matt Voigtlander	29	206	4	202	0	7.0	Chad Willson	74	1.5	3	4	0
Derrick Lang	12	34	0	34	2	2.8	Colten Heagle	64	0	6	0	0
Jose Mohler	66	278	253	25	2	0.4	Coulter Boyer	58	10	3	6	1
Titus Mack	4	21	2	19	0	4.8	Matt Anderson	58	2	3	9	3
Ryan Smith	3	15	0	15	0	5.0	Grant Olson	52	1	3.5	10	0
PASSING												
Jose Mohler	172	101	58.7	1181	5	6	Marcus Williams	47	0	1	12	4
Brock Jensen	131	59	45.0	950	7	2	Scott Stoczynski	47	1	5	1	0
RECEIVING												
Warren Holloway	49	698	14.2	5	58		Matthew Gratzek	39	6	4	1	0
DJ McNorton	25	433	17.3	4	61		Matt Phillips	38	2	1.5	2	0
Justin Howard	24	280	11.7	1	45		Cyrus Lemon	37	0	1	1	0
Titus Mack	17	245	14.4	0	31		Leevon Perry	32	3	2.5	0	0
Landon Smith	19	224	11.8	1	52		Cole Jirik	27	7	1.5	0	0
Lee Vandal	6	61	10.2	0	24		Josh Gattlin	19	0	1	6	5
Garrett Bruhn	8	59	7.4	0	12		Ryan Drevlow	19	1	2.5	0	0
Andrew Grothmann	3	57	19.0	0	41		John Pike	16	0	0	1	1
Mike Sigers	3	48	16.0	0	23		Derris Colvin	15	0	0	0	0
PUNTING												
John Plevitz	75	3197	42.6	12	39.1	0	27	NO YDS	AVG	TD		
KICKING												
Ryan Jastrum	42-43	5-8	4-7	4-7	1-1	14-23	51	31	332	10.7	0	
								NO YDS	AVG	TD		
								20	454	22.7	0	
								13	353	27.2	1	

## OFFENSE - LAST 7 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET	PTS	TOTAL	OFF	YFC	OFF	PASS	OFF	YFC	SKS	TOTAL	RET	PTS	TOTAL	DEF	DEF	DEF	PASS	DEF	SKS
STS	OFF	OFF	RUSH	YFC	PASS	%	YFC	VS	VS	TURN	STS	DEF	DEF	RUSH	YFC	DEF	%	YFC	VS
5	25.4	327	174	4.5	153	52.3	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	3.3	117	56.1	13.2	29
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
7	30.7	379	192	4.8	186	67.3	12.3	13	+13	2004	9	13.6	285	126	3.2	159	54.1	21.0	22

## OFFENSE

ASU 2010																	
ATT	OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS	VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS	VS	BY	TURN
48,417	at Kansas	10	32-73	2.3	12-22	95	1		14	32-96	3.0	19-33	197	4		+2	
14,422	at UNI	16	31-(-40)	-1.3	20-35	247	11		16	35-262	7.5	10-20	172	4		0	
17,340	Morgan St	16	33-128	3.9	10-20	123	1		11	38-81	2.1	12-24	126	1		+1	
18,248	South Dakota	21	42-348	8.3	9-19	182	0		19	35-165	4.7	19-33	157	4		+1	
18,701	Western Illinois	14	31-164	5.3	12-27	239	2		21	41-223	5.4	17-24	175	1		-1	
15,068	at Youngstown St	17	35-215	6.1	14-20	211	2		25	45-247	5.5	22-31	252	1		+1	
10,131	at Illinois St	14	30-193	6.4	10-18	146	2		24	49-287	5.9	17-29	186	0		-2	
15,245	Indiana St	17	45-196	4.4	12-20	185	1		21	26-27	1.0	25-47	330	3		+1	
12,834	Southern Illinois	12	39-128	3.3	9-16	123	3		16	37-167	4.5	19-35	175	4		+4	
17,037	South Dakota St	17	47-176	3.7	14-20	100	3		17	28-84	3.0	18-42	247	2		+3	
4,837	at Missouri St	8	27-42	1.6	12-24	78	4		19	51-238	4.7	14-23	96	2		-1	
12,202	Robert Morris	20	48-253	5.3	10-24	229	0		17	38-161	4.2	9-24	146	2		+1	
14,277	at Montana St	18	46-376	8.2	5-19	56	1		19	31-135	4.4	20-38	245	5		+3	
4,060	at E Washington	16	51-188	3.7	12-24	128	3		16	38-241	6.3	13-32	141	5		+2	
TOTALS		216	537-2440	4.5	161-308	2142	34		255	524-2414	4.6	234-435	2645	38		+15	
AVAGES		15.4	38-174	4.5	12-22	153	2.4		18.2	37-172	4.6	17-31	189	2.7		+1.1	

## 2010 STATS BY GAME

## DEFENSE

## 2005 RESULTS

OPPONENT	SCORE
Arkansas-Monticello	59-7
at Northwestern St	35-7
Weber St	41-0
at Montana St	17-20
Nicholls St	26-13
at Cal Poly	6-37
UC Davis	14-20
at Southern Utah	37-21
Northern Colorado	44-0
South Dakota St	41-17
at Southern Illinois	0-9

## 2006 RESULTS

OPPONENT	SCORE
Concordia-St Paul	66-7
Northeastern	23-10
at Ball St	29-24
at Stephen F. Austin	17-9
at Georgia Southern	34-14
Mississippi Valley St	45-0
at Minnesota	9-10
at Southern Utah	31-7
at UC Davis	28-24
Cal Poly	51-14
South Dakota St	41-28

## 2007 RESULTS

OPPONENT	SCORE
Stephen F. Austin	28-19
Sam Houston St	41-38
at Central Michigan	44-14
at Western Illinois	41-28
UC Davis	35-16
at Mississippi Valley St	58-7
at Minnesota	27-21
at Southern Utah	52-17
Illinois St	54-28
at Cal Poly	31-28
at South Dakota St	24-29

## 2008 RESULTS

OPPONENT	SCORE
Austin Peay	41-6
Central Conn St	50-14
at Wyoming	13-16
at Youngstown St	24-32
Southern Illinois	35-27
Western Illinois	22-27
at UNI	13-23
at Illinois St	25-7