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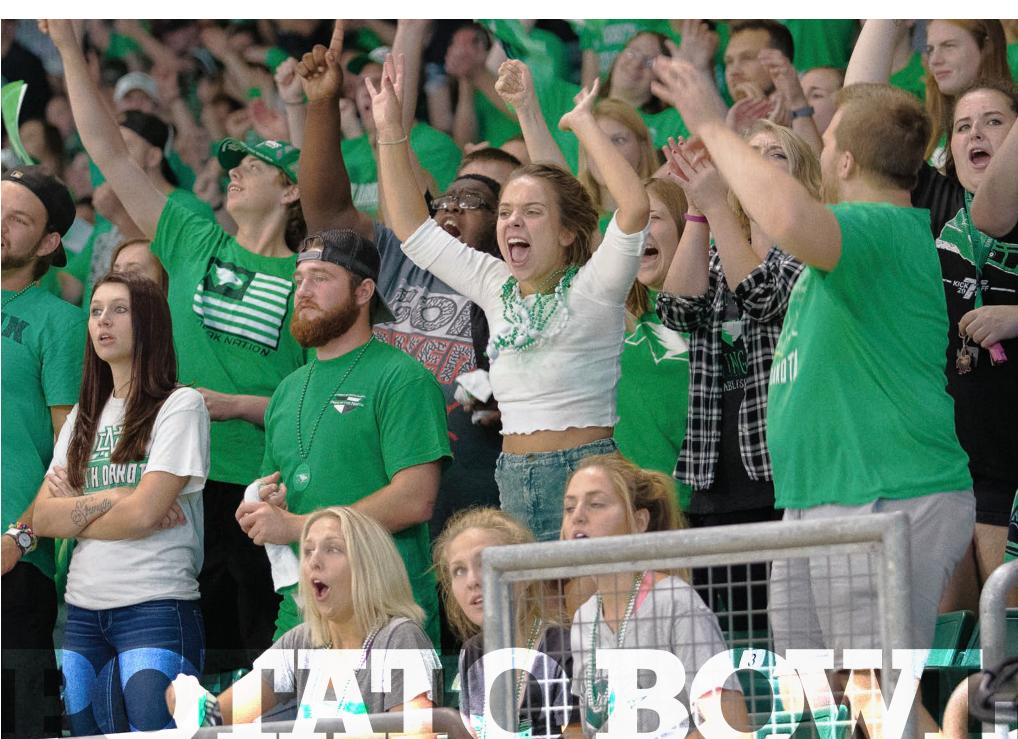
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The 53rd Potato Bowl against Idaho State Bengals is September 22 at 4 p.m. at the Alerus Center.

#### Nick Nelson / Dakota Student

#### Friday, Sept. 21

#### **UND Fan Luncheon**

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Serving begins at 11:30, program at noon - Alerus Center

#### **Baked Potato Bar**

served 11 AM - 1:30 PM (all Hugo's locations)

#### **Get Wet and Run Wild! Hugo's Potato Bowl 1K** and 2K Races

(Under age 14) at Choice Health and Fitness Registration begins at 4 PM, races start at 5:30 & 5:50. Free swim for all racers and their families after the event.

#### **Hugo's Potato Bowl PLINKO**

Location: Register at any Hugo's I UND Fan Luncheon - Serving begins at 11:30, program at noon - Alerus Center

#### **KEM Shrine "Rockin"** the Forks"

Featuring 32 Below and Blind Joe at Grand Forks Town Square! Gates open at 5 pm with Blind Joe starting at 6:15 followed by 32 Below from 8 to 11. Food and beverages will be available, bring a lawn chair and join the party!

### Saturday, Sept. 22

#### **Sons of Norway Potato** Pancake Breakfast -

7:30 AM to 1:00 PM at the Sons of Norway Building - 1401 9th Avenue South in Grand Forks.

#### **KEM Shrine Potato Bowl & Homecoming** Parade brought to you by Opp Construction -

10:00 AM. The route will go down DeMers Avenue through downtown Grand Forks and East Grand Forks.

#### **Tailgating Party -**

Alerus Center Parking Lot. Parking lot opens at 11:00 AM, Tailgate Village at a time 1:30 PM.

#### 53rd Annual **Potato Bowl (and Homecoming) Football Game - North Dakota** vs Idaho State -

Kickoff time is 4:00 PM inside the Alerus Center in Grand Forks.

For more information check out potatobowl.org



Each year the potatoes are provided by our local agribusiness member, J.R. Simplot Company.

#### Madison Feltman

Dakota Student

This week kicks off the 53rd annual Potato Bowl here at the University of North Dakota. UND has been the proud home of Potato Bowl USA since 1966. Back at the conception of the Potato Bowl, UND Athletic Director Len Marti, Football Coach Mary "Whitey" Helling,

"The Potato Bowl is a way for the community to communicate and celebrate our history and agricultural roots. The city of Grand Forks continues to promote and work with the parade and organizations."

Michael Brown, Grand Forks Mayor

Assistant Football Coach Jerry Olson and Sports Information Director Lee Bohnet came together to create the idea to plan a

to celebrate potatoes and football, which has led to a 53 year long tradition.

The first Potato Bowl was played between two of regions in America, The Red River Valley (UND) and Idaho (Idaho State). In the first game UND came up on top with a score of 41-0, UND currently has a record of 40-12 in the last 52 games. This year also marks the first time since that fateful first game that UND will play Idaho State in the Potato Bowl. This year also marks

the first time UND's Homecoming week falls in line with the Potato Bowl, which means a week full of festivities that includes fun for both students and members of the Grand Forks community. The Grand Forks community has embraced the Potato Bowl and has offered their continual support throughout the years as it is becoming more and more of a community wide event.

"The Potato Bowl is a way for the community communicate celebrate our history and agricultural roots," Grand Forks Mayor Michael Brown said. "The city of Grand Forks continues to promote and work with the parade and organizations."

Some of the community events include the fan luncheon, 1K and 2K races,

KEM Shrine parade and the annual French Fry Feed. The French Fry Feed has been drawing large crowds of students and community members for 30 years, due to weather this is the first time in 30 years that the feed has been canceled. Each year the potatoes are provided by our local agribusiness member, J.R. Simplot Company. Simplot is company that works with both the Red River and Idaho Valleys, that is dedicated to passion, innovation, and respect. Simplot has been a pillar of Grand Forks and dedicated towards the community. Last year the company provided the feed with a record-breaking 8,154 pounds of potato, the plan for this year was to break that record once again.

pancake breakfasts, the

"The feed is a good way to give back to the community as well as the University," Jamie Hams of Simplot said. "It is also a way for us to get our name out there and bring the people of Grand Forks together."

The Potato Bowl has become more than a game to the community of Grand Forks and will be a marked tradition in the years to come.

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## Root for the home team



Megan Vogt

Dakota Student

stands while the first last year the same thing

They work together be during the offseason semester, the hard touchdowns in gets shown to the with crowd of students

possibilities

Student fans clear out of the stadium long before the game ends or even begins creating a negative environment for the student athletes.

home football game of work that the and went, football players put and final buzzer went feel as if we should while supporting here at off. I looked around help each other the football team at the entire stadium out. If that were to until and thought about be helping tutor Being in the stands how full it was from a student with a on those Saturdays the start. Granted, it tough class, helping is incredibly was a Thursday and show freshman or important. If it work and school transfer students is supporting the next morning around or cheering your brother, best takes priority, but on all sports teams friend or even just thinking back to as they compete. supporting to Due happened. weekend's It made me sad, football game being encouragement as a The football team both the Potato Bowl touchdown is scored every year works and Homecoming, as or having a good incredibly hard to students we should time at the tailgate. show their pride for show extra support. The time spent at the Fighting Hawks. Our cheers should the games, one way louder, as a team and put in enthusiasm should a sense of unity the time and effort be more extreme and and our attendance for with our improve each the game should be Fighting Hawks fans year. When it comes higher. We should from all around. to the start of the fall be excited to watch work that they put jump up and down parents excitement. season

The Potato Bowl holding fans from and fans from all is a classic here at all around show up around. They get the University of to the game. Let's

amped for the new North Dakota. It is not

this students, it shows. home From loud chants, to our or another show excitement This weekend we and will have alumni,

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UND. on the field playing

As we say hello for our school. This

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# MASON BENNETT

**Alex Kelly** Dakota Student

The hype continues to build surrounding this weekend's Potato Bowl and Homecoming football game. UND hopes to ride the week's big win at Sam Houston State. Defense was a big factor in last week's win and redshirt junior defensive end Mason Bennett played his part recording two sacks. Bennett is originally

from

Winnipeg, Manitoba, where he played football for Vincent Massey High School. "The love for football is the main reason I wanted to come to the U.S.," Bennett said.

He also added

Homecoming that he would love to stay in America after college to be momentum from last mear his friends and

family. Despite his love for America, his inspirations still come from his hometown of Winnipeg.

"Growing up my inspiration was Isreal Idonji," Bennett said. "He's a defensive end from Winnipeg who

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got drafted to the Browns when I first started football.

It gave me the inspiration to make it big in football." Coming into this

season at 6'4" and 240 pounds,
Bennett is a force to be reckoned with, especially as a pass rusher.

Bennett

rusher.

Bennett
has also stepped
into more of a
leadership role
this year as
he is now
considered
one of the
older guys.
The Fighting
Hawks
football team

football team puts a large emphasis on stopping the run, it is players of his caliber on the defensive line and Bennett led the team in tackles for loss last season with 8.5. "I'd love to

crucial to have

play professional football," Bennett said. "Obviously as a second option, majoring in communication here at UND, I'd love to work as a social media manager with a professional football team or on the PR side. I just love the game so much I can't see myself ever not having football in my life."

While he may have a life full of football ahead of him, the most important thing right now is winning this weekend against Idaho State.

"We treat every week like a playoff game," Bennett said. "Getting a win this weekend would be huge. They have a senior quarterback who knows what he's doing and a couple of tailbacks that are hard-nosed. It's going to be a great challenge but we're ready." The team loves the advantage of a roaring crowd at home and that starts with the student section.

Be sure to pick up your tickets at the Memorial Union ahead of time. The Potato Bowl will kickoff at 4:00 p.m. this Saturday.

Mason Bennett, junior, is a Defensive end for UND.

Nick Nelson/ Dakota Student

Come cheer onMason and the restof the hungry Hawks squad.

"Getting a win this weekend would be huge. They have a senior quarterback who knows what he's doing and a couple of tailbacks that are hard-nosed. It's going to be a great challenge but we're ready."

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# TANNER GUELLER



""We won't know where we're really at until we play North Dakota. We have to regroup and come into another nasty environment against a great defense next week (at UND)."

## World's Largest French Fry Feed

Maddie Ardelean

The Dakota Student

The Potato Bowl has been a fixture of the Grand Forks community for 53 years. An event called "The World's Largest French Fry Feed" is one of the main attractions every year. Up to 10,000 people attend the event every year. For comparison, about 57,000 people live in Grand Forks. From free food, to staying involved, to catching up with old friends, there are many reasons the Grand Forks community loves the French Fry Feed.

This is the first year in the past 30 years that the French Fry Feed has been cancelled due to weather. The French Fry Feed began as a way to celebrate the potato producing heritage of the Red River Valley.

"I think that it was really nice that they also have



Kyle Zimmerman / Dakota Student

For the first time in 30 years, Grand Forks did not have a French Fry feed.

stuff for kids there,"
Daniel Two Crow, a
longtime Grand Forks
resident who has
attended the French
Fry Feed in years
past, said.

aia. "It's not just stuff for college kids and high school kids but families as well." Sarah Curtiss, a UND junior, attended last year's French Fry Feed.

"The event was

a lot of fun, it was a fun atmosphere," Curtiss said. "A lot of the Greater Grand Forks community came out, so there was a ton of people there."

One of the main reasons for attending the feed is for the community aspect.

"I really went because I knew that it would be nice to hang out at the park with some friends," Two Crow said. "I saw a bunch of people that I knew, so I got to catch up with a bunch of people."

Being a flute performance major keeps Curtiss busy as a student, but she still likes to stay involved with her community. The location of the feed makes it possible

for college students to stay involved in their community without having to worry about transportation issues.

"I also liked that it was in a good range of walking distance so I could easily take a walk, eat fries, then continue on with my homework," Curtiss said.

As a fulltime worker, Two Crow doesn't always have a lot of time to be involved in his community.

"My favorite part was definitely just getting to talk to and meet new people," Two Crow said. The French Fry

The French Fry Feed is always free to attend because Simplot provides the potatoes and does most of the planning.

"I went because I wanted free food and I love any form of the potato," said Curtiss. The free food isn't just attractive to college students. Two Crow also expressed that free food was a contributing factor to his decision to attend the event.

One last tip from French Fry Feed veteran Curtiss: "Don't think you can make a supper off of fries. I tried it last year and it was a valiant effort, but you can only eat so many fries without feeling ill."

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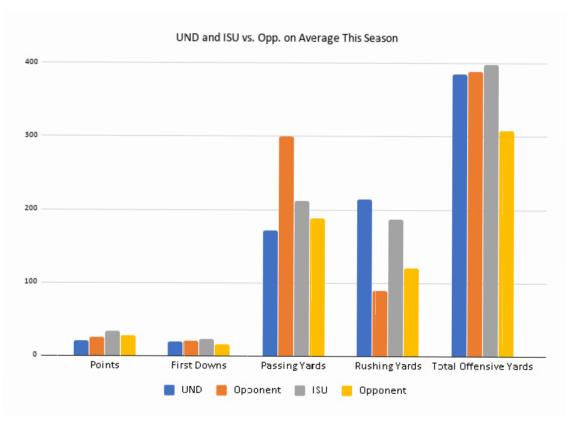
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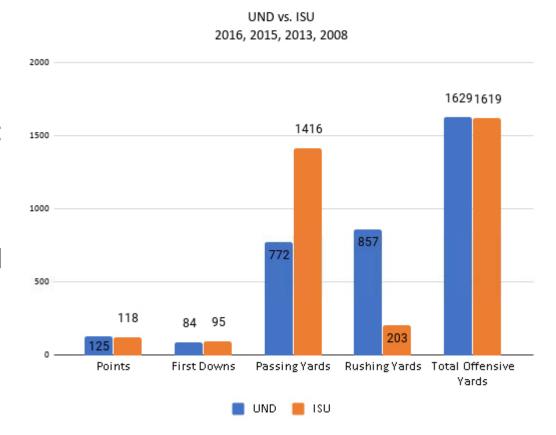
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## WHAT ARE THE ODDS?



Even with the statistical outlier of the Washington loss two weeks ago, UND stacks up well against its opponents in rushing and total offensive yards. ISU is coming off a loss last week against the California Golden Bears but still maintains a lead on average against their opponents in every category.

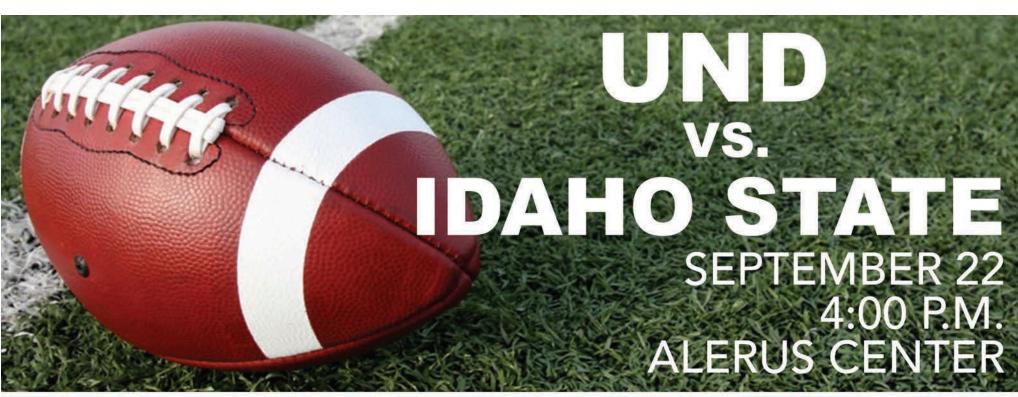
The past four games against Idaho State have been down to the wire, with UND just edging out ISU in scoring. The passing-dominated offense of Idaho State will be up against a stronger than ever North Dakota defense and an offense that proved its skill against the number five ranked Sam Houston State just last week.





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representing UND students,
faculty and staff in the legislature!







The Dakota Student and following area businesses would like to wish University of North Dakota Football good luck in the Potato Bowl game against Idaho State on September 22 at 4:00 p.m. at the Alerus Center!



















