

NORTH DAKOTA COLLEGIATE FOOTBALL

UNIVERSITY OF JAMESTOWN JIMMIES



The Jamestown Jimmies start a new era this year, one that takes them away from traditional rivals in North Dakota and sends them south for competition in the Great Plains Athletic Conference.

But what's in a name?

"There hasn't been much difference. We stay on the same course you always do," head coach Josh Kittell said. "The level of competition is going to go up but we just take care of ourselves."

"It reminds me of the old DAC, when there was the University of Mary and Minot and Dickinson. You had three of the top teams in the country and sprinkled in some others in top 25. There's really good teams on top, the middle teams are competitive and there's really no bottom to this league."

Where does that leave the Jimmies?

"It's hard to say. Our approach is to take care of ourselves and do the things that we do. If we execute the things we are supposed to do, it will give us a chance most Saturdays."

Jordan Mann (6-0, 200, jr.) started some at the end of the season and got some quality snaps at quarterback, Kittell said. "He's going into his third year. We're excited what he brings to the table. He has some play-making ability in and out of the pocket."

Mann completed 35 of 64 passes for 449 yards, three touchdowns and four interceptions. He will work this year behind a veteran offensive line that includes returning tackles **Anthony Vereen** (6-3, 291, sr.) and **Andrew Maniss** (6-1, 271, sr.).

"Others have taken quality snaps so there won't be a new guy on the offensive line or the defensive line," Kittell said. "We finally have some guys with experience in our program."

Kittell said he is "four or five deep" at running back, led by sophomore **Allen Jevning** (5-10, 194) and junior **Jimmy Hatch** (5-10, 205). Hatch ran 167 times for 815 yards and four scores, while Jevning added 535 yards and five TDs on 108 carries.

The receiving corps was hit hard by graduation, leaving senior **Austin Anderson** (6-2, 193, sr.) as the top returning receiver.

"We're trying to be 50/50 and we say that all the time. We're not going to run to run. If that's not working, we're going to do what we have to do to be successful," Kittell said.

The defense has senior leadership at every position, Kittell said.

Tackle **Andrew Jensen** (6-1, 275, sr.) will be a four-year starter. **Zach Phillips** (6-0, 255, sr.) is another veteran and **Caleb Ellingson** (6-0, 208, sr.) is a three-year starter at linebacker. Ellingson led the Jimmies with 93 tackles and 8.5 tackles for loss. Jensen had 40 tackles and Phillips added 33 tackles.

Senior **Ben Steinolfson** (6-0, 204) is a safety and a captain.

"At every level, we've got good experience. It's probably the most veteran group I have had on that side of the ball," Kittell said.



Coach Josh Kittell

2018 SEASON

Head Coach: Josh Kittell (3rd year)
Assistant Coaches: Travis Titus, Jason Challeen, Terry Motl, Shane Clancy

Affiliation: NAIA
Conference: Great Plains Athletic
Key Players

Andrew Maniss, Sr., 6-1, 271, OL
 Anthony Vereen, Sr., 6-3, 291, OL
 Austin Anderson, Sr., 6-2, 193, WR
 Caleb Ellingson, Sr., 6-0, 208, LB
 Andrew Jensen, Sr., 6-1, 275, DL
 Zach Phillips, Sr., 6-0, 255, DE
 Ben Steinolfson, Sr., 6-0, 204, DB
 Jordan Mann, Jr., 6-0, 200, QB
 Jimmy Hatch, Jr., 5-10, 205, RB
 Allen Jevning, So., 5-10, 194, RB

2017 RESULTS

**North Star Athletic Association
 Conference Record: 2-6**

Overall Record: 2-9

HASTINGS COLLEGE	L	31-3
ST. FRANCIS.....	L	55-7
at Dakota Wesleyan	L	49-12
at Valley City State.....	L	43-13
WALDORF.....	W	26-19
DAKOTA STATE	OT L	20-14
at Presentation College	L	40-22
DICKINSON STATE	L	44-13
at Mayville State.....	W	27-14
VALLEY CITY STATE.....	L	40-14
at Waldorf.....	OT L	55-54

UNIVERSITY OF JAMESTOWN JIMMIES

Location: Jamestown, ND

Enrollment: 980+

Team Colors: Orange and Black

Stadium: Taylor Stadium/Rollie Greeno Field (cap. 3,000)

Website: www.uj.edu
www.jimmieathletics.com



Austin Anderson Caleb Ellingson



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