

# NORTH DAKOTA COLLEGIATE FOOTBALL

## UNIVERSITY OF NORTH DAKOTA FIGHTING HAWKS



Turnovers are something University of North Dakota football coach Bubba Schweigert – nor any other coach – cares for. On the field, they can be a killer. Off the field, they can disrupt the flow.

It was a big turnover year for the Fighting Hawks as Schweigert has replaced his offensive coordinator with former quarterback Danny Freund, his offensive line coach with Joe Pawlak from University of Iowa and his wide receivers coach with Sam King, a former UND and Minnesota Duluth assistant. They are going to oversee a change in philosophy that will emphasize more of a spread offense run by senior quarterback **Nate Ketteringham** (6-3, 210).

“We’re really excited about these guys,” Schweigert said. “There’s always a learning curve when you bring in new guys that are a bit different. We thought we made good progress in the spring. They were committed to learning the system.

“We wanted to run the football and we still want to. But there’s different ways to run it and move the ball. We need to use our offensive personnel to the best of their abilities. If you’re strong at quarterback and receiver, which we have a lot of experience returning there, we have to find a way to help our team. We’re developing our guys up front. It’s gonna be important to keep those guys playing as a unit. It’ll look a little bit different but there’s gonna be things that still look the same.”

Ketteringham earned the job last season and performed well enough to keep it. The Fighting Hawks went 6-5 with three of those losses by five points or less. Ketteringham completed 158 of 289 passes for 1,835 yards and 16 touchdowns. He also threw 11 interceptions, something that needs to come down this year.

“We’re always going to challenge our quarterback to lead the offense,” Schweigert said. “He did a good job but we’re going to challenge him to take it to another level. Now the challenge is for him to lead the huddle and offense. Nate has been a guy that came in here and earned the starting job a year ago and he’s excited about his senior season.”

With the loss of standout running backs in Brady Oliviera and John Santiago, the new attack will rely on returnees like senior **James Johannesson** (6-1, 250) and senior **Austin Gordon** (5-9, 208). Johannesson averaged 6.9 yards per carry while rushing for 656 yards and four touchdowns. “He had some big game,” Schweigert said. “He’s a strong, physical back.”



Coach Bubba Schweigert

### 2019 SEASON

**Head Coach:** Bubba Schweigert (6th year)

**Assistant Coaches:** Eric Schmidt, Danny Freund, Shawn Kostich, Brett Holinka, Malcolm Agnew, Sam King, Joe Pawlak, Travis Stepps, Joel Schwenzfeier, Carl Reinholz

**Affiliation:** NCAA Division I FCS

**Conference:** Independent (playing Big Sky teams)

### Key Players

Nate Ketteringham, Sr., 6-3, 210, QB  
 James Johannesson, Sr., 6-1, 250, RB  
 Austin Gordon, Sr., 5-9, 208, RB  
 Mikey Griebel, So., 5-8, 184, WR  
 Patric Rooney, Sr., 6-3, 302, OL  
 Ryan Tobin, Jr., 6-4, 286, OL  
 Matt Waletzko, So., 6-7, 320, OL  
 Noah Wanzek, Sr., 6-4, 210, WR  
 Travis Toivonen, Sr., 6-4, 220, WR  
 Garrett Maag, So., 6-4, 200, WR  
 Izzy Adeoti, Jr., 5-10, 180, WR  
 Donnell Rodgers, Sr., 6-1, 248, LB  
 Noah Larson, So., 6-2, 233, LB  
 Tyler Vrede, Sr., 6-0, 225, LB  
 Jaxon Turner, Jr., 6-2, 219, LB  
 Evan Holm, Sr., 5-11, 180, DB  
 Jordan Canady, Jr., 6-2, 198, DB  
 Mason Bennett, Sr., 6-4, 257, DE

### 2018 RESULTS

#### Overall Record: 6-5

MISSISSIPPI VALLEY .....W 35-7  
 at Washington .....L 3-45  
 at Sam Houston State.....W 24-23  
 IDAHO STATE.....L 21-25  
 at Northern Colorado .....W 38-13  
 MONTANA.....W 41-14  
 at Sacramento State.....W 41-15  
 WEBER STATE .....L 30-35  
 at Idaho.....L 27-31  
 PORTLAND STATE .....W 17-10  
 at Northern Arizona.....L 16-31

### UNIVERSITY OF NORTH DAKOTA FIGHTING HAWKS

**Location:** Grand Forks, N.D.

**Enrollment:** 15,000+

**Stadium:** Alerus Center (cap. 12,283)

**Team Colors:** Green and White

**School Song:** Stand Up and Cheer

**Website:** fightinghawks.com



Izzy Adeoti



Mason Bennett



Hayden Blubaugh



Jordan Canady



Austin Gordon



Mikey Griebel



Evan Holm



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