

# CLASS AA – EAST

## HILLSBORO-CENTRAL VALLEY BURROS



Hillsboro-Central Valley was on the verge of repeating as Class A champions in 2018, as the Burros reeled off 11 straight wins to reach the title game. But they were beaten by Langdon-Munich-Edmore 20-18 in the only game in which the Burros gave up more than eight points the entire season.

With strong returning numbers, including nine returning starters, eight of whom are seniors, the Burros would be considered a front-runner for the Class A title ... if they were still in Class A.

Hillsboro-CV is making a move to Class AA, which has been dominated by Fargo Shanley and Bismarck St. Mary's in recent years (though Shanley has moved on to Class AAA).

Scott Olsen will be celebrating his 10th season as head coach of the Burros, though he has been with the team since 2004. In his previous nine seasons, Olsen is 65-24 overall, including regional titles in 2010, 2017 and last year. He also has a state title to his credit in 2017.

"This year's team will be very senior heavy. This class has been part of a semifinal run and two championship games in their career," Olsen says. "They have used last year's championship loss to fuel them this offseason. Being back in AA has also contributed to some of the motivation as well. They know the level of play it will take to be successful in that division."

Senior running back and linebacker **Oscar Benson** (6-1, 190) is among the most decorated players, having earned first-team all-region and all-state honors. Benson rushed for 1,910 yards and 22 touchdowns on 254 attempts. On defense, he recorded 50 tackles, four sacks and four interceptions.

"Benson returns after having an excellent year with over 1,900 yards rushing," Olsen says. "He will again be our workhorse."

Senior fullback and linebacker **Issac Luithle** (5-10, 180) was selected first-team all-state for his exploits as a defensive player, recording an astounding 101 tackles, including 17.5 for losses. Senior tight end and defensive end **Landen Reed** (6-1, 190) was a first-team all-region and second-team all-state player. He caught 10 passes for 234 yards and two touchdowns. On defense he had 50 tackles.

Senior receiver and safety **Carson Henningsgard** (6-3, 170) earned first-team all-region honors. On defense, he had six interceptions, while on offense he caught nine passes for 166 yards and a touchdown. Senior running back and defensive back **Ezra Longthorne** (5-11, 160) was an all-region honorable mention selection, recording 39 tackles on defense while rushing for 313 yards on 45 attempts.

Senior quarterback **Micah Gallagher** (5-9, 150) returns to run the offense. He earned all-region honorable mention as he rushed for 543 yards and 10 touchdowns while throwing for 605 yards and six touchdowns. Another all-region honorable mention is senior receiver and cornerback **Gavin Wright** (6-1, 180), who caught six balls for 108 yards and three touchdowns, while recording 34 tackles and three interceptions on defense. "The question mark will be the experience of the offensive line," Olsen says. "Defensively we will be lead by returning all-state linebacker Luithle. He is an exciting player to watch as he uses his speed and tenacity to make tackles all over the field."

Olsen picks Valley City to be the favorite to win Class AA, with Devils Lake and his Burros in the hunt.

**See 2018 Hillsboro-Central Valley Burros team photo on page 126.**



**Coach Scott Olsen**

### 2019 SEASON

**Head Coach:** Scott Olsen (10th year)  
**Record as Head Coach at Hillsboro-CV:** 65-24

**Assistant Coaches:** Nathan Walsh,  
Zach Hinkle, Gumpy Mikkelson,  
Dustin Brend

### Key Players

Oscar Benson, Sr, 6-1, 190, RB-LB  
Isaac Luithle, Sr, 5-10, 180, FB-LB  
Carson Henningsgard, Sr, 6-3, 170, WR-SS  
Landen Reed, Sr, 6-1, 190, TE-DE  
Ezra Longthorne, Sr, 5-11, 160, RB-CB  
Micah Gallagher, Sr, 5-9, 150, QB  
Gavin Wright, Sr, 6-1, 180, WR-CB  
Mason Richter, Sr, 5-10, 200, OL-DL  
Joey Camrud, Sr, 6-4, 210, OL-DL  
Kaden Pastian, Jr, 6-3, 200, OL-LB

### 2018 RESULTS

**Overall Record: 11-1**

**Class A Region 1 Record: 7-0**

**Class A Region 1 Champion**

PARK RIVER AREA .....	W	39-8
at Northern Cass .....	W	41-0
at Lisbon .....	W	40-0
MILNOR-NORTH SARGENT .....	W	29-8
MAPLE VALLEY-ENDERLIN .....	W	43-8
at Kindred .....	W	26-7
ELLEDALE-EDGELEY-KULM .....	W	48-6
at Fargo Oak Grove .....	W	47-0

### Class A First Round

vs Harvey-Wells County ..... W | 49-8 |

### Class A Quarterfinal

vs Milnor-North Sargent ..... W | 27-8 |

### Class A Semifinal

vs Dickinson Trinity ..... W | 44-8 |

### Class A Championship

vs Langdon-Munich-Edmore ..... L | 20-18 |

### PREVIOUS TITLES WON

**Region Titles:** 28 (35-36-37-38-39-41-49-51-53-54-55-57-59-60-61-62-64-65-66-67-70-95-2006-07-08-10-17-18)

**State Titles:** 2 (2008-17)

## HILLSBORO-CENTRAL VALLEY BURROS

**Websites:** [www.hillsborok12.com](http://www.hillsborok12.com)  
[www.centralvalleynd.com](http://www.centralvalleynd.com)

**Team Colors:** Royal Blue and White

**School Song:** Hail the Burros



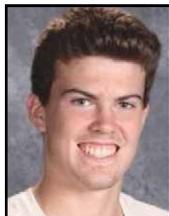
**Oscar Benson**



**Joey Camrud**



**Micah Gallagher**



**Carson Henningsgard**



**Ezra Longthorne**



**Isaac Luithle**



**Kaden Pastian**



**Landen Reed**



**Gavin Wright**