

# NORTH DAKOTA COLLEGIATE FOOTBALL

## UNIVERSITY OF MARY MARAUDERS



Craig Bagnell has watched his University of Mary football team steadily improve for three full years and a washed-out 2020 pandemic year. Is this the year the team climbs back above the .500 mark for the first time since Myron Schulz's 6-5 team in 2013?

Bagnell isn't predicting anything, but he hasn't felt this comfortable at this point in the season since taking over in December 2017.

"Compared to where we've been in the past, I feel a lot better," Bagnell said. "We have a lot of guys coming back and we're welcoming new guys as well. So there will be a new team dynamic, but I feel a lot better about where we are in terms of depth and roster."

It's an old cliché but U-Mary was better than its 4-7 record of last year and many of the key players from that team return. Obviously, you don't replace a receiver like Luke Little, who spent time in camp with the Chicago Bears. But returning senior wide receiver **Danny Kittner** (5-10, 190) and senior quarterback **Logan Nelson** (6-5, 220) are two-thirds of an incredible aerial attack.

U-Mary led all of NCAA Division II in passing yards per game (356.6). Kittner led Division II in catches (128) and receiving yards (1,723) and was third in touchdowns with 18. He tied the Northern Sun record for catches in a game (19) and set numerous U-Mary receiving marks. Kittner went over 200 yards receiving in a game three times and over 100 yards nine times.

Of course, that wouldn't have been possible without Nelson, who set U-Mary and Northern Sun passing records. He threw for 3,732 yards and 41 touchdowns while completing 65 percent of his passes.

"(Kittner) is one of the best in the country, and we have a lot of guys back with experience," Bagnell said.

That group includes senior **Jaden Andresen** (6-2, 190), sophomore **Luke Bodine** (6-2, 195) and senior **Brandon Morris** (6-2, 200). Between them, they caught 46 passes for 560 yards and three touchdowns.

"Those guys are all guys who are ready to fill those shoes," Bagnell said. "We definitely had a lot of success passing the football last year but this is a new year. We feel we have a pretty dang good group."



Coach Craig Bagnell

### 2022 SEASON

**Head Coach:** Craig Bagnell (5th year)

**Record as Head Coach at University of Mary:** 7-26

**Assistant Coaches:** Ben Davis, Mark Martin, Nathan Frame, Jared Gallatin, Marcus Spencer, Major Ali, Brady Daigh

**Affiliation:** NCAA Division II

**Conference:** Northern Sun Intercollegiate

### Key Players

Danny Kittner, Sr, 5-10, 190, WR  
 Logan Nelson, Sr, 6-5, 220, QB  
 Jaden Andresen, Sr, 6-2, 190, WR  
 Brandon Morris, Sr, 6-2, 200, WR  
 David Small Jr., Sr, 5-9, 215, RB  
 Sam Harris, Sr, 6-2, 270, OL  
 Ty'Rhae Gibson, Sr, 6-1, 175, DB  
 Conner Paul, Jr, 6-2, 290, OL  
 Drake Lalim, Jr, 6-4, 300, OL  
 Xavier Lewis, Jr, 6-3, 260, DL  
 Jordan Duson, Jr, 6-0, 245, DL  
 Tylen Small, Jr, 6-1, 195, DB  
 Ty'Rese Gibson, Jr, 6-1, 175, DB  
 Luke Bodine, So, 6-2, 195, TE  
 Melvin Hudson, So, 6-3, 290, OL  
 Tanner Vaughan, So, 6-3, 255, DL  
 Grant Collins, So, 5-11, 260, DL  
 Ian Kopf, RSF, 6-4, 240, DL

### 2021 RESULTS

**Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference  
 Record: 4-7**

**Overall Record: 4-7**

at Wayne State .....	L	34-27
AUGUSTANA .....	L	43-20
at Southwest MN State .....	W	45-23
WINONA STATE .....	L	48-38
at Northern State .....	W	49-42
U OF MINNESOTA DULUTH.....	L	31-27
at U of Sioux Falls.....	L	34-14
at MN State-Moorhead .....	L	35-31
CONCORDIA ST. PAUL.....	W	42-17
MINOT STATE .....	W	49-31
at Bemidji State.....	L	62-40

### UNIVERSITY OF MARY MARAUDERS

**Location:** Bismarck, ND

**Enrollment:** 3,700+

**Team Colors:** Blue, Orange and White

**Stadium:** MDU Resources Community Bowl  
 (cap. 6,000)

**On the Web:** [www.goumary.com](http://www.goumary.com)  
[www.umary.edu](http://www.umary.edu)

The ground game will rest mostly on senior **David Small Jr.** (5-9, 215), who ran for 794 yards and six touchdowns last season.

They will operate behind an offensive line that came together last season. Returnees include senior **Sam Harris** (6-2, 270), juniors **Conner Paul** (6-2, 290) and **Drake Lalim** (6-4, 300) and sophomore **Melvin Hudson** (6-3, 290).

"We have a pretty good chunk of guys who have played meaningful football," Bagnell



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