

2025-26 West Region Tournament Notes

Feb. 16, 19-21, Bismarck VFW Sports Center



Drop the puck: The West Region Boys' Hockey Tournament returns to Bismarck High's VFW Sports Center.

This year's postseason got underway with two play-in contests at home sites on Monday, Feb. 16. (7) Bottineau-Rugby defeated (10) Hazen-Beulah. (9) Williston knocked off (8) Dickinson on the road. Four quarterfinals are on Thursday, Feb. 19. Loser-out and semifinals will be held on Feb. 20 with two state qualifiers and the championship to be played on Feb. 21.

2024-25 Rewind: Minot High got a big monkey off of its back last season, winning the West Region Tournament for the first time since 2005-06. The Magicians were the top team throughout the regular season and it continued in the post-season. Other state qualifiers included (2) Bismarck Century and (4) Mandan and (6) Bottineau-Rugby.

Who will emerge champion this weekend?

Well, top seed and defending champion Minot United would have to be the favorite. The program has reached the tournament final in each of the past three seasons. But there are several others capable of stringing three wins together. There was plenty of parity in the WDA this season judging by how close the race in the standings were for spots 2-3-4-5. Among teams with a strong shot at the title are Bismarck Legacy, Jamestown, Mandan and Bismarck Century. This may be the most wide open the tournament field has been in quite some time.

New name, same results

There was a name change for the hockey program in the Magic City. With the opening of Minot North a couple seasons ago, some hockey players were attending school there. As a result, the school district decided to adopt the "Minot United" name to reflect both schools participating in hockey and other activities. The name is new, but on-ice success continues in Minot.

Underdogs can bite!

Continuing the theme of recent seasons, seeds 5-8 are very much in play to grab a state tournament berth. Last season, No. 6 Bottineau-Rugby qualified.

Welcome back!

For the first time since 2023, Bismarck High has reached the tournament quarterfinals. The Demons are the No. 6 seed and seeking their first state tournament berth since 2019-20.

Nail-biter hockey

Thirty-one, yes, 31 WDA regular season games were decided by a goal, showcasing the parity in the conference this season.

A plethora of point producers

Nine WDA players finished regular season play with 30 or more points. Bismarck Legacy senior Harrison Johnson led the conference with 47 points (22G/25A). That is second in the state behind West Fargo Sheyenne's senior Bennet Benson, who finished with 55 points, including 24 goals.

The puck stops here!

Jamestown's Leif Hanson and Mandan's Jacob Walsch both pitched four shutouts in goal. Century's Noah Hamar and Bis-

West Region Hockey Tournament

Monday, Feb. 16
Play-in
 (9) Williston 3, (8) Dickinson 1
 (7) Bottineau-R 6, (10) Hazen-Beulah 1

Thursday, Feb. 19
Quarterfinals
 (1) Minot United vs. (9) Williston, 11 am
 (4) Mandan vs. (5) Century 1:15 pm
 (2) Legacy vs. (7) Bottineau-R, 5 pm
 (3) Jamestown vs. (6) Bismarck High 7:15 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 20
Loser-out
 11 am and 1:15 pm
Semifinals
 5 pm and 7:15 pm

Saturday, Feb. 21
State qualifiers
 11 am and 1:15 pm
Championship
 3:30 pm

2025-26 WDA Standings

Team	Conf.	Points
Minot Uni.	15-2-0-0	48
Legacy	11-3-3-0	42
Jamestown	12-4-1-1	39
Mandan	10-4-1-3	35
Century	10-6-0-2	32
Bismarck	5-9-2-2	21
Bottineau-R	4-10-2-2	18
Dickinson	5-12-0-1	16
Williston	2-11-3-2	14
Hazen-Beul.	0-13-2-1	5

Teams earned 3 points for a regulation win; 2 points for an OT/Shootout win; 1 point for an OT/Shootout loss. Some teams only played an opponent once. In those cases, games were worth 6 points in the standings instead of 3. Some teams had their JV play for varsity points. In those cases, the games were not part of a team's overall record.

marck High's Owen Deeter each had three.

Icings: The WDA's record against EDC teams was 8-13. Five WDA teams (Bismarck Century, Bismarck Legacy, Jamestown, Mandan, Minot United) finished with a winning record in regular season play...PSP Network, based in Minot, will provide a subscription livestream service for all region tournament games...There has been a different W. Region Tournament champion in each of the past five seasons (Century, Jamestown, Legacy, Dickinson and Minot)...The ND state tournament is Feb. 26-28 in Fargo.

Team Notes

(1) Minot United

Coaches: Jason Bennett, Jordan Willert

Overall Record: 17-4-0-0

WDA Record: 15-2-0-0

Victories over WDA teams with a winning record: 1 vs. Legacy; 1 vs. Jamestown; 2 vs. Mandan; 2 vs. Century

Record when scoring the first goal: 14-3

Record when allowing the first goal: 3-2

Record in one-goal games: 1-2

Most goals scored in a game: 11 (vs. Bismarck High)

Most goals allowed in a game: 5 (vs. Century)

Record when leading after 2 periods: 15-0

Record when trailing after 2 periods: 2-1

Record when tied after 2 periods: 0-3

Longest win streak: 13 games

Longest losing streak: 2 games

Goals per game: 4.50

Goals allowed per game: 1.68

Power Play%: 30.5 (25 PPG)

Penalty Kill%: 87.0 (3 SHG)

Scoring leaders: Points: Oliver Thompson, 41; Goals: Thompson, 16; Easton Bradley, 15; Assists: Thompson, 25

Goalie leaders: Luke Richeson, 20

(Games Played) 12 (Wins); 93.1 (SV%); 1.34 (GAA)

Last year's W. Region Tournament: 1st (Won vs. Dickinson; Won vs. Jamestown; Won vs. Century)

Did You Know: Minot has won or shared six of the past seven WDA regular season titles.

(2) Bismarck Legacy Sabers

Coaches: Ryan Faragher, Wade Davison

Overall Record: 13-4-4-0

WDA Record: 11-3-3-0

Victories over WDA teams with a winning record: 1 vs. Minot United; 1 vs. Jamestown; 2 vs. Mandan; 1 vs. Century

Record when scoring the first goal: 12-2

Record when allowing the first goal: 5-2

Record in one-goal games: 8-1

Most goals scored in a game: 12 (vs. Marshall, MN)

Most goals allowed in a game: 8 (vs. Fargo North)

Record when leading after 2 periods: 11-0

Record when trailing after 2 periods: 2-3

Record when tied after 2 periods: 4-1

Goals per game: 4.71

Goals allowed per game: 2.76

Longest win streak: 10 games

Longest losing streak: 2 games

Power Play%: 26.0 (19 PPG)

Penalty Kill%: 80.6 (5 SHG)

Scoring leaders: Points: Harrison Johnson, 47; Goals: H. Johnson, 22; Assists: H. Johnson, 25; Beckham Presley-McKay, 21

Goalie leaders: Brody Krumwiede, 21

(Games played); 15 (Wins); 89.0 (SV%); 2.58 (GAA)

Last year's W. Region Tournament: Did Not Place (Won vs. Bottineau-Rugby; Lost vs. Century; Lost vs. Mandan)

Did You Know: Legacy has five players with 20 or more points.

(3) Jamestown Blue Jays

Coaches: Jake Stilwell

Overall Record: 13-5-1-1

WDA Record: 12-4-1-1

Victories over WDA teams with a winning record: 1 vs. Minot United; 1 vs. Legacy; 2 vs. Century

Record when scoring the first goal: 10-1

Record when allowing the first goal: 4-5

Record in one goal games: 6-3

Most goals scored in a game: 7 (vs. Hazen-B, Williston, West Fargo)

Most goals allowed in a game: 6 (vs. Minot United)

Record when leading after 2 periods: 10-1

Record when trailing after 2 periods: 2-5

Record when tied after 2 periods: 2-0

Longest win streak: 5 games

Longest losing streak: 2 games

Goals per game: 3.60

WDA Stat Leaders

Points

Player	Games	Pts
H. Johnson, LEG	20	47
O. Thompson, MIN	21	41
H. Frykman, CEN	20	38
B. Presley-McKay, LEG	21	36
B. Garlie, LEG	21	34

Goals

Player	Games	Gls
H. Johnson, LEG	20	22
H. Frykman, CEN	20	21
B. Garlie, LEG	21	19
K. Schwark, BHS	20	19
O. Thompson, MIN	21	16
P. Roelfsema, JAM	20	16

Assists

Player	Games	Ast
O. Thompson, MIN	21	25
H. Johnson, LEG	20	25
B. Presley-McKay, LEG	21	21
P. Getzlaff, BOT-R	21	20
E. Richardson, BHS	21	20

Goalie Leaders

Player	Games	Wins
B. Krumwiede, LEG	18	15
L. Hanson, JAM	20	14
L. Richeson, MIN	14	12
N. Hamar, CEN	20	11

Goals Against Average (Minimum of 8 games)

Player	Games	GAA
L. Richeson, MIN	14	1.34
C. Anderson, MAN	11	1.98
J. Walch, MAN	10	2.17
L. Hanson, JAM	20	2.19
B. Krumwiede, LEG	18	2.58

Save Percentage (Minimum of 8 games)

Player	Games	SV%
L. Richeson, MIN	14	93.1
C. Anderson, MAN	11	93.0
J. Walch, MAN	10	91.3
P. Roers, DCK	15	91.1
L. Hanson, JAM	20	90.6

Stats provided by Robert Gillen, ND High School Statistician
 ndhighschoolhockey.com

Goals allowed per game: 2.25

Power Play%: 18.8 (12 PPG)

Penalty Kill%: 89.5 (1 SHG)

Scoring leaders: Points: Parker Roelfsema, 30; Goals: Roelfsema, 16; John Belzer, 10; Assists: Braxton Burkett, 17; Belzer, 16; Roelfsema, 14)

Goalie leaders: Leif Hanson, 20 (Games Played) 8 (Wins); 90.6 (SV%); 2.19 (GAA);

Last year's W. Region Tournament: Did Not Place; Won vs. Mandan; Lost vs. Minot High; Lost vs. Bottineau-Rugby

Did You Know: Jamestown's third place WDA regular season finish was its highest since winning the conference title in 2021-22.

(4) Mandan Braves

Coaches: Matt Winkle, Marshall Tschida

Overall Record: 11-6-1-3

WDA Record: 10-4-1-3

Victories over WDA teams with a winning record: 2 vs. Jamestown; 1 vs. Century)

Record when scoring the first goal: 11-4

Record when allowing the first goal: 1-5

Record in one goal games: 1-7

Most goals scored in a game: 6 (vs. Bismarck High)

Most goals allowed in a game: 8 (vs. Minot United)

Record when leading after 2 periods: 9-2

Record when trailing after 2 periods: 2-1

Record when tied after 2 periods: 1-6

Longest win streak: 4 games

Longest losing streak: 2 games

Goals per game: 2.81

Goals allowed per game: 2.10
Power Play%: 24.1 (13 PPG)
Penalty Kill%: 87.9 (1 SHG)
Scoring leaders: Points: Ben Moch, 23; Goals: Moch, 8; Brody Skalsky, 8; Assists: Moch, 15; Kaleb Ulberg, 13; Jackson Drengron, 12
Goalie leaders: Cooper Anderson, 11 (Games Played); 4 (Wins); 93.0 (SV%); 1.98 (GAA); Jacob Walch, 10 (Games Played); 8 (Wins); 91.3 (SV%); 2.17 (GAA)
Last year's W. Region Tournament: 3rd: Lost vs. Jamestown; Win vs. Dickinson; Win vs. Legacy
Did You Know: Mandan's goalie pair of Cooper Anderson (2) and Jacob Walch (4) have combined for six shutouts.

(5) Bismarck Century Patriots

Coach: Troy Olson
Overall Record: 11-9-0-1
WDA Record: 9-6-0-1
Victories over WDA teams with a winning record: 1 vs. Legacy; 1 vs. Mandan
Record when scoring the first goal: 9-1
Record when allowing the first goal: 2-9
Record in one-goal games: 4-5
Most goals scored in a game: 7 (vs. Williston)
Most goals allowed in a game: 7 (vs. Fargo North)
Record when leading after 2 periods: 6-2
Record when trailing after 2 periods: 2-6
Record when tied after 2 periods: 3-1
Longest win streak: 6 games
Longest losing streak: 6 games
Goals per game: 2.96
Goals allowed per game: 2.52
Power Play%: 27.3 (18 PPG)
Penalty Kill%: 81.4 (4 SHG)
Scoring leaders: Points: Heath Frykman, 38; Goals: H. Frykman, 21; Assists: H. Frykman, 17; Keaton Schulte, 16
Goalie leaders: Noah Hamar, 21 (Games Played) 11 (Wins); 88.5 (SV%); 2.72 (GAA)
Last year's W. Region Tournament: 2nd (Won vs. Williston; Won vs. Legacy; Lost vs. Minot)
Did You Know: Century's loss in last year's West Region Tournament title to Minot snapped a six-game unbeaten streak in the tournament finals for the Pats.

(6) Bismarck High Demons

Coach: Stephen Dora
Overall Record: 6-11-2-2
WDA Record: 5-9-2-2
Victories over WDA teams with a winning record: 1 vs. Mandan; 1 vs. Century
Record when scoring the first goal: 7-4
Record when allowing the first goal: 1-9
Record in one goal games: 3-2
Most goals scored in a game: 7 (vs. Mayville-Portland)
Most goals allowed in a game: 9 (vs. Aberdeen, SD)
Record when leading after 2 periods: 6-2
Record when trailing after 2 periods: 0-12
Record when tied after 2 periods: 2-0
Longest win streak: 2 games
Longest losing streak: 4 games (current)
Goals per game: 2.57
Goals allowed per game: 4.10
Power Play%: 21.0 (13 PPG)
Penalty Kill%: 75.0 (2 SHG)
Scoring leaders: Points: Easton Richardson, 30; Goals: Kason Schwark, 19; Richardson, 10; Assists: Richardson, 20; Ian Feist, 15

Goalie leaders: Owen Deeter, 21 (Games Played); 8 (Wins); 90.4 (SV%); 3.54 (GAA)
Last year's W. Region Tournament: Did Not Place: Lost to Dickinson in play-in game.
Did You Know: Bismarck High's last region tournament win came in 2022 (vs. Williston, quarterfinals).

(7) Bottineau-Rugby Braves

Coach: Jesse Nostdahl
Overall Record: 5-12-2-2
WDA Record: 4-10-2-2
Victories over WDA teams with a winning record: 1 vs. Jamestown; 1 vs. Mandan
Record when scoring the first goal: 6-6
Record when allowing the first goal: 2-7
Record in one goal games: 2-8
Most goals scored in a game: 9 (vs. Hazen-Beulah)
Most goals allowed in a game: 9 (vs. Grafton-Park River)
Record when leading after 2 periods: 4-4
Record when trailing after 2 periods: 2-7
Record when tied after 2 periods: 1-3
Longest win streak: 2 games
Longest losing streak: 8 games
Goals per game: 3.24
Goals allowed per game: 3.71
Power Play%: 13.8 (8 PPG)
Penalty Kill%: 78.6 (5 SHG)
Scoring leaders: Points: Peyton Getzlaff, 30; Goals: Gavin Bartsch, 12; P. Getzlaff, 10; Assists: P. Getzlaff, 20; Landon Siemens, 13)
Goalie leaders: Rowan Cheshire, 20 (Games Played); 7 (wins); 87.0 (SV%); 3.53 (GAA)
Last year's W. Region Tournament: 4th (Loss vs. Legacy; Won vs. Williston; Won vs. Jamestown)
Did You Know: Bottineau-Rugby has played in 10 one-goal games, but has just two wins in those contests.

(8) Dickinson Midgets

Coach: Chad Miller
Overall Record: 7-13-0-1
WDA Record: 5-12-0-1
Victories over WDA teams with a winning or .500 record: None
Record when scoring the first goal: 6-2
Record when allowing the first goal: 1-12
Record in one goal games: 1-2
Most goals scored in a game: 7 (vs. Bottineau-Rugby; Hazen-Beulah)
Most goals allowed in a game: 7 (vs. Legacy)
Record when leading after 2 periods: 4-3
Record when trailing after 2 periods: 0-9
Record when tied after 2 periods: 3-2
Longest win streak: 2 games
Longest losing streak: 4 games
Goals per game: 2.38
Goals allowed per game: 3.10
Power Play%: 10.6 (7 PPG)
Penalty Kill%: 71.9 (5 SHG)
Scoring leaders: Points: Rylan Miller, 21; Goals: Miller, 10; Teytum Streeter, 9; Assists: Miller, 11; Dylan Gross, 8
Goalie leaders: Parker Roers, 15 (Games Played) 6 (Wins); 91.1 (SV%); 2.99 (GAA)
Last year's W. Region Tournament: Did Not Place (Lost vs. Century; Lost vs. Mandan)
Did You Know: Dickinson has scored 1 goal or less in 10 games.

West Region Hockey Tournament History

Year	Championship	Tourney Site
1994-95	Jamestown 4, Century 3	Bismarck
1995-96	Century 3, Minot 2	Bismarck
1996-97	Devils Lake 2, Minot 1	Minot
1997-98	Minot 3, Bismarck High 2	Bismarck
1998-99	Bismarck High 3, Minot 1	Minot
1999-00	Minot 4, Dickinson 3 (OT)	Bismarck
2000-01	Bismarck High 8, Mandan 0	Minot
2001-02	Bismarck High 3, Minot 1	Bismarck
2002-03	Minot 1, Century 0 (2OT)	Bismarck
2003-04	Bismarck High 2, Hazen-Beulah 1	Minot
2004-05	Minot 5, Bismarck High 1	Minot
2005-06	Minot 2, Williston 1	Bismarck
2006-07	Bismarck High 2, Minot 1	Bismarck
2007-08	Bismarck High 7, Williston 4	Minot
2008-09	Bismarck High 3, Minot 1	Bismarck
2009-10	Bismarck High 5, Century 4	Minot
2010-11	Century 6, Minot 4	Bismarck
2011-12	Bismarck High 4, Century 2	Bismarck
2012-13	Century 4, Minot 2	Minot
2013-14	Bismarck High 5, Minot 2	Minot
2014-15	Century 2, Bismarck High 0	Bismarck
2015-16	Bismarck High 5, Minot 1	Minot
2016-17	Bismarck High 6, Minot 0	Bismarck
2017-18	Century 4, Bismarck High 2	Minot
2018-19	Century 2, Bismarck High 0	Minot
2019-20	Century 5, Bismarck High 2	Bismarck
2020-21	Century 4, Minot 0	Minot*
2021-22	Jamestown 3, Bismarck Legacy 0	Bismarck
2022-23	Bismarck Legacy 4, Minot 2	Minot
2023-24	Dickinson 2, Minot 1	Bismarck
2024-25	Minot 5, Century 1	Minot

Titles By Schools: Bismarck Legacy (1); Devils Lake (1); Dickinson (1); Jamestown (2); Minot (6); Bismarck Century (8); Bismarck High (12)
 *Final day only

(9) Williston Coyotes

Coach: Alex Herman
Overall Record: 4-11-3-2
WDA Record: 2-11-3-2
Victories over WDA teams with a winning record: None
Record when scoring the first goal: 5-2
Record when allowing the first goal: 2-11
Record in one goal games: 3-2
Most goals scored in a game: 9 (vs. Hazen-Beulah)
Most goals allowed in a game: 7 (vs. Legacy; vs. Jamestown; vs. Century)
Record when leading after 2 periods: 5-2
Record when trailing after 2 periods: 2-7
Record when tied after 2 periods: 0-4
Longest win streak: 7 games
Longest losing streak: 9 games
Goals per game: 2.85
Goals allowed per game: 3.85
Power Play%: 23.3 (17 PPG)
Penalty Kill%: 75.0 (0 SHG)
Scoring leaders: Points: Carter Suchy, 25; Goals: C. Suchy, 14; Assists: C. Suchy, 11; Gavin Douglas, 10
Goalie leaders: Knox Dahlberg, 11 (Games Played); 6 (Wins); 88.5 (SV%); 3.48 (GAA); Colin Shipferling, 8 (Games Played); 1 (Win); 87.7 (SV%); 3.75 (GAA)
Last year's W. Region Tournament: Did Not Place: Lost to Century; Lost vs. Bottineau-Rugby
Did You Know: Coach Herman took over the head coaching reins in mid-January.

(10) Hazen-Beulah North Stars

Coach: Dan Frei
Overall Record: 1-15-3-2
WDA Record: 0-13-2-1
Victories over WDA teams with a winning record: None
Record when scoring the first goal: 4-1
Record when allowing the first goal: 0-

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Record in one goal games: 3-3
Most goals scored in a game: 4 (vs. Century JV; Minot JV; Mayville-Portland)
Most goals allowed in a game: 10 (vs. Legacy)
Record when leading after 2 periods: 2-1
Record when trailing after 2 periods: 0-15
Record when tied after 2 periods: 0-3
Longest win streak: 1 game
Longest losing streak: 11 games
Goals per game: 1.29
Goals allowed per game: 4.08
Power Play%: 13.2 (11 PPG)
Penalty Kill%: 78.7 (0 SHG)
Scoring leaders: Points: Tyler Dub, 12; Goals: Cameron Grimm, 6; Dub, 5; Assists: Dub, 7; Trevor Krause, 7
Goalie leaders: Cooper Frei, 21; (Games Played); 4 (Wins); 87.6 (SV%); 4.46 (GAA)
Last year's W. Region Tournament: Did Not Place (Lost in play-in game at Williston)
Did You Know: Despite not winning a varsity contest in regulation, H-B did win three games that were settled in OT.

Note: Hazen-Beulah's shootout win over Century came against the Patriots' JV team playing for WDA points.

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 Note: Stat leaders are provided by Robert Gillen, ND state statistician...Stats presented are for reg. season games only*

2025-26 WDA Head-to-Head Comparison Scores

	BHS	BOT-R	CEN	DCK	HAZ-B	JAM	LEG	MAN	MIN	WIL
BHS		2-0W 4-3W (OT)	5-4W (SO) 2-5L	4-2W 0-2L	4-0W 5-0W	3-6L 0-4L	4-7L 1-6L	3-6L 2-1W	0-9L 2-11L	3-4L (OT) 3-4L (SO)
BOT-R	0-2L 3-4L (OT)		1-2L 4-5L	4-7L 3-1W	5-2W 9-1W	2-3L 3-2W (OT)	5-6L 2-3L (SO)	5-4W (OT) 0-4L	2-4L 2-6L	5-6L 5-2W
CEN	4-5L (SO) 5-2W	2-1W 5-4W		3-2W 4-0W	3-4L (SO) 3-0W	1-2L 3-4L	3-6L 4-2W	0-3L 0-1L	5-6L 0-4L	4-0W 7-2W
DCK	2-4L 2-0W	7-4W 1-3L	2-3L 0-4L		4-3W 7-1W	0-4L 1-6L	0-2L 1-5L	2-4L 0-5L	1-4L 0-6L	1-2L (OT) 3-1W
HAZ-B	0-4L 0-5L	2-5L 1-9L	3-4L (SO) 0-3L	3-4L 1-7L		0-7L 2-3L (OT)	1-10L#	1-4L 0-2L	3-5L#	1-4L 3-2W (OT)
JAM	5-3W 4-0W	3-2W 2-3L (OT)	2-1W 4-3W	4-0W 6-1W	7-0W 3-2W (OT)		3-2W 3-4L	0-3L 0-3L	1-6L 3-2W	3-0W 7-2W
LEG	7-4W 6-1W	6-5W 3-2W (SO)	6-3W 2-4L	2-0W 5-1W	10-1W#	2-3L 4-3W		5-4W (OT) 2-1W (SO)	2-4L 3-2W	7-2W 5-2W
MAN	6-3W 1-2L	4-5L (OT) 4-0W	3-0W 0-1L	4-2W 5-0W	4-1W 2-0W	3-0W 3-0W	4-5L (OT) 1-2L (SO)		0-1L 1-8L	4-3W (SO) 5-3W
MIN	9-0W 11-2W	4-2W 6-2W	6-5W 4-0W	4-1W 6-0W	5-3W#	6-1W 2-3L	4-2W 2-3L	1-0W 8-1W		5-3W 4-1W
WIL	4-3W (OT) 4-3W (SO)	6-5W 2-5L	0-4L 2-7L	2-1W (OT) 1-3L	4-1W 2-3L (OT)	0-3L 2-7L	2-7L 2-5L	3-4L (SO) 3-5L	3-5L 1-4L	

= 6 point game OT = Overtime SO = Shootout