

2024 West Region Tournament Notes

Nov. 14-16, Minot High Gymnasium, Minot



Serve's Up: West Region Tournament play returns to the Magic City. Quarter-final matches get served up on Thursday, Nov. 14 at Minot High's Gymnasium. The field of eight was completed following play-in matches last week. The tournament continues with a pair of semifinals and loser-out matches on Friday, Nov. 15 with two state qualifiers and the championship on Saturday, Nov. 16.

The contenders: No surprise here. Bismarck Century has dominated the tournament, winning the past 10 region crowns. They will be the favorite. No. 2 Bismarck High, however, was the only WDA team to defeat the Patriots this season in regular season WDA play. And BHS also handed its rival a loss at the Fargo Tournament. The last time BHS won the regional was 2010. A few other teams to pay closer attention to are No. 3 Minot High and No. 4 Dickinson. Both programs have been on the rise in the last couple seasons, hoping to return to the state tournament after several years. And No. 5 Legacy has been in several matches with teams above them in the standings, but looking for that first win. The squad is no stranger to postseason success. Those five teams have the best shot at a state tourney berth.

Going the distance

Fifteen conference matches went five-sets this regular season. Nine teams had at least one five-setter with Minot High and Dickinson leading the way with five. Not surprising, both of their matches were five-setters.

New kid on the block

Minot North is competing in its first varsity season and already it has been a successful one. The Sentinels qualified for the West Region Tournament quarterfinals and earned 11 wins in WDA regular season play, including a five-set thriller over rival Minot High.

Wasting little time: Of Century's 18 conference matches, 13 were completed in just three sets.

Missed it by *that much!* There was major differences in where coaches selected teams in the preseason poll compared to where teams actually finished. Here is the comparison on the actual finish and the preseason rankings. Century, 1/1; Bismarck High, 2/4; Minot High, 3/6; Dickinson, 4/5; Legacy, 5/2; Minot North, 6/9; Jamestown, 7/3; Williston, 8/7; Mandan, 9/10; St. Mary's, 10/8; Watford City, 11/11; TMCHS, 12/12

The last time (TLT)

TLT Minot hosted the W. Region was 2016...TLT three none Bismarck-Mandan schools reached the state tournament (2010: Dickinson, Williston, Minot High); TLT the region title match was decided in five sets (2014, Century vs. Jamestown)...TLT a WDA team won the Class A title (Century, 2021).

Final volleys: WDA teams posted a collective 32-63 record vs. EDC teams this season...Five teams have 20 or more (Century, Bismarck High, Minot High, Dickinson and Legacy...This was the final season of WDA play for Watford

West Region Volleyball Tournament

Nov. 7 @Higher Seed Play-in
 (5) Legacy 3, (12) TMCHS 0
 (6) Minot North 3, (11) Watford City 0
 (7) Jamestown 3, (10) St. Mary's 0
 (8) Williston 3, (9) Mandan 0

Thursday, Nov. 14, @Minot High Gym Quarterfinals
 (1) Century vs. (8) Williston, 1 p.m.
 (4) Dickinson vs. (5) Legacy, 3 p.m.
 (2) Bismarck High vs. (7) Jamestown, 5 p.m.
 (3) Minot High vs. (6) Minot North, 7 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 15, @Minot HS Loser-out, 1 and 3 p.m.
Semifinals, 5 and 7 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 16, @Minot HS State qualifiers, 12 noon and 2 p.m.
Championship, 4 p.m.

2024 WDA Standings

Team	Record	Winning Pct.
Century	21-1	.955
Bismarck	20-2	.909
Minot High	18-4	.818
Dickinson	16-6	.727
Legacy	14-8	.636
Minot North	11-11	.500
Jamestown	10-12	.455
Williston^	7-15	.318
Mandan	7-15	.318
St. Mary's	6-16	.273
Watford City	2-20	0.091
TMCHS	0-22	.000

^Held tie-break over Mandan

City and TMCHS as both schools will move into a new state volleyball division next season...Century currently has the longest consecutive streak of state tournament appearances for WDA teams (13 seasons)... Fargo is hosting the State A-B Tournament (Nov. 21-23) for a second year in a row...Last state tournament appearances: Century, 2023; Jamestown, 2023; Legacy, 2023; Bismarck High, 2023; St. Mary's, 2022; Mandan, 2020; Dickinson, 2012; Minot High, 2011; Williston, 2010; Minot North, none; TMCHS, none; Watford City, none.

(1) Bismarck Century Patriots

Records: 30-4 Overall; 21-2 WDA
Head Coach: Jamie Zastoupil
Record vs. Top 4 W. Region seeds: 4-1
Record in Reg. Season Tournaments: 9-3

Longest season win streak vs. WDA opponents: 16

Longest season losing streak: 1

Players to watch: Atrianna Backman, Sr.; Alexis Heinle, Jr.; Holland Fitterer, Sr.

Record in first sets: 20-2

Record in second sets: 21-1

Record in third sets: 18-4

Record in fourth sets: 5-1

Record in fifth sets: 0-0

Team Leaders: Kills/Per Match: Atrianna Backman, 159/8.83; Blocks/Per Match: Alexis Heinle, 36.5/2.02; Assists/Per Match: Jocelyn Kilber, 317/17.6; Digs/Per Match: Holland Fitterer,

208/11.55; A. Backman, 200/11.11; Service Aces/Per Match: Hope Bauman, 26/1.44

2023 West Region Tournament

Rewind: Champion; Win vs. Williston; Win vs. Legacy Win vs. Jamestown
Last West Region Tournament Championship: 2023

Last Class A Championship: 2021

Dig This: Century has finished first or second in the WDA standings every years since 2011.

(2) Bismarck High Demons

Records: 27-8 Overall; 20-2 WDA

Head Coach: Brianna Kline

Record vs. Top 4 W. Region seeds: 3-2

Record in Reg. Season Tournaments: 7-6

Longest season win streak vs. WDA opponents: 9

Longest season losing streak: 1 (twice)

Players to watch: Jordyn Rood, Jr.; Madison Foster, Sr.; Aspen Roaldson, Jr.

Record in first sets: 18-4

Record in second sets: 15-7

Record in third sets: 21-1

Record in fourth sets: 8-2

Record in fifth sets: 1-1

Team Leaders: Kills/Per Match: Jordyn Rood, 190/10.55; Blocks/Per Match: J. Rood, 41.5/2.30; Assists/Per Match: Aspen Roaldson, 599/33.27; Digs/Per Match: Madison Foster, 363/20.16; Service Aces/Per Match: A. Roaldson, 47/2.61

2023 West Region Tournament

Rewind: (4th); Win vs. Dickinson; Loss vs. Jamestown; Win vs. Minot High

Last West Region Tournament Championship: 2010

Last Class A Championship: 2010

Dig This: The Demons were the only team to defeat Bismarck Century in conference play.

(3) Minot High Majettes

Records: 23-12 Overall; 18-4 WDA

Head Coach: Jesse Goertzen

Record vs. Top 4 W. Region seeds: 3-3

Record in Reg. Season Tournaments: 5-8

Longest season win streak vs. WDA opponents: 1 (three times)

Longest season losing streak vs. WDA opponents: 3

Players to watch: Raegan Terrel, Sr.; Sydney Aberle, Sr.; McKenzie Dufner, Jr.

Record in first sets: 16-6

Record in second sets: 18-4

Record in third sets: 14-8

Record in fourth sets: 6-5

Record in fifth sets: 4-1

Team Leaders: Kills/Per Match: Kynslie Gillmore, 148/8.22 Blocks/Per Match: Sydney Aberle, 25.0/1.38; Eve Knutson, 24.5/1.36; Assists/Per Match: McKenzie Dufner, 606/33.66 Digs/Per Match: Reagan Terrel, 269/14.85; Service Aces/Per Match: Everet Deschamp, 45/2.50

2023 West Region Tournament

Rewind: Did Not Place; Loss vs. Legacy; Win vs. Williston; Loss vs. Bismarck High

Last West Region Tournament Championship: 2007

Last Class A Championship: None

Dig This: This is Minot High's best WDA regular season finish since 2000 (2nd that year).

(4) Dickinson Midgets

Records: 23-12 Overall; 16-6 WDA

Head Coach: Taylor Hafner

Record vs. Top 4 W. Region seeds: 0-5

Record in Reg. Season Tournaments: 7-6

Longest season win streak vs. WDA opponents: 7

Longest season losing streak vs. WDA opponents: 3

Players to watch: Jenna Nelson, Jr.; Cecilia Homiston, Jr.; Lauren Selle, Sr.

Record in first sets: 17-5

Record in second sets: 15-7

Record in third sets: 15-7

Record in fourth sets: 3-10

Record in fifth sets: 5-2

Team Leaders: Kills/Per Match: Jenna Nelson, 316/17.5; Blocks/Per Match: Cecilia Homiston, 41.5/2.30;

Assists/Per Match: C. Homiston, 662/36.77; Digs/Per Match: Kaley Embry, 285/15.83; Service Aces/Per Match: Jersi Luchi, 34/1.88; J. Nelson, 34/1.88

2023 West Region Tournament

Rewind: Did Not Place; Loss vs. Bismarck High; Win vs. St. Mary's; Loss vs. Legacy

Last West Region Tournament Championship: 2005

Last Class A Championship: 2006

Dig This: The Midgets played in five WDA matches that went five-sets (3-2 record).

(5) Bismarck Legacy Sabers

Records: 21-14 Overall; 14-8 WDA

Head Coach: Jennifer Astle

Record vs. Top 4 W. Region seeds: 0-6

Record in Reg. Season Tournaments: 6-6

Longest season win streak vs. WDA opponents: 2

Longest season losing streak: 2

Players to watch: Brooklynn Felchle, Sr.; McKenna Brendel, Sr.; Cambree Volk, Jr.

Record in first sets: 16-6

Record in second sets: 15-7

Record in third sets: 14-8

Record in fourth sets: 3-8

Record in fifth sets: 2-1

Team Leaders: Kills/Per Match: McKenna Brendel, 183/10.16; Blocks/Per Match: Brooklynn Felchle, 47.5/2.63; Assists/Per Match: Jenny Celley, 494/27.44; Digs/Per Match: Avery Will, 305/16.94; Service Aces/Per Match: Cambree Volk, 29/1.61

2023 West Region Tournament

Rewind: 3rd (state qualifier); Win vs. Minot High; Loss vs. Century; Win vs. Dickinson

Last West Region Tournament Championship: None

Last Class A Championship: None

Dig This: Legacy has won 20 or more matches in each of the past four seasons.

(6) Minot North Sentinels

Records: 14-21 Overall; 11-11 WDA

Head Coach: Karin Francis

Record vs. Top 4 W. Region seeds: 1-5

Record in Reg. Season Tournaments: 2-10

Longest season win streak vs. WDA opponents: 4

Longest season losing streak vs. WDA opponents: 5

Players to watch: Cadence Shipman, Sr.; Aven Kelly, Jr.; Brynn Francis, So.

Record in first sets: 9-13

Record in second sets: 8-14

Record in third sets: 10-12

Record in fourth sets: 6-5

Record in fifth sets: 4-1

Team Leaders: Kills/Per Match: Cadence Shipman, 246/13.66; Blocks/Per Match: C. Shipman, 26.0/1.44; Assists/Per Match: Brynn Francis, 307/17.05; Digs/Per Match: Kate Weishaar, 215/11.94; Service Aces/Per Match: C. Shipman, 23/1.27

2023 West Region Tournament

Rewind: Did not compete

Last West Region Tournament Championship: None

Last Class A Championship: None

Dig This: Minot North posted an 11-11 record in its inaugural WDA season.

(7) Jamestown Blue Jays

Records: 19-16 Overall; 10-12 WDA

Head Coach: Sara Hegerle

Record vs. Top 4 W. Region seeds: 0-7

Record in Reg. Season Tournaments: 8-4

Longest win streak vs. WDA opponents: 2 (twice)

Longest season losing streak: 3

Players to watch: Edie Hegerle, Sr.; Leah Trumbauer, Sr.; Lucy Falk, So.

Record in first sets: 10-12

Record in second sets: 12-10

Record in third sets: 11-11

Record in fourth sets: 7-1

Record in fifth sets: 1-5

Team Leaders: Kills/Per Match: Lucy Falk, 198/11.0; Blocks/Per Match: Mari Anderson, 28.5/1.58; Assists/Per Match: Edie Hegerle, 555/30.83; Digs/Per Match: Jetta Peterson, 243/13.50; Service Aces/Per Match: Amelia Newman, 27/1.50

2023 West Region Tournament

Rewind: Runner-up; Win vs. St. Mary's; Win vs. Bismarck High; Loss vs. Century

Last West Region Tournament Championship: None

Last Class A Championship: 2013

Dig This: Jamestown finished outside the top five in the WDA standings for the first time since 2010.

(8) Williston Coyotes

Records: 10-25 Overall; 7-15 WDA

Head Coach: Cassidy Przybilla

Record vs. Top 4 W. Region seeds: 0-6

WDA Stat Leaders

Kills	Avg./M	Avg./S
Player		
J. Nelson, DCK	17.56	4.65
C. Shipman, MIN N	13.67	3.67
M. Collings, WIL	11.61	3.48
L. Falk, JAM	11.00	3.09
L. Kuennen, SM	10.78	2.94

Blocks	Avg./M	Avg./S
Player		
B. Felchle, LEG	2.64	0.720
M. Falcon, LEG	2.42	0.659
M. Messer, SM	2.39	0.652
J. Rood, BHS	2.31	0.638
C. Homiston, DCK	2.39	0.632

Assists	Avg./M	Avg./S
Player		
C. Homiston, DCK	36.78	9.74
A. Roaldson, BHS	33.28	9.22
M. Dufner, MIN H	33.67	9.04
E. Hegerle, JAM	30.83	8.67
J. Celley, LEG	27.44	7.48

Digs	Avg./M	Avg./S
Player		
M. Foster, BHS	20.17	5.58
H. Harris, MAN	17.33	4.66
A. Will, LEG	16.94	4.62
K. Embry, DCK	15.83	4.19
R. Terrel, MIN H	14.94	4.01

Service Aces	Avg./M	Avg./S
Player		
A. Roaldson, BHS	2.61	0.723
E. Deschamp, MIN H	2.50	0.672
M. Dufner, MIN H	2.00	0.537
M. Messer, SM	1.89	0.515
J. Nelson, DCK	1.89	0.500
J. Luchi, DCK	1.89	0.500

Avg./M (Average per match) Avg./S (Average per set) Note: WDA regular season matches only
Total based on 18 total matches played by each team. Some individuals may have had fewer matches/sets than their team totals. Therefore, some stats may not be completely accurate.

Record in Reg. Season Tournaments: 2-10

Longest season win streak vs. WDA opponents: 2

Longest season losing streak vs. WDA opponents: 3 (twice)

Players to watch: Madison Collings, Sr.; Sophia Suchy, Jr.; Mekiah Klumker, So.

Record in first sets: 7-15

Record in second sets: 7-15

Record in third sets: 6-16

Record in fourth sets: 4-1

Record in fifth sets: 0-1

Team Leaders: Kills/Per Match: Madison Collings, 209/11.61; Blocks/Per Match: Sophia Suchy, 20.5/1.13; Assists/Per Match: Allison Wilcox, 389/21.6; Digs/Per Match: M. Collings, 185/10.27; Service Aces/Per Match: Mekiah Klumker, 17/0.94

2023 West Region Tournament

Rewind: Did Not Place; Loss vs. Century; Loss vs. Minot High

Last West Region Tournament Championship: 2006

Last Class A Championship: 2004

Dig This: The last time Williston reached a state tournament was 2010 (4th place that year).

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West Region Volleyball Tournament Results

Year	Championship Match	Tourney Site
1982-83	Bismarck High 2, Century 1	Bismarck
1983-84	Bismarck High 2, Minot 0	Bismarck
1984-85	Minot 2, Bismarck High 1	Bismarck
1985-86	Bismarck High 2, Williston 0	Minot
1986-87	Bismarck High 2, Williston 0	Dickinson
1987-88	Bismarck High 3, Century 2	Dickinson
1988-89	Bismarck High 3, Century 1	Dickinson
1989-90	Bismarck High 3, Century 0	Bottineau
1990-91	Bismarck High 3, Minot 0	Bismarck
1991-92	Bismarck High 3, Minot 2	Minot
1992-93	Minot 3, Century 1	Minot
1993-94	Century 3, Bismarck High 2	Williston
1994-95	Williston 3, Century 2	Minot
1995-96	Minot 3, Williston 1	Bismarck
1996-97	Minot 3, Mandan 0	Dickinson
1997-98	Mandan 3, Century 1	Bismarck
1998-99	Mandan 3, Minot 2	Williston
1999-00	Minot 3, Williston 1	Bismarck
2000-01	Williston 3, Bismarck High 0	Minot
2001-02	Mandan 3, Williston 0	Bismarck
2002*	Williston 3, Dickinson 0	Dickinson
2003	Century 3, Williston 1	Mandan
2004	Williston 3, Mandan 0	Williston
2005	Dickinson 3, Century 0	Bismarck
2006	Williston 3, Century 1	Minot
2007	Minot 3, Bismarck High 1	Mandan
2008	Century 3, Bismarck High 1	Jamestown
2009	Century 3, Bismarck High 1	Dickinson
2010	Bismarck High 3, Dickinson 1	Bismarck
2011	Century 3, Bismarck High 0	Minot
2012	Century 3, Jamestown 0	Mandan
2013	St. Mary's 3, Jamestown 2	Jamestown
2014	Century 3, Jamestown 2	Dickinson
2015	Century 3, Bismarck High 0	Bismarck
2016	Century 3, Jamestown 1	Minot
2017	Century 3, Jamestown 1	Mandan
2018	Century 3, Mandan 0	Williston
2019	Century 3, Jamestown 1	Jamestown
2020	Century 3, Jamestown 1	Bismarck
2021	Century 3, Bismarck High 0	Watford City
2022	Century 3, Jamestown 1	Dickinson
2023	Century 3, Jamestown 0	Bismarck
2024	--	Minot

Titles By Schools: Century (16); Bismarck High (10); Minot High (5); Williston (4); Mandan (3); Dickinson (1); St. Mary's (1)

*Volleyball moved to the Fall