

# 2020 West Region Tournament Notes

Nov. 10: Quarterfinals; Nov. 12: Semifinals and Loser-out;  
Nov. 14: State Qualifiers and Championship (@Legacy HS)



**A year like no other:** The 2020 West Region Tournament format had to be changed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The tournament, which was scheduled to be hosted by Watford City, could not move ahead in one location over three straight days. School officials wanted to avoid overnight stays and limit social contact. Instead, the quarterfinals, loser-out and semifinal matches all are played at the site of the higher seeds. The final three tournament matches -- 2 state qualifiers and the championship -- will be held at one site (Bismarck Legacy). Attendance will be limited for each match to adhere to public health guidelines.

**The usual suspects:** No surprise which teams are the favorites to win this week's tournament. It starts with Century. The top-ranked Patriots went undefeated in regular season play and will be bidding for its sixth-straight title. They only dropped seven sets in 18 matches. Mandan won its final six matches to grab the No. 2 seed. It last reached the tournament final in 2018. Jamestown is the No. 3 seed and are the only team to take the Patriots to five sets. The Blue Jays have never won the title, but have finished runner-up six times. No. 4 Bismarck High posted 12 WDA wins and has a victory over Mandan.

**No place like home:** For the first time since the West Region Tournament began, matches for the first two days of the tournament are being held at the home of the higher seed.

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One of the drawbacks to the season due to the COVID-19 pandemic was WDA and EDC teams did not face each other in regular season tournaments or non-conference matches. The only chance the conferences will cross over to play will be at the Class A Tournament in Fargo.

**Teams on a roll:** Three teams enter this week's tournament on win streaks. Century won all 18 of its regular season matches...Mandan has won six consecutive matches and Bismarck High has won three in a row and nine of its last 11.

**Going the distance:** Six WDA matches this season went five sets. Watford City (3 times), Bismarck High (2), Jamestown (2), Minot (2); Legacy (1), St. Mary's (1); Century (1) all played in at least one five set match. Will some five-setters be in store this week?

**On the tube:** BEK Sports will be televising the two state qualifiers and championship match on Saturday, Nov. 14.

**Final volleys:** Bismarck High will be seeking its 14th consecutive state tournament berth which is the longest active streak among WDA teams...Watford City is making its first appearance in the quarterfinals...Five teams finished regular season play with winning records...The last time neither Century or Jamestown was in the regional final was 2010 (BHS vs.

**West Region  
Volleyball Tournament**

**Tuesday, Nov. 10**  
**Quarterfinals (At higher seed)**  
(8) Watford City @ (1) Bismarck Century, 7 p.m.  
(5) Bismarck Legacy @ Bismarck High, 7 p.m.  
(6) St. Mary's (3) Jamestown, 7 p.m.  
(7) Minot High @ (2) Mandan, 7 p.m.

**Thursday, Nov. 12**  
**Loser-out (At higher seed)**  
Watford City/Century loser vs. Legacy/Bismarck High loser  
St. Mary's/Jamestown loser vs. Minot/Mandan loser

**Semifinals (At higher seed)**  
Watford City/Century winner vs. Legacy/Bismarck High winner  
St. Mary's/Jamestown winner vs. Minot/Mandan winner

**Saturday, Nov. 16 @Bismarck Legacy**  
**State qualifiers**  
TBA vs. TBA, 11 a.m.  
TBA vs. TBA, 2 p.m.

**Championship**  
TBA vs. TBA, 5 p.m.

**2020 WDA Standings**

Team	Record	Winning Pct.
Century	18-0	1.000
Mandan^	14-4	.778
Jamestown	14-4	.778
Bismarck	12-6	.667
Legacy	10-8	.555
St. Mary's	8-10	.444
Minot	7-11	.388
Watford City	5-13	.278
Dickinson	2-16	.111
Williston	0-18	.000

^Held tie-break  
TMCHS did not participate this season due to COVID-19 concerns

Dickinson)...TMCHS (Belcourt) did not play a season due COVID-19...The Class A Tournament is in Fargo (Nov. 19-21)...Last state tournament appearances: BHS, 2019; Century, 2019; Jamestown, 2019; Legacy, 2016; Mandan, 2019; Minot High, 2011; St. Mary's, 2015; Watford City, none.

### Team Notes

**#1 Bismarck Century:** The Patriots (18-0 Overall; 18-0 WDA; Coach: Jamie Zastoupil, 10th year) program just keeps on reloading. The squad went undefeated in WDA play and is the top-ranked team in the state. Century dropped just seven total sets throughout the regular season and just once did it play a five-set match (vs. Jamestown). Century is bidding for a sixth consecutive West Region Tournament title. It reached the Class A title match for a ninth year in a row in 2019, falling to Fargo Davies in four sets. The Patriots will be a contender to get back to the title. The team boasts plenty of depth to ago along with talent. Five players average five or more kills a match led for a second year in a row by senior Julia Fitterer (12.1). Sophomore Logan Nissley is also in double

figures with 10.5. Junior Macy Fridgen averages 1.2 blocks. For a second year in a row, Delani Clarke is in double figures in assists. The junior averages 18.4. Another capable setter is junior Abby Fletcher (16.5). Two are in double figures in digs led by senior Jocelyn Julson (19.7). J. Fitterer (14.9). Two more are at nearly eight a match. Clarke is among the top servers. She averages 1.3 aces per match. Century begins its postseason run by hosting No. 8 Watford City in the quarterfinals.  
**Stat Leaders:** Kills: Julia Fitterer, 12.1; Logan Nissley, 10.5; Blocks: Macy Fridgen, 1.2; Megan Klein, 1.1; Assists: Delani Clarke, 18.4; Abby Fletcher, 16.5; Digs: Jocelyn Julson, 19.7; J. Fitterer, 14.9; Service Aces: Clarke, 1.3; J. Fitterer, 1.1; Klein, 1.0

**#2 Mandan:** The Braves (14-4 Overall; 14-4 WDA; Coach: Anna Folk, 9th year) continue to prove they are a top-tier programs in the WDA. The squad enters the postseason on a roll, winning six straight matches, including a sweep of Jamestown on Nov. 3 to secure the No. 2 seed in the region tournament. That is significant since there is a good chance those teams will meet again in the semifinals and the Braves will be the host.

Two seasons ago the squad lost a pair of all-state players and managed to return to the state tournament. This season it entered having lost another, but still shows its talent and depth. Senior Taylor Leingang led the WDA in kills (12.4). She also averaged 18.0 digs per match which ranked high. Senior Sydney Gustavsson is near the top in conference assists (29.2) and junior Piper Harris is among the leaders in digs (23.5). Junior LaReena Mosbrucker is in the top 10 in WDA blocks. Mandan has qualified for the Class A Tournament four seasons in a row and has a strong chance to do so again. It's last appearance in the region tournament title match was in 2018. Mandan hosts No. 7 seed Minot in the quarterfinals.

**Stat Leaders:** Kills: Taylor Leingang, 12.4; Morgan Sheldon, 7.4; Blocks: LaReena Mosbrucker, 1.4; Assists: Sydney Gustavsson, 29.2; Digs: Piper Harris, 23.5; T. Leingang, 18.0; Service Aces: T. Leingang, 1.2

**#3 Jamestown:** The Blue Jays (14-4 Overall; 14-4 WDA; Coach: Sara Hegerle, 10th year) find themselves in a familiar position on the eve of the West Region Tournament. Among a short list of teams that can contend for a tournament title. Unfortunately for Jamestown, that title has yet to come. There has been some close calls. The team has been to the championship match in six of the last eight seasons. Perhaps this is the season Jamestown can break through.

The squad won its first five matches before dropping two in a row. It then rattled off seven straight before losing its last two of the season. The four losses have come to Century and Mandan. Teams it will likely need to go

through to capture a region crown. The Blue Jays did take undefeated Century to five sets in the first meeting, leading 2-1.

The team has a pair of dynamic players in seniors Grace Hegerle and Ella Roaldson. The duo are among the conference leaders in several categories. Hegerle averages 12.2 kills per match and 12.3 digs. Roaldson averages 10.9 kills and 1.5 blocks.

Junior Kate Trumbauer has emerged as a key contributor. She leads in assists (27.8). Senior Rachel Schiele has a team-best 16.5 digs. Four players average an ace per match. Junior Jenna Fischer is top among the team averages (1.7). Jamestown hosts St. Mary's in a quarterfinal. A victory likely will set up a showdown at No. 2 Mandan in the semifinals.

**Stat Leaders:** Kills: Grace Hegerle, 12.2; Ella Roaldson, 10.9; Blocks: Roaldson, 1.5; Hunter Peterson, 1.3; Assists: Katie Trumbauer, 27.8; Digs: Rachel Schiele, 16.5; Hegerle, 12.3; Service Aces: Jenna Fischer, 1.7; Addi Douty, 1.5

**#4 Bismarck High:** The Demon (12-6 Overall; 12-6 WDA; Coach: Brianna Kline, 2nd year) program has finished fourth or better in the WDA standings eight of the past 10 years. More impressively, the team has come to play in the West Region Tournament. BHS has qualified for the last 13 Class A Tournaments and hope to extend that streak.

Things didn't look too rosy at the start of 2020, however. BHS lost four of its first five matches and it wasn't until mid-October before it climbed into the top five of the standings. Since that slow start, the Demons have won nine of their last 11 matches.

Among its better performances, the team defeated No. 2 Mandan and played top seed Century tough in two matches, taking a set both times. The squad has a number of contributors in various areas and that depth has served them well.

Senior Kenzie Moser and junior Kenadi Renner lead the team in kills with 8.8 and 7.2 respectively. Sophomore Brooke Curtis and senior Caitlyn Allery average 1.5 and 1.4 blocks per match, respectively. Junior Mia Hinsz averages 20.1 assists and sophomore Payton Foster has chipped in with 10.9 per match. Four players are in double figures in digs. Junior Abby Lardy leads the way with 14.1. BHS's 2.1 aces per match is among the best in the WDA. BHS split its two matches with No. 5 Legacy in the regular season. Oddly enough, losing at home. It hopes for a different outcome on the home court in the quarterfinal.

**Stat Leaders:** Kills: Kenzie Moser, 8.8; Kenadi Renner, 7.2; Blocks: Brooke Curtis, 1.5; Caitlyn Allery, 1.4; Assists: Mia Hinsz, 20.1; Payton Foster, 10.9; Digs: Abby Lardy, 14.1; Moser, 12.8; Renner, 12.4; Hinsz, 10.4; Service Aces: Hinsz, 2.1; Moser, 1.7; Foster, 1.5

**#5 Bismarck Legacy:** The Sabers (10-8 Overall; 10-8 WDA; Coach: Jennifer Astle, 8th year) are hoping its recent struggles at the West Region Tournament will come to an end this week. After earning state tournament berths in each of its first two seasons in varsity play (2015-2016), Legacy has dropped its last three state qualifiers. Perhaps this will be the season it can break through. Legacy improved one spot in the WDA standings from a season ago and put together some solid performances along the way. It won five of its first six matches, including victories over Mandan and Bismarck High.

The nucleus of the team is made up of several seniors. Senior Maggie Sorensen is averaging 11.1 kills per match which is among the best in the conference. Junior Breana Sand averages 9.2. Senior Camaryn Beasley is at the top in assists in WDA play (31.7). Two players average over 12 digs per match. Senior Kristin Ness (18.2) and Sorensen (12.4). Three players are among the conference leaders in service aces. Beasley average just over two per match. Getting off to good starts has been a problem for the Sabers. It's dropped the first set in four of the last five matches. And has just a 7-9 overall mark in the first and second sets. Getting off to a better start will be key this week.

Legacy will face WDA rival and No. 4 Bismarck High in the quarterfinals. The teams split its two matches. A victory in the 4-5 tournament is so critical. A loss likely will mean having to face the No. 2 or No. 3 seed in a state qualifier.

**Stat Leaders:** Kills: Maggie Sorensen, 11.1; Breana Sand, 9.2; Blocks: Isabella Ternes, 1.1; Assists: Camaryn Beasley, 31.7; Digs: Kristin Ness, 18.2; Maggie Sorensen, 12.4; Service Aces: Beasley, 2.1; Sand, 1.7; Sorensen, 1.4

**#6 Bismarck St. Mary's:** The Saints (8-10 Overall; 8-10 WDA; Coach: Erica Trom, 1st year) entered 2020 looking to rebuild a program that had posted back-to-back 16-plus win seasons. Erica Trom took over the coaching reins of a program that saw several key contributors graduate. New leaders were going to have to emerge. It was a win-one-lose-one pattern at the start. SM did manage to win three in a row in mid-October. The highlight victory in that stretch was at Legacy in four sets. The squad, however, enters the postseason on a bit of a skid, losing four of its last five to finish sixth in the WDA. Eden Schlinger has been one of the key contributors. The senior has a team-best 6.1 kills per match. She averages just over a block a match and is second in digs (12.5). Senior Avery Wanner leads the team in assists (15.1). Senior Lauryn Hoesel led the WDA in blocks (3.8) per match. Madelyn Miller leads the team with 22.7 digs, which is also among the WDA's best.

SM will travel to No. 3 Jamestown for a quarterfinal. While SM has posted double-digit wins over the past two years, what's been lacking is a signature win. If the Saints want to return to the state tournament for the first

## WDA Stat Leaders

Kills			
Player	Avg./M	Avg./S	
T Leingang, MAN	12.4	3.65	
G. Hegerle, JAM	12.2	3.50	
J. Fitterer, CEN	12.1	3.52	
M. Wheeler, MIN	11.6	3.40	
M. Sorensen, LEG	11.1	3.08	
Blocks			
Player	Avg./M	Avg./S	
L. Hoesel, SM	3.8	1.14	
A. Holen, WC	2.1	0.56	
M. Spacher, WC	1.8	0.51	
E. Roaldson, JAM	1.5	0.44	
C. Allery, BHS	1.5	0.44	
Assists			
Player	Avg./M	Avg./S	
C. Beasley, LEG	31.7	8.75	
S. Gustavsson, MAN	29.2	8.58	
K. Trumbauer, JAM	27.8	7.96	
R. Faller, WC	24.7	6.82	
M. Hinsz, BHS	20.1	5.83	
Digs			
Player	Avg./M	Avg./S	
P. Harris, MAN	23.5	6.89	
M. Miller, SM	22.7	6.78	
J. Julson, CEN	19.7	5.74	
K. Ness, LEG	18.2	5.03	
T. Leingang, MAN	18.0	5.27	
Service Aces			
Player	Avg./M	Avg./S	
M. Hinsz, BHS	2.1	0.636	
C. Beasley, LEG	2.1	0.586	
K. Moser, BHS	1.7	0.509	
J. Fischer, JAM	1.7	0.500	
B. Sand, LEG	1.7	0.482	

Avg./M (Average per match)  
Avg./S (Average per set)  
WDA regular season matches only

time since 2015, it will need to earn one this week.

**Stat Leaders:** Kills: Eden Schlinger, 6.1; Blocks: Lauryn Hoesel, 3.8; Mykendra Messer, 1.4; Brooke Haas, 1.4; Assists: Avery Wanner, 15.1; Digs: Madelyn Miller, 22.7; Service Aces: E. Schlinger, 1.0

**#7 Minot:** The Majettes (8-11 Overall; 7-11 WDA; Coach: Sherry Carlson, 5th year) took another step forward in 2020. The squad earned two more conference victories from the previous season and finished one spot better in the WDA standings. The regular season featured some bright spots. Minot earned a four-set win over No. 5 seed Legacy. It went the distance with No. 4 Bismarck High in a match. It also took the opening set in its match with unbeaten Century. Good starts has been a hallmark of Minot. The team has won the opening set in a match nine times. Unfortunately, it's struggled to carry that momentum into the second set. Minot has had its share of postseason success at the West Region Tournament. Ten times its been to the title match, winning five of them. However, it's been several years since the program has been among the conference's top teams. The Majettes have not qualified for the Class A tournament since 2011 and it would take a couple of upsets this week to get back to state.

Morgan Wheeler has been among the WDA's best in kills (11.6) per match. Cambry Franstvog and Paige Ackerman both are in double figures in assists. Reese Terrel averages 12.7 digs per match. Minot swept winless Williston in a play-in match on Nov. 5. It will face one of the WDA's hottest teams, Mandan, in the quarterfinals. A goal for Minot will be to get to the third day of the tournament. A win Tuesday or Thursday this week will assure that.

## 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	TBD	Bismarck (Last day)

**Titles By Schools:** Century (12); Bismarck High (10); Minot High (5); Williston (4); Mandan (3); Dickinson (1); St. Mary's (1)

\*Volleyball moved to the Fall

**Stat Leaders:** Kills: Morgan Wheeler, 11.6; Blocks: Paige Everson, 0.78 Assists: Cambry Franstvog 12.9; Paige Ackerman, 11.6; Digs: Reese Terrel, 12.7; Service Aces: R. Terrel, 1.1; P. Ackerman, 1.0

**#8 Watford City:** For the first time since joining the WDA (6-13 Overall; 5-13 WDA; Renae Mogen, 4th year) the Wolves have reached the quarterfinals of the West Region Tournament. Watford City has won four of its last five matches, including a sweep of Dickinson on Nov. 5 in a region play-in match.

On paper, No. 8 seeds typically are not competitive against upper-tier competition. However, the Wolves have put a few scares in some opponents this season. It led No. 3 seed Jamestown, 2-0, before falling in five sets. Against Mandan, the Wolves lost in four sets. Three of those sets were decided by three points or less. It also lost a four-set match to No. 5 Legacy. All four sets were decided by five points or less. And the Wolves lost two other five-set matches. So, WC has had a few close calls, but is still looking for that signature victory. Perhaps it will come this week. The team has some talent. Senior Ashley Holen and junior Madison Spacher are among the WDA leaders

in blocks. Holen averages 2.1 per match. Spacher and Emma Mogen average eight kills per match. Junior Riley Faller averages 24.7 assists.

Three players -- Kyley Barnett, Jessica Mogen and Faller -- are in double figures in digs. J. Mogen is among the WDA leaders in service aces.

The team has a tall task in facing unbeaten and top seed Century in the quarterfinals. Getting at least one tourney victory would be a big step for the program.

**Stat Leaders:** Kills: Madison Spacher, 8.6 Blocks: Ashley Holen, 2.1; Spacher, 1.8; Assists: Riley Faller, 24.7; Digs: Kyley Barnett, 12.8; Jessica Mogen, 11.8; Service Aces: J. Mogen, 1.7

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