

2022 West Region Tournament Notes

Nov. 10-12, Dickinson HS Gymnasium, Dickinson



Serve's Up: Quarterfinal play of the West Region Tournament gets served up on Thursday, Nov. 10 in Dickinson. The field of eight was complete following play-in matches last week. The tournament continues with a pair of semifinals and loser-out matches on Friday, Nov. 11 with two state qualifiers and the championship on Saturday, Nov. 12. The tournament is back in the Queen City for the first time since 2014.

The usual suspects: Bismarck Century has dominated the tournament, winning the past eight region crowns. And no surprise, the Patriots are the favorite to win it again. The team steam-rolled thru WDA regular season play, going unbeaten. The squad dropped for sets in conference play. One of those came to Jamestown which finished second. The Blue Jays are seeking their first-ever West Region Tournament. The program has been to the finals seven times. The last coming in 2020. No. 3 Legacy is also looking for its first region tournament title. No. 4 Bismarck High reached the region and state tournament title matches a season ago. The last team other than Century to win the region tournament was St. Mary's in 2013. **Five alive:** Over the past five seasons, the No. 5 seed has qualified for the state tournament four times. Last year it was Legacy. In 2020, it was Legacy again. Jamestown advanced in 2018 and Bismarck High in 2017. In case you're wondering, St. Mary's is this year's No. 5 seed.

Queen of the five sets

There were 12 WDA regular season matches that went to five sets this season and no team thrived in that scenario more than Jamestown. The Blue Jays were 4-0 when a match went the distance, and on two occasions, the team battled from an 0-2 deficit. Seven other teams were involved in five-setters (Minot High, 2-3; Bismarck High, 2-2; Dickinson, 1-2; Watford City, 1-2; St. Mary's, 1-1; Williston, 1-1; and Mandan, 0-1).

Putting the 'W' in Williston: The program that took big strides this season was Williston. The Coyotes, under first year coach Cassidy Przybilla, won seven more regular season matches than the previous year and are playing in their first region quarterfinal since 2017.

Missed it by that much!: WDA coaches were fairly close in their pre-season rankings at the top but there was a little shakeup in the bottom finishes. Here is a comparison on the actual finish and the pre-season rankings. Century: 1/1; Jamestown 2/3; Legacy, 4/3; Bismarck High, 4/2; St. Mary's: 5/6; Dickinson 6/8; Minot High, 7/7; Williston, 8/9; Watford City, 9/10; Mandan, 10/5; TMCHS, 11/11

Final volleys: There were three first-year coaches in the conference this season...Maureen Larsen, Mandan; Jesse Goertzen, Minot High; Cassidy Przybilla, Williston...WDA teams posted a collective 57-44 record vs.

West Region Volleyball Tournament

Nov. 3-4 @Higher Seed

Play-in

(6) Dickinson 3, (11) TMCHS 0
(7) Minot High 3, (10) Mandan 2
(8) Williston 3, (9) Watford City 0

Thursday, Nov. 10, @Dickinson
Quarterfinals (All times Mountain Time)

(1) Century vs. (8) Williston, 1 p.m.
(4) Bismarck High vs. (5) St. Mary's 3 p.m.

(2) Jamestown vs. (7) Minot High, 5 p.m.

(3) Legacy vs. (6) Dickinson, 7 p.m.
Friday, Nov. 11, @Dickinson
Loser-out, 1 and 3 p.m.

Semifinals, 5 and 7 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 12, @Dickinson
State qualifiers, 12 noon and 2 p.m.
Championship, 4 p.m.

2022 WDA Standings

Team	Record	Winning Pct.
Century	20-0	1.000
Jamestown	17-3	.850
Legacy	16-4	.800
Bismarck	14-6	.700
St. Mary's	13-7	.650
Dickinson	9-11	.450
Minot ^A	7-13	.350
Williston	7-13	.350
Watford City	5-15	.250
Mandan	2-18	.100
TMCHS	0-20	.000

^AHeld tie-break over Williston

EDC teams this season...Five teams have posted 20 or more wins (Century, Jamestown, Legacy, Bismarck High and St. Mary's)...Century currently has the longest consecutive streak of state tournament appearances for WDA teams (11 seasons)... Bismarck is hosting the Class A-B Tournament (Nov. 17-19)...Last state tournament appearances: Century, 2021; Jamestown, 2020; Legacy, 2021; Mandan, 2020; Bismarck High, 2021; St. Mary's, 2021; Dickinson, 2012; Minot High, 2011; Williston, 2010; TMCHS, none; Watford City, none.

Team Capsules

(1) Bismarck Century Patriots

Records: 31-2 Overall; 20-0 WDA

Head Coach: Jamie Zastoupil

Key 2022 WDA Wins: vs. Jamestown

(2); Legacy, (2); vs. St. Mary's (2)

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

Record in Reg. Season Tournaments:

11-2

Longest season win streak vs. WDA

opponents: 18

Longest season losing streak: 0

Players to watch: Logan Nissley, Sr.;

Claire Bauman, Sr.; Eden Fridley, Jr.

Record in first sets: 17-1

Record in second sets: 16-2

Record in third sets: 17-1

Record in fourth sets: 4-0

Record in fifth sets: 0-0

Team Leaders: Kills/Per Match: Logan

Nissley, 199/11.1; Blocks/Per Match:

Claire Bauman, 30.5/1.6; Assists/Per

Match: Quinn Kost, 320/17.7; Geneva

Ding, 315/17.5; Digs/Per Match: L.

Nissley, 303/16.8; Service Aces/Per

Match: G. Ding, 25/1.3

2021 West Region Tournament

Rewind: Champion; Win vs. Dickinson;

Win vs. Legacy; Win vs. Bismarck High

Last West Region Tournament Cham-

ampionship: 2021

Last Class A Championship: 2021

Dig This: Century has appeared in the

last 11 Class A title matches and has

won seven of them, including the past

two.

(2) Jamestown Blue Jays

Records: 29-5 Overall; 17-3 WDA

Head Coach: Sara Hegerle

Key 2022 Wins: vs. Legacy; vs. Bis-

marck High (2); St. Mary's (2)

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

Record in Reg. Season Tournaments:

12-2

Longest win streak vs. WDA oppo-

nents: 7

Longest season losing streak: 1

Players to watch: Bernadette New-

man, Sr.; Haylie Hakanson, Sr.;

Makenna Nold, Jr.

Record in first sets: 13-5

Record in second sets: 11-7

Record in third sets: 13-5

Record in fourth sets: 6-3

Record in fifth sets: 4-0

Team Leaders: Kills/Per Match:

Bernadette Newman, 214/12.5;

Blocks/Per Match: Haylie Hakanson,

21/1.2; Kinley Anderson, 21/1.2; As-

sists/Per Match: Makenna nold,

337/19.8; Digs/Per Match:

Aspyn Peterson, 347/20.4; Service

Aces/Per Match: B. Newman, 29/1.7

2021 West Region Tournament

Rewind: Did Not Place; Win vs. Man-

dan; Loss vs. Bismarck High; Loss vs.

St. Mary's

Last West Region Tournament Cham-

ampionship: None

Last Class A Championship: 2013

Dig This: Jamestown has appeared in

seven West Region Tournament title

matches since 2012.

(3) Bismarck Legacy Sabers

Records: 23-10 Overall; 16-4 WDA

Head Coach: Jennifer Astle

Key 2022 WDA Wins: vs. Jamestown;

Bismarck High (2); vs. St. Mary's

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

Record in Reg. Season Tournaments:

7-6

Longest season win streak vs. WDA

opponents: 8

Longest season losing streak: 1

Players to watch: Chelsa Krom, Sr.;

Asiah Gross, Sr.; Reese Duchscherer, Jr.

Record in first sets: 12-6

Record in second sets: 12-6

Record in third sets: 13-5

Record in fourth sets: 5-2

Record in fifth sets: 0-0

Team Leaders: Kills/Per Match: Asiah

Gross, 182/10.1; Blocks/Per Match:

Chelsa Krom, 26.5/1.4; Assists/Per

Match: Madison Colby, 352/19.5;

Digs/Per Match: JoAnna Fleckenstein,

277/15.3; Service Aces/Per Match:

Reese Duchscherer, 36/2.0; A. Gross,

33/1.8

2021 West Region Tournament

Rewind: 3rd (state qualifier); Win vs.

St. Mary's; Loss vs. Century; Win vs.

Mandan

Last West Region Tournament Cham-

ampionship: None

Last Class A Championship: None

Dig This: Since becoming a varsity pro-

gram in 2015, Legacy has finished

third or higher five times in the WDA

regular season standings.

(4) Bismarck High Demons

Records: 20-13 Overall; 14-5 WDA

Head Coach: Brianna Kline

Key 2022 WDA Wins: vs. St. Mary's

(2)

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

Record in Reg. Season Tournaments:

6-7

Longest season win streak vs. WDA

opponents: 3 (twice)

Longest season losing streak: 2

(twice)

Players to watch: Payton Foster, Sr.;

Tayla Andersen, Jr.; Brooke Curtis, Sr.

Record in first sets: 12-6

Record in second sets: 13-5

Record in third sets: 10-8

Record in fourth sets: 4-3

Record in fifth sets: 2-2

Team Leaders: Kills/Per Match: Tayla

Andersen, 282/15.6 Blocks/Per Match:

Brooke Curtis, 30.5/1.6 Assists/Per

Match: Payton Foster, 624/34.6;

Digs/Per Match: Madison Foster,

274/15.2; P. Foster, 239/13.2; Service

Aces/Per Match: P. Foster, 39/2.1; T.

Andersen, 37/2.1

2021 West Region Tournament

Rewind: 2nd; Win vs. Watford City;

Win vs. Jamestown; Loss vs. Century

Last West Region Tournament Cham-

ampionship: 2010

Last Class A Championship: 2010

Dig This: BHS dropped two five-set

matches to No. 2 Jamestown this, and

held leads of 2-0 and 2-1 in those

matches.

(5) Bismarck St. Mary's Saints

Records: 21-12 Overall; 13-7 WDA

Head Coach: Erica Trom

Key 2022 WDA Wins: vs. Legacy

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

Record in Reg. Season Tournaments: 8-5

Longest season win streak vs. WDA opponents: 5

Longest season losing streak vs. WDA opponents: 3

Players to watch: Mykie Messer, Sr.; Lexi Gerving, Jr.; Gabbi Mann, Sr.

Record in first sets: 11-7

Record in second sets: 11-7

Record in third sets: 11-7

Record in fourth sets: 4-4

Record in fifth sets: 1-1

Team Leaders: Kills/Per Match: Lexi Gerving, 179/9.9; Blocks/Per Match:

Sommer Schweitzer, 20.5/1.1; Assists/Per Match: Gabbi Mann,

402/22.3; Digs/Per Match: Mykie Messer, 189/10.5; Service Aces/Per Match: G. Mann, 48/2.6

2021 West Region Tournament

Rewind: 4th (state qualifier); Loss vs. Legacy; Win vs. Dickinson; Win vs. Jamestown

Last West Region Tournament Championship: 2013

Last Class A Championship: None

Dig This: St. Mary's is seeking its first back-to-back state tournament appearances since 1990-91 and 1991-92.

(6) Dickinson Midgets

Records: 16-18 Overall; 9-11 WDA

Head Coach: Jay Schobinger

Key 2022 WDA Wins: --

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

Record in Reg. Season Tournaments: 6-7

Longest season win streak vs. WDA opponents: 4

Longest season losing streak vs. WDA opponents: 4 (twice)

Players to watch: Caton Percy, Sr.; Jenna Decker, Jr.; Cecilia Homiston, Fr.

Record in first sets: 9-9

Record in second sets: 10-8

Record in third sets: 11-7

Record in fourth sets: 5-5

Record in fifth sets: 1-2

Team Leaders: Kills/Per Match: Caton Percy, 255/14.1; Blocks/Per Match: Jazmin Barry, 36/2.0; Assists/Per Match: Cecilia Homiston, 529/29.3; Digs/Per Match: Baylee Berg, 329/18.2; C. Percy, 302/16.7; Service Aces/Per Match: Jenna Decker, 31/1.7; C. Percy, 30/1.6

2021 West Region Tournament

Rewind: Did Not Place; Loss vs. Century; Loss vs. St. Mary's

Last West Region Tournament Championship: 2005

Last Class A Championship: 2006

Dig This: Dickinson has hosted the West Region Tournament seven times and qualified for state in four of those tournaments.

(7) Minot High Majettes

Records: 14-21 Overall; 7-13 WDA

Head Coach: Jesse Goertzen

Key 2022 WDA Wins: --

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

Record in Reg. Season Tournaments: 6-10

Longest season win streak vs. WDA opponents: 1

Longest season losing streak vs. WDA opponents: 2 (three)

WDA Stat Leaders

Kills		
Player	Avg./M	Avg./S
T. Andersen, BHS	15.6	4.34
C. Percy, DCK	14.1	3.75
J. Mogen, WC	13.6	3.55
M. Collings, WIL	13.2	3.57
B. Newman, JAM	12.5	3.19
Blocks		
Player	Avg./M	Avg./S
J. Barry, DCK	2.0	0.53
C. Bauman, CEN	1.6	0.53
S. Heinert, MAN	1.6	0.52
B. Curtis, BHS	1.6	0.47
J. Decker, DCK	1.6	0.43
Assists		
Player	Avg./M	Avg./S
P. Foster, BHS	34.6	9.60
A. Vaughn, WIL	33.8	9.09
C. Homiston, DCK	29.3	7.78
G. Mann, SM	22.3	6.28
M. Nold, JAM	19.8	5.03
Digs		
Player	Avg./M	Avg./S
A. Peterson, JAM	20.4	5.18
B. Berg, DCK	18.2	4.84
J. Mogen, WC	17.0	4.43
L. Nissley, CEN	16.8	5.22
C. Percy, DCK	16.7	4.44
G. Sanders, MIN	16.7	4.36
Service Aces		
Player	Avg./M	Avg./S
G. Mann, SM	2.6	0.75
J. Mogen, WC	2.2	0.59
T. Andersen, BHS	2.1	0.57
P. Foster, BHS	2.1	0.60
R. Duchscherer, LEG	2.0	0.59
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.		

Players to watch: Grace Sanders, Sr.; Zoe Zarr, Jr.; Avery Lunde, Jr.

Record in first sets: 9-9

Record in second sets: 9-9

Record in third sets: 8-10

Record in fourth sets: 3-7

Record in fifth sets: 2-3

Team Leaders: Kills/Per Match: Zoe Zarr, 217/12.1; Blocks/Per Match: Leah Walter, 19.5/1.1; Assists/Per Match: Mackenzi Dufner, 266/14.7; Digs/Per Match: Grace Sanders, 301/16.7; Service Aces/Per Match: Tayler Falcon, 28/1.5; M. Dufner, 28/1.5

2021 West Region Tournament

Rewind: Did Not Place; Loss vs. Watford City

Last West Region Tournament Championship: 2007

Last Class A Championship: None

Dig This: The last time Minot High won its quarterfinal match at the West Region Tournament was 2007.

(8) Williston Coyotes

Records: 17-17 Overall; 7-13 WDA

Head Coach: Cassidy Przybilla

Key 2022 WDA Wins: --

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

Record in Reg. Season Tournaments: 9-4

Longest season win streak vs. WDA opponents: 3

Longest season losing streak vs. WDA opponents: 4

Players to watch: Madison Collings, So.; Annie Vaughn, So.; Taylor Rath, Sr.

Record in first sets: 10-8

Record in second sets: 8-10

Record in third sets: 7-11

Record in fourth sets: 3-8

Record in fifth sets: 1-1

Team Leaders: Kills/Per Match: Madison Collings, 239/13.2; Blocks/Per Match: Taylor Rath, 24/1.3; Sophia Suchy, 23.5/1.3; Assists/Per Match: Annie Vaughn, 609/33.8; Digs/Per

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, Legacy 0	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	Watford City
2022	TBD	Dickinson

Titles By Schools: Century (14); Bismarck High (10); Minot High (5); Williston (4); Mandan (3); Dickinson (1); St. Mary's (1)

Match: Abi Elkins, 263/14.6; M.

Collings, 226/12.5; Service Aces/Per

Match: A. Elkins, 33/1.8

2021 West Region Tournament

Rewind: Did Not Place; Loss vs. Dickinson

son

Last West Region Tournament Championship: 2006

Last Class A Championship: 2004

Dig This: Williston last appeared in the West Region quarterfinals in 2017.

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