

# 2022-23 West Region Tournament Notes

Feb. 16-18, Pepsi Rink at MAYSA, Minot, N.D.



**Drop the puck:** The West Region Boys' Hockey Tournament returns to the Magic City this week.

This year's postseason got underway with two play-in contests at home sites on Monday, Feb. 13. (7) Bismarck High defeated (10) Hazen-Beulah (9) Bottineau-Rugby upended (8) Williston.

Four quarterfinals are on Thursday, Feb. 16. Loser-out and semifinals will be held on Feb. 17 with two state qualifiers and the championship to be played on Feb. 18.

**2021-22 Rewind:** Last year's tournament offered a few items of note. Jamestown captured its second W. Region Tournament title, and first since 1994-95. Legacy, competing in its first year, reached the tournament title game. And for the first time since the tournament began in 1995, the finals did not have Bismarck High, Century or Minot High in the game.

## Is this the year for Minot?

Minot High enters the tournament as the top seed and has won or shared the past four conference regular season titles. Unfortunately, winning the West Region Tournament has been elusive for the Magi. The last time the program did capture the title was 2005-06. It has been to the title game eight times since then.

## Who will emerge champion this weekend?

Top seed Minot High is perhaps the slight favorite. The squad has victories over every team. No. 2 seed Legacy has been arguably the most consistent team all season and boasts the longest win streak of any team in the field (10 games). No. 3 Century started slow, but found its stride when the calendar flipped to 2023 and has OT wins over Minot High and Legacy. Century knows how to win at this time of year, evident by its four-straight titles between 2017-21.

And a couple teams not to overlook will be No. 4 Jamestown and No. 5 Mandan. They meet in the quarterfinal round.

Jamestown is the defending champion, and although it lost several dynamic players to graduate or leaving early for junior hockey, the Blue Jays have looked strong against quality opponents. They have wins over Minot High and Century and others in the field. Mandan is also a team that has shown it can compete against the top programs. It has one-goal wins over Legacy and Century. Goaltending has been a source of strength all season for the Braves.

**Nail-biter hockey:** Twenty-two WDA regular season games were decided by a goal, showcasing the parity in the conference again this season. Ten of those games went to overtime or a shootout.

**Keep an eye on the underdogs:** Just twice since 2010-11 has the top four seeds advanced to the ND state tournament. The last time it happened was 2017. Mandan became the first No. 9 seed to qualify for the state

**West Region  
Hockey Tournament**

**Monday, Feb. 13**  
**Play-in**  
(9) Bottineau-Rugby 5, (8) Williston 3  
(7) Bismarck High 14, (10) Hazen-B 1

**Thursday, Feb. 16**  
**Quarterfinals**  
(1) Minot High vs. (9) Bottineau-R, 11 am  
(4) Jamestown vs. (5) Mandan, 1:15 pm  
(2) Legacy vs. (7) Bismarck High, 5 pm  
(3) Century vs. (6) Dickinson, 7:15 p.m.

**Friday, Feb. 18**  
**Loser-out**  
11 am and 1:15 pm

**Semifinals**  
5 pm and 7:15 pm

**Saturday, Feb. 19**  
**State qualifiers**  
11 am and 1:15 pm

**Championship**  
3:30 pm

**2022-23 WDA Standings**

Team	Conf.	Points
Minot	11-2-1-1	45
Legacy	12-2-1-2	43
Century	10-4-3-0	39
Jamestown	9-5-1-2	34
Mandan	10-6-1-1	33
Dickinson	7-7-1-3	26
Bismarck	5-10-1-3	23
Williston	3-13-1-0	14
Bottineau-R	3-13-0-1	10
Hazen-Beu.	1-11-0-0	3

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.

tournament. The Braves entered the postseason having won just six games, but won a road play-in game at Dickinson and then won a pair of region tournament games (vs. Williston and Bottineau-Rugby) to advance to the state tournament. The Braves also won a consolation game (vs. Legacy). Not bad for a team that finished ninth in the conference.

**Some new faces going to state:** Before the 2020-21 season, you could usually pencil in Bismarck High, Minot High and Century as qualifying for the ND state tournament with the rest of the conference teams battling for the fourth, and final tournament berth. But in the past few years we have seen several different teams make the state tournament field while some traditional attendees not qualify. In 2020-21, Williston and Bottineau-Rugby made the field. In 2021-22, Jamestown, Legacy and Mandan were qualifiers. The only team that has been to the state tournament in each of the past two seasons has been Minot High.

**Icings:** The WDA's record against EDC teams was just 7-24...The ND State Tournament will be held Feb. 23-25 in Grand Forks...PSP Network, based in Minot, will livestream the tournament games...Bismarck High's 12 tournament titles is the most of any team in the field...Of the six WDA players with 30 or more points this season, just one

is a senior...Of the six WDA goalies with the most victories, just one is a senior.

## Team Notes (1) Minot High Magicians

**Coaches:** Jason Bennett, John Grubb  
**Overall Record:** 13-5-2-1  
**WDA Record:** 11-2-1-1

**Victories over WDA teams with a winning record:** Legacy, Century, Jamestown, Mandan (2), Dickinson (2)

**Record when scoring the first goal:** 13-0

**Record when allowing the first goal:** 2-6

**Record in one goal games:** 4-1

**Most goals scored in a game:** 9 (vs. Williston (twice))

**Most goals allowed in a game:** 10 (vs. Roseau, MN)

**Goals per game:** 3.8

**Goals allowed per game:** 2.5

**Longest win streak:** 7 games

**Longest losing streak:** 3 games

**Scoring leaders:** Points: Mackley Morelli (33); Goals: M. Morelli (13); Ben Svangstu (13); Assists: M. Morelli (20); Caelton Eslinger (16)

**Goalie leaders:** Blays Ostrom, 8 (wins); 89.6 (SV%); 2.23 (GAA); Toby Strand, 7 (wins); 89.0 (SV%); 2.34 (GAA)

## Last year's W. Region Tournament:

3rd (Loss vs. Bottineau-Rugby; Won vs. Century; Won vs. Bismarck High)

**Did You Know:** Minot High has won or shared the WDA regular season title in each of the past four seasons; the last time the program did that was 1987-1990).

## (2) Bismarck Legacy Sabers

**Coach:** Mario Lamoureux

**Overall Record:** 13-3-1-4

**WDA Record:** 12-2-1-2

**Victories over WDA teams with a winning record:** Minot High, Century, Mandan, Jamestown (2), Dickinson (2)

**Record when scoring the first goal:** 11-2

**Record when allowing the first goal:** 3-5

**Record in one goal games:** 1-5

**Most goals scored in a game:** 10 (vs. Bottineau-Rugby)

**Most goals allowed in a game:** 6 (vs. Century)

**Goals per game:** 4.1

**Goals allowed per game:** 2.1

**Longest win streak:** 10 games

**Longest losing streak:** 3 games

**Scoring leaders:** Points: Marcus Butts (39); Goals: M. Butts (18); Drew Beasley (11) Assists: D. Beasley (23); M. Butts (21)

**Goalie leaders:** Tyler Miller, 11 (wins); 91.2 (SV%); 1.85 (GAA)

**Last year's W. Region Tournament:** 2nd (Won vs. Century; Won vs. Bottineau-Rugby; Loss vs. Jamestown)

**Did You Know:** Legacy became the first team since Bismarck High (1973-74) to qualify for the state tournament in its first year as a varsity program.

## (3) Bismarck Century Patriots

**Coach:** Troy Olson

**Overall Record:** 11-7-3-0

## WDA Stat Leaders

Player	Games	Pts
M. Butts, LEG, Jr.	21	39
M. Vig, CEN, Jr.	21	39
A. Graney, H-B, Jr.	18	36
D. Beasley, LEG, So.	21	34
B. Roaldson, JAM, Sr.	21	33
M. Morelli, MIN, So.	21	33

  

Player	Games	Gls
A. Graney, H-B, Jr.	18	23
M. Butts, LEG, Jr.	21	18
G. Gerhardt, JAM, Sr.	21	16
M. Haider, MAN, Jr.	20	16
B. Roaldson, JAM, Sr.	21	15
M. Vig, CEN, Jr.	21	15
K. Krieg, DCK, Jr.	21	15

  

Player	Games	Ast
M. Vig, CEN, Jr.	21	24
D. Beasley LEG, So.	21	23
M. Butts, LEG, Jr.	21	21
M. Morelli, MIN, So.	21	20
B. Roaldson, JAM, Sr.	21	18
C. Vig, CEN, So.	21	17

  

Player	Games	Wins
H. Ubl, CEN, Jr.	20.8	13
T. Miller, LEG, Jr.	18.3	11
A. Walz, JAM, Sr.	18.6	10
B. Leingang, MAN, Jr.	16.6	10
B. Ostrom, MIN, Jr.	11.6	8
B. Kadrmass, DCK, So.	21.6	8

  

Player	Games	GAA
T. Miller, LEG, Jr.	18.3	1.85
B. Ostrom, MIN, Jr.	11.6	2.23
B. Kadrmass, DCK, So.	21.6	2.31
T. Strand, MIN, Sr.	9.8	2.34
H. Ubl, CEN, Jr.	20.8	2.40
B. Leingang, MAN, Jr.	16.6	2.64

  

Player	Games	SV%
B. Kadrmass, DCK, So.	21.6	92.2
T. Miller, LEG, Jr.	18.3	91.2
A. Walz, JAM, Sr.	18.6	90.3
B. Leingang, MAN, Jr.	16.6	90.0
B. Ostrom, MIN, Jr.	11.6	89.6
H. Ubl, CEN, Jr.	20.8	89.2

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

**WDA Record:** 10-4-3-0

**Victories over WDA teams with a winning record:** Minot High, Legacy, Mandan, Jamestown, Dickinson (2)

**Record when scoring the first goal:** 9-2

**Record when allowing the first goal:** 4-7

**Record in one goal games:** 3-3

**Most goals scored in a game:** 9 (vs. Williston)

**Most goals allowed in a game:** 8 (vs. G.F. Red River)

**Goals per game:** 4.0

**Goals allowed per game:** 2.7

**Longest win streak:** 8 games

**Longest losing streak:** 3 games

**Scoring leaders:** Points: Max Vig (39); Goals: M. Vig (15); Andrew Brubakken (12); Assists: M. Vig (24); Charlie Vig (17)

**Goalie leaders:** Hoyt Ubl, 13 (wins); 89.2 (SV%); 2.40 (GAA)

**Last year's W. Region Tournament:** Did Not Place (Loss vs. Legacy; Loss vs. Minot High)

**Did You Know:** Century's state tournament appearance streak of 15 years was snapped last season.

#### (4) Jamestown Blue Jays

**Coaches:** Matt Stockert

**Overall Record:** 10-8-1-2

**WDA Record:** 9-5-1-2

**Victories over WDA teams with a winning record:** Minot High, Century, Dickinson, Mandan

**Record when scoring the first goal:** 8-3

**Record when allowing the first goal:** 3-7

**Record in one goal games:** 3-4

**Most goals scored in a game:** 8 (vs. Hazen-Beulah and Williston)

**Most goals allowed in a game:** 7 (vs. Legacy and West Fargo)

**Goals per game:** 3.6

**Goals allowed per game:** 3.1

**Longest win streak:** 3 games

**Longest losing streak:** 2 games (3 times)

**Scoring leaders:** Points: Brooks Roaldson (33); Goals: Gavin Gerhardt (16); B. Roaldson (15); Assists: B. Roaldson (18); Nate Walz (14)

**Goalie leaders:** Andrew Walz, 10 (wins); 90.3 (SV%); 3.00 (GAA)

**Last year's W. Region Tournament:** Champion (Won vs. Mandan; Won vs. Bismarck High; Won vs. Legacy)

**Did You Know:** Jamestown's top scorer a season ago, Nolan Nenow (32 Goals/32 assists) opted to play Junior Hockey instead of returning to the Blue Jays for a senior season. Nenow was the state's top scorer in 2021-22 and an all-state selection.

#### (5) Mandan Braves

**Coaches:** Matt Winkle, Marshall Tschida

**Overall Record:** 11-7-1-1

**WDA Record:** 10-6-1-1

**Victories over WDA teams with a winning record:** Legacy, Century, Jamestown, Dickinson

**Record when scoring the first goal:** 10-4

**Record when allowing the first goal:** 2-4

**Record in one goal games:** 5-3

**Most goals scored in a game:** 10 (vs. Hazen-Beulah)

**Most goals allowed in a game:** 7 (vs. Fargo South-Shanley)

**Goals per game:** 3.2

**Goals allowed per game:** 2.7

**Longest win streak:** 4 games (2 times)

**Longest losing streak:** 3 games

**Scoring leaders:** Points: Matthew Haider (23); Goals: M. Haider (16); Carson Joersz (10) Assists: Brady Helbling (11); Kyyan Jahner (11)

**Goalie leaders:** Bennett Leingang, 8 (wins); 90.0 (SV%); 2.64 (GAA)

**Last year's W. Region Tournament:**

4th (Won vs. Dickinson; Loss vs. Jamestown; Won vs. Williston; Won vs. Bottineau-Rugby)

**Did You Know:** Mandan won its first-ever ND State Tournament game last season, defeating Legacy in the consolation semifinal

#### (6) Dickinson Midgets

**Coach:** Dallas Kuntz

**Overall Record:** 9-7-1-4

**WDA Record:** 7-7-1-3

**Victories over WDA teams with a winning record:** Mandan, Jamestown

**Record when scoring the first goal:** 7-5

**Record when allowing the first goal:**

2-6

**Record in one goal games:** 2-6

**Most goals scored in a game:** 7 (vs. Bottineau-Rugby and Hazen-Beulah)

**Most goals allowed in a game:** 6 (vs. Legacy)

**Goals per game:** 3.0

**Goals allowed per game:** 2.4

**Longest win streak:** 2 games (3 times)

**Longest losing streak:** 3 games

**Scoring leaders:** Points: Kaeden Krieg (24); Goals: K. Krieg (15); Kylar Blotske (11) Assists: Tanner Roers (12); Krieg (9)

**Goalie leaders:** Bryce Kadrmaz, 8 (wins); 92.2 (SV%); 2.31 (GAA)

**Last year's W. Region Tournament:** Did Not Place (Lost in play-in game vs. Mandan)

**Did You Know:** Dickinson's last state tournament appearance came in 2017-18.

#### (7) Bismarck High Demons

**Coach:** Wes Carr

**Overall Record:** 7-14-1-0

**WDA Record:** 6-10-1-0

**Victories over WDA teams with a winning record:** Mandan, Dickinson

**Record when scoring the first goal:** 4-2

**Record when allowing the first goal:** 3-12

**Record in one goal games:** 3-4

**Most goals scored in a game:** 6 (vs. Hazen-Beulah)

**Most goals allowed in a game:** 11 (vs. G.F. Red River)

**Goals per game:** 1.7

**Goals allowed per game:** 4.1

**Longest win streak:** 3 games

**Longest losing streak:** 8 games

**Scoring leaders:** Points: Dawson Lentz (15); Goals: Carsyn Sebastian (10); Owen Haase (4); Mason Mrachek (4); Assists: D. Lentz (12); O. Haase (9)

**Goalie leaders:** Carson Erickson, 7 (wins); 86.2 (SV%); 4.03 (GAA)

**Last year's W. Region Tournament:** Did Not Place (Win vs. Williston; Loss vs. Jamestown; Loss vs. Minot High)

**Did You Know:** Bismarck High's 18 appearances and 12 wins in the region tournament final is most of any WDA team.

#### (8) Williston Coyotes

**Coach:** Mat Ekblad

**Overall Record:** 4-17-1-0

**WDA Record:** 3-13-1-0

**Victories over WDA teams with a winning record:** Dickinson

**Record when scoring the first goal:** 10-4

**Record when allowing the first goal:** 2-4

**Record in one goal games:** 4-0

**Most goals scored in a game:** 6 (vs. Hazen-Beulah)

**Most goals allowed in a game:** 9 (vs. Century; vs. Minot High, twice)

**Goals per game:** 2.1

**Goals allowed per game:** 4.6

**Longest win streak:** 2 games

**Longest losing streak:** 6 games

**Scoring leaders:** Points: Riley Erickson (29); Goals: R. Erickson (13); Chase Collings (12); Assists: R. Erickson (16); C. Collings (10)

**Goalie leaders:** Bode Ekblad, 5 (wins); 87.4 (SV%); 4.50(GAA)

**Last year's W. Region Tournament:** Did Not Place (Loss vs. Bismarck High; Loss vs. Mandan)

### 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 Legacy 0	Bismarck
2022-23		Minot

**Titles By Schools:** Devils Lake (1); Jamestown (2); Minot (5); Century (8); Bismarck High (12)  
\*Final day only

**Did You Know:** Of Williston's 21 games, 10 have been decided by two or less goals.

#### (9) Bottineau-Rugby Braves

**Coach:** Jesse Nostdahl

**Overall Record:** 4-16-0-2

**WDA Record:** 3-13-0-1

**Victories over WDA teams with a winning record:** Legacy, Jamestown

**Record when scoring the first goal:** 1-4

**Record when allowing the first goal:** 2-14

**Record in one goal games:** 1-6

**Most goals scored in a game:** 9 (vs. Hazen-Beulah)

**Most goals allowed in a game:** 10 (vs. Legacy)

**Goals per game:** 2.5

**Goals allowed per game:** 4.9

**Longest win streak:** 1 game (3 times)

**Longest losing streak:** 8 games

**Scoring leaders:** Points: Colton Getzlaff (26); Goals: Getzlaff (14); Alex Lorenz (10); Assists: Getzlaff (12); Macen Heisler (11)

**Goalie leaders:** Easton Freeman, 3 (wins); 85.4 (SV%); 4.67 (GAA)

**Last year's W. Region Tournament:**

Did Not Place: (Win vs. Minot High; Loss vs. Legacy; Loss vs. Mandan)  
**Did You Know:** Bottineau-Rugby is the only WDA team never to play in a W. Region Tournament championship game.

#### (10) Hazen-Beulah North Stars

**Coach:** Dan Frei

**Overall Record:** 5-17-0-0

**WDA Record:** 1-11-0-0

**Victories over WDA teams with a winning record:** None

**Record when scoring the first goal:** 4-7

**Record when allowing the first goal:**

1-14

**Record in one goal games:** 0-1

**Most goals scored in a game:** 10 (vs. Watford City Junior Gold)

**Most goals allowed in a game:** 10 (vs. Mandan)

**Goals per game:** 2.7

**Goals allowed per game:** 5.7

**Longest win streak:** 1 game (5 times)

**Longest losing streak:** 6 games

**Scoring leaders:** Points: Adam Graney (36); Goals: A. Graney (23); Grady

Holen (9) Assists: A. Graney (13);

Grant Krause (13)

**Goalie leaders:** Tracen Barclay, 3

(wins); 89.5 (SV%); 4.65 (GAA)

**Last year's W. Region Tournament:**

Did Not Place (Lost in play-in game at Bottineau-Rugby)

**Did You Know:** Hazen-Beulah's win over Bottineau-Rugby was the program's first WDA reg. season varsity victory since the 2015-16 season.

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

## 2022-23 WDA Head-to-Head Comparison Scores

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

# = 6 point game OT = Overtime SO = Shootout