



# News Release

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## Last Week's Results

### Saturday, November 18

*NCAA DII Championship*  
*Northwest Region*  
 South Dakota 31, Northwood 28 (OT)  
 North Dakota 42, Winona State 0

### *Southeast Region*

Delta State 17, Elizabeth City State 10  
 Newberry 34, Albany State 28

### *Northeast Region*

West Chester 31, Bryant 29  
 Merrimack 28, Southern Connecticut 26

### *Southwest Region*

Midwestern St. 28, Missouri Western St. 26  
 West Texas A&M 30, Abilene Christian 27

## This Week's Matchups

### Saturday, November 25

*NCAA DII Championship, Northwest Region*  
 South Dakota at Grand Valley State, Noon CT  
 North Dakota at Nebraska-Omaha, 1 p.m.

### *Southeast Region*

Delta State at North Carolina Central  
 Newberry at North Alabama

### *Northeast Region*

Merrimack at Shepperd  
 West Chester at Bloomsburg

### *Southwest Region*

Midwestern St. at Northwest Missouri St.  
 West Texas A&M at Chadron St.

## North Central Conference Football Standings

*Standings through Saturday, November 18*

	NCC Games					All Games				
	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Nebraska-Omaha	7	1	274	162	.875	8	2	303	212	.800
North Dakota	7	1	227	146	.875	10	1	353	179	.909
South Dakota	6	2	247	160	.750	9	3	403	218	.818
Minnesota Duluth	4	4	145	210	.500	6	4	210	231	.600
Augustana	3	5	180	211	.375	5	6	255	281	.455
Central Washington	3	5	177	220	.375	6	5	246	255	.545
Western Washington	3	5	147	212	.375	5	6	203	267	.455
Minnesota State	2	6	147	189	.250	4	7	228	258	.364
St. Cloud State	1	7	148	182	.125	3	8	270	223	.273

## USD, UNO and UND Continue in Playoffs

South Dakota will face its biggest challenge of the season when the Coyotes meet defending national champion Grand Valley State (11-0) in the second round of the NCAA Division II playoffs at noon (CST) in Lubbers Stadium (capacity of 8,550) in Allendale, Mich., on Saturday. USD and Grand Valley State will meet for the first time. USD is 1-1 all-time against the GLIAC.

This past Saturday, the Coyotes won its first playoff game in 20 years with a 31-28 overtime win over Northwood (8-3) at Hantz Stadium in Midland, Mich. Like the 1986 team, the Coyotes rallied from a halftime deficit to record a playoff win. USD is 4-3 in the NCAA Division II playoffs. In 1986, the sixth-ranked Coyotes trailed second-ranked California-Davis, 17-6, at halftime before rallying for a 26-23 win in Davis, Calif. The Coyotes overcame a 14-0 deficit in the win over Northwood. USD will face its fourth straight ranked opponent in Grand Valley State on Saturday. The other ranked opponents include Nebraska-Omaha, North Dakota, and Northwood. USD is 2-1 in the previous three games.

Grand Valley State is one of the nation's top programs with the best winning percentage in DII football at 274-114-3 (.704). The Lakers are 87-13 in its past 100 games and has won a school-record 24 straight games. The last loss by Grand Valley State was to North Dakota on Nov. 27, 2004 in the Northwest Regional final at the Alerus Center in Grand Forks.

North Central Conference co-champions UNO and North Dakota will stage a rematch Saturday in the second round of the NCAA II playoffs. Kickoff is at 12:05 p.m. at Caniglia Field. The Mavericks edged the Fighting Sioux in the first game between the teams this season, 21-20.

The Mavericks edged the Fighting Sioux 21-20 on Oct. 14 in the regular season meeting this year. Zach Miller's second touchdown of the game, with 8:44 remaining, gave UNO the lead for good and the Maverick defense held UND to two second half field goals by Brandon Hellevang. North Dakota quarterback Reed Manke completed 25 of 31 passes for 232 yards, including his first 15 in a row before a diving interception by UNO cornerback Matt Ajuoga late in the first half.

North Dakota reached the second round of this year's playoffs with a 42-0 drubbing of Winona State last week in Grand Forks.