



# SEASON IN REVIEW



## 2017-18 SEASON REVIEW

### ON THE ICE

- The Mavericks finished their 21st season with an overall record of 17-17-2. They were 10-13-1-0/0 in the National Collegiate Hockey Conference, good for fifth place.
- The Mavericks' season ended when they were eliminated from the NCHC Playoffs in March, losing a best-of-three quarterfinal series at North Dakota, 2-0.
- The season marked the debut of head coach Mike Gabinet, the third head coach in program history and the first alumnus to lead the Mavericks.
- Senior David Pope led the team in scoring with 20 goals and 21 assists for 41 points, all career bests. He finished tied for second in the nation with 12 power play goals, a total that ranks second all-time at UNO for a single season.
- Pope gave the Mavericks a 20-goal scorer for the fifth straight season.
- In addition to Pope, 13 Mavericks set career highs for goals, assists and/or points.
- Junior Evan Weninger led Omaha goaltenders with a career-best 15 wins.
- Tyler Vesel became the 16th Maverick in school history to reach 100 or more career points. He finished his career 13th in school history with 108 points.
- Messner, Pope, Nogard and Spinner all played in their 100th career games during the 2017-18 season.
- Omaha posted a home record of 12-4-2, its best win total in the brief history of Baxter Arena.
- The Mavericks were 7-2-1 in non-conference games, their fourth consecutive season with a winning record out of conference.
- Pope was a member of the NCHC All-Conference first team.
- The Mavericks graduated six seniors from the 2017-18 team: Grant Gallo, Messner, Nogard, Pope, Randolph and Vesel.

### IN THE CLASSROOM

- *The Mavericks had 25 players named to the NCHC Academic All-Conference Team, the most of any school for the third straight year. In addition, 11 players were named Scholar-Athletes for posting GPAs of 3.5 or better.*
- Twelve team members made the Dean's List and three made the Chancellor's List in the fall. In the spring, 13 made the Dean's List and two made the Chancellor's List.



Senior David Pope earned a spot on the NCHC All-Conference First Team by leading the team in scoring with 20 goals and 21 assists for 41 points, all career highs. He tied for second in the nation with 12 power play goals.



Senior Tyler Vesel became the 16th Maverick to score 100 or more points in his career, finishing with 108 in 149 games played. He also was named the NCHC's Senior Scholar-Athlete of the Year.



# 2017-18 SEASON RESULTS

Overall: 17-17-2

NCHC: 10-13-1-0/0 (Fifth)  
NCHC Home: 7-4-1-0/0

Home: 12-4-2  
NCHC Road: 3-9-0-0/0

Road: 5-13-0  
Non-Conference Home: 5-0-1

Neutral: 0-0-0  
Non-Conference Road: 2-2-0

Date	Opponent	Result	GW/GT Goal	UNO Goalie (SVS)	Attn.	Record	NCHC
Fri., Oct. 6	Nipissing (Exh.)	W, 5-2	David Pope	Weninger (11)	3,614	--	
Fri., Oct. 13	at No. 12 UMass Lowell	W, 4-2	Joel Messner	Weninger (29)	5,321	1-0-0	
Sat., Oct. 14	at No. 12 UMass Lowell	L, 2-5	(Croix Evingson)	Weninger (21)	5,376	1-1-0	
Fri., Oct. 20	Arizona State	W, 5-1	Tyler Vesel	Weninger (26)	4,640	2-1-0	
Sat., Oct. 21	Arizona State	T, 4-4	(Max Balinson)	Oldham (32)	4,631	2-1-1	
Thurs., Oct. 26	at No. 8 Notre Dame	W, 6-4	Zach Jordan	Weninger (31)	3,834	3-1-1	
Fri., Oct. 27	at No. 8 Notre Dame	L, 4-5	(Jordan Gross)	Weninger (30)	4,743	3-2-1	
Fri., Nov. 10	at Colorado College *	W, 5-3	Steven Spinner	Weninger (26)	4,124	4-2-1	1-0-0-0/0
Sat., Nov. 11	at Colorado College *	L, 0-4	(Nick Halloran)	Weninger (15) - L Oldham (3)	4,918	4-3-1	1-1-0-0/0
Fri., Nov. 17	at No. 14/15 Western Michigan *	L, 1-4	(Colt Conrad)	Weninger (26) - L Oldham (3)	3,017	4-4-1	1-2-0-0/0
Sat., Nov. 18	at No. 14/15 Western Michigan *	L, 2-5	(Jade McMullen)	Oldham (29)	2,919	4-5-1	1-3-0-0/0
Fri., Nov. 24	Northern Michigan	W, 4-3	Luke Nogard	Weninger (27)	4,834	5-5-1	
Sat., Nov. 25	Northern Michigan	W, 4-1	Luke Nogard	Weninger (25)	5,382	6-5-1	
Fri., Dec. 1	No. 2 St. Cloud State *	L, 4-7	(Ryan Poehling)	Weninger (25) - L Blankenburg (3)	6,148	6-6-1	1-4-0-0/0
Sat., Dec. 2	No. 2 St. Cloud State *	L, 0-5	(Jake Wahlin)	Weninger (28)	6,027	6-7-1	1-5-0-0/0
Fri., Dec. 8	No. 17 Minnesota Duluth *	W, 7-5	Zach Jordan	Weninger (8) Blankenburg (21) - L	6,067	7-7-1	2-5-0-0/0
Sat., Dec. 9	No. 17 Minnesota Duluth *	L, 2-6	(Blake Young)	Blankenburg (20)	6,121	7-8-1	2-6-0-0/0
Fri., Jan. 29	No. 19 Union	W, 5-1	Ryan Jones	Weninger (18)	6,067	8-8-1	
Sat., Jan. 30	No. 19 Union	W, 5-3	Riley Alferd	Oldham (32)	6,396	9-8-1	
Fri., Jan. 5	at No. 6 North Dakota *	W, 4-1	Luke Nogard	Weninger (34)	10,133	10-8-1	3-6-0-0/0
Sat., Jan. 6	at No. 6 North Dakota *	L, 0-7	(Rhett Gardner)	Oldham (25)	10,816	10-9-1	3-7-0-0/0
Fri., Jan. 12	No. 20 Miami *	W, 11-7	Teemu Pulkkinen	Weninger (19)	5,609	11-9-1	4-7-0-0/0
Sat., Jan. 13	No. 20 Miami *	W, 4-3	Tyler Vesel	Weninger (28)	7,458	12-9-1	5-7-0-0/0
Fri., Jan. 19	at No. 5 Denver *	L, 0-5	(Jarid Lukosevicius)	Weninger (43)	5,894	12-10-1	5-8-0-0/0
Sat., Jan. 20	at No. 5 Denver *	L, 0-4	(Jaako Heikkinen)	Weninger (25)	6,115	12-11-1	5-9-0-0/0
Fri., Jan. 26	No. 12/11 Western Michigan *	W, 6-2	Joel Messner	Weninger (32)	6,430	13-11-1	6-9-0-0/0
Sat., Jan. 27	No. 12/11 Western Michigan *	W, 7-3	Jalen Schulz	Weninger (34)	6,791	14-11-1	7-9-0-0/0
Fri., Feb. 2	at No. 6/4 St. Cloud State *	L, 3-5	(Easton Brodzinski)	Weninger (37)	3,626	14-12-1	7-10-0-0/0
Sat., Feb. 3	at No. 6/4 St. Cloud State *	L, 2-6	(Blake Lizotte)	Weninger (35)	4,172	14-13-1	7-11-0-0/0
Fri., Feb. 16	No. 9/10 North Dakota *	W, 6-3	Ryan Galt	Weninger (38)	6,512	15-13-1	8-11-0-0/0
Sat, Feb. 17	No. 9/10 North Dakota *	L, 0-3	(Shane Gersich)	Weninger (34)	7,517	15-14-1	8-12-0-0/0
Fri., Feb. 23	Colorado College *	W, 4-2	Teemu Pulkkinen	Weninger (30)	6,497	16-14-1	9-12-0-0/0
Sat, Feb. 24	Colorado College *	T, 2-2 (3v3 OTL)	(Nick Halloran)	Weninger (23)	6,988	16-14-2	9-12-1-0/0
Fri., March 2	at No. 7 Minnesota Duluth *	W, 4-1	Jake Randolph	Weninger (41)	5,287	17-14-2	10-12-1-0/0
Sat., March 3	at No. 7 Minnesota Duluth *	L, 1-4	(Scott Perunovich)	Weninger (35)	5,160	17-15-2	10-13-1-0/0
Fri., March 9	at No. 14 North Dakota ^	L, 0-4	(Shane Gersich)	Weninger (30)	10,125	17-16-2	
Sat., March 10	at No. 14 North Dakota ^	OTL, 3-4	(Nick Jones)	Weninger (29)	10,351	17-17-2	

NCHC 3-on-3 OT Record: (0-1)

Date	Opponent	Result	Scoring	Time
2/24/18	Colorado College	L	(Mason Bergh - Zach Berzolla, Trey Bradley)	0:56

NCHC Shootout Record: (0-0)

Date	Opponent	Result	SO Score	Rounds	Goals (Deciding Goal)	Goalie (Svs - GA)
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## 2017-18 INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

No.	Name	GP	G	A	Pts	Shots	Pct	+/-	No-Min	Min	Maj	Oth	PP	SH	FG	GW	GTG	OT	HT	PN	UA	BL
12	David Pope	35	20	21	41	123	0.163	-8	5-13	4	1	0	12	0	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	17
10	Tyler Vesel	36	11	21	32	92	0.12	-8	3-6	3	0	0	4	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	2	31
27	Zach Jordan	34	16	12	28	105	0.152	1	11-22	11	0	0	3	0	1	2	0	0	1	0	3	15
13	Jake Randolph	34	7	19	26	69	0.101	-14	8-16	8	0	0	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	7
5	Joel Messner	36	5	18	23	65	0.077	-5	16-32	16	0	0	4	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	70
19	Tristan Keck	36	10	12	22	51	0.196	-2	5-10	5	0	0	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	13
26	Steven Spinner	35	10	10	20	72	0.139	-10	10-20	10	0	0	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	10
28	Fredrik Olofsson	33	6	14	20	57	0.105	-1	8-16	8	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	28
11	Mason Morelli	16	4	10	14	50	0.08	0	14-28	14	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11
17	Luke Nogard	35	9	4	13	68	0.132	-3	13-26	13	0	0	2	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	18
14	Teemu Pulkkinen	31	8	5	13	41	0.195	-5	6-12	6	0	0	3	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	14
20	Ryan Jones	34	1	12	13	44	0.023	-12	16-32	16	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	56
21	Ryan Galt	36	3	7	10	51	0.059	-7	10-20	10	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	30
9	Riley Alferd	35	2	7	9	30	0.067	2	9-18	9	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	25
6	Lukas Buchta	34	1	8	9	43	0.023	5	5-10	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	67
22	Jordan Klehr	13	1	7	8	18	0.056	1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	28
15	Jalen Schulz	32	2	3	5	29	0.069	-7	15-30	15	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	34
16	Martin Sundberg	20	1	4	5	19	0.053	0	13-37	11	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
18	Dean Stewart	31	0	5	5	19	0	-10	6-20	5	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	39
23	Grant Gallo	25	2	2	4	24	0.083	0	13-26	13	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	37
24	Cole Pickup	9	1	2	3	6	0.167	0	3-9	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
35	Evan Weninger	31	1	1	2	1	1	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
8	Lawson McDonald	7	0	2	2	4	0	4	1-2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
7	Colin Grannary	11	0	0	0	8	0	-1	1-2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
TM	TEAM	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	2-4	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
	Total.....	36	121	206	327	1089	0.111	-80	193-411	188	3	2	39	2	15	17	0	0	2	0	9	570
	Opponents.....	36	134	226	360	1179	0.114	-	190-440	180	4	6	36	3	21	17	2	1	0	1	11	455

##	Name	GP-GS	Minutes	GA	Avg	Saves	Pct	W	L	T	Sho	PP	SH	EN	PEN	SOG
35	Evan Weninger	31-31	1768:12:00	99	3.36	877	0.899	15	14	1	0	30	2	0	1	0
33	Kris Oldham	6-4	276:36:00	19	4.12	124	0.867	1	2	1	0	4	1	0	0	0
1	Alex Blankenburg	3-1	118:45:00	9	4.55	44	0.830	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
TM	EMPTY NET	13-0	7:20	7	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	7	0	0
	Total.....	36-0	2170:53:00	134	3.70	1045	0.886	17	17	2	0	36	3	7	1	0
	Opponents.....	36-0	2170:53:00	121	3.34	968	0.889	17	17	2	7	39	2	8	0	0

### 2017-18 LEADERS

<b>Points</b>	<b>Penalties</b>
David Pope - 41	Joel Messner - 16
<b>Goals</b>	<b>Penalty Minutes</b>
David Pope - 20	Martin Sundberg - 37
<b>Assists</b>	<b>Plus-Minus</b>
David Pope/Tyler Vesel - 21	Lukas Buchta - +5
<b>Powerplay Goals</b>	<b>Wins</b>
David Pope - 12	Evan Weninger - 15
<b>Shorthanded Goals</b>	<b>GAA (min. 500 mins.)</b>
Tyler Vesel/Tristan Keck - 1	Evan Weninger - 3.36
<b>Game-Winning Goals</b>	<b>Save Percentage (min. 500 mins.)</b>
Luke Nogard - 3	Evan Weninger - .899
<b>Shots</b>	<b>Shutouts</b>
David Pope - 123	NA

### 2017-18 TEAM HIGHS

<b>Goals For</b>	11*	vs. Miami, Jan. 12, 2018
<b>Goals Against</b>	7	Three times
<b>Shots For</b>	46	vs. Arizona State, Oct. 21, 2017
<b>Shots Against</b>	48	at Denver, Jan. 19, 2018
<b>Most Penalty Minutes</b>	23	vs. Colorado College, Feb. 23, 2018
<b>Longest Win Streak</b>	3	Dec. 29, 2017 to Jan. 5, 2018
<b>Longest Losing Streak</b>	3	Twice
<b>Longest Unbeaten Streak</b>	3	Three times
<b>Longest Winless Streak</b>	3	Twice
<b>Attendance - Home Game</b>	7,517	vs. North Dakota, Feb. 17, 2018
<b>Attendance - Home Series</b>	14,029	vs. North Dakota, Feb. 16-17, 2018

\*School Record