

Comets

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Gridiron Club “Leading the Charge”

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Season Recap: Comets first year in the Frontier Conference.

National Signing Day: Comets ink 31 student/athletes.

Golf Tournament Info: August Gridiron Club Golf Tournament Set.

2026 Season Schedule: Season schedule released. Season opener August 29th.

2026 Tailgating Info

Welcome New Coach

Dominating in the Classroom

Off-Season Training: 91 student/athletes taking part of off-season program.



Comets wrap up 2025 season — Year One in Frontier Conference.

The Mayville State University Comets transitioned into a new era in 2025, marking their first season as members of the Frontier Conference after the dissolution of the North Star Athletic Association. Under the leadership of head coach and athletic director Rocky Larson, the Comets navigated a challenging schedule that blended traditional rivals with new conference foes in the Frontier East division. The Comets finished the 2025 season with a 5–6 overall record and a 2–4 mark in Frontier Conference play. Mayville State demonstrated a competitive spirit throughout the year, earning key victories and pushing opponents in several close contests.

Key Games and Results:

Season opener: A strong performance against Judson University set a positive tone with a 49–20 win at home.

Road resilience: The team captured wins at Nebraska Wesleyan (20–13) and Simpson University (21–17), showcasing their ability to finish tight road games.

Conference battles: Mayville State earned Frontier East victories against #14 Dickinson State (34–32) and Montana State University-Northern (21–17). Their final road contest was a narrow loss at Rocky Mountain College (29–27), reflecting a gritty effort to close the season.



Mayville State University head football coach Rocky Larson and his staff have announced the addition of 31 recruits as part of the Comets' 2026 signing class. Unlike previous years, the emphasis for this class was not on numbers, but on fit.

"We did not need a big signing class with 98 student-athletes already on campus," said Larson. "We wanted to find the right fit for how we play on offense and defense. This is the first time we could be selective on who we wanted to bring in."

Entering his sixth season at the helm, Larson's program continues to show steady growth, highlighted by both strong retention and graduation rates.

"I'm really proud of our retention to be able to keep 98 student-athletes going through spring football," Larson added. "This is a huge step in the growth of the program, and spring football will be very competitive this year."

Of the 31 signees, 16 hail from North Dakota — a continued point of emphasis in the Comets' recruiting philosophy. Larson and his staff have remained committed to building the program with in-state talent while supplementing with key additions from outside the region.

The coaching staff anticipates signing an additional 10 to 12 recruits to round out the class. However, the transfer portal has slowed the overall recruiting landscape, creating a more deliberate process across the board.

With a strong returning core and a targeted recruiting class, the Comets appear well-positioned as they continue building momentum heading into the 2026 season.

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Gridiron Club Membership

As of May 1, 2026, the Gridiron Club has 91 members for the 2025-26 campaign and total amount raised is 98,415.00.

Congratulations to all our members and thank you for your continued support of Comet Football!!!

Save the Date Gridiron Club Annual Golf Tournament

Saturday, August 15th 4-man Best Ball Scramble.
Mayville Golf Course
100.00/person 400.00/foursome
1:00 p.m. start
Cost covers 18 holes, cart, refreshments and Prime Rib Dinner.

2026 SCHEDULE

@ Briar Cliff Aug. 29th	@ Oklahoma Panhandle Sept. 5th	Minnesota Morris Sept. 12th	Simpson Sept. 19th
@ Arizona Christian Sept. 26th	@ Dickinson Oct. 3rd	Valley City Oct. 10th	@ MSU-Northern Oct. 17th
Montana Tech Oct. 24th	@ Dakota State Oct. 31st	Rocky Mountain Nov. 14th	

■ HOME ■ AWAY

ALL HOME GAMES ARE PLAYED AT JEROME BERG FIELD

Comets open up the 2026 season on Saturday, August 28th at Briar Cliff University in Sioux City, Iowa.

Farmers Bowl /HC is on Saturday, September 19th vs Simpson College.

MSU plans on having 2 days of events when the Comets travel to Arizona Christian on September 26th. Get your flights now!!

Comets will return 17 starters for the 2026 campaign.



Welcome Coach Cavanaugh

Coach Skylar Cavanaugh will be joining the Comet coaching staff where he will coach Wide Receivers. Coach Cavanaugh comes to Mayville State from Minot State University.

2026 Fall Tailgating Info

Be on the lookout for more information for an online ordering system for the tailgate spots in the Grove. We continue to grow and make the tailgate experience bigger and better each year!!! Let's keep this rolling!!! Get ready to ring the Victory Bell!!!

Comet Football continues to dominate in the classroom!!! Spring semester our Comet team posted the highest team GPA in Coach Larson tenure!! Congratulations to our guys on a great spring in the classroom!!!



91 Comets are taking part in football off-season strength and conditioning program. Four sessions per day, five days per week preparing for the upcoming Spring Ball Practices. Bigger, Faster, Comets coming 2025!!!



Gridiron Club continues to make a difference!!! Some highlights from our 2025-26 season

The 2025-26 year was another outstanding year for the Mayville State Football Gridiron Club. Through the generosity and commitment of our members and supporters, we met the \$40,000 matching gift challenge and raised just under \$100,000. The Comets used over \$40,000 towards scholarships this past year and plan on increasing this level to over \$50,000 next recruiting season. Gracious Gridiron Club members grilled and provided a picnic lunch for the team and their families on check-in day, organized pre-game gatherings for away games, and received a gracious donation to help build a permanent Gridiron Club shelter in the tailgate area. We were also able to assist coaching staff in paying for speakers to address the team during fall camp. These are just a few of the many things worth celebrating as our booster club continues to grow, support Comet Football, and make a meaningful difference for our student-athletes, coaches, families, and fans.

