



OMAHA MAVERICKS

2016-17 HOCKEY QUICK FACTS

GENERAL INFORMATION

Name University of Nebraska Omaha
 City..... Omaha, Neb.
 Founded..... 1908
 Enrollment 15,627
 Nickname..... Mavericks
 School Colors..... Crimson and Black
 Affiliation..... NCAA Division I
 Conference..... National Collegiate Hockey Conference
 Chancellor..... Dr. John Christensen
 Director of Athletics..... Trev Alberts

HOCKEY INFORMATION

First Year of Hockey 1997-98
 All-Time Record..... 323-339-82 (.489)
 2015-16 Record..... 18-17-1
 2015-16 NCHC Record (Place) 8-15-1-0/0 (Sixth)
 NCAA Tournament Appearances (last)..... 3 (2015)
 Arena Baxter Arena (200 x 85)
 Capacity 7,898
 Press box phone (402) 554-6225

COACHING/SUPPORT STAFF

Head Coach Dean Blais (Eighth season/18th overall)
 Alma Mater Minnesota (1973)
 Record at UNO 129-116-25 (.524)
 Career Record..... 391-231-58 (.618)
 Email..... dblais@omavs.com
 Associate Head Coach..... Mike Gabinet (First season)
 Alma Mater Omaha (2004)
 Assistant Coach Leigh Mendelson (First season)
 Alma Mater Omaha (2015)
 Volunteer Assistant Coach..... Kirk Thompson
 Alma Mater Omaha (2016)
 Director of Hockey Operations..... Sam Spomer
 Athletic Trainer..... Josh Englebretson, ATC
 Equipment Manager..... Iggy Tarajos
 Strength & Conditioning Coach..... Aaron Gorshe

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2016-17 TEAM INFORMATION

Letterwinners Returning/Lost..... 20/6
 Offensive Letterwinners Returning/Lost 11/4
 Defensive Letterwinners Returning/Lost..... 7/1
 Goaltending Letterwinners Returning/Lost..... 2/1
 Newcomers..... 7

Key Returners (point order)

Austin Ortega, Sr., F..... 35 GP, (21-15-36)
 Justin Parizek, Sr., F..... 35 GP, (8-20-28)
 Jake Randolph, Jr., F..... 35 GP, (9-13-22)
 Tyler Vesel, Jr., F..... 35 GP, (6-12-18)
 Luc Snuggerud, Jr., D..... 35 GP, (4-14-18)
 Fredrik Olofsson, So., F..... 34 GP, (8-9-17)

Key Losses

Jake Guentzel, Jr., F..... 35 GP, (19-27-46)
 Brian Cooper, Sr., D..... 35 GP, (5-11-16)

Newcomers - 7

Colin Grannary, 6-1, 178, F (Delta, British Columbia/Merritt-BCHL)
 Ryan Jones, 6-2, 190, D (Crown Point, Ind./Lincoln-USHL)
 Zach Jordan, 6-3, 216, F (Collinsville, Ill./Des Moines-USHL)
 Tristan Keck, 5-9, 170, F (Morris, Manitoba/Winkler-MJHL)
 Kris Oldham, 6-3, 205, G (Anchorage, Alaska/Omaha-USHL)
 Teemu Pulkkinen, 5-10, 180, F (Kirkkonummi, Finland/Sioux City-USHL)
 Dean Stewart, 6-2, 180, D (Portage la Prairie, Manitoba/Portage-MJHL)





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2016-17 HOCKEY SCHEDULE

October

Day/Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Sat., Oct. 8	Alberta (Exhib.)	Omaha - Baxter Arena	7:07 p.m.
<i>2016 Brice Alaska Goal Rush - Fairbanks, Alaska</i>			
Fri., Oct. 14	vs. Alaska Anchorage	Fairbanks, Alaska - Carlson Center	4:05 p.m.
Sat., Oct. 15	at Alaska	Fairbanks, Alaska - Carlson Center	7:05 p.m.
Fri., Oct. 21	vs. Vermont	Omaha - Baxter Arena	7:07 p.m.
Sat., Oct. 22	vs. Vermont	Omaha - Baxter Arena	7:07 p.m.
Fri., Oct. 28	vs. UMass Lowell	Omaha - Baxter Arena	7:07 p.m.
Sat., Oct. 29	vs. UMass Lowell	Omaha - Baxter Arena	7:07 p.m.

November

Day/Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Fri., Nov. 4	vs. Colorado College*	Omaha - Baxter Arena	7:07 p.m.
Sat., Nov. 5	vs. Colorado College*	Omaha - Baxter Arena	7:07 p.m.
Fri., Nov. 11	at Miami*	Oxford, Ohio - Goggin Ice Center	7:35 p.m.
Sat., Nov. 12	at Miami*	Oxford, Ohio - Goggin Ice Center	7:05 p.m.
Fri., Nov. 18	vs. Minnesota Duluth*	Omaha - Baxter Arena	7:07 p.m.
Sat., Nov. 19	vs. Minnesota Duluth*	Omaha - Baxter Arena	7:07 p.m.
Fri., Nov. 25	at Northern Michigan	Marquette, Mich. - Berry Events Center	7:07 p.m.
Sat., Nov. 26	at Northern Michigan	Marquette, Mich. - Berry Events Center	7:07 p.m.

December

Day/Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Fri., Dec. 2	at Wisconsin	Madison, Wis. - Kohl Center	7:05 p.m.
Sat., Dec. 3	at Wisconsin	Madison, Wis. - Kohl Center	7:05 p.m.
Fri., Dec. 9	at St. Cloud State*	St. Cloud, Minn. - Herb Brooks National Hockey Center	7:37 p.m.
Sat., Dec. 10	at St. Cloud State*	St. Cloud, Minn. - Herb Brooks National Hockey Center	7:07 p.m.
Fri., Dec. 30	vs. Lake Superior State	Omaha - Baxter Arena	7:07 p.m.
Sat., Dec. 31	vs. Lake Superior State	Omaha - Baxter Arena	4:07 p.m.

January

Day/Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Fri., Jan. 6	vs. North Dakota*	Omaha - Baxter Arena	7:07 p.m.
Sat., Jan. 7	vs. North Dakota*	Omaha - Baxter Arena	7:07 p.m.
Fri., Jan. 13	at Colorado College*	Colorado Springs, Colo. - Colorado Springs World Arena	7:37 p.m.
Sat., Jan. 14	at Colorado College*	Colorado Springs, Colo. - Colorado Springs World Arena	6:07 p.m.
Fri., Jan. 20	vs. Miami*	Omaha - Baxter Arena	7:07 p.m.
Sat., Jan. 21	vs. Miami*	Omaha - Baxter Arena	7:07 p.m.
Fri., Jan. 27	at Denver*	Denver, Colo. - Magness Arena	7:36 p.m.
Sat., Jan. 28	at Denver*	Denver, Colo. - Magness Arena	7:06 p.m.

February

Day/Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Fri., Feb. 3	at Minnesota Duluth*	Duluth, Minn. - AMSOIL Arena	7:07 p.m.
Sat., Feb. 4	at Minnesota Duluth*	Duluth, Minn. - AMSOIL Arena	7:07 p.m.
Fri., Feb. 10	vs. Western Michigan*	Omaha - Baxter Arena	7:07 p.m.
Sat., Feb. 11	vs. Western Michigan*	Omaha - Baxter Arena	7:07 p.m.
Fri., Feb. 24	at North Dakota*	Grand Forks, N.D. - Ralph Engelstad Arena	7:37 p.m.
Sat., Feb. 25	at North Dakota*	Grand Forks, N.D. - Ralph Engelstad Arena	7:07 p.m.

March

Day/Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Fri., March 3	vs. Denver*	Omaha - Baxter Arena	7:07 p.m.
Sat., March 4	vs. Denver*	Omaha - Baxter Arena	7:07 p.m.

Fri., March 10	NCHC Playoffs-Quarterfinals	Campus sites	TBA
Sat., March 11	NCHC Playoffs-Quarterfinals	Campus sites	TBA
Sun., March 12	NCHC Playoffs-Quarterfinals (If necessary)	Campus sites	TBA
Fri., March 17	NCHC Frozen Faceoff-Semifinals	Minneapolis, Minn. - Target Center	TBA
Sat., March 18	NCHC Frozen Faceoff-Championship/Third-Place Game	Minneapolis, Minn. - Target Center	TBA

Game times are local and subject to change

*National Collegiate Hockey Conference Game



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2016-17 ROSTER

No.	Name	NHL	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Sh./C	Birthdate	Hometown	Previous Team	Pronunciation
1	Alex Blankenburg		G	5-8	162	So.	L	9/5/1994	Washington, Mich.	Keystone (NAHL)	
4	Luc Snuggerud	CHI '14	D	6-1	190	Jr.	L	9/18/1995	Eden Prairie, Minn.	Omaha/Muskegon (USHL), Eden Prairie	SNUH-ger-rood
5	Joel Messner		D	6-2	223	Jr.	R	3/11/1994	Lorette, Manitoba	Selkirk (MJHL)	
6	Lukas Buchta		D	6-2	185	So.	R	12/5/1994	Frystak, Czech Republic	Sioux Falls (USHL)	LOO-kash BOOK-tah
7	Colin Grannary		F	6-1	178	Fr.	R	9/24/1997	Delta, British Columbia	Merritt (BCHL)	
9	Riley Alferd		F	5-11	175	So.	L	3/26/1995	Vancouver, Wash.	Penticton (BCHL)	
10	Tyler Vesel	EDM '14	F	5-11	184	Jr.	R	4/14/1994	Rochester, Minn.	Omaha (USHL)	VEH-suhl
11	Mason Morelli		F	6-0	198	So.	L	2/1/1996	Minot, N.D.	Fargo (USHL)	
12	David Pope	DET '13	F	6-3	195	Jr.	L	9/27/1994	Edmonton, Alberta	West Kelowna (BCHL)	
13	Jake Randolph		F	5-9	190	Jr.	L	3/8/1994	Duluth, Minn.	Omaha (USHL)	
14	Teemu Pulkkinen		F	5-10	180	Fr.	L	3/13/1995	Kirkkonummi, Finland	Sioux City (USHL)	
15	Jalen Schulz		D	6-0	172	So.	L	4/28/1995	Cambridge, Minn.	Tri-City (USHL)	
16	Austin Ortega		F	5-8	170	Sr.	R	4/12/1994	Escondido, Calif.	Fargo/Indiana (USHL)	
17	Luke Nogard		F	6-1	213	Jr.	L	1/18/1994	Ancaster, Ontario	Powell River (BCHL)	NOH-gard
18	Dean Stewart	ARZ '16	D	6-2	180	Fr.	R	6/10/98	Portage la Prairie, Manitoba	Portage (MJHL)	
19	Tristan Keck		F	5-9	170	Fr.	L	9/19/1995	Morris, Manitoba	Winkler (MJHL)	
20	Ryan Jones	PIT '16	D	6-2	190	Fr.	L	5/26/1996	Crown Point, Ind.	Lincoln (USHL)	
21	Ryan Galt		F	5-10	175	So.	R	8/15/1995	Omaha, Neb.	Bloomington (USHL)	
22	Jordan Klehr		D	5-11	197	So.	L	3/18/1997	Lino Lakes, Minn.	Shattuck St. Mary's (Prep)	CLAIR
23	Grant Gallo		D	6-4	226	Jr.	R	8/5/1993	San Diego, Calif.	Northern (EHL)	
24	Ian Brady		D	6-0	207	Sr.	R	5/22/1994	Lombard, Ill.	Cedar Rapids (USHL)	
25	Justin Parizek		F	6-1	193	Sr.	R	5/6/1992	Lakeville, Minn.	Aberdeen (NAHL)	pah-REE-zek
26	Steven Spinner	WSH '14	F	6-0	200	So.	R	12/15/1995	Eden Prairie, Minn.	Omaha (USHL)	
27	Zach Jordan		F	6-3	216	Fr.	R	11/12/1996	Collinsville, Ill.	Des Moines (USHL)	
28	Fredrik Olofsson	CHI '14	F	6-2	198	So.	R	5/27/1996	Broomfield, Colo.	Chicago (USHL)	
33	Kris Oldham	TB '15	G	6-3	205	Fr.	L	6/25/1997	Anchorage, Alaska	Omaha (USHL)	
35	Evan Wenginger		G	5-11	169	So.	L	8/11/1996	Saskatoon, Saskatchewan	Kindersley (SJHL)	WHEN-in-guhr

Head Coach: Dean Blais, Eighth Year/18th Overall (Minnesota, 1973)

Associate Head Coach: Mike Gabinet, First Year (Omaha, 2004) • **Assistant Coach:** Leigh Mendelson, First Year (Omaha, 2015)

Volunteer Assistant Coach: Kirk Thompson, First Year (Omaha, 2016) • **Strength & Conditioning Coach:** Aaron Gorshe, Fourth Year (Colorado State, 2010)

Athletic Trainer: Josh Englebretson, Third Year (Wisconsin-Stevens Point, 2004) • **Equipment Manager:** Iggy Tarajos, Second Year (Plymouth State, 2013)

Director of Hockey Operations: Sam Spomer, Fifth Year (Nebraska, 2009)

MAVERICKS BY STATE/PROVINCE/COUNTRY

United States (18)

Alaska (1): Oldham

California (2): Gallo, Ortega

Colorado (1): Olofsson

Illinois (2): Brady, Jordan

Indiana (1): Jones

Michigan (1): Blankenburg

Minnesota (7): Klehr, Parizek, Randolph, Schulz, Snuggerud, Spinner, Vesel

Nebraska (1): Galt

North Dakota (1): Morelli

Washington (1): Alferd

Canada (7)

Alberta (1): Pope

British Columbia (1): Grannary

Manitoba (3): Keck, Messner, Stewart

Ontario (1): Nogard

Saskatchewan (1): Wenginger

Europe (2)

Czech Republic (1): Buchta

Finland (1): Pulkkinen

MAVERICKS BY CLASS

Seniors (3): Brady, Ortega, Parizek

Juniors (7): Gallo, Messner, Nogard, Pope, Randolph, Snuggerud, Vesel

Sophomores (10): Alferd, Blankenburg, Buchta, Galt, Klehr, Morelli, Olofsson, Schulz, Spinner, Wenginger

Freshmen (7): Grannary, Jones, Jordan, Keck, Oldham, Pulkkinen, Stewart

LETTERWINNERS RETURNING (20)

Forwards (11): Alferd, Galt, Morelli, Nogard, Olofsson, Ortega, Parizek, Pope, Randolph, Spinner, Vesel

Defensemen (7): Brady, Buchta, Gallo, Klehr, Messner, Schulz, Snuggerud

Goaltenders (2): Blankenburg, Wenginger

LETTERWINNERS LOST (6)

Forwards (4): Guentzel, Lane, Pearce, Peterson

Defensemen (1): Cooper

Goaltenders (1): Thompson



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2015-16 STATISTICS

Date	Opponent		Score	Att.
Oct 09	at #6 Minnesota State	w	3-2	4423
Oct 10	at #6 Minnesota State	w	2-0	4898
Oct 16	at #20 Vermont	w	4-3	3754
Oct 17	at #20 Vermont	w	3-1	4003
Oct 23	AIR FORCE	w	4-2	7898
Oct 24	AIR FORCE	w	4-1	7898
* Oct 30	at Western Michigan	L	2-4	2353
* Oct 31	at Western Michigan	L	1-6	2253
* Nov 06	#6 MINNESOTA DULUTH	w	4-2	7898
* Nov 07	#6 MINNESOTA DULUTH	w	4-2	7135
* Nov 20	at Miami	Tot	3-3	2564
* Nov 21	at Miami	Wot	3-2	2213
Nov 27	OHIO STATE	w	3-1	6258
Nov 28	OHIO STATE	w	6-4	6744
* Dec 4	at #7 St. Cloud State	L	1-4	3852
* Dec 5	at #7 St. Cloud State	w	7-2	4104
Dec 19	ARIZONA STATE	w	3-1	5843
Dec 20	ARIZONA STATE	w	6-0	5434
* Jan 08	#17 DENVER	L	0-3	6177
* Jan 09	#17 DENVER	L	3-4	6174
* Jan 15	at #1 North Dakota	Wot	4-3	11885
* Jan 16	at #1 North Dakota	L	1-5	11888
* Jan 22	MIAMI	L	1-3	6793
* Jan 23	MIAMI	L	3-7	6124
* Jan 29	at Colorado College	L	1-5	7051
* Jan 30	at Colorado College	w	6-1	7196
* Feb 12	WESTERN MICHIGAN	w	2-1	7018
* Feb 13	WESTERN MICHIGAN	w	6-3	7126
* Feb 19	#3 ST. CLOUD STATE	L	1-4	7131
* Feb 20	#3 ST. CLOUD STATE	L	3-6	7069
* Feb 26	#4 NORTH DAKOTA	L	2-4	7898
* Feb 27	#4 NORTH DAKOTA	L	1-4	7898
* Mar 04	at #7 Denver	L	0-3	5005
* Mar 05	at #7 Denver	L	1-2	5968
Mar 11	at #6 Denver	L	2-5	3034
Mar 12	at #6 Denver	Lo2	3-4	3580

TEAM STATISTICS	OMAHA	OPP
SHOT STATISTICS		
Goals-Shot attempts	103-1083	107-1075
Shot pct.	.095	.100
Goals/Game	2.9	3.0
Shots/Game	30.1	29.9
POWER PLAYS		
Goals-Power Plays	24-150	24-138
Conversion Percent	.160	.174
Shot Attempts	228	184
Shot Percent	.105	.130
GOAL BREAKDOWN		
Power Play	24	24
Short-handed	9	4
Empty net	5	6
Penalty	0	0
Unassisted	7	5
Overtime	2	1
Shootout	0	0
Delayed Penalty	0	0
PENALTIES		
Number	164	173
Minutes	371	429
Penalties/Game	4.6	4.8
Pen minutes/Game	10.3	11.9
FACEOFFS (W-L)	1193-1192	1192-1193
Faceoff W-L Pct.	.500	.500
SHOOTOUTS (Made-Att)	0-0	0-0

Record:	Overall	Home	Away	Neutral
ALL GAMES	18-17-1	10-8-0	8-9-1	0-0-0
CONFERENCE	8-15-1	4-8-0	4-7-1	0-0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	10-2-0	6-0-0	4-2-0	0-0-0

#	Player	gp	g	a	pts	sh	sh%	pen-min	pp	sh
20	Jake Guentzel	35	19	27	46	110	.173	6-20	5	3
16	Austin Ortega	35	21	15	36	157	.134	6-12	7	1
25	Justin Parizek	35	8	20	28	100	.080	18-36	2	3
13	Jake Randolph	35	9	13	22	51	.176	1-2	1	0
10	Tyler Vesel	35	6	12	18	60	.100	1-2	1	2
4	Luc Snuggerud	35	4	14	18	69	.058	11-22	2	0
28	Fredrik Olofsson	34	8	9	17	53	.151	7-14	2	0
2	Brian Cooper	35	5	11	16	60	.083	16-51	1	0
24	Ian Brady	33	3	11	14	57	.053	13-26	1	0
11	Mason Morelli	31	7	4	11	51	.137	10-28	0	0
26	Steven Spinner	33	5	6	11	68	.074	5-10	1	0
12	David Pope	31	4	4	8	42	.095	4-8	1	0
17	Luke Nogard	28	1	7	8	39	.026	14-36	0	0
21	Ryan Galt	24	1	6	7	20	.050	0-0	0	0
22	Jordan Klehr	28	1	5	6	29	.034	3-6	0	0
5	Joel Messner	26	0	5	5	27	.000	3-6	0	0
6	Lukas Buchta	32	0	4	4	23	.000	9-18	0	0
23	Grant Gallo	22	0	4	4	9	.000	11-22	0	0
19	Tanner Lane	22	0	2	2	13	.000	5-10	0	0
27	Aaron Pearce	10	1	0	1	3	.333	1-2	0	0
9	Riley Alferd	23	0	1	1	18	.000	4-8	0	0
7	Avery Peterson	14	0	1	1	20	.000	3-6	0	0
15	Jalen Schulz	12	0	1	1	4	.000	3-6	0	0
29	Kirk Thompson	15	0	0	0	0	.000	1-2	0	0
TM TEAM		17	0	0	0	0	.000	9-18	0	0
Total		36	103	182	285	1083	.095	164-371	24	9
Opponents		36	107	184	291	1075	.100	173-429	24	4

#	Goalie	gp	min	ga	gaavg	saves	save%	w-l-t
35	Evan Weninger	21	1196:32	49	2.46	585	.923	13-8-0
1	Alex Blankenburg	4	212:59	10	2.82	89	.899	1-2-0
29	Kirk Thompson	15	771:00	42	3.27	294	.875	4-7-1
TM EMPTY NET		17	19:06	6	-	0	.000	0-0-0
Total		36	2199:37	107	2.92	968	.900	18-17-1
Opponents		36	2199:37	103	2.81	980	.905	17-18-1

Attendance Summary	OMAHA	Opponent
Total	124516	90024
Dates/Avg Per Date	18/6918	18/5001
Neutral Site #/Avg	0/0	

Goals by Period	1st	2nd	3rd	OT	O2	Total
Omaha	31	44	26	2	0	103
Opponents	22	45	39	0	1	107

Shots by Period	1st	2nd	3rd	OT	O2	Total
Omaha	337	397	327	19	3	1083
Opponents	322	377	352	14	10	1075