



# SOUTH DAKOTA

## COYOTE FOOTBALL

### 2024 GAME NOTES

3 FCS PLAYOFF APPEARANCES (2017, 2021, 2023) • 16 FCS-ERA ALL-AMERICANS  
2 MVFC PLAYERS OF THE YEAR • 13 FIRST TEAM ALL-MVFC SELECTIONS



#### YOTES IN 2024

|                   |     |
|-------------------|-----|
| Overall Record    | 0-0 |
| Conference (MVFC) | 0-0 |
| Home              | 0-0 |
| Away              | 0-0 |
| Neutral           | 0-0 |

#### 2024 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

| DATE     | (RK.) OPPONENT        | TIME/RESULT |
|----------|-----------------------|-------------|
| Aug. 29  | NORTHERN STATE (S.D.) | 7:00 PM     |
| Sept. 7  | @ Wisconsin           | 2:30 PM     |
| Sept. 14 | @ Portland State      | 3:00 PM     |
| Sept. 21 | DRAKE                 | 1:00 PM     |
| Sept. 28 | SOUTHERN ILLINOIS*    | 1:00 PM     |
| Oct. 5   | @ Murray State*       | 2:00 PM     |
| Oct. 12  | UNI*^                 | 2:00 PM     |
| Oct. 19  | @ Youngstown State*   | 5:00 PM     |
| Oct. 26  | @ South Dakota State* | TBA         |
| Nov. 9   | INDIANA STATE*        | 1:00 PM     |
| Nov. 16  | @ North Dakota*       | 12:00 PM    |
| Nov. 23  | NORTH DAKOTA STATE*   | 1:00 PM     |

#### BOLD CAPS - Home Game (DakotaDome)

\* - Missouri Valley Football Conference (MVFC) game

^ - Dakota Days (Homecoming)

All games listed in Central Time (CT)

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#### AN USD WIN WOULD...

##### // A WIN WOULD...

A win this week for the Coyotes would:

- Be better than a loss.
- Be the 79th season-opening win in program history.
- Be the fourth-straight regular season win for the Yotes.
- Improve USD to 9-0 all-time against Northern State.
- Be the eighth win for Nielson against Northern State in his career, improving to 8-4 (six-straight).

#### WE ARE SOUTH DAKOTA (USD)

The University of South Dakota (USD) is public research institution in Vermillion, South Dakota. USD is the flagship institution in the state of South Dakota and is the oldest institution in the state, founded in 1862.

Please do not call us the University of San Diego. We existed 75 years before the University of San Diego was founded.

In reference to our school's nickname, we are the **KIGH** - yotes (two syllables). Upon second reference, Yotes is an acceptable reference for USD Athletics.

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#### GAME

# 1

#### SOUTH DAKOTA

0-0, 0-0 MVFC

VS.

#### NORTHERN STATE

0-0, 0-0 NSIC

Thursday, August 29 • 7:00 PM (CT) • DakotaDome • Vermillion, S.D.

#### SOUTH DAKOTA COYOTES

Head Coach Bob Nielson (9th season)

Record at USD: 42-38 (.525)

Div. I Record: 58-73 (.443)

Overall Record: 228-125-1 (32nd year)



#### NORTHERN STATE WOLVES

Head Coach: Mike Schmidt (5th season)

Record at NSU: 32-19 (.627)

Overall record: 59-32 (.571)

#### // BROADCAST INFORMATION

##### TV

Play-by-play: Jay Elsen

Analyst: Andre Fields

RADIO: (Coyote Sports Network by LEARFIELD)

Play-by-play: John Thayer

Analyst: Gary Culver

Sideline: Jerry Palleschi

##### ONLINE

Live Stats: GoYotes.com (SIDEARM Stats)

-or- MVFC Scoreboard (StatBroadcast)



#### // SERIES HISTORY

Overall ..... USD, 8-0

Streak ..... USD W8

Nielson vs. NSU ..... 7-4

In Vermillion ..... USD, 6-0

In Aberdeen ..... USD, 2-0

Last meeting ..... Sept. 13, 1997 (USD, 41-16)

First Meeting ..... Sept. 29, 1923 (USD, 27-0)

Most USD Points ..... 59 (1993)

Most NSU Points ..... 28 (1996)

More information on p. 3 of the notes package // \*all-time, including DII

#### KEY STORYLINES

##### // NOTING THE YOTES

South Dakota football enters its highly anticipated 2024 season ranked No. 5 in both FCS preseason polls, hosting the Northern State University Wolves out of the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference (NSIC) (NCAA Division II).

- The Yotes return 15 starters from the 2023 squad that went 10-3 and made the program's first-ever appearance in the NCAA FCS Playoffs quarterfinal round.
- QB1 **Aidan Bouman**, RB1 **Travis Theis**, and top-performing WR **Carter Bell** from last season all return for the Yotes this season [DEPTH CHART ON PAGE 8].
- Bouman and Theis alone combined for 75.9% of the offensive yards gained for USD last season.
- Defensively, the Yotes will look to replace key pieces, but the secondary returns DBs **Josiah Ganues** and **Dennis Shorter**.
- USD enters the ninth year under head coach Bob Nielson in 2024, the program's 30th head coach. [MORE ON PAGES 13-14]
- In his eight seasons at the helm, Nielson has led USD to all three FCS Playoff appearances.
- The Wolves mark the first non-Division I opponent on the USD schedule since William Penn University (NAIA) back in 2014, where the Yotes prevailed 41-16 on Sept. 16, 2014.
- USD for their first win in the month of August in the Nielson era (0-2 - at Missouri, 2023 (L, 35-10); vs. Montana, 2019 (L, 31-17).

##### // NOTING THE GAME

It's the first meeting against Northern State since the 1997 season, where the Yotes prevailed 41-16 [MORE ON PAGE 3].

- USD will compete against a Division II team for the first time since the 2011 season, where they went 3-0 that season (NW Oklahoma State, Lindenwood, Missouri S&T).
- Playing Missouri S&T as the last DII opponent (Nov. 12, 2011), the Yotes prevailed 48-14.

##### // USD IN SEASON OPENERS

Dating back to USD's first season of football in 1889, the Coyotes are 78-55-2 in season openers, holding a .578 win percentage. **Note:** records below are missing from 1890-95 & USD did not play football in 1943-44 due to WWII.

- Since joining the Division I ranks in 2008, USD is 8-17 in season openers.
- Since joining the MVFC in 2012, the record in season openers is 3-7, but six of those losses have been to NCAA FBS opponents.
- The Northern State game marks just the third season-opener in the month of August in the Nielson era (0-2).
- Dating back (with available information), the Yotes are 6-4 all-time in August season openers and 2-3 in the DI era.
- The last August season-opener win came against UC Davis (10-7) on August 31, 2013.

##### // WE ARE THE COYOTES

Thank you for your coverage of South Dakota football! Allow us to introduce ourselves:

- We are the COYOTES (**KIGH** - YOTES) - two syllables.
- We are members of the Missouri Valley Football Conference (MVFC), joining the league in 2012 as the 10th member, and have been in the Division I ranks since 2008.
- More information on reference to us [bottom left of p. 1] and university quick facts [found on p. 2].



## SOUTH DAKOTA QUICK FACTS

## UNIVERSITY

Location ..... Vermillion, S.D.  
 Founded..... 1862  
 Enrollment ..... 9,868 (Fall 2023)  
 President..... Sheila K. Gestring  
 University Website ..... usd.edu

## ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

Nickname ..... Coyotes (**KIGH** - yotes)  
 Mascot..... Charlie the Coyote  
 Colors ..... Red & White  
 Athletic Director..... Jon Schemmel  
 Athletics Website ..... GoYotes.com  
 Affiliation..... NCAA Division I  
 Conference (FB)..... Missouri Valley Football (MVFC)  
 Website ..... Valley-Football.org  
 Conference (all others) ..... Summit League  
 Website ..... TheSummitLeague.org

## FOOTBALL COMMUNICATIONS

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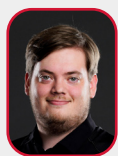
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**The University of South Dakota (USD) athletic communications office is always willing to assist the media with their coverage of Coyote football.** USD Assistant Athletic Director for Communications **Steve Carlson** handles the day-to-day communications duties for the USD Football program and head coach Bob Nielson. For any questions or special requests in regards to the football program or head coach Bob Nielson, please contact Steve Carlson via email (steven.r.carlson@usd.edu).

The USD athletic communications office are proud members of College Sports Communicators (CSC), the professional organization for communicators and creators, regardless of title, in collegiate athletics.

## // OFFICIAL WEBSITE OF THE YOTES

All information regarding the Coyotes, including the football media center, quick facts, player/coach bios, game recaps, game notes, stats (season and live stats), record book (*revamped version to come for 2025 season*), and more, can be found online at the Official Website of USD Athletics, GoYotes.com.

## // MEDIA CENTER

Newly launched for the 2024 campaign is the USD football *Media Center*. It will house all useful media information in one convenient location. Each week, you can find links to USD game notes, opponent notes, MVFC notes, recap, postgame notes, and a link to the postgame press conference. You can find the *Media Center* on GoYotes.com, then navigate to the football team page, and hover over 'MORE+' at the top of the page.

## // WEEKLY PRESS CONFERENCE (via ZOOM)

Head coach Bob Nielson will be available each week on Mondays at 10:00 a.m. (CT) via Zoom. To get the Zoom link, email Assistant AD for Communications Steve Carlson (steven.r.carlson@usd.edu). The weekly presser will be posted online at **GoYotes.com/Watch** and emailed out to the media.

## // WEEKLY GAME NOTES

Thank you for your coverage of USD Football for the 2024 season. These game notes have been designed to provide local, regional, and national media with useful information about the USD football program, specific to this week's game. To receive the weekly notes via email, members of the media can email **Steve Carlson** <steven.r.carlson@usd.edu>. The release is also posted on GoYotes.com as a PDF, posted in the weekly preview and in the *Media Center*.

## // INTERVIEW POLICY

**ALL** interviews with coaches and student-athletes must be coordinated through Assistant AD for Communications Steve Carlson **at least one day (24 hours) in advance. At no times are media allowed to contact a USD coach or student-athlete directly.** The communications office, in coordination with the football staff, will facilitate logistics of interview requests.

Following games (home and away), the South Dakota locker room is **CLOSED** to the media.

Requests for Coyote players and coaches (*Nielson and assistants*) following games should be directed to Carlson towards the end of each contest. Head Coach **Bob Nielson** will be available at all home post-game press conferences inside the film room of the Sanford Coyote Sports Center. Any USD players not invited to the post-game press conference should be directed to Carlson.

## // PRACTICES

All practices are closed to the public. Members of the media are generally welcome to attend practice upon notice given to the USD athletic communications office. **Media members MUST provide, at least, one day (24 hour) notice of intention to attend practice to Steve Carlson.** USD holds the right to refusal or change plans with short notice, depending on circumstances.

Interview requests for coaches (*Nielson and assistants*) and/or student-athletes should be emailed to Carlson, at the latest, end-of-day the day prior to practice media member is attending.

## // GAME DAY IN THE DAKOTADOME &amp; CREDENTIALS

Working media members will be seated on press row, which is located on the top east side of the DakotaDome on a first-come, first-serve basis. Flip cards will be available on press row. Other documents can be made available upon request to the USD communications office.

**Credential requests should be submitted to Assistant AD for Communications Steve Carlson by Wednesday end-of-day (by 5 p.m. (CT)).** Any credential requests made on Thursday, best efforts will be made to accommodate, while **no credential requests will be accepted on Fridays.** Any road game credential requests should be made through the home team's football athletic communications contact.

## // PARKING

Parking for members of the media and opposing teams will be reserved in the back parking lot of the USD Foundation building located just west of the DakotaDome. Use Dakota Street to access the lot. The ticket office at the Sanford Coyote Sports Center will serve as will call for all accepted credential requests submitted to Carlson by end-of-day Wednesdays.

## // PHOTOGRAPHY

Photographers and videographers are asked to shoot from the goal line to the 20-yard line on either side of the DakotaDome. Credentials **MUST** be obtained to be on the sidelines, please see the // *Game Day in the DakotaDome & Credentials* section for more info.

## // FOLLOW THE COYOTES

Fans and media alike can stay up-to-date with all things USD Football on their official social media accounts: 'X' (*formerly Twitter*) (@SDCoyotesFB), Instagram (@sdcoyotefb), and Facebook (Facebook.com/SDCoyotesFootball). The football social channels are updated on a regular basis by the athletic communications and marketing staffs.

#GoYotes x #WeAreSouthDakota





THE MATCH-UP

SOUTH DAKOTA (0-0, 0-0 MVFC)

| TEAM STATISTICS    | USD | OPP |
|--------------------|-----|-----|
| Points/Game        | ##  | ##  |
| First Downs        | ##  | ##  |
| Rushing Yds/Game   | ##  | ##  |
| Passing Yards/Game | ##  | ##  |
| Total Offense/Game | ##  | ##  |
| Fumbles-Lost       | ##  | ##  |
| Penalty Yds./Game  | ##  | ##  |
| Time of Possession | ##  | ##  |

RETURNING INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

| RUSHING       | ATT | NET | AVG. | TD | YPG  |
|---------------|-----|-----|------|----|------|
| T. Theis      | 178 | 840 | 4.7  | 6  | 64.6 |
| C. Pierre Jr. | 78  | 473 | 6.1  | 5  | 59.1 |

| PASSING   | C-A-I     | Pct. | Yds.  | TD | YPG   |
|-----------|-----------|------|-------|----|-------|
| A. Bouman | 187-280-6 | 66.8 | 2,551 | 15 | 196.2 |

| RECEIVING    | REC | Yds. | Avg. | TD | YPG  |
|--------------|-----|------|------|----|------|
| C. Bell      | 52  | 908  | 17.5 | 5  | 69.9 |
| J. Galbreath | 36  | 579  | 16.1 | 5  | 44.5 |

| DEFENSE    | U-A-TT   | TFL | Skc. | INT | PBU |
|------------|----------|-----|------|-----|-----|
| D. Shorter | 46-51-97 | 2.5 | 0.0  | 1   | 6   |
| J. Ganues  | 33-26-59 | 3.5 | 1.5  | 2   | 1   |

\*2023 statistics

NORTHERN STATE (0-0, 0-0 NSIC)

| TEAM STATISTICS    | NSU | OPP |
|--------------------|-----|-----|
| Points/Game        | ##  | ##  |
| First Downs        | ##  | ##  |
| Rushing Yds/Game   | ##  | ##  |
| Passing Yards/Game | ##  | ##  |
| Total Offense/Game | ##  | ##  |
| Fumbles-Lost       | ##  | ##  |
| Penalty Yds./Game  | ##  | ##  |
| Time of Possession | ##  | ##  |

RETURNING INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

| RUSHING   | ATT | NET | AVG. | TD | YPG  |
|-----------|-----|-----|------|----|------|
| H. Kraft  | 53  | 390 | 7.4  | 3  | 35.5 |
| C. Hackel | 82  | 254 | 3.1  | 4  | 25.4 |

| PASSING   | C-A-I    | Pct. | Yds.  | TD | YPG   |
|-----------|----------|------|-------|----|-------|
| C. Hackel | 81-152-8 | 53.3 | 1,306 | 8  | 130.6 |

| RECEIVING    | REC | Yds. | Avg. | TD | YPG  |
|--------------|-----|------|------|----|------|
| N. Kennewell | 9   | 118  | 13.1 | 0  | 10.7 |
| ----         | --  | --   | --   | -- | --   |

| DEFENSE     | U-A-TT   | TFL | Skc. | INT | PBU |
|-------------|----------|-----|------|-----|-----|
| J. Adams    | 43-21-64 | 4.5 | 0.0  | 2   | 2   |
| L. Williams | 31-26-57 | 1.0 | 0.0  | 3   | 4   |

\*2023 statistics

MISC. STATISTICS

// 100 RUSHING YARD GAMES

| Travis Theis (6) |                   |      |      |    |     |  |
|------------------|-------------------|------|------|----|-----|--|
| Date             | Opponent          | Att. | Yds. | TD | YPC |  |
| 10.9.21          | North Dakota      | 23   | 138  | 0  | 6.0 |  |
| 10.16.21         | @ Northern Iowa   | 29   | 113  | 0  | 3.9 |  |
| 10.22.22         | Southern Illinois | 21   | 108  | 1  | 5.1 |  |
| 9.16.23          | Lamar             | 16   | 120  | 2  | 7.5 |  |
| 10.7.23          | Murray State      | 26   | 190  | 2  | 7.3 |  |
| 10.21.23         | @ Indiana State   | 17   | 106  | 0  | 6.2 |  |

| Charles Pierre Jr. (2) |                  |      |      |    |      |  |
|------------------------|------------------|------|------|----|------|--|
| Date                   | Opponent         | Att. | Yds. | TD | YPC  |  |
| 10.21.23               | @ Indiana State  | 4    | 107  | 1  | 26.8 |  |
| 12.2.23                | Sacramento State | 13   | 123  | 0  | 9.5  |  |

// 100 RECEIVING YARD GAMES

| Carter Bell (3) |                    |      |      |    |     |  |
|-----------------|--------------------|------|------|----|-----|--|
| Date            | Opponent           | Rec. | Yds. | TD | W/L |  |
| 3.13.21         | @ Missouri State   | 6    | 106  | 1  | L   |  |
| 9.30.23         | @ North Dakota St. | 5    | 124  | 2  | W   |  |
| 10.14.23        | Youngstown St.     | 5    | 131  | 2  | W   |  |

| JJ Galbreath (2) |                |      |      |    |     |  |
|------------------|----------------|------|------|----|-----|--|
| Date             | Opponent       | Rec. | Yds. | TD | W/L |  |
| 10.14.23         | Youngstown St. | 6    | 101  | 1  | W   |  |
| 11.11.23         | North Dakota   | 5    | 101  | 0  | W   |  |

Note: Passing marks found on Bouman's page (p. 7); games only in an USD uniform.

OPPONENT INFORMATION



// LAST BOX SCORE  
USD vs. Northern State  
September 2, 1997  
USD won 41-16 (box score N/A)

|              | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | F  |
|--------------|---|---|---|---|----|
| USD          | - | - | - | - | 41 |
| Northern St. | - | - | - | - | 16 |

- Northern State enters the 2024 season after a 5-6 (4-6 NSIC) record a season ago, finishing eighth in the NSIC.
- NSU broke seven single-game, season, and career school records throughout the 2023 campaign.
- Senior LB Luke Gunderson was named to the 2025 Reese's Senior Bowl Watch List.
- The Wolves were picked to finish ninth in the preseason NSIC coaches' poll, announced in early August.

LAST MEETING

// SCORING SUMMARY  
Time Qtr./Time Scoring Play (Conversion) Plays-Yds-TOP Score  
NO BOX SCORE AVAILABLE FROM 1997 MEETING

// STATISTICAL LEADERS  
SOUTH DAKOTA

| RUSHING   | ATT   | NET  | AVG. | TD |
|-----------|-------|------|------|----|
| ATHLETE   |       |      |      |    |
| ATHLETE   |       |      |      |    |
| PASSING   | C-A-I | Pct. | Yds. | TD |
| ATHLETE   |       |      |      |    |
| ATHLETE   |       |      |      |    |
| RECEIVING | REC   | Yds. | Avg. | TD |
| ATHLETE   |       |      |      |    |
| ATHLETE   |       |      |      |    |
| ATHLETE   |       |      |      |    |
| ATHLETE   |       |      |      |    |

// STATISTICAL LEADERS  
NORTHERN STATE

| RUSHING   | ATT   | NET  | AVG. | TD |
|-----------|-------|------|------|----|
| ATHLETE   |       |      |      |    |
| ATHLETE   |       |      |      |    |
| PASSING   | C-A-I | Pct. | Yds. | TD |
| ATHLETE   |       |      |      |    |
| ATHLETE   |       |      |      |    |
| RECEIVING | REC   | Yds. | Avg. | TD |
| ATHLETE   |       |      |      |    |
| ATHLETE   |       |      |      |    |
| ATHLETE   |       |      |      |    |
| ATHLETE   |       |      |      |    |

2024 GAME INFORMATION

| Game            | Coin Toss | USD KO/Rec. | USD First Play | USD 1st poss. | Opp. 1st poss. | Kickoff Time | Game Length | USD Helmet | USD Jersey | USD Pants | Result |
|-----------------|-----------|-------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|--------------|-------------|------------|------------|-----------|--------|
| Northern State  |           |             |                |               |                |              |             |            |            |           |        |
| at Wisconsin    |           |             |                |               |                |              |             |            |            |           |        |
| at Portland St. |           |             |                |               |                |              |             |            |            |           |        |
| Drake           |           |             |                |               |                |              |             |            |            |           |        |
| Southern Ill.   |           |             |                |               |                |              |             |            |            |           |        |
| at Murray State |           |             |                |               |                |              |             |            |            |           |        |
| UNI             |           |             |                |               |                |              |             |            |            |           |        |
| at Youngstown   |           |             |                |               |                |              |             |            |            |           |        |
| at SDSU         |           |             |                |               |                |              |             |            |            |           |        |
| Indiana State   |           |             |                |               |                |              |             |            |            |           |        |
| at North Dakota |           |             |                |               |                |              |             |            |            |           |        |
| NDSU            |           |             |                |               |                |              |             |            |            |           |        |



YOTE NOTES

// SEASON CAPTAINS NAMED

Earlier in Fall Camp, the South Dakota football team named their captains for the 2024 campaign: naming four captains and three alternate captains.

- **CAPTAINS:** Aidan Bouman (QB), Blake Holden (DL), Dennis Shorter (DB), Travis Theis (RB).
- **ALTERNATES:** Carter Bell (WR), Joey Lombard (OL), Teven McKelvey (DB).

// INSIDE THE NORTHERN STATE SERIES

The Coyotes and Wolves meet for the **ninth time** in series history to open the 2024 season for both teams.

- USD is a perfect 8-0 against the Wolves, dating back to the first meeting in 1923.
- This year's meeting marks the first clash since 1997.
- Six of the eight meetings between the two teams have occurred in Vermillion, with USD 6-0.
- Five of those home games were played in the DakotaDome (USD, 5-0).

// PRESEASON NATIONAL RANKINGS

South Dakota returns firepower on the offensive side of the ball, as well as some key defensive returners in the secondary, coming back after the best Division I season in program history in 2023.

- Tabbed No. 5 in the STATS Perform preseason poll.
- Also No. 5 in the AFCA Coaches' preseason poll.

// PRESEASON ALL-AMERICANS

Four Yotes received preseason All-America honors heading into the 2024 season, highlighted by kicker Will Leyland being named to Phil Steele's First Team. Also earning accolades this summer include Carter Bell (WR), JJ Galbreath (TE), and Joey Lombard (OL).

// YOTES IN THE MVFC PRESEASON POLL

South Dakota was selected to finish third in the 2024 MVFC preseason poll, as voted by league head coaches, athletic communication directors, and select media members.

- SDSU was the overwhelming favorites with 42 of the 44 first-place votes and 482 points.
- NDSU (2nd, 437 pts.) and Missouri State (9th) both picked up a first-place vote.

// PRESEASON ALL-MVFC

11 Yotes were honored in the league's preseason all-conference team, including five First Team honorees: **Carter Bell** (WR), **JJ Galbreath** (TE), **Nick Gaes** (DL), **Dennis Shorter** (DB), and **Will Leyland** (K).

// USD VS. THE NORTHERN SUN (NSIC)

Since the turn of the century (2000-pres.), the Coyotes have played six current members of the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference (NSIC). USD sits 25-11 (.694) in those contests.

The last season to feature a NSIC opponent was the final season in the Division II ranks in 2007. USD played Winona State (W), Minnesota-Duluth (W), St. Cloud St. (W), Augustana (W), and Minnesota St. (W).

// SCHEDULE NOTES

The 2024 schedule features a slate full of challenges week in, and week out in one of the toughest FCS conferences in the nation.

- The 2024 slate features six number of teams that made the FCS Playoffs last season.
- **SEVEN** MVFC conference teams are ranked in the preseason STATS Perform FCS poll, while **SIX** are inside the top-25 in the preseason AFCA Coaches' poll.
- In 2023, South Dakota held a 5-2 record against ranked opponents.
- 67% of USD's games will be played in one of the

- Dakotas.
- USD heads to Camp Randall Stadium to battle the Wisconsin Badgers on Sept. 7: *since moving to the Division I level (2008-09), the Yotes are 1-11 against 'Power 5' opponents & 1-3 against current 2024 B1G teams.*
- The lone win came against Minnesota (41-38) back in 2010.
- Under Nielson, USD is 0-5 against Power 5 teams but has battled a pair of Big 12 schools close (at K-State, L, 27-24 - 2018; at Kansas, L, 17-14 - 2021).

// THIS & THAT

- **DYK:** HC Bob Nielson and both coordinators (Johansen & Davis) have all coached national title winning teams?
- **Nielson:** 2x NCAA DII Champs at Minn.-Duluth
- **Johansen:** 2013 NAIA title at Grand View (IA)
- **Davis:** 2022 NCAA FCS title at SDSU
- 2023 saw USD play 13 games: 11 regular season games, two FCS Playoff games, and one FBS opponent.
- 8x the USD defense held opponents to under 21 points in a game.
- 7x the defense held opponents to 10 points or less.

// NEW COACHING STAFF

- Bob Nielson welcomes a pair of new assistants to his staff going into the 2024 campaign.
- **Tim Morrison** (*Tight Ends*) comes to Vermillion after serving most recently as the Assistant HC at Upper Iowa (*NCAA Division II*) for the 2021 & 2022 seasons.
  - **Matt Vitzthum** (*Wide Receivers*) after being on staff at NCAA DII power Grand Valley State (2013-23), serving as the Offensive Coordinator since the 2020 campaign.
  - **Nathan Nelson** (*Defensive Line*) comes to USD after a season as the DL coach at Arkansas Monticello (*NCAA Division II*).
  - More information can be found on p. 15.

// YOTES IN THE NFL

- Four former Coyotes competed on preseaon NFL rosters this season.
- Seventh round draft pick (Cleveland Browns), **Myles Harden** (CB) has made a name for himself during preseason camp.
  - **Kameron Cline** (DE), currently with the Buffalo Bills, signed a reserve/futures contract in January 2024.
  - **Kameron Kline** (LB) enters his third season with the Kansas City Chiefs, signing with the Chiefs as an undrafted free agent in 2022.
  - **Brock Mogensen** (LB) enters his rookie season with the Dallas Cowboys in 2024 after a stand out career with the Yotes.

THE 'YOTES RECORD WHEN...

WIN-LOSS SUMMARY

(Continued from p. 1)

|                                    |      |         |
|------------------------------------|------|---------|
|                                    | 2024 | Nielson |
| Current Overall Streak             | ---  | --      |
| Current Home Streak                | ---  | --      |
| Current Away Streak                | ---  | --      |
| vs. FCS Top-25 teams (either poll) | 0-0  | 17-23   |
| Non-Conference                     | 0-0  | 10-9    |
| vs. Group of F5 (FBS)              | ---  | 1-1     |
| vs. Power 5 (FBS)                  | 0-0  | 0-5     |
| vs. state of South Dakota teams    | 0-0  | 0-0     |
| on artificial turf                 | 0-0  | 0-0     |
| on natural grass                   | 0-0  | 0-0     |
| August                             | 0-0  | 0-2     |
| September                          | 0-0  | 14-11   |
| October                            | 0-0  | 17-13   |
| November                           | 0-0  | 9-14    |
| December                           | 0-0  | 1-2     |
| Scoring first                      | 0-0  | ---     |
| Opponent scores first              | 0-0  | ---     |
| Leading at halftime                | 0-0  | ---     |
| Trailing at halftime               | 0-0  | ---     |
| Overtime                           | 0-0  | 2-2     |
| No turnovers                       | 0-0  | ---     |
| Less than three turnovers          | 0-0  | ---     |
| Three or more turnovers            | 0-0  | ---     |
| No takeaways                       | 0-0  | ---     |
| Less than three takeaways          | 0-0  | ---     |
| Three or more takeaways            | 0-0  | ---     |
| With a 100-yard rusher             | 0-0  | ---     |
| With a 300-yard passer             | 0-0  | ---     |
| Total 300+ yards of offense        | 0-0  | ---     |
| Total 400+ yards of offense        | 0-0  | ---     |
| Total 500+ yards of offense        | 0-0  | ---     |
| Allow a 100-yard rusher            | 0-0  | ---     |
| Allow a 300-yard passer            | 0-0  | ---     |
| Allow 300+ yards of offense        | 0-0  | ---     |
| Allow 400+ yards of offense        | 0-0  | ---     |
| Allow 500+ yards of offense        | 0-0  | ---     |

(Note: if gained/allowed, example, 452 yards of offense, the record only added to '400+ yards of offense' and not 300+)

UNIFORM TRACKER

// YOTES RECORD WHEN WEARING...

|                                         |     |
|-----------------------------------------|-----|
| Red helmet / Red tops / White pants     | 0-0 |
| Red helmet / Red tops / Red pants       | 0-0 |
| White helmet / White tops / White pants | 0-0 |
| White helmet / White tops / Red pants   | 0-0 |
| Black helmet / Black tops / Black pants | 0-0 |

Uniform combos added to list as worn // game-by-game break down on p. 6

YOTE CAPTAINS

| Name            | Pos. | Year            |
|-----------------|------|-----------------|
| Aidan Bouman    | QB   | Redshirt Junior |
| Blake Holden    | DL   | Senior          |
| Dennis Shorter  | DB   | Senior          |
| Travis Theis    | RB   | Senior          |
| Carter Bell*    | WR   | Senior          |
| Joey Lombard*   | OL   | Senior          |
| Teven McKelvey* | DB   | Senior          |

\*alternate captains

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OFFENSE NOTES

// RUSHING ATTACK

Three of the top four rushers from 2023 return to the RB room in Vermillion for RB coach **Dante Warren**.

- **Travis Theis** returns for his sixth season of college football, leading the team in rushing yards a season ago.
- Theis sat fourth in the MVFC in 2023 with his 840 rushing yards (178 att.), and sixth with his 64.6 yards per game.
- **Charles Pierre Jr.** also returns as a potent option in 2024 after 476 yards (78 att.) and five TDs.

// IMPROVED PASSING ATTACK

USD returns QB **Aidan Bouman** and WR **Carter Bell** to an offense looking to continue making strides.

- The WR room returns both **Carter Bell** and **Jack Martens**, a duo who combine for 66 games played and nearly 3,000 combined receiving yards (2,738).

// INCREASED OFFENSIVE EFFICIENCY

The offense saw drastically improved numbers under offensive coordinator **Josh Davis** in his first season in Vermillion.

- Davis drastically improved the Yote passing attack, increasing it by 39.0 yards/game (163.3 ypg in 2022).
- USD sat at 202.1 passing yards per game which sat eighth in the MVFC.
- Davis has talked all Fall Camp about getting more explosive as an offense with many key pieces returning to the roster from the 10-3.

// OFFENSIVE LINE

The offensive line returns a three starters from last season to anchor the Yote OL: **Joe Cotton**, **Joey Lombard**, and **Bryce Henderson**.

- USD also adds Monmouth transfer in **Adrian Hawkins**, who's slated to start at RG Week 1.

DEFENSE NOTES

// LOADED UP FRONT

The Coyotes return four seniors to the defensive line in 2024, listed on the initial two-deep of the season.

- The group combines for 93 games played on the defensive line.
- Honorable Mention performer (2023) in **Nick Gaes** returns for the Yotes, while **Blake Holden** has been named one of the team's four captains.

// DYNAMIC DUO

The Coyote secondary duo of **JoJo Ganues** and **Dennis Shorter** return to hold down the middle of the field from their safety positions in both of their senior seasons.

- The duo was a key piece in a defense that sat top-20 in the FCS in opponent passing yards per game last season (18th)
- Both started their careers in the COVID year (2020) ... combining for 66 games played (51 starts) in an USD uniform.

// TOUGH DEFENSE IN THE DOME

The USD defense has been tough to score on in the Dome under Associate Head Coach/Defensive Coordinator **Travis Johansen**.

In his four full seasons (2020 excluded) leading the defense in Vermillion, he's allowed opponents to average just 21.8 points per game inside the Dome.

- Compared to the previous four seasons prior to his arrival, the Yotes allowed 25.2 points per game at home (2015-2018).
- Johansen's best season came in 2021 when the Yotes allowed just 15.3 points per game.
- Johansen's defenses have also had two shut outs, both coming at home (St. Thomas, 2023; Indiana State, 2019).

SOUTH DAKOTA IN OVERTIME

ALL-TIME OVERTIME RECORD: 9-6

OT at home: 4-3 | OT on the road: 5-3

1 OT: 3-4 | 2 OT: 5-2 | 3 OT: 0-0 | 4 OT: 1-0

| Date     | Opponent                 | OTs | Result   |
|----------|--------------------------|-----|----------|
| 9.28.96  | Northern Colorado        | 1   | W, 27-24 |
| 10.5.96  | at St. Cloud St. (Minn.) | 2   | W, 38-31 |
| 11.15.97 | North Dakota State       | 1   | L, 24-21 |
| 10.5.02  | North Dakota State       | 4   | W, 40-37 |
| 10.12.02 | Augustana (S.D.)         | 2   | W, 16-10 |
| 9.17.05  | at Colorado Mines        | 1   | W, 44-41 |
| 11.18.06 | at Northwood (Mich.)^    | 1   | W, 31-28 |
| 11.22.08 | North Dakota             | 1   | L, 34-31 |
| 10.10.09 | UC Davis                 | 1   | L, 24-23 |
| 10.17.09 | at Montana State         | 1   | L, 31-24 |
| 10.19.13 | at Northern Iowa         | 2   | W, 38-31 |
| 9.10.16  | Weber State (Utah)       | 2   | W, 52-49 |
| 9.17.16  | at North Dakota          | 2   | L, 47-44 |
| 10.15.16 | at Indiana State         | 2   | W, 33-30 |
| 11.3.18  | at Indiana State         | 2   | L, 51-48 |

^NCAA Division II Playoff game

AWARDS & HONORS

FRED MITCHELL AWARD

Outstanding Place-Kicker award  
Will Leyland, PK

REESE'S SENIOR BOWL WATCH LIST

JJ Galbreath, TE

EAST-WEST SHRINE BOWL WATCH LIST

Nick Gaes, DL  
JJ Galbreath, TE

PHIL STEELE PRESEASON ALL-AMERICA

FIRST TEAM

Will Leyland, PK

SECOND TEAM

JJ Galbreath, TE

FOURTH TEAM

Carter Bell, WR  
Joey Lombard, OL

STATS PERFORM PRESEASON ALL-AMERICA

SECOND TEAM

Will Leyland, PK

HONORABLE MENTION

Carter Bell, WR  
JJ Galbreath, TE

PRESEASON ALL-MVFC

FIRST TEAM

Carter Bell, WR  
JJ Galbreath, TE  
Nick Gaes, DL  
Dennis Shorter, DB  
Will Leyland, PK

SECOND TEAM

Travis Theis, RB  
Joe Cotton, OL  
Joey Lombard, OL  
Blake Holden, DL

HONORABLE MENTION

Aidan Bouman, QB  
Shahid Barros, DB

OFFENSIVE GAME-BY-GAME LEADERS

| Opponent       | Score | W/L | Pass Yds. | Rec. Yds. | Rush Yds. |
|----------------|-------|-----|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Northern St.   |       |     |           |           |           |
| Wisconsin      |       |     |           |           |           |
| Portland St.   |       |     |           |           |           |
| Drake          |       |     |           |           |           |
| Southern Ill.  |       |     |           |           |           |
| Murray St.     |       |     |           |           |           |
| UNI            |       |     |           |           |           |
| Youngstown St. |       |     |           |           |           |
| South Dak. St. |       |     |           |           |           |
| Indiana State  |       |     |           |           |           |
| North Dakota   |       |     |           |           |           |
| North Dak. St. |       |     |           |           |           |

DEFENSIVE GAME-BY-GAME LEADERS

| Opponent       | Score | W/L | Tackles | TFL | INT |
|----------------|-------|-----|---------|-----|-----|
| Northern St.   |       |     |         |     |     |
| Wisconsin      |       |     |         |     |     |
| Portland St.   |       |     |         |     |     |
| Drake          |       |     |         |     |     |
| Southern Ill.  |       |     |         |     |     |
| Murray St.     |       |     |         |     |     |
| UNI            |       |     |         |     |     |
| Youngstown St. |       |     |         |     |     |
| South Dak. St. |       |     |         |     |     |
| Indiana State  |       |     |         |     |     |
| North Dakota   |       |     |         |     |     |
| North Dak. St. |       |     |         |     |     |



NATIONAL RANKINGS

// STATS PERFORM FCS TOP-25 POLL  
(August 5, 2024)

| RK. | TEAM (First-Place Votes)       | RECORD      | PTS.         | PREV.     |
|-----|--------------------------------|-------------|--------------|-----------|
| 1.  | <b>South Dakota State (56)</b> | <b>15-0</b> | <b>1,396</b> | <b>1</b>  |
| 2.  | <b>North Dakota State (3)</b>  | <b>11-4</b> | <b>1,327</b> | <b>3</b>  |
| 3.  | Montana                        | 13-2        | 1,285        | 2         |
| 4.  | Montana State (1)              | 8-4         | 1,199        | 9         |
| 5.  | <b>South Dakota</b>            | <b>10-3</b> | <b>1,155</b> | <b>4</b>  |
| 6.  | Villanova                      | 10-3        | 1,151        | 6         |
| 7.  | Idaho                          | 9-4         | 1,021        | 8         |
| 8.  | Sacramento State               | 8-5         | 874          | 13        |
| 9.  | Chattanooga                    | 8-5         | 868          | 14        |
| 10. | <b>Southern Illinois</b>       | <b>8-5</b>  | <b>832</b>   | <b>12</b> |
| 11. | Central Arkansas               | 7-4         | 724          | NR        |
| 12. | Furman                         | 10-3        | 678          | 7         |
| 13. | Richmond                       | 9-4         | 625          | 15        |
| 14. | UIW                            | 8-2         | 605          | 22        |
| 15. | William & Mary                 | 6-5         | 546          | NR        |
| 16. | UAlbany                        | 11-4        | 527          | 5         |
| 17. | Lafayette                      | 9-3         | 359          | 21        |
| 18. | UC Davis                       | 7-4         | 351          | 24        |
| 19. | <b>Illinois State</b>          | <b>6-5</b>  | <b>350</b>   | <b>NR</b> |
| 20. | Western Carolina               | 7-4         | 318          | 23        |
| 21. | Tarleton State (Texas)         | 8-3         | 302          | NR        |
| 22. | Weber State                    | 6-5         | 268          | NR        |
| 23. | Nicholls                       | 6-5         | 201          | NR        |
| 24. | <b>North Dakota</b>            | <b>7-5</b>  | <b>197</b>   | <b>16</b> |
| 25. | <b>Youngstown State</b>        | <b>8-5</b>  | <b>177</b>   | <b>19</b> |

MVFC opponents bolded & italicized

// AFCA-COACHES' FCS TOP-25 POLL  
(August 12, 2024)

| RK. | TEAM (First-Place Votes)       | RECORD      | PTS.       | PREV.     |
|-----|--------------------------------|-------------|------------|-----------|
| 1.  | <b>South Dakota State (25)</b> | <b>15-0</b> | <b>649</b> | <b>1</b>  |
| 2.  | <b>North Dakota State</b>      | <b>11-4</b> | <b>614</b> | <b>3</b>  |
| 3.  | Montana                        | 13-2        | 576        | 2         |
| 4.  | Montana State                  | 8-4         | 518        | 8         |
| 5.  | <b>South Dakota</b>            | <b>10-3</b> | <b>512</b> | <b>t4</b> |
| 6.  | Villanova                      | 10-3        | 502        | 9         |
| 7.  | Idaho                          | 9-4         | 473        | t4        |
| 8.  | Chattanooga                    | 8-5         | 403        | 17        |
| 9.  | Furman                         | 10-3        | 392        | 6         |
| 10. | Sacramento State               | 8-5         | 382        | 15        |
| 11. | <b>Southern Illinois</b>       | <b>8-5</b>  | <b>370</b> | <b>13</b> |
| 12. | Richmond                       | 9-4         | 353        | 22        |
| 13. | Central Arkansas               | 7-4         | 339        | NR        |
| 14. | UAlbany                        | 11-4        | 275        | 7         |
| 15. | UIW                            | 9-2         | 259        | 14        |
| 16. | William & Mary                 | 6-5         | 196        | NR        |
| 17. | UC Davis                       | 7-4         | 164        | NR        |
| 18. | Lafayette                      | 9-3         | 157        | 19        |
| 19. | Western Carolina               | 7-4         | 144        | NR        |
| 20. | <b>Illinois State</b>          | <b>6-5</b>  | <b>143</b> | <b>NR</b> |
| 21. | Tarleton                       | 8-3         | 137        | NR        |
| 22. | <b>North Dakota</b>            | <b>7-5</b>  | <b>131</b> | <b>16</b> |
| 23. | <b>Youngstown State</b>        | <b>8-5</b>  | <b>97</b>  | <b>21</b> |
| 24. | Nicholls                       | 6-5         | 91         | NR        |
| 25. | Florida A&M                    | 12-1        | 71         | 10        |

MVFC opponents bolded & italicized

PLAYER NOTES

// RUNNING BACKS  
TRAVIS THEIS

- Returns to the roster for his sixth season of college football, all at USD and was picked as a Second Team All-MVFC preseason performer.
- He enters 2024 coming off a Second Team All-MVFC performer last season, running for 840 yards on 178 carries.
- The yardage mark sat fourth-best in the league.
- He sits fourth all-time in USD history in career carries (550) and fifth in career rushing yards (2,494).
- Both of those marks sit second in the Division I FCS era, behind Chris Ganius (2008-11).

// WIDE RECEIVERS  
CARTER BELL

- Three-time All-MVFC Honorable Mention.
- Bell could leave USD as the all-time leader in receptions, receiving yards, and receiving TDs - sitting top-5 in program history in all three categories entering the 2024 season.
- He enters 2024 with 140 receptions, 2,164 receiving yards, and 16 touchdowns in his career.
- Bell had a breakout season in 2023, notching career bests in receptions (52) and receiving yards (908).

JACK MARTENS

- After solidifying himself as a key target for Bouman in 2023 (third in both receptions and yards on the team), Martens returns for his junior season in 2024.
- In his 12 games played in last year, he had 28 receptions for 405 yards and brought down one touchdown catch.
- In his Coyote career, Martens has seen action in 24 games and has two career TD receptions and 574 career receiving yards.

// TIGHT ENDS  
JJ GALBREATH

- JJ Galbreath is set for a break out season, being named to both the Reese's Senior Bowl Watch List and the East-West Shrine Bowl Watch List.
- Named an Honorable Mention TE in the MVFC last year.
- He sat second on the team in both receptions (36) and receiving yards (579) - both behind Bell.

// DEFENSIVE BACKS  
DENNIS SHORTER

- Enters his fourth season at South Dakota and was named a team captain for the 2024 season.
- Started all 13 games in 2023, recorded 97 tackles and had one interception.
- Has played in 31 games in his USD career and

was named a 2024 team captain.

JOJO GANUES

- The Florida native has played in 35 career games as a Coyote and has notched 151 tackles from his safety spot.
- He picked up his first career interceptions (2) last season.
- He also recorded his first career sack (totaling 1.5 on the season) in 2023.
- Had a career-best three pass break-ups last season, doubling his total entering the season.

MIKE REID

- A transfer from Monmouth University (N.J.), a two-time All-CAA defensive back.
- Leaves Monmouth sitting fourth in program history with 27 pass break-ups in three full seasons with the Hawks (2021-23).
- Brings 31 starts and 33 games played at cornerback while at Monmouth, ready to make an immediate impact in the backend of the USD defense.
- The 2023 season saw him lead Monmouth with eight pass break-ups.

// DEFENSIVE LINE  
MI'QUISE GRACE

- 2023 Phil Steele Freshman All-American last season (2023).
- Set to be an everyday player on the edge for the Yotes.
- Played in all 13 games, earning one start.
- Finished third on the team in sacks (5.5) and tackles for loss (7.5) as a redshirt freshman in 2023.
- Recorded 3.5 of his sacks in the final three games of the season.

// KICKERS  
WILL LEYLAND

- Preseason First Team All-American by Phil Steele.
- Named to the Fred Mitchell Award Watch List heading into the 2024 campaign.
- Was a perfect 13-for-13 a season ago in field goals.
- Transfer from Temple University (Pa.).

MORE TO COME THROUGHOUT THE SEASON

// YOTES IN THE POLLS

| WEEK      | Coaches' | STAT  |
|-----------|----------|-------|
| '23 Final | No. 4t   | No. 4 |
| Pre       | No. 5    | No. 5 |
| Week 1    |          |       |
| Week 2    |          |       |
| Week 3    |          |       |
| Week 4    |          |       |
| Week 5    |          |       |
| Week 6    |          |       |
| Week 7    |          |       |
| Week 8    |          |       |
| Week 9    |          |       |
| Week 10   |          |       |
| Week 11   |          |       |
| Week 12   |          |       |

// USD UNIFORM GAME-BY-GAME

| Game                                              | Helmet | Jersey | Pants |
|---------------------------------------------------|--------|--------|-------|
| Northern St.                                      |        |        |       |
| @ Wisconsin                                       |        |        |       |
| @ Portland St.                                    |        |        |       |
| Drake                                             |        |        |       |
| Southern Illinois                                 |        |        |       |
| @ Murray St.                                      |        |        |       |
| Northern Iowa                                     |        |        |       |
| @ Youngstown St.                                  |        |        |       |
| @ South Dakota St.                                |        |        |       |
| Indiana State                                     |        |        |       |
| @ North Dakota                                    |        |        |       |
| North Dakota St.                                  |        |        |       |
| Note: see record in each uniform on p. 4 of notes |        |        |       |



QB AIDAN BOUMAN



Full Name: **Aidan Bouman**  
Year: **Redshirt Junior**  
Height: **6-5**  
Weight: **245**  
Hometown: **Buffalo, Minn.**  
Previous School: **Iowa State**  
High School: **Buffalo H.S.**  
Major: **Kinesiology & Sport Management**  
Parents: **Todd and Courtney Bouman**

// 300 PASSING YARD GAMES

Aidan Bouman (2)

| Date     | Opponent         | A-C   | Yds. | TD | W/L |
|----------|------------------|-------|------|----|-----|
| 10.14.23 | Youngstown State | 24-29 | 369  | 3  | W   |
| 11.11.23 | North Dakota     | 20-28 | 307  | 0  | W   |

// BOUMAN VS. NORTHERN ST.

| Season                           | C-A-I | Pct. | Yds. | TD | Avg. |
|----------------------------------|-------|------|------|----|------|
| NO GAMES PLAYED VS. NORTHERN ST. |       |      |      |    |      |

// 2024 GAME-BY-GAME

| Game             | C-A-I | Yds. | TD | Long | Pct. |
|------------------|-------|------|----|------|------|
| NORTHERN ST.     |       |      |    |      |      |
| Wisconsin        |       |      |    |      |      |
| Portland St.     |       |      |    |      |      |
| DRAKE            |       |      |    |      |      |
| SOUTHERN ILL.    |       |      |    |      |      |
| Murray State     |       |      |    |      |      |
| NORTHERN IOWA    |       |      |    |      |      |
| Youngstown St.   |       |      |    |      |      |
| South Dakota St. |       |      |    |      |      |
| INDIANA STATE    |       |      |    |      |      |
| North Dakota     |       |      |    |      |      |
| NORTH DAK. ST.   |       |      |    |      |      |

[HOME | Away]

// CAREER HIGHS

|                                |        |
|--------------------------------|--------|
| Completions.....               | 24     |
| vs. Youngstown St. (10.14.23)  |        |
| Attempts.....                  | 29     |
| vs. Youngstown St. (10.14.23)  |        |
| Passing Yards.....             | 369    |
| vs. Youngstown St. (10.14.23)  |        |
| TD Passes.....                 | 3 (x2) |
| vs. Youngstown St. (10.14.23)  |        |
| Long Pass.....                 | 75     |
| vs. Sacramento State (12.2.23) |        |

// AWARDS & HONORS

|                                    |  |
|------------------------------------|--|
| 2023                               |  |
| - MVFC Honor Roll Member           |  |
| 2022                               |  |
| - MVFC All-Newcomer Team           |  |
| - MVFC Newcomer of the Week (11.5) |  |
| - MVFC Honor Roll Member           |  |

// QB1 QUICK HITTERS

Bouman has been QB1 since October 2022, joining the squad for the 2022 season after spending his first two years at Iowa State University.

- He enters his third season on the USD roster.
- He has recorded a pair (2) 300+ yard passing games at USD.
- Bouman has played in 19 career games as a Yote, completing passes at a 65.0% clip entering the 2024 season.
- He threw for over 2,500 yards last season (2,551) with 15 touchdowns.
- His 2023 passing yard total sits fifth all-time in program history for a single-season.
- He had a career day last season against Youngstown State, setting career bests in completions, attempts, passing yards, touchdown passes, and longest completion.

// PRESEASON RECOGNITION

The Yote signal-caller has picked up a few different preseason honors heading into the 2024 season.

- Named an Honorable Mention All-MVFC preseason honoree.
- A Third Team All-MVFC preseason pick by Phil Steele.

// BOUMAN RETURNS AS COYOTE SIGNAL CALLER

Coyote QB Aidan Bouman enters his third season at USD, after throwing for 2,551 yards and 15 TDs last season.

- The 2,551 passing yards sits fifth-best in a single season in USD history.
- He holds an 11-6 record as the starting quarterback, throwing for nearly 3,500 in his Coyote career.

BOUMAN IN USD RECORD BOOK

PASSING YARDS

| YDS.      | PLAYER           | YEARS   |
|-----------|------------------|---------|
| 1. 8,936  | Noah Shepard     | 2006-09 |
| 2. 6,487  | Austin Simmons   | 2016-19 |
| 3. 6,240  | Wesley Beschomer | 2002-05 |
| 4. 6,081  | Chris Steveler   | 2016-17 |
| 5. 5,944  | Ryan Justice     | 1999-02 |
| 6. 4,759  | Jason Seurer     | 1989-92 |
| 7. 4,361  | Dante Warren     | 2008-11 |
| 8. 4,123  | Carson Camp      | 2020-22 |
| 9. 3,742  | Mark Jenkins     | 1972-75 |
| 10. 3,639 | Kevin Early      | 2012-14 |
| -- 3,443  | Aidan Bouman     | 2022-p. |

PASSING TOUCHDOWNS

| TD     | PLAYER            | YEARS   |
|--------|-------------------|---------|
| 1. 77  | Noah Shepard      | 2006-09 |
| 2. 64  | Wesley Beschorner | 2002-05 |
| 3. 54  | Chris Steveler    | 2016-17 |
| 4. 52  | Austin Simmons    | 2016-19 |
| 5. 36  | Ryan Justice      | 1999-02 |
| 6. 35  | Dante Warren      | 2008-11 |
| 7. 31  | Chris Miller      | 1994-97 |
| 8. 30  | Mark Jenkins      | 1972-75 |
| 9. 27  | Jason Seurer      | 1989-92 |
| 10. 24 | Jim Foster        | 1967-69 |
| 24     | Tom Engelman      | 1969-72 |
| 70.72  |                   |         |
| 24     | Carson Camp       | 2020-22 |
| -- 23  | Aidan Bouman      | 2022-p. |

Note: updated each week

| Year  | Games | Comp.-Att.-Int. | Yards | TDs | Long | Pct. | Avg./Pass | Avg./Game | RUSHING: Att. | Yds. | TDs | Long | Avg./Carry | Avg./Game |
|-------|-------|-----------------|-------|-----|------|------|-----------|-----------|---------------|------|-----|------|------------|-----------|
| 2022  | 6     | 80-132-1        | 892   | 8   | 55   | 61.0 | 11.2      | 148.7     | 17            | -69  | 2   | 7    | -4.1       | -11.5     |
| 2023  | 13    | 187-280-6       | 2,551 | 15  | 75   | 67.0 | 13.6      | 196.2     | 29            | -56  | 1   | 16   | -1.9       | -4.3      |
| 2024  | --    | -- -- --        | --    | --  | --   | --   | --        | --        | --            | --   | --  | --   | --         | --        |
| Total | 19    | 267-412-7       | 3,443 | 23  | 75   | 65.0 | 8.4       | 181.2     | 46            | -125 | 3   | 16   | -2.7       | -6.6      |

\*NOTE: Bouman spent two seasons at Iowa State (2020, 2021); he redshirted his initial collegiate season (2020) & was a squad member his second year (2021) with no stats.



WEEKLY DEPTH CHART

// OFFENSE

|      |    |                    |      |     |       |
|------|----|--------------------|------|-----|-------|
| QB   | 2  | Aidan Bouman       | 6-5  | 245 | Jr.   |
|      | 12 | Jarrett Synek      | 6-0  | 210 | Jr.   |
| RB   | 5  | Travis Theis       | 5-11 | 215 | Sr.   |
|      | 3  | Charles Pierre Jr. | 5-10 | 205 | So.   |
| WR   | 14 | Carter Bell        | 5-10 | 180 | Sr.   |
|      | 6  | Lorenzo Fenner     | 6-0  | 180 | R-Fr. |
| WR   | 4  | Quaron Adams       | 5-7  | 175 | So.   |
|      | 8  | Javion Phelps      | 6-4  | 200 | Jr.   |
| WR   | 15 | Jack Martens       | 5-11 | 190 | Jr.   |
|      | 1  | Tristan Michaud    | 6-6  | 215 | Jr.   |
| -or- | 10 | AJ Coons           | 6-4  | 220 | Sr.   |
| TE   | 82 | JJ Galbreath       | 6-4  | 240 | Sr.   |
|      | 89 | Zach Witte         | 6-6  | 260 | Jr.   |
| LT   | 71 | Joe Cotton         | 6-7  | 315 | So.   |
|      | 65 | Caden Ellingson    | 6-7  | 310 | Jr.   |
| LG   | 73 | Jordan Larsen      | 6-3  | 310 | So.   |
|      | 68 | Sam Kohls          | 6-4  | 325 | Jr.   |
| C    | 76 | Joey Lombard       | 6-5  | 305 | Sr.   |
|      | 64 | Ben Kohls          | 6-3  | 310 | Jr.   |
| RG   | 59 | Adrian Hawkins     | 6-6  | 300 | Jr.   |
|      | 57 | Josh Larsen        | 6-3  | 300 | So.   |
| RT   | 55 | Bryce Henderson    | 6-8  | 320 | Jr.   |
|      | 62 | Kaden Weatherby    | 6-6  | 315 | So.   |

// DEFENSE

|      |    |                   |      |     |       |
|------|----|-------------------|------|-----|-------|
| DE   | 54 | Nick Gaes         | 6-4  | 275 | Sr.   |
|      | 95 | Carter Hooper     | 6-5  | 265 | Jr.   |
| DT   | 52 | Mosai Newsom      | 6-5  | 320 | Sr.   |
|      | 50 | Chris Dixon       | 6-2  | 305 | So.   |
| DT   | 61 | Blake Holden      | 6-3  | 300 | Sr.   |
|      | 93 | Will Dunn         | 6-3  | 300 | Sr.   |
| RLB  | 90 | Mi'Quise Grace    | 6-4  | 255 | So.   |
|      | 8  | Nyle Dickel       | 6-3  | 245 | Jr.   |
| -or- | 41 | Jonathan Bunce    | 6-3  | 250 | Sr.   |
| SLB  | 3  | Teven McKelvey    | 6-1  | 215 | Sr.   |
|      | 11 | Austin Rosetta    | 6-2  | 225 | Jr.   |
| -or- | 13 | Matt Walsh        | 6-2  | 220 | Jr.   |
| MLB  | 10 | Gary Bryant III   | 6-1  | 230 | So.   |
|      | 49 | Wade Abrams       | 6-0  | 230 | So.   |
| WLB  | 0  | Nate Ewell        | 6-2  | 225 | Sr.   |
|      | 33 | Gabriel Hardman   | 5-10 | 220 | R-Fr. |
| LCB  | 21 | Mike Reid         | 6-2  | 200 | Sr.   |
|      | 12 | Caleb McKenzie    | 5-8  | 170 | So.   |
| -or- | 5  | Dominic Reaves    | 5-10 | 180 | So.   |
| S    | 6  | Josiah Ganues     | 5-11 | 180 | Sr.   |
|      | 20 | Clayton Denker    | 6-0  | 195 | Jr.   |
| -or- | 26 | Mikey Munn        | 6-1  | 185 | Fr.   |
| S    | 2  | Dennis Shorter    | 5-10 | 195 | Sr.   |
|      | 9  | Tim White         | 5-10 | 195 | Jr.   |
| RCB  | 1  | Roman Tillmon     | 6-0  | 185 | R-Fr. |
|      | 7  | Marqui Lowery Jr. | 6-0  | 180 | Jr.   |

// SPECIAL TEAMS

|    |    |                       |      |     |     |
|----|----|-----------------------|------|-----|-----|
| P  | 32 | Tyler Ebel            | 6-4  | 220 | So. |
| K  | 15 | Will Leyland          | 5-11 | 180 | Jr. |
| H  | 32 | Tyler Ebel            | 6-4  | 220 | So. |
| LS | 48 | Ian Wilsey            | 5-11 | 180 | Jr. |
| KR | 7  | Keyondray Jones-Logan | 5-7  | 175 | So. |
|    | 4  | Quaron Adams          | 5-7  | 175 | So. |
| PR | 14 | Carter Bell           | 5-10 | 180 | Sr. |

PRONUNCIATIONS

|    |                        |                         |
|----|------------------------|-------------------------|
| 0  | Nate <b>Ewell</b>      | Ee - <b>WILL</b>        |
| 1  | Tristan <b>Michaud</b> | mih - <b>SHOW</b>       |
| 4  | <b>Quaron</b> Adams    | KUH - <b>RON</b>        |
| 6  | Josiah <b>Gaunes</b>   | <b>GAY</b> - nus        |
| 15 | Will <b>Leyland</b>    | <b>LAY</b> - land       |
| 32 | Tyler <b>Ebel</b>      | <b>EE</b> - <b>BULL</b> |
| 33 | Gabriel Hardman        | goes by 'Gabe'          |
| 52 | <b>Mosai</b> Newsom    | Mo - <b>SIGH</b>        |
|    |                        | goes by 'Mo'            |
| 82 | JJ <b>Galbreath</b>    | <b>GAL</b> - breath     |
| 89 | Zach <b>Witte</b>      | <b>WIT</b> - <b>EE</b>  |
| 90 | Mi'Quise Grace         | my - <b>KEYS</b>        |

Projected starters in bold // subject to change



ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

| No. | Name                  | Pos.  |
|-----|-----------------------|-------|
| 49  | Wade Abrams           | LB    |
| 91  | Evan Adams            | DL    |
| 38  | Lincoln Adams         | LB    |
| 4   | Quaron Adams          | WR    |
| 75  | Jacon Arop            | OL    |
| 4   | Shahid Barros         | DB    |
| 14  | Carter Bell           | WR    |
| 43  | Eric Bell             | DB    |
| 79  | Dylan Birge           | OL    |
| 18  | Datwan Blackwood      | WR    |
| 2   | Aidan Bouman          | QB    |
| 17  | Troy Bunting          | WR    |
| 85  | Tysen Boze            | WR    |
| 60  | JT Brands             | DL    |
| 10  | Gary Bryant III       | LB    |
| 41  | Jonathan Bunce        | LB    |
| 16  | Beau Bush             | QB    |
| 72  | Grant Chapman         | OL    |
| 88  | Jake Cheeseman        | WR    |
| 34  | Jacob Clark           | LB    |
| 22  | Garrett Coon          | RB    |
| 10  | AJ Coons              | WR    |
| 71  | Joe Cotton            | OL    |
| 81  | Mason Cowgill         | TE    |
| 13  | Nevan Cremascoli      | QB    |
| 67  | Brendon Crispe        | OL    |
| 30  | Beckett DeJean        | DB    |
| 20  | Clayton Denker        | DB    |
| 8   | Nyle Dickel           | LB    |
| 50  | Chris Dixon           | DL    |
| 93  | Will Dunn             | DL    |
| 32  | Tyler Ebel            | P     |
| 94  | Okey Egbuziem         | DL    |
| 34  | Julius Ellens         | RB    |
| 65  | Caden Ellingson       | OL    |
| 46  | Hayden Erickson       | TE    |
| 0   | Nate Ewell            | LB    |
| 6   | Lorenzo Fenner        | WR    |
| 87  | Caden Frey            | TE    |
| 54  | Nick Gaes             | DL    |
| 82  | JJ Galbreath          | TE    |
| 6   | Josiah Ganues         | DB    |
| 90  | Mi'Quise Grace        | DL    |
| 35  | Tyler Green           | DB    |
| 96  | Jack Hagy             | TE    |
| 45  | Ford Hamilton         | K / P |
| 33  | Gabriel Hardman       | LB    |
| 77  | Sam Hawker            | OL    |
| 59  | Adrian Hawkins        | OL    |
| 37  | Crew Heier            | LB    |
| 55  | Bryce Henderson       | OL    |
| 44  | Lenard Hill           | LB    |
| 36  | Dreavin Hodge         | RB    |
| 61  | Blake Holden          | DL    |
| 35  | Sam Holloway          | K / P |
| 95  | Carter Hooper         | WR    |
| 0   | Andre Jacobs          | WR    |
| 7   | Keyondray Jones-Logan | RB    |
| 64  | Ben Kohls             | OL    |
| 68  | Sam Kohls             | OL    |
| 70  | Caleb Lange           | OL    |
| 73  | Jordan Larsen         | OL    |
| 57  | Josh Larsen           | OL    |
| 15  | Will Leyland          | K     |
| 98  | Tayeton Lohaus        | DL    |
| 76  | Joey Lombard          | OL    |
| 7   | Marqui Lowery Jr.     | DB    |
| 15  | Jack Martens          | WR    |
| 39  | Zeke Mata             | K     |
| 9   | Nick Mayfield         | QB    |
| 58  | Bradley McGannon      | DL    |
| 3   | Teven McKelvey        | DB    |
| 12  | Caleb McKenzie        | DB    |
| 86  | Tommy Meckna          | WR    |
| 1   | Tristan Michaud       | WR    |
| 83  | Jesse Miller          | TE    |
| 28  | QJ Moore Jr.          | LB    |
| 26  | Mikey Munn            | DB    |
| 31  | Mackenson Owens       | LB    |

2024 SOUTH DAKOTA NUMERICAL ROSTER

| No. | Student-Athlete       | Ltrs. | Pos. | HT   | WT  | YR   | Hometown (High School / Previous School)                        |
|-----|-----------------------|-------|------|------|-----|------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| 0   | Nate Ewell            |       | LB   | 6-2  | 225 | Sr.  | Waterloo, Iowa (West H.S. / Grand View University)              |
| 0   | Andre Jacobs          |       | WR   | 6-0  | 190 | #Fr. | Baltimore, Md. (St. Francis Academy H.S.)                       |
| 1   | Tristan Michaud       | *     | WR   | 6-6  | 215 | #Jr. | Quebec City, Quebec, Canada (Clarkson North H.S.)               |
| 1   | Roman Tillmon         | *     | DB   | 6-0  | 185 | #Fr. | Independence, Mo. (Fort Osage H.S.)                             |
| 2   | Aidan Bouman          | **    | QB   | 6-5  | 245 | #Jr. | Buffalo, Minn. (Buffalo H.S. / Iowa State University)           |
| 2   | Dennis Shorter        | ***   | DB   | 5-10 | 195 | Sr.  | Daytona Beach, Fla. (Flagler Palm Coast H.S. / Bethune-Cookman) |
| 3   | Teven McKelvey        | ***   | DB   | 6-1  | 215 | Sr.  | Gardner, Kan. (Gardner Edgerton H.S.)                           |
| 3   | Charles Pierre Jr.    | *     | RB   | 5-10 | 205 | #So. | Orlando, Fla. (Ocoee H.S.)                                      |
| 4   | Quaron Adams          |       | WR   | 5-7  | 175 | #So. | Phoenix, Ariz. (Chandler H.S.)                                  |
| 4   | Shahid Barros         | ***   | DB   | 6-1  | 195 | Jr.  | New Bedford, Mass. (New Bedford H.S.)                           |
| 5   | Dominic Reaves        | **    | DB   | 5-10 | 180 | #So. | Tampa, Fla. (Hillsborough H.S.)                                 |
| 5   | Travis Theis          | ****  | RB   | 5-11 | 215 | Sr.  | Pratt, Kan. (Pratt H.S.)                                        |
| 6   | Lorenzo Fenner        |       | WR   | 6-0  | 180 | #Fr. | Independence, Mo. (Fort Osage H.S.)                             |
| 6   | Josiah Ganues         | ***   | DB   | 5-11 | 180 | Sr.  | Miramar, Fla. (Miramar H.S.)                                    |
| 7   | Keyondray Jones-Logan | *     | RB   | 5-7  | 175 | So.  | Orlando, Fla. (Ocoee H.S.)                                      |
| 7   | Marqui Lowery Jr.     |       | DB   | 6-0  | 180 | #Jr. | Charlotte, N.C. (Zebulon Vance H.S. / Michigan State)           |
| 8   | Nyle Dickel           | **    | LB   | 6-3  | 245 | #Jr. | Minneapolis, Minn. (Washburn H.S.)                              |
| 8   | Javion Phelps         | **    | WR   | 6-4  | 200 | #Jr. | Orlando, Fla. (Boone H.S.)                                      |
| 9   | Nick Mayfield         |       | QB   | 6-2  | 180 | Fr.  | Chicago, Ill. (Eisenhower H.S.)                                 |
| 9   | Tim White             | *     | DB   | 5-10 | 195 | #Jr. | Miami Gardens, Fla. (Miramar H.S./Robert Morris)                |
| 10  | AJ Coons              |       | WR   | 6-4  | 220 | #Sr. | Solon, Iowa (Solon H.S. / Western Illinois)                     |
| 10  | Gary Bryant III       | **    | LB   | 6-1  | 230 | #So. | Baltimore, Md. (Good Counsel H.S.)                              |
| 11  | Jamal Streeter        |       | WR   | 6-0  | 185 | Fr.  | Port Charlotte, Fla. (Port Charlotte H.S.)                      |
| 11  | Austin Rosetta        | *     | LB   | 6-2  | 225 | #Jr. | Shawnee, Kan. (De Soto H.S.)                                    |
| 12  | Caleb McKenzie        | *     | DB   | 5-8  | 170 | #So. | Carver Ranches, Fla. (Miami Central H.S.)                       |
| 12  | Jarrett Synek         | *     | QB   | 6-0  | 210 | #Jr. | Hastings, Neb. (Hastings H.S.)                                  |
| 13  | Nevan Cremascoli      |       | QB   | 6-3  | 225 | #So. | Winnetka, Ill. (New Trier / Northern Illinois)                  |
| 13  | Matt Walsh            | **    | DB   | 6-2  | 220 | #Jr. | Evergreen Park, Ill. (Evergreen Park H.S.)                      |
| 14  | Carter Bell           | ****  | WR   | 5-11 | 180 | Sr.  | Bettendorf, Iowa (Bettendorf H.S.)                              |
| 14  | Dawson Sechser        |       | DB   | 6-0  | 185 | Fr.  | Sioux Falls, S.D. (Jefferson H.S.)                              |
| 15  | Will Leyland          | *     | K    | 5-11 | 180 | #Jr. | Souderton, Pa. (Souderton H.S.)                                 |
| 15  | Jack Martens          | ***   | WR   | 5-11 | 190 | #Jr. | Cumberland, Wis. (Cumberland H.S.)                              |
| 16  | Beau Bush             |       | QB   | 6-2  | 210 | #Fr. | Pella, Iowa (Pella H.S.)                                        |
| 16  | Keyon Turner          | *     | DB   | 5-10 | 180 | #Jr. | Chicago, Ill. (Marist H.S.)                                     |
| 17  | Troy Bunting          |       | WR   | 5-9  | 180 | #So. | Hudson, Wis. (Hudson H.S.)                                      |
| 18  | Datwan Blackwood      | **    | WR   | 6-0  | 195 | Sr.  | Fort Pierce, Fla. (St. Lucie West Centennial H.S.)              |
| 20  | Clayton Denker        | **    | DB   | 6-0  | 195 | #Jr. | Bellwood, Neb. (David City H.S.)                                |
| 21  | Mike Reid             |       | DB   | 6-2  | 200 | Sr.  | Owings Mills, Md. (Owings Mills H.S.)                           |
| 22  | Garrett Coon          |       | RB   | 6-0  | 195 | #Jr. | Sheridan, Wyo. (Sheridan H.S. / Montana State)                  |
| 23  | Curtis Thomas         |       | WR   | 5-8  | 160 | #Fr. | Cleveland, Ohio (Eastlake North H.S.)                           |
| 24  | L.J. Phillips Jr.     | *     | RB   | 5-9  | 220 | #Fr. | Wichita, Kan. (Northwest H.S.)                                  |
| 25  | RJ Stewart            |       | DB   | 6-0  | 175 | Fr.  | Acokeek, Md. (Georgetown Prep)                                  |
| 26  | Mikey Munn            |       | DB   | 6-1  | 185 | Fr.  | Windsor, Colo. (Windsor H.S.)                                   |
| 27  | Jahiem Williams       |       | DB   | 5-10 | 175 | Fr.  | Miramar, Fla. (Miramar H.S.)                                    |
| 28  | QJ Moore Jr.          |       | LB   | 6-1  | 225 | Fr.  | Lakeland, Fla. (Lake Gibson H.S.)                               |
| 30  | Beckett DeJean        |       | DB   | 6-1  | 190 | #Fr. | Odebolt, Iowa (OABCIG)                                          |
| 31  | Mackenson Owens       | *     | LB   | 6-0  | 220 | #So. | Aurora, Neb. (Aurora H.S.)                                      |
| 32  | Tyler Ebel            | *     | P    | 6-4  | 220 | So.  | DeForest, Wis. (DeForest H.S.)                                  |
| 33  | Gabriel Hardman       | *     | LB   | 5-10 | 220 | #Fr. | Miami, Fla. (Palmetto H.S.)                                     |
| 34  | Julius Ellens         |       | RB   | 5-11 | 215 | Fr.  | Glen Ellyn, Ill. (Glenbard West H.S.)                           |
| 34  | Jacob Clark           |       | LB   | 6-3  | 230 | Jr.  | Cinnaminson, N.J. (Myrtle Beach Prep / Glenville State)         |
| 35  | Tyler Green           |       | DB   | 6-0  | 170 | #Fr. | Atlanta, Ga. (Hillgrove H.S.)                                   |
| 35  | Sam Holloway          |       | P/K  | 6-3  | 170 | #Fr. | Adel, Iowa (ADM H.S.)                                           |
| 36  | Dreavin Hodge         |       | RB   | 6-0  | 190 | Fr.  | Sioux Falls, S.D. (Lincoln H.S.)                                |
| 37  | Crew Heier            |       | LB   | 6-4  | 230 | Fr.  | Hartford, S.D. (West Central H.S.)                              |
| 38  | Lincoln Adams         |       | LB   | 6-1  | 200 | Fr.  | Lake Zurich, Ill. (Lake Zurich H.S.)                            |
| 39  | Zeke Mata             | *     | K    | 5-11 | 190 | #Jr. | San Marcos, Calif. (Mission Hills H.S. / LSU)                   |
| 41  | Jonathan Bunce        |       | LB   | 6-3  | 250 | Sr.  | Edina, Minn. (Edina H.S. / St. Thomas (Minn.))                  |
| 42  | Reed Rus              |       | LB   | 6-4  | 230 | #Fr. | Mount Vernon, S.D. (Mount Vernon H.S.)                          |
| 43  | Eric Bell             |       | DB   | 5-10 | 200 | Fr.  | North Park, Fla. (Port Charlotte H.S.)                          |
| 44  | Lenard Hill           |       | LB   | 6-4  | 230 | #Fr. | Ocala, Fla. (Vanguard H.S.)                                     |
| 45  | Ford Hamilton         |       | K/P  | 6-3  | 195 | #Fr. | Omaha, Neb. (Creighton Prep H.S.)                               |
| 46  | Hayden Erickson       |       | TE   | 6-2  | 245 | #Jr. | Lehi, Utah (Lehi H.S. / Utah)                                   |
| 47  | Sam Parks             |       | K    | 5-8  | 150 | Fr.  | Wichita, Kan. (Maize South H.S.)                                |
| 48  | Ian Wilsey            |       | LS   | 5-11 | 180 | Jr.  | Mahtomedi, Minn. (Mahtomedi H.S. / Central Arkansas)            |
| 49  | Wade Abrams           |       | LB   | 6-0  | 230 | So.  | Fox River Grove, Ill. (Cary-Grove H.S. / Valporaiso)            |
| 50  | Chris Dixon           |       | DL   | 6-2  | 305 | #So. | Toronto, Ontario, Canada (St. Thomas More H.S. (Conn.))         |
| 51  | Beau Ryan             |       | LB   | 5-11 | 215 | Fr.  | Omaha, Neb. (Westside H.S.)                                     |
| 52  | Mosai Newsom          | *     | DL   | 6-5  | 320 | Sr.  | Waverly, Iowa (Waverly-Shell Rock H.S.)                         |
| 53  | Duncan Viscum         |       | LS   | 5-10 | 215 | Fr.  | Phoenix, Ariz. (Brophy Prep)                                    |
| 54  | Nick Gaes             | ***   | DL   | 6-4  | 275 | Sr.  | Alta, Iowa (Alta-Aurelia H.S.)                                  |
| 55  | Bryce Henderson       | **    | OL   | 6-8  | 320 | #Jr. | North Aurora, Ill. (Aurora Christian Schools)                   |
| 56  | Jack Rons             |       | OL   | 6-3  | 295 | #Fr. | Littleton, Colo. (Dakota Ridge H.S.)                            |
| 57  | Josh Larsen           |       | OL   | 6-3  | 300 | #So. | Harrisburg, S.D. (Harrisburg H.S.)                              |
| 58  | Bradley McGannon      |       | DL   | 6-4  | 285 | #Jr. | Yelm, Wash. (Yelm H.S. / University of Washington)              |
| 59  | Adrian Hawkins        |       | OL   | 6-6  | 300 | #Jr. | Baltimore, Md. (DeMatha Catholic H.S.)                          |
| 60  | JT Brands             |       | DL   | 6-1  | 270 | Fr.  | Oakland, Neb. (Oakland-Craig H.S.)                              |
| 61  | Blake Holden          | ***   | DL   | 6-3  | 300 | Sr.  | Watertown, S.D. (Watertown H.S.)                                |
| 62  | Kaden Weatherby       | *     | OL   | 6-6  | 315 | #So. | Aurora, Colo. (Eaglecrest H.S. / Texas Tech)                    |
| 64  | Ben Kohls             | **    | OL   | 6-3  | 310 | Jr.  | Sioux Falls, S.D. (Roosevelt H.S.)                              |
| 65  | Caden Ellingson       | *     | OL   | 6-7  | 310 | Jr.  | Tea, S.D. (Tea Area H.S.)                                       |
| 67  | Brendon Crispe        |       | OL   | 6-9  | 295 | Fr.  | Castle Pines, Colo. (Arapahoe H.S.)                             |
| 68  | Sam Kohls             | *     | OL   | 6-4  | 325 | Jr.  | Sioux Falls, S.D. (Roosevelt H.S.)                              |





## ROSTER BREAKDOWN

## // QUARTERBACKS

|           |    |                  |     |     |       |
|-----------|----|------------------|-----|-----|-------|
| <b>QB</b> | 2  | Aidan Bouman*    | 6-5 | 245 | Jr.   |
|           | 9  | Nick Mayfield    | 6-2 | 180 | Fr.   |
|           | 12 | Jarrett Synek    | 6-0 | 210 | Jr.   |
|           | 13 | Nevan Cremascoli | 6-3 | 225 | So.   |
|           | 16 | Beau Bush        | 6-2 | 210 | R-Fr. |

## // RUNNING BACKS

|           |    |                       |      |     |       |
|-----------|----|-----------------------|------|-----|-------|
| <b>RB</b> | 3  | Charles Pierre Jr.    | 5-10 | 105 | So.   |
|           | 5  | Travis Theis*         | 5-11 | 215 | Sr.   |
|           | 7  | Keyondray Jones-Logan | 5-7  | 175 | So.   |
|           | 22 | Gattett Coon          | 6-0  | 195 | Jr.   |
|           | 24 | L.J. Phillips Jr.     | 5-9  | 220 | R-Fr. |
|           | 25 | RJ Stewart            | 6-0  | 175 | Fr.   |
|           | 34 | Julius Ellens         | 5-11 | 215 | Fr.   |
|           | 36 | Dreavin Hodge         | 6-0  | 190 | Fr.   |

## // WIDE RECEIVERS

|           |    |                  |      |     |       |
|-----------|----|------------------|------|-----|-------|
| <b>WR</b> | 0  | Andre Jacobs     | 6-0  | 190 | R-Fr. |
|           | 1  | Tristan Michaud  | 6-6  | 215 | Jr.   |
|           | 4  | Quaron Adams*    | 5-7  | 175 | So.   |
|           | 8  | Javion Phelps    | 6-4  | 200 | Jr.   |
|           | 10 | AJ Coons         | 6-4  | 220 | Sr.   |
|           | 11 | Jamal Streeter   | 6-0  | 185 | Fr.   |
|           | 14 | Carter Bell*     | 5-11 | 180 | Sr.   |
|           | 15 | Jack Martens*    | 5-11 | 190 | Jr.   |
|           | 17 | Troy Bounting    | 5-9  | 180 | So.   |
|           | 18 | Datwan Blackwood | 6-0  | 195 | Sr.   |
|           | 23 | Curtis Thomas    | 5-8  | 160 | R-Fr. |
|           | 80 | Lorenzo Fenner   | 6-0  | 180 | R-Fr. |
|           | 85 | Tysen Boze       | 6-3  | 200 | So.   |
|           | 86 | Tommy Meckna     | 6-2  | 180 | Fr.   |
|           | 88 | Jake Cheeseman   | 6-0  | 190 | Jr.   |

## // TIGHT ENDS

|           |    |                 |     |     |       |
|-----------|----|-----------------|-----|-----|-------|
| <b>TE</b> | 46 | Hayden Erickson | 6-2 | 245 | Jr.   |
|           | 81 | Mason Cowgill   | 6-4 | 225 | Fr.   |
|           | 82 | JJ Galbreath*   | 6-4 | 240 | Sr.   |
|           | 83 | Jesse Miller    | 6-6 | 250 | R-Fr. |
|           | 84 | George Williams | 6-4 | 240 | R-Fr. |
|           | 87 | Caden Frey      | 6-6 | 235 | Fr.   |
|           | 89 | Zach Witte      | 6-6 | 260 | Jr.   |
|           | 96 | Jack Hagy       | 6-4 | 255 | Sr.   |

## // OFFENSIVE LINE

|           |    |                  |     |     |       |
|-----------|----|------------------|-----|-----|-------|
| <b>OL</b> | 55 | Bryce Henderson* | 6-8 | 320 | Jr.   |
|           | 56 | Jack Rons        | 6-3 | 295 | R-Fr. |
|           | 57 | Josh Larsen      | 6-6 | 300 | Jr.   |
|           | 59 | Adrian Hawkins*  | 6-6 | 300 | Jr.   |
|           | 62 | Kaden Weatherby  | 6-6 | 315 | So.   |
|           | 64 | Ben Kohls        | 6-3 | 310 | Jr.   |
|           | 65 | Caden Ellingson  | 6-7 | 310 | Jr.   |
|           | 67 | Brendon Crispe   | 6-9 | 295 | Fr.   |
|           | 68 | Sam Kohls        | 6-4 | 325 | Jr.   |
|           | 70 | Caleb Lange      | 6-5 | 300 | R-Fr. |
|           | 71 | Joe Cotton*      | 6-7 | 315 | So.   |
|           | 72 | Grant Chapman    | 6-5 | 305 | R-Fr. |
|           | 73 | Jordan Larsen*   | 6-3 | 310 | So.   |
|           | 75 | Jacob Arop       | 6-6 | 290 | Fr.   |
|           | 76 | Joey Lombard*    | 6-5 | 305 | Sr.   |
|           | 78 | Gerrit Poncius   | 6-7 | 295 | Jr.   |
|           | 79 | Dylan Birge      | 6-3 | 305 | R-Fr. |

## // DEFENSIVE LINE (DEs // DTs)

|           |    |                    |     |     |       |
|-----------|----|--------------------|-----|-----|-------|
| <b>DL</b> | 50 | Chris Dixon        | 6-2 | 305 | So.   |
|           | 52 | Mosai Newsom       | 6-5 | 320 | Sr.   |
|           | 54 | Nick Gaes          | 6-4 | 275 | Sr.   |
|           | 58 | Bradley McGannon   | 6-4 | 285 | Jr.   |
|           | 60 | JT Brands          | 6-1 | 270 | Fr.   |
|           | 90 | Mi'Quise Grace     | 6-4 | 255 | So.   |
|           | 91 | Evan Adams         | 6-4 | 245 | Fr.   |
|           | 93 | Will Dunn          | 6-3 | 300 | Sr.   |
|           | 94 | Okey Egbuziem      | 6-2 | 295 | Sr.   |
|           | 97 | AuVon Sager        | 6-5 | 255 | R-Fr. |
|           | 98 | Tayeton Lohaus     | 6-3 | 275 | R-Fr. |
|           | 99 | Marcus Simmons Jr. | 6-1 | 265 | So.   |

## // LINEBACKERS (ILBs // OLBs)

|           |    |                 |      |     |       |
|-----------|----|-----------------|------|-----|-------|
| <b>LB</b> | 0  | Nate Ewell      | 6-2  | 225 | Sr.   |
|           | 8  | Nyle Dickel     | 6-3  | 245 | Jr.   |
|           | 10 | Gary Bryant III | 6-1  | 230 | So.   |
|           | 11 | Austin Rosetta  | 6-2  | 225 | Jr.   |
|           | 28 | QJ Moore Jr.    | 6-1  | 225 | Fr.   |
|           | 31 | Mackenson Owens | 6-0  | 220 | So.   |
|           | 33 | Gabriel Hardman | 5-10 | 220 | Fr.   |
|           | 34 | Jacob Clark     | 6-3  | 170 | Jr.   |
|           | 37 | Crew Heier      | 6-4  | 230 | Fr.   |
|           | 38 | Lincoln Adams   | 6-1  | 200 | Fr.   |
|           | 41 | Jonathan Bunce  | 6-3  | 250 | Sr.   |
|           | 42 | Reed Rus        | 6-4  | 230 | R-Fr. |
|           | 44 | Lenard Hill     | 6-4  | 230 | R-Fr. |
|           | 49 | Wade Abrams     | 6-0  | 230 | So.   |
|           | 51 | Beau Ryan       | 5-11 | 215 | Fr.   |

## // DEFENSIVE BACKS (CBs // SAFs)

|           |    |                   |      |     |       |
|-----------|----|-------------------|------|-----|-------|
| <b>DB</b> | 1  | Roman Tillmon     | 6-0  | 185 | R-Fr. |
|           | 2  | Dennis Shorter    | 5-10 | 195 | Sr.   |
|           | 3  | Teven McKelvey    | 6-1  | 215 | Sr.   |
|           | 4  | Shahid Barros     | 6-1  | 195 | Jr.   |
|           | 5  | Dominic Reaves    | 5-10 | 180 | So.   |
|           | 6  | Josiah Ganues     | 5-11 | 180 | Sr.   |
|           | 7  | Marqui Lowery Jr. | 6-0  | 180 | Jr.   |
|           | 9  | Tim White         | 5-10 | 195 | Jr.   |
|           | 12 | Caleb McKenzie    | 5-8  | 170 | So.   |
|           | 13 | Matt Walsh        | 6-2  | 220 | Jr.   |
|           | 14 | Dawson Sechser    | 6-0  | 185 | Fr.   |
|           | 16 | Keyon Turner      | 5-10 | 180 | Jr.   |
|           | 20 | Clayton Denker    | 6-0  | 195 | Jr.   |
|           | 21 | Mike Reid         | 6-2  | 200 | Sr.   |
|           | 26 | Mikey Munn        | 6-1  | 185 | Fr.   |
|           | 27 | Jahiem Williams   | 5-10 | 175 | Fr.   |
|           | 30 | Beckett DeJean    | 6-1  | 190 | R-Fr. |
|           | 35 | Tyler Green       | 6-0  | 170 | R-Fr. |
|           | 43 | Eric Bell         | 5-10 | 200 | Fr.   |

## // SPECIALISTS

|            |    |               |      |     |       |
|------------|----|---------------|------|-----|-------|
| <b>K</b>   | 15 | Will Leyland  | 5-11 | 180 | Jr.   |
| <b>P</b>   | 32 | Tyler Ebel    | 6-4  | 220 | So.   |
| <b>K/P</b> | 35 | Sam Holloway  | 6-3  | 170 | R-Fr. |
| <b>K</b>   | 39 | Zeke Mata     | 5-11 | 190 | Jr.   |
| <b>K/P</b> | 45 | Ford Hamilton | 6-3  | 195 | R-Fr. |
| <b>K</b>   | 47 | Sam Parks     | 5-8  | 150 | Fr.   |
| <b>LS</b>  | 48 | Ian Wilsey    | 5-11 | 180 | Jr.   |
| <b>LS</b>  | 53 | Duncan Viscum | 5-10 | 215 | Fr.   |

\*listed as a starter Week 1 Two-Deep vs. Northern State



QUICK FACTS

// DAKOTADOME FAST FACTS

Built ..... 1979  
Capacity ..... 9,100  
Turf..... AstroTurf PureGrass (2024)

// YOTES IN THE DAKOTADOME

USD Record (All-Time)..... 173-82 (.678)  
USD Record (FCS era) .....52-31 (.627)  
USD Record (MVFC) .....47-77 (.379)  
USD under Nielson (2016-p.).....26-15 (.634)  
Winning Seasons ..... 20  
**Note:** information entering 2024 season

Home Wins (Season)..... 6 (x6)  
(^Regular Season only: 1985, '86, 2004-06, '11)  
Home Wins (Season)..... 7 (x2)  
(^ All-Time; playoffs included: 1985 & 1986)

// DOME BY THE NUMBERS

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Since it opened in 1979, the Coyotes have 11 wins over arch-rival South Dakota State inside the Dakotadome. In that span, USD is 11-13 (.458) vs. SDSU in the Dome.

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The Coyotes have played four NCAA Playoff games inside the Dakotadome, combining the NCAA Division II and Division I FCS eras. USD sits 2-2 in Playoff games inside the Dakotadome, including a 1-1 record in the FCS era (both in2023).

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USD is one of **seven** FCS football teams to play their home games in a dome. Joining USD is Idaho, Idaho State, Northern Arizona, North Dakota, North Dakota State, and Northern Iowa (UNI).  
[Syracuse & UTSA play in a dome in the FBS]

THE DAKOTADOME

One of the region's most recognizable, man-made landmarks, the DakotaDome has served as the cornerstone of Coyote athletics for decades. Originally constructed in 1979, the 9,100-seat facility was one of the first multi-purpose domes in the nation.

Today, it serves as home for Coyote football, indoor track and field, and swimming and diving. Basketball and volleyball competed in the Dome before the Sanford Coyote Sports Center came online in 2016.

The playing surface for football is AstroTurf PureGrass. A high-definition video board from Daktronics was installed ahead of the 2016 campaign. The Summer of 2024 saw a new turf installed in the Dome **[MORE INFORMATION BELOW]**.

In addition to Coyote athletic teams and events, the DakotaDome hosts many other events. The championship games of the state high school football playoffs take place annually inside the Dome. The DAKOTA Farm Show has called the Dome home for more than 30 years. The facility also hosts community youth events, including camps and high school track meets, and graduation ceremonies.

The DakotaDome amenities include Coyote Landing - a gathering arena on the northeast side of the facility. Similar spaces have been created on the northwest and southwest sides with the new renovation (2020). The Dome Club is a spectacular space featured behind the south wall where patrons can gather and oversee the action on the field.

// DAKOTADOME RENOVATIONS

South Dakota completed an 18-month, \$26 million renovation to the west side of the DakotaDome in the summer of 2020. This “first phase” featured two new entrances to the facility, bringing the total to four main entrances. It also included a new football locker room that covers more than 6,000 square feet and boasts 110 individual lockers.

The most noticeable improvement for fans are the installation of permanent seating throughout the west side, the addition of loge boxes and suites right above the sidelines, and a new modern concourse with an industrial kitchen. New lighting and sound system also enhance the game day experience.

The second phase of this renovation was completed in January of 2021. It focused primarily on the 400 level of the west side where football offices and meeting spaces were designed. It also saw the creation of a new equipment room and athletic training space on the 100 level.

In the summer of 2024, the DakotaDome had a playing surface revamp. Replacing the old ‘South Dakota’ wordmark with the Coyote, the new turf now features the iconic USD paw logo at midfield.

These improvements ultimately pave the way for others. Locker rooms and office spaces on the east side for coaches and support staff will be updated and reassigned. A modern concourse and fan amenities will also be installed on the east side.

// TEAM INFORMATION

2023 Overall Record .....10-3  
2023 MVFC Record (Finish) ..... 7-1 (2nd)  
Final FCS Coaches’ Rank .....No. 4t  
Final FCS STATS Perform Rank..... No. 4

// COACHING STAFF (season at USD)

Head Coach .....Bob Nielson (9th)  
Associate HC/Def. Coord..... Travis Johansen (5th)  
Offensive Coordinator .....Josh Davis (2nd)  
Running Backs..... Dante Warren (7th)  
Def. Pass Game Coord./DBs .....Miles Taylor (5th)  
Inside Linebackers..... Elijah Hodge (2nd)  
Offensive Line ..... Jeff Nady (2nd)  
Outside Linebackers..... Steve Ferentz (2nd)  
Defensive Line .....Nathan Nelson (1st)  
Wide Receivers ..... Matt Vitzthum (1st)  
Tight Ends .....Tim Morrison (1st)

// SUPPORT STAFF

Player Personnel/NFL..... Josh Rosenthal  
Director of Operations.....Connor Cheek  
Strength & Conditioning.....Clete McLeod  
..... Natalie Portwood  
Athletic Training.....Grant Rohrig  
..... Brooke Opdahl  
Communications ..... Steve Carlson  
Academic Advisors.....Colleen Evans  
..... Darin Hochstein

// DAKOTADOME TOP SEASON AVERAGES

| (since 2019) |       |        |            |           |
|--------------|-------|--------|------------|-----------|
|              | Avg.  | Season | Total Att. | # of gms. |
| 1.           | 7,096 | 2023   | 56,769     | 8 games*  |
| 2.           | 6,354 | 2022   | 31,772     | 5 games   |
| 3.           | 5,816 | 2021   | 34,898     | 6 games*  |
| 4.           | 5,038 | 2019   | 30,225     | 6 games   |

(2020 not counted due to COVID restrictions //  
\*includes home FCS Playoff game(s))

// 2023 DAKOTADOME ATTENDANCES

|    | Opp.       | Att.  | Date     |
|----|------------|-------|----------|
| 1. | SDSU       | 9,458 | Oct. 28  |
| 2. | NDSU*      | 9,141 | Dec. 9   |
| 3. | Murray St. | 7,907 | Oct. 7   |
| 4. | UND        | 6,834 | Nov. 11  |
| 5. | Sac. St.*  | 6,288 | Dec. 2   |
| 6. | UST        | 6,126 | Sept. 9  |
| 7. | Lamar      | 5,618 | Sept. 16 |
| 8. | YSU        | 5,397 | Oct. 14  |

The 2023 season saw two 9,000+ games, both games utilizing temporary seating. (\*Playoff)



HEAD COACH

BOB NIELSON  
NINTH SEASON • WARTBURG '82

**Bob Nielson** was introduced as the 30th head coach in the history of University of South Dakota football in December of 2015. It is the sixth head coaching stint for Nielson, who has enjoyed success at every level of college football. He is a three-time national coach of the year recipient, a two-time national champion head coach, and was Missouri Valley Football Conference Coach of the Year in 2015. The 2024 season mark the 32nd for Nielson as a head coach.

Nielson led the Coyotes to their first 10-win season for the first time since 1986 in 2023 with a 10-3 record and a second-place finish in the MVFC (7-1); marking a seven-game win improvement from 2022 (3-8). The season also saw the second-ever USD FCS Playoff win in program history over Sacramento State (34-14) on December 2, 2023.

Nielson has been labeled a builder throughout his career, and he has added to that legacy at USD. In just his second season with the Coyotes, Nielson led the program to a record eight wins at the Division I level and to the FCS playoffs for the first time. It marked the fifth consecutive program that has reached the playoffs within four years of Nielson taking the helm. The Coyotes won their FCS playoff debut in 2017 and reached the final 16.

South Dakota returned to the postseason in 2021. It was the program's sixth NCAA appearance and the Coyotes hosted a first-round game. That marked the first postseason game played inside the DakotaDome in 35 years and first at the FCS level. South Dakota finished 7-5 with a program-best 5-3 mark in Valley play, good for third place.

Nielson crossed yet another coaching milestone in 2018. The Coyotes' 31-24 win at Southern Illinois in their conference opener marked Nielson's 200th career win and he needed less than 300 games to get there. Nielson became the 91st college football coach to reach the plateau and starts 2023 as one of 12 active head coaches with 200 wins (one of three in all of FCS).

Prior to arriving in Vermillion, Nielson served as head coach at Western Illinois University for three seasons from 2013-15. He led the Leathernecks to a 7-6 record in 2015 and to the second round of the FCS playoffs. It was the first playoff appearance for the Leathernecks since 2010. While at Western, Nielson coached seven all-MVFC first-team selections including four in 2015.

Nielson is a native of Marion, Iowa, and received his bachelor's degree from Wartburg College in Waverly, Iowa, in 1982. He began his career as an offensive line coach at his alma mater before being promoted to defensive coordinator in 1987.

Nielson's first head coaching opportunity was at Ripon College. He was 2-6-1 in his first season and improved to 7-2 in year two. It was the first season the Red Hawks had posted more than four victories in eight years.

Nielson returned to Wartburg in 1991 to serve as head coach and athletic director of the Knights. In 1993, his third season, Wartburg won an Iowa Conference title, Nielson earned his first conference coach of the year award, and the Knights returned to the NCAA Division III playoffs for the first time in 11 years. In 1994, Wartburg recorded its first NCAA playoff victory.

Nielson transitioned to Wisconsin-Eau Claire ahead of the 1996 campaign. In just his third season with the Bugolds, he won the 1998 WIAC Championship and made a run all the way to the NCAA Division III national semifinals. He would go on to be named Football Gazette's NCAA Division III National Coach of the Year that season.

Nielson's Minnesota Duluth Dynasty began in 1999. In year three, Duluth made its first postseason appearance by competing in the Mineral Water Bowl. The following season, the Bulldogs won the 2002 Northern Sun Championship with a perfect 9-0 record and qualified for the NCAA Division II playoffs for the first time in school history.

Duluth was 38-19 in its first five years under Nielson, who turned in his whistle after the 2003 season to serve as the Bulldogs' athletic director. He remained the AD when he returned to coach the football team in 2008. That year, Duluth earned its first national championship with a 15-0 record. The Bulldogs duplicated the feat in 2010.

Nielson was 100-26 in 10 seasons at Duluth. In his second five-year stint, the program was 62-7 with five NCAA playoff appearances, five NSIC titles and two undefeated seasons. Nielson was named national coach of the year in both championship years and totaled three Northern Sun Coach of the Year awards.

Nielson and his wife, Terri, have two daughters, Amanda Taylor and Kasey Raveling, and a son, Kyle. He also has five grandchildren: Cash, Rowan, Finley Taylor, Corbin Raveling, and Collins Nielson. Nielson holds a master's degree from University of Northern Iowa, which he completed in 1988.

He served as Chair of the NCAA Football Rules Committee from 2015-17, and is a member of the University of Minnesota Duluth and Linn-Mar High School Athletic Hall of Fames.



THE NIELSON FILE

Hometown Marion, Iowa  
Spouse Terri  
Children (3) Amanda Taylor, Kasey Raveling, and Kyle  
Grandchildren (5) Cash, Rowan, Finley Taylor, Corban Raveling, Collins Nielson

EDUCATION

COACHING EXPERIENCE

| Years   | Position              | School           |
|---------|-----------------------|------------------|
| 1981-86 | Offensive Line Coach  | Wartburg         |
| 1987-88 | Defensive Coordinator | Wartburg         |
| 1989-90 | Head Coach            | Ripon            |
| 1991-95 | Head Coach            | Wartburg         |
| 1996-98 | Head Coach            | UW-Eau Claire    |
| 1999-03 | Head Coach            | Minn. Duluth     |
| 2008-12 | Head Coach            | Minn. Duluth     |
| 2013-15 | Head Coach            | Western Illinois |
| 2016-p. | Head Coach            | South Dakota     |

HEAD COACHING RECORDS

|                  |               |
|------------------|---------------|
| Ripon            | 9-8-1 (.500)  |
| Wartburg         | 39-14 (.736)  |
| UW-Eau Claire    | 22-11 (.667)  |
| Minnesota Duluth | 100-26 (.794) |
| Western Illinois | 16-21 (.432)  |
| South Dakota     | 42-45 (.482)  |

(See year-by-year on p. 14 of notes)

COACHING AWARDS/HONORS

2x NCAA Division II National Champion  
(University of Minnesota Duluth)  
Wartburg College (Iowa) Hall of Fame member  
Linn-Mar High School (Iowa) Hall of Fame member

NIELSON FAST FACTS

- Nielson serves on the NCAA Division FCS Oversight Committee.
- A two-time NCAA Division II national champion at Minnesota-Duluth, where he won 100 games at nearly an 80% clip.
- He sits in a three-way tie for 54th in the all-time head coaching wins within college football with 228 wins (tied with Steve Ryan, Morningside (NAIA) & Steve Spurrier).
- It's a select club with only 101 members in the history of college football (dating back to 1869).
- He sits fifth in USD history in career games coached (87) and victories (42). See tables to the right.

Notes & records entering the 2024 season.

// MOST CAREER VICTORIES (at USD)

|                               |    |
|-------------------------------|----|
| Harry Gamage (1934-42, 46-55) | 82 |
| Dave Triplett (1979-88)       | 70 |
| Ed Meierkort (2004-11)        | 54 |
| Joe Salem (1966-74)           | 51 |
| Bob Nielson (2016-pres.)      | 42 |

// MOST CAREER GAMES COACHED (at USD)

|                               |     |
|-------------------------------|-----|
| Harry Gamage (1934-41, 56-55) | 156 |
| Dave Triplett (1979-88)       | 115 |
| Joe Salam (1966-74)           | 92  |
| Ed Meierkort (2004-11)        | 89  |
| Bob Nielson (2016-pres.)      | 87  |

Totals entering the 2024 season.



NIELSON RECORD VS. OPPONENTS

// ALL-TIME DI OPPONENTS

| Opponent                   | Record       |
|----------------------------|--------------|
| Bowling Green              | 1-0          |
| Cal Poly                   | 2-0          |
| Coastal Carolina           | 0-1          |
| Dayton                     | 1-0          |
| Drake                      | 2-0          |
| Eastern Illinois           | 1-0          |
| Houston Baptist            | 0-1          |
| Illinois                   | 0-1          |
| <b>Illinois State</b>      | <b>2-7</b>   |
| <b>Indiana State</b>       | <b>8-1</b>   |
| Kansas                     | 0-1          |
| Kansas State               | 0-2          |
| Lamar                      | 1-0          |
| Minnesota                  | 0-1          |
| Missouri                   | 0-1          |
| <b>Missouri State</b>      | <b>3-3</b>   |
| Montana                    | 0-2          |
| <b>Murray State</b>        | <b>1-0</b>   |
| New Mexico                 | 0-1          |
| Nicholls State             | 1-0          |
| <b>North Dakota</b>        | <b>3-3</b>   |
| <b>North Dakota State</b>  | <b>1-9</b>   |
| Northern Arizona           | 1-0          |
| Northern Colorado          | 2-0          |
| <b>Northern Iowa (UNI)</b> | <b>3-6</b>   |
| Northwestern               | 0-1          |
| Oklahoma                   | 0-1          |
| Sacramento State           | 1-0          |
| Sam Houston (State)        | 0-1          |
| South Dakota               | 3-0          |
| <b>South Dakota State</b>  | <b>3-7</b>   |
| <b>Southern Illinois</b>   | <b>4-5</b>   |
| St. Thomas                 | 1-0          |
| UNLV                       | 0-1          |
| Valpo                      | 1-0          |
| Weber State                | 1-1          |
| Western Illinois           | 4-2          |
| Wisconsin                  | 0-1          |
| <b>Youngstown State</b>    | <b>4-5</b>   |
| <b>ALL-TIME</b>            | <b>58-66</b> |

**Note:** FBS teams in italics; Coastal Carolina & Sam Houston (State) were FCS teams at the time the games were played, thus not italicized.  
- MVFC opponents **BOLDED**

// VS. 2024 OPPONENTS (AT USD)

| Opponent              | Record |
|-----------------------|--------|
| Drake                 | 1-0    |
| Indiana State         | 5-1    |
| Murray State          | 1-0    |
| <i>Northern State</i> | 0-0    |
| North Dakota          | 3-3    |
| North Dakota State    | 2-6    |
| Northern Iowa (UNI)   | 2-4    |
| <i>Portland State</i> | 0-0    |
| South Dakota State    | 2-5    |
| Southern Illinois     | 4-3    |
| Wisconsin             | 0-0    |
| Youngstown State      | 3-4    |

**Note:** Non-MVFC games italicized, includes 2020-21 season & FCS Playoff games

NIELSON YEAR-BY-YEAR

| Year                                                          | School           | Overall | Conf. | Finish | Postseason/Notes                            |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|---------|-------|--------|---------------------------------------------|
| 1989                                                          | Ripon            | 2-6-1   | 1-5   | 4th*   |                                             |
| 1990                                                          | Ripon            | 7-2     | 4-2   | T2nd*  |                                             |
| 1991                                                          | Wartburg         | 6-4     | ---   | ---    |                                             |
| 1992                                                          | Wartburg         | 5-5     | ---   | ---    |                                             |
| 1993                                                          | Wartburg         | 9-2     | ---   | ---    | IIAC Title, NCAA DIII Playoffs              |
| 1994                                                          | Wartburg         | 10-2    | ---   | ---    | NCAA DIII Quarterfinals                     |
| 1995                                                          | Wartburg         | 9-1     | ---   | ---    |                                             |
| 1996                                                          | UW-Eau Claire    | 5-5     | 3-4   | 5th    |                                             |
| 1997                                                          | UW-Eau Claire    | 7-3     | 4-3   | 4th    |                                             |
| 1998                                                          | UW-Eau Claire    | 10-3    | 5-2   | T1st   | WIAC Title, NCAA DIII Playoffs              |
| 1999                                                          | Minnesota Duluth | 3-8     | ---   | ---    |                                             |
| 2000                                                          | Minnesota Duluth | 7-4     | ---   | ---    |                                             |
| 2001                                                          | Minnesota Duluth | 9-3     | ---   | ---    |                                             |
| 2002                                                          | Minnesota Duluth | 11-1    | 9-0   | 1st    | NSIC Title, NCAA DII Playoffs               |
| 2003                                                          | Minnesota Duluth | 8-3     | 6-2   | N/A    |                                             |
| [Served as Minnesota Duluth's AD from 2004-07; did not coach] |                  |         |       |        |                                             |
| 2008                                                          | Minnesota Duluth | 15-0    | 10-0  | 1st    | NSIC Title, <b>NCAA DII National Champs</b> |
| 2009                                                          | Minnesota Duluth | 11-2    | 10-0  | 1st    | NSIC Title, NCAA DII Quarterfinals          |
| 2010                                                          | Minnesota Duluth | 15-0    | 10-0  | 1st    | NSIC Title, <b>NCAA DII National Champs</b> |
| 2011                                                          | Minnesota Duluth | 11-3    | 8-2   | 1st^   | NSIC Title; NCAA DII Quarterfinals          |
| 2012                                                          | Minnesota Duluth | 10-2    | 10-1  | 1st^   | NSIC Title, NCAA DII Playoffs               |
| 2013                                                          | Western Illinois | 4-8     | 2-6   | N/A    |                                             |
| 2014                                                          | Western Illinois | 5-7     | 3-5   | T7th   |                                             |
| 2015                                                          | Western Illinois | 7-6     | 5-3   | T3rd   | NCAA FCS Playoffs                           |
| 2016                                                          | South Dakota     | 4-7     | 3-5   | T6th   |                                             |
| 2017                                                          | South Dakota     | 8-5     | 4-4   | T5th   | NCAA FCS Playoffs                           |
| 2018                                                          | South Dakota     | 4-7     | 3-5   | T6th   |                                             |
| 2019                                                          | South Dakota     | 5-7     | 4-4   | 6th    |                                             |
| 2020                                                          | South Dakota     | 1-3     | ---   | ---    | <i>Covid-shortened season</i>               |
| 2021                                                          | South Dakota     | 7-5     | 5-3   | T3rd   | NCAA FCS Playoffs                           |
| 2022                                                          | South Dakota     | 3-8     | 2-6   | 9th    |                                             |
| 2023                                                          | South Dakota     | 10-3    | 7-1   | 2nd    | NCAA FCS Playoffs                           |

**TOTAL Six schools 228-125-1 (.644) in 31 seasons as Head Coach**

\* indicates finish in the Midwest Conference (MWC) North Division

^ indicates a NSIC North Division Title





## USD COACHING STAFF

**TRAVIS JOHANSEN**

ASSOCIATE HEAD COACH &  
DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR • 5th season

- Has produced 10 defensive guys to the NFL at USD and 16 in his coaching career.
- Coached 2023 MVFC Defensive POY **Brock Mogensen**.
- Spent six seasons at Grand View University (Iowa) (NAIA), making six NAIA Playoff appearances and winning the 2013 NAIA national title.
- Class of 2021 inductee to Concordia University, St. Paul Hall of Fame.

**MILES TAYLOR**

ASST. COACH & DEF. PASS GAME COORD.  
(DEFENSIVE BACKS)

FOURTH SEASON

Alma Mater: University of Iowa (2017)

**STEVE FERENTZ**

ASSISTANT COACH (OUTSIDE LINEBACKERS)  
SECOND SEASON

Alma Mater: University of Iowa (2017)

**ELIJAH HODGE**

ASSISTANT COACH (INSIDE LINEBACKERS)  
SECOND SEASON

Alma Mater: University of Wisconsin (2009)

**NATHAN NELSON**

ASSISTANT COACH (DEFENSIVE LINE)  
FIRST SEASON

Alma Mater: University of Iowa (2021)

**JOSH DAVIS**

OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR &  
QUARTERBACKS • 2nd season

- Came to USD as the OC in January 2023, off the 2022 FCS national title with the school in Brookings, where he served as the pass game coordinator and WR coach.
- Led Northwestern College (Iowa) (NAIA) to a combined 51-10 record in six seasons as the Offensive Coordinator.
- Led the Red Raiders to the 2021 national title game & coached the NAIA Player of the Year in QB Tyson Kooima.

**DANTE WARREN**

ASSISTANT COACH (RUNNING BACKS)  
SEVENTH SEASON

Alma Mater: South Dakota ('17, played '08-11)

**JEFF NADY**

ASSISTANT COACH (OFFENSIVE LINE)  
SECOND SEASON

Alma Mater: University of Nevada (2012)

**TIM MORRISON**

ASSISTANT COACH (TIGHT ENDS)  
FIRST SEASON

Alma Mater: Wartburg College (1999)

**MATT VITZTHUM**

ASSISTANT COACH (WIDE RECEIVERS)  
FIRST SEASON

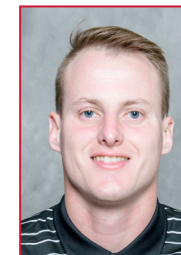
Alma Mater: Wartburg College (2009)

## USD SUPPORT STAFF

**JOSH ROSENTHAL**

DIRECTOR OF PLAYER PERSONNEL &  
NFL LIAISON  
THIRD SEASON

Alma Mater: Concordia Univ., St. Paul (2011)

**CONNOR CHEEK**

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS  
FIRST SEASON

Alma Mater: Kansas State University (2023)



SELECT USD SEASON RECORDS (ALL-TIME)

// RUSHING YARDS

|     | YDS   | PLAYER         | SEASON |
|-----|-------|----------------|--------|
| 1.  | 1,961 | Amos Allen     | 2007   |
| 2.  | 1,796 | Jamal White    | 1999   |
| 3.  | 1,751 | Stefan Logan   | 2005   |
| 4.  | 1,707 | Stefan Logan   | 2006   |
| 5.  | 1,345 | Stefan Logan   | 2004   |
| 6.  | 1,327 | Steve Pelot    | 1970   |
| 7.  | 1,162 | Chul Schwanke  | 1985   |
| 8.  | 1,155 | Stefan Logan   | 2004   |
| 9.  | 1,059 | James Hambrick | 1986   |
| 10. | 1,034 | Dusty Stamer   | 2000   |

// RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS

|     | TD | PLAYER       | SEASON |
|-----|----|--------------|--------|
| 1.  | 20 | Steve Pelot  | 1970   |
| 2.  | 19 | Jamal White  | 1999   |
| 3.  | 17 | Scott Jones  | 1986   |
| 4.  | 16 | Carl Johnson | 1954   |
| 5.  | 15 | Amos Allen   | 2007   |
| 6.  | 14 | Scott Jones  | 1985   |
| 7.  | 13 | Booker Vann  | 1972   |
|     | 13 | Noah Shepard | 2008   |
|     | 13 | Noah Shepard | 1009   |
| 10. | 11 | Four Tied    | ----   |

// PASSING YARDS

|     | YDS   | PLAYER            | SEASON |
|-----|-------|-------------------|--------|
| 1.  | 4,134 | Chris Streveler   | 2017   |
| 2.  | 3,124 | Austin Simmons    | 2018   |
| 3.  | 3,049 | Wesley Beschorner | 2005   |
| 4.  | 2,953 | Austin Simmons    | 2019   |
| 5.  | 2,551 | Aidan Bouman      | 2023   |
| 6.  | 2,547 | Noah Shepard      | 2007   |
| 7.  | 2,451 | Noah Shepard      | 2009   |
| 8.  | 2,252 | Carson Camp       | 2021   |
| 9.  | 2,137 | Dante Warren      | 2010   |
| 10. | 2,000 | Noah Shepard      | 2008   |

// PASSING TOUCHDOWNS

|     | TD | PLAYER            | SEASON |
|-----|----|-------------------|--------|
| 1.  | 39 | Wesley Beschorner | 2005   |
| 2.  | 32 | Chris Streveler   | 2017   |
| 3.  | 27 | Austin Simmons    | 2019   |
| 4.  | 22 | Chris Streveler   | 2016   |
| 5.  | 21 | Noah Shepard      | 2007   |
|     | 21 | Noah Shepard      | 2008   |
| 7.  | 20 | Noah Shepard      | 2006   |
| 8.  | 18 | Dante Warren      | 2010   |
|     | 18 | Austin Simmons    | 2018   |
| 10. | 17 | Wes Beschorner    | 2004   |
|     | 17 | Carson Camp       | 2021   |

// RECEIVING YARDS

|     | YDS   | PLAYER            | SEASON |
|-----|-------|-------------------|--------|
| 1.  | 1,215 | Derek Gearman     | 2005   |
| 2.  | 1,086 | Rod Tweet         | 1984   |
| 3.  | 933   | Will Powell       | 2010   |
| 4.  | 908   | Bell Carter       | 2023   |
| 5.  | 880   | Dan Skelly        | 2008   |
| 6.  | 869   | Rod Tweet         | 1983   |
| 7.  | 806   | Brandt Van Roekel | 2017   |
| 8.  | 803   | Brooks Little     | 2005   |
| 9.  | 775   | Brooks Little     | 2007   |
| 10. | 766   | Shamar Jackson    | 2017   |

// RECEIVING TOUCHDOWNS

|    | TD | PLAYER          | SEASON |
|----|----|-----------------|--------|
| 1. | 14 | Derek Gearman   | 2005   |
| 2. | 10 | Rod Tweet       | 1985   |
|    | 10 | Will Powell     | 2010   |
| 3. | 9  | Desmond Allison | 2008   |
|    | 9  | Dan Kelly       | 2008   |

// TACKLES

|     | TKL | PLAYER          | SEASON |
|-----|-----|-----------------|--------|
| 1.  | 153 | Doug VanderEsch | 1987   |
| 2.  | 145 | Craig Austin    | 1980   |
| 3.  | 143 | Ben Long        | 1978   |
| 4.  | 141 | Doug VanderEsch | 1988   |
|     | 141 | Tim Seevers     | 1990   |
| 6.  | 132 | Tim Seevers     | 1989   |
| 7.  | 123 | Brett Neumamm   | 1982   |
| 8.  | 122 | Craig Austin    | 1981   |
| 9.  | 115 | Stephen Hillis  | 2022   |
| 10. | 114 | Tim Seevers     | 1991   |

// INTERCEPTIONS

|    | INT | PLAYER         | SEASON |
|----|-----|----------------|--------|
| 1. | 11  | Bob Gruber     | 1979   |
| 2. | 8   | Russel Burwell | 2000   |
| 3. | 7   | John Sanders   | 1971   |
|    | 7   | Bill Moats     | 1978   |
|    | 7   | Todd Salat     | 1986   |
|    | 7   | Steve Adams    | 1988   |
| 7. | 6   | Bill Moats     | 1976   |
|    | 6   | Mike Slaton    | 1983   |
|    | 6   | Tim Byred      | 1986   |
|    | 6   | Matt Madson    | 1994   |
|    | 6   | Roy Triplett   | 2000   |

// SACKS

|     | SK   | PLAYER            | SEASON |
|-----|------|-------------------|--------|
| 1.  | 18.5 | A.J. Schable      | 2005   |
| 2.  | 14.0 | Tyler Starr       | 2011   |
| 3.  | 11.0 | Doug Nielsen      | 1988   |
| 4.  | 9.5  | Chad Burtch       | 1993   |
|     | 9.5  | Tim Schellhammer  | 2004   |
|     | 9.5  | Brendan Webb      | 2023   |
| 7.  | 9.0  | Tyler Starr       | 2013   |
|     | 9.0  | Andrew Van Ginkel | 2015   |
|     | 9.0  | Daerin Greenfield | 2017   |
| 10. | 8.0  | Steve Glienke     | 1985   |
|     | 8.0  | T Platenburg      | 1996   |
|     | 8.0  | Doug Borchers     | 1997   |
|     | 8.0  | Josh Stamer       | 1999   |

CAREER RECORD WATCH

// RUSHING YARDS

|    | YDS   | PLAYER        | YEARS      |
|----|-------|---------------|------------|
| 1. | 5,958 | Stefan Logan  | 2003-06    |
| 2. | 3,427 | Chul Schwanke | 1982-85    |
| 3. | 2,871 | Chris Ganious | 2008-11    |
| 4. | 2,513 | Jared Schwenn | 1994-97    |
| 5. | 2,494 | Travis Theis  | 2019-pres. |

// RUSHING ATTEMPTS

|    | ATT | PLAYER        | YEARS      |
|----|-----|---------------|------------|
| 1. | 808 | Stefan Logan  | 2003-06    |
| 2. | 565 | Chris Ganious | 2008-11    |
| 3. | 551 | Emmett Huston | 1978-81    |
| 4. | 550 | Travis Theis  | 2019-pres. |
| 5. | 532 | Trevor Bouma  | 2013-16    |

// RECEIVING YARDS

|    | YDS   | PLAYER          | YEARS      |
|----|-------|-----------------|------------|
| 1. | 2,557 | Rod Tweet       | 1983-85    |
| 2. | 2,521 | Will Powell     | 2009-12    |
| 3. | 2,386 | Brooks Little   | 2004-07    |
| 4. | 2,279 | Chris Mikkelsen | 2001-04    |
| 5. | 2,164 | Carter Bell     | 2019-pres. |

// RECEIVING TOUCHDOWNS

|    | TD | PLAYER                  | YEARS   |
|----|----|-------------------------|---------|
| 1. | 21 | Will Powell             | 2009-12 |
| 2. | 19 | Dan Skelly              | 2005-09 |
| 3. | 18 | Derek Gearman           | 2003-05 |
| 4. | 17 | Brandt Van Roekel       | 2014-17 |
| 5. | 16 | Six Coyotes...          | ----    |
|    |    | (including Carter Bell) |         |

// RECEPTIONS

|    | REC | PLAYER          | YEARS      |
|----|-----|-----------------|------------|
| 1. | 165 | Brooks Little   | 2004-07    |
| 2. | 158 | Will Powell     | 2009-12    |
| 3. | 150 | Chris Mikkelsen | 2001-04    |
| 4. | 140 | Rod Tweet       | 1983-85    |
|    | 140 | Carter Bell     | 2019-pres. |

CLOSING IN ON PROGRAM'S TOP-10 LISTS

- **RUSHING TD:** Theis sits with 21 rushing TDs, one away from cracking the top-10.
- **PASSING YARDS:** Bouman sits with 3,443 passing yards, needing 196 yards to crack the top-10.
- **PASSING TOUCHDOWNS:** Bouman sits with 23 passing TDs, needing one to enter the top-10.



## MVFC STANDINGS (2023 FINAL)

| School                 | MVFC       | OVR         |
|------------------------|------------|-------------|
| 1. South Dakota State  | 8-0        | 15-0        |
| 2. <b>South Dakota</b> | <b>7-1</b> | <b>10-3</b> |
| 3. North Dakota State  | 5-3        | 11-4        |
| 4. Youngstown State    | 5-3        | 8-5         |
| 5. North Dakota        | 5-3        | 7-5         |
| 6. Northern Iowa       | 5-3        | 6-5         |
| 7. Southern Illinois   | 4-4        | 8-5         |
| 8. Illinois State      | 4-4        | 6-5         |
| 9. Missouri State      | 3-5        | 4-7         |
| 10. Murray State       | 1-7        | 2-9         |
| 11. Indiana State      | 1-7        | 1-10        |
| 12. Western Illinois   | 0-8        | 0-11        |

## THIS WEEK IN THE MVFC

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 29

Murray State @ Missouri, 7:00 PM  
 Youngstown State @ Villanova, 6:00 PM  
 Northern State @ South Dakota, 7:00 PM  
 North Dakota State @ Colorado, 7:00 PM

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 31

Southern Illinois @ BYU, 7:00 PM  
 Valpo @ Northern Iowa, 4:00 PM  
 South Dakota State @ Oklahoma State, 1:00 PM  
 Indiana State @ Purdue, 12:00 PM  
 North Dakota @ Iowa State, 2:30 PM  
 Illinois State @ Iowa, 11:00 AM  
 Missouri State @ Montana, 8:00 PM

## LAST WEEK IN THE MVFC

COMING NEXT WEEK...

## MVFC PRESEASON POLL

| Rk. | School (first-place votes) | Pts.       |
|-----|----------------------------|------------|
| 1.  | South Dakota State (42)    | 482        |
| 2.  | North Dakota State (1)     | 437        |
| 3.  | <b>South Dakota</b>        | <b>371</b> |
| 4.  | Southern Illinois          | 293        |
| 5.  | North Dakota               | 276        |
| 6.  | Illinois State             | 264        |
| 7.  | Youngstown State           | 255        |
| 8.  | Northern Iowa              | 227        |
| 9.  | Missouri State (1)         | 164        |
| 10. | Indiana State              | 68         |
| 11. | Murray State               | 67         |



## // OPPONENT SCHEDULES/RESULTS (All times listed local to school)



**NORTHERN STATE**  
 0-0, 0-0 NSIC  
 Aug. 29 • 7:00 PM

| Date     | Opponent              | Time/Result |
|----------|-----------------------|-------------|
| Aug. 29  | @ South Dakota        | 7:00 PM     |
| Sept. 7  | Sioux Falls*          | 6:00 PM     |
| Sept. 14 | @ Minot State*        | 2:00 PM     |
| Sept. 21 | @ Augustana*          | 1:00 PM     |
| Sept. 28 | Winona State*         | 6:00 PM     |
| Oct. 5   | Bemidji State*        | 2:30 PM     |
| Oct. 12  | @ Minnesota Duluth*   | 12:00 PM    |
| Oct. 19  | SW Minn. State*       | 6:00 PM     |
| Oct. 26  | @ Concorida-St. Paul* | 12:00 PM    |
| Nov. 2   | Minnesota State*      | 2:00 PM     |
| Nov. 9   | @ Wayne State*        | 12:00 PM    |



**WISCONSIN**  
 0-0, 0-0 BIG TEN  
 Sept. 7 • 2:30 PM

| Date     | Opponent            | Time/Result    |
|----------|---------------------|----------------|
| Aug. 31  | Western Michigan    | 8:00 PM        |
| Sept. 7  | <b>South Dakota</b> | <b>2:30 PM</b> |
| Sept. 14 | Alabama             | 11:00 AM       |
| Sept. 28 | @ USC*              | TBA            |
| Oct. 5   | Purdue*             | TBA            |
| Oct. 12  | @ Rutgers*          | TBA            |
| Oct. 19  | @ Northwestern*     | TBA            |
| Oct. 26  | Penn State*         | TBA            |
| Nov. 2   | @ Iowa*             | TBA            |
| Nov. 16  | Oregon*             | TBA            |
| Nov. 23  | @ Nebraska*         | TBA            |
| Nov. 30  | Minnesota*          | 11:00 AM       |



**PORTLAND STATE**  
 0-0, 0-0 BIG SKY  
 Sept. 14 • 3:00 PM (CT)

| Date     | Opponent            | Time/Result    |
|----------|---------------------|----------------|
| Aug. 31  | @ Washington State* | 12:00 PM       |
| Sept. 7  | @ Weber State*      | 5:00 PM        |
| Sept. 14 | <b>South Dakota</b> | <b>1:00 PM</b> |
| Sept. 21 | @ Boise State       | 6:45 PM        |
| Sept. 28 | @ Chattanooga       | 3:00 PM        |
| Oct. 5   | UC Davis*           | 1:00 PM        |
| Oct. 12  | @ Idaho State*      | 3:00 PM        |
| Oct. 19  | Montana State*      | 1:00 PM        |
| Nov. 2   | @ Sacramento State* | 6:00 PM        |
| Nov. 9   | Idaho*              | 1:00 PM        |
| Nov. 16  | @ Montana*          | 12:00 PM       |
| Nov. 23  | Northern Colorado*  | 1:00 PM        |



**DRAKE**  
 0-0, 0-0 PIONEER  
 Sept. 21 • TBA

| Date     | Opponent              | Time/Result    |
|----------|-----------------------|----------------|
| Aug. 29  | Quincy                | 6:30 PM        |
| Sept. 7  | @ Eastern Washington  | 6:00 PM        |
| Sept. 21 | @ <b>South Dakota</b> | <b>1:00 PM</b> |
| Sept. 28 | San Diego*            | 12:00 PM       |
| Oct. 5   | @ Valpo*              | 12:00 PM       |
| Oct. 12  | Butler*               | 1:00 PM        |
| Oct. 19  | @ Presbyterian*       | 12:00 PM       |
| Nov. 2   | Marist*               | 1:00 PM        |
| Nov. 9   | @ St. Thomas*         | 1:00 PM        |
| Nov. 16  | Morehead State*       | 1:00 PM        |
| Nov. 23  | @ Stetson*            | 12:00 PM       |



**SOUTHERN ILLINOIS SALUKIS**  
 0-0, 0-0 MVFC  
 Sept. 28 • 1:00 PM

| Date     | Opponent               | Time/Result    |
|----------|------------------------|----------------|
| Aug. 31  | @ BYU                  | 7:00 PM        |
| Sept. 7  | @ Austin Peay          | 6:00 PM        |
| Sept. 14 | Incarnate Word         | 6:00 PM        |
| Sept. 21 | Southeast Missouri St. | 6:00 PM        |
| Sept. 28 | @ <b>South Dakota</b>  | <b>1:00 PM</b> |
| Oct. 5   | Illinois State*        | 6:00 PM        |
| Oct. 12  | North Dakota State*    | 2:00 PM        |
| Oct. 26  | @ Indiana State*       | TBA            |
| Nov. 2   | @ Missouri State       | TBA            |
| Nov. 9   | Youngstown State*      | 12:00 PM       |
| Nov. 16  | @ South Dakota State*  | 2:00 PM        |
| Nov. 23  | Murray State*          | 12:00 PM       |



**MURRAY STATE**  
 0-0, 0-0 MVFC  
 Oct. 5 • 1:00 PM

| Date     | Opponent                 | Time/Result    |
|----------|--------------------------|----------------|
| Aug. 29  | @ Missouri               | 7:00 PM        |
| Sept. 7  | Butler                   | 6:00 PM        |
| Sept. 14 | Mississippi Valley State | 6:00 PM        |
| Sept. 28 | @ North Dakota*          | 1:00 PM        |
| Oct. 5   | <b>South Dakota*</b>     | <b>2:00 PM</b> |
| Oct. 12  | @ Indiana State*         | 12:00 PM       |
| Oct. 19  | Illinois State*          | 2:00 PM        |
| Oct. 26  | North Dakota State*      | 1:00 PM        |
| Nov. 2   | @ South Dakota State*    | 2:00 PM        |
| Nov. 9   | Missouri State*          | 1:00 PM        |
| Nov. 16  | @ Kentucky               | 12:30 PM       |
| Nov. 23  | @ Southern Illinois*     | 12:00 PM       |



**NORTHERN IOWA**  
 0-0, 0-0 MVFC  
 Oct. 12 • 2:00 PM

| Date     | Opponent               | Time/Result    |
|----------|------------------------|----------------|
| Aug. 31  | Valpo                  | 4:00 PM        |
| Sept. 7  | @ St. Thomas           | 1:00 PM        |
| Sept. 14 | @ Nebraska             | 6:30 PM        |
| Sept. 21 | @ Hawai'i              | 11:00 PM       |
| Oct. 5   | South Dakota State*    | 4:00 PM        |
| Oct. 12  | @ <b>South Dakota*</b> | <b>2:00 PM</b> |
| Oct. 19  | @ North Dakota*        | 1:00 PM        |
| Oct. 26  | Missouri State*        | 4:00 PM        |
| Nov. 2   | @ North Dakota State*  | 2:30 PM        |
| Nov. 9   | Illinois State*        | 1:00 PM        |
| Nov. 16  | @ Youngstown State*    | 11:00 AM       |
| Nov. 23  | Indiana State*         | 1:00 PM        |



**YOUNGSTOWN STATE**  
 0-0, 0-0 MVFC  
 Oct. 19 • 6:00 PM

| Date     | Opponent              | Time/Result    |
|----------|-----------------------|----------------|
| Aug. 29  | @ Villanova           | 6:00 PM        |
| Sept. 7  | Valpo                 | 2:00 PM        |
| Sept. 14 | Duquesne              | 2:00 PM        |
| Sept. 21 | @ Pittsburgh          | 3:30 PM        |
| Sept. 28 | @ Missouri State*     | 3:00 PM        |
| Oct. 5   | Indiana State*        | 2:00 PM        |
| Oct. 12  | @ South Dakota State* | 3:00 PM        |
| Oct. 19  | <b>South Dakota*</b>  | <b>6:00 PM</b> |
| Oct. 26  | North Dakota*         | 6:00 PM        |
| Nov. 2   | @ Illinois State*     | 3:00 PM        |
| Nov. 9   | @ Southern Illinois*  | 1:00 PM        |
| Nov. 16  | Northern Iowa*        | 12:00 PM       |



**SOUTH DAKOTA STATE**  
 0-0, 0-0 MVFC  
 Oct. 26 • 2:00 PM

| Date     | Opponent              | Time/Result |
|----------|-----------------------|-------------|
| Aug. 31  | @ Oklahoma State      | 1:00 PM     |
| Sept. 7  | Incarnate Word        | 6:00 PM     |
| Sept. 14 | Augustana             | 6:00 PM     |
| Sept. 21 | @ Southeastern (La.)  | 6:00 PM     |
| Oct. 5   | @ Northern Iowa*      | 4:00 PM     |
| Oct. 12  | Youngstown State*     | 2:00 PM     |
| Oct. 19  | @ North Dakota State* | TBA         |
| Oct. 26  | <b>South Dakota*</b>  | <b>TBA</b>  |
| Nov. 2   | Murray State*         | 2:00 PM     |
| Nov. 9   | @ North Dakota*       | 1:00 PM     |
| Nov. 16  | Southern Illinois*    | 2:00 PM     |
| Nov. 23  | @ Missouri State*     | 2:00 PM     |



**INDIANA STATE**  
 0-0, 0-0 MVFC  
 Nov. 9 • 2:00 PM

| Date     | Opponent               | Time/Result    |
|----------|------------------------|----------------|
| Aug. 31  | @ Purdue               | 12:00 PM       |
| Sept. 7  | @ Eastern Illinois     | 7:00 PM        |
| Sept. 14 | Dayton                 | 6:00 PM        |
| Sept. 28 | Houston Christian      | 1:00 PM        |
| Oct. 5   | @ Youngstown State*    | 2:00 PM        |
| Oct. 12  | Murray State*          | 1:00 PM        |
| Oct. 19  | @ Missouri State*      | 3:00 PM        |
| Oct. 26  | Southern Illinois*     | 1:00 PM        |
| Nov. 2   | North Dakota*          | 1:00 PM        |
| Nov. 9   | @ <b>South Dakota*</b> | <b>2:00 PM</b> |
| Nov. 16  | Illinois State*        | 1:00 PM        |
| Nov. 23  | @ Northern Iowa*       | 2:00 PM        |



**NORTH DAKOTA**  
 0-0, 0-0 MVFC  
 Nov. 16 • 12:00 PM

| Date     | Opponent              | Time/Result     |
|----------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Aug. 31  | @ Iowa State          | 2:30 PM         |
| Sept. 7  | Montana               | 6:00 PM         |
| Sept. 14 | Idaho State           | 1:00 PM         |
| Sept. 21 | San Diego             | 1:00 PM         |
| Sept. 28 | Murray State*         | 1:00 PM         |
| Oct. 5   | @ North Dakota State* | 2:30 PM         |
| Oct. 19  | Northern Iowa*        | 1:00 PM         |
| Oct. 26  | @ Youngstown State*   | 5:00 PM         |
| Nov. 2   | @ Indiana State*      | 12:00 PM        |
| Nov. 9   | South Dakota State*   | 1:00 PM         |
| Nov. 16  | <b>South Dakota*</b>  | <b>12:00 PM</b> |
| Nov. 23  | @ Illinois State*     | 12:00 PM        |



**NORTH DAKOTA STATE**  
 0-0, 0-0 MVFC  
 Nov. 23 • 1:00 PM

| Date     | Opponent               | Time/Result    |
|----------|------------------------|----------------|
| Aug. 29  | @ Colorado             | 7:00 PM        |
| Sept. 7  | Tennessee State        | 2:30 PM        |
| Sept. 14 | @ East Tennessee State | 4:30 PM        |
| Sept. 21 | Towson                 | 1:00 PM        |
| Sept. 28 | @ Illinois State*      | 2:00 PM        |
| Oct. 5   | North Dakota*          | 2:30 PM        |
| Oct. 12  | @ Southern Illinois*   | 2:00 PM        |
| Oct. 19  | South Dakota State*    | TBA            |
| Oct. 26  | @ Murray State*        | 1:00 PM        |
| Nov. 2   | Northern Iowa*         | 2:30 PM        |
| Nov. 16  | Missouri State*        | 2:30 PM        |
| Nov. 23  | @ <b>South Dakota*</b> | <b>1:00 PM</b> |

## // 2024 PRESEASON ALL-MVFC TEAMS (FIRST TEAM LISTED)

## OFFENSE

| POS | NAME                | SCHOOL     |
|-----|---------------------|------------|
| QB  | Mark Gronowski      | SDSU       |
| RB  | Mason King          | ILL. ST.   |
| RB  | Tyson King          | YSU        |
| FB  | Hunter Brozio       | NDSU       |
| WR  | <b>Carter Bell</b>  | <b>USD</b> |
| WR  | Bo Belquist         | UND        |
| WR  | Dan Sobkowicz       | ILL. ST.   |
| TE  | <b>JJ Galbreath</b> | <b>USD</b> |
| OL  | Gus Miller          | SDSU       |
| OL  | Jared Penning       | UNI        |
| OL  | Jaison Williams     | YSU        |
| OL  | Grey Zabel          | NDSU       |
| OL  | Hunter Zambrano     | ILL. ST.   |

## DEFENSE

| POS | NAME                  | SCHOOL     |
|-----|-----------------------|------------|
| DL  | Jarod DePriest        | SDSU       |
| DL  | <b>Nick Gaes</b>      | <b>USD</b> |
| DL  | Dylan Hendricks       | NDSU       |
| DL  | Eli Mostaert          | NDSU       |
| LB  | Amir Abdullah         | ILL. ST.   |
| LB  | Adam Bock             | SDSU       |
| LB  | Logan Kopp            | NDSU       |
| LB  | Garret Ollendieck     | IND. ST.   |
| DB  | Dalys Beenum          | SDSU       |
| DB  | Maddix Blackwell      | IND. ST.   |
| DB  | Tucker Large          | SDSU       |
| DB  | <b>Dennis Shorter</b> | <b>USD</b> |
| DB  | Cole Wisniewski       | NDSU       |

## SPECIAL TEAMS

| POS | NAME                | SCHOOL     |
|-----|---------------------|------------|
| LS  | Hunter Brozio       | NDSU       |
| PK  | <b>Will Leyland</b> | <b>USD</b> |
| P   | Grant Burkett       | MO. ST.    |
| RS  | <b>Carter Bell</b>  | <b>USD</b> |
| AP  | Amar Johnson        | SDSU       |