



SOUTH DAKOTA COYOTE FOOTBALL

4 FCS PLAYOFF APPEARANCES (2017, 2021, 2023, 2024) • 3 MVFC PLAYERS OF THE YEAR • 20 FIRST TEAM ALL-MVFC SELECTIONS

GAME 4

2025 SCHEDULE

1-2, 0-0 MVFC		
Date	(Rk) Opponent	Time/Result
Aug. 30	at Iowa State	L, 55-7
Sept. 6	at Lamar	L, 20-13
Sept. 13	NORTHERN COLORADO	W, 24-17 (OT)
Sept. 20	DRAKE	1:00 PM
Sept. 27	at North Dakota State *	1:00 PM
Oct. 4	MURRAY STATE *^	2:00 PM
Oct. 11	at Indiana State *	12:00 PM
Oct. 18	at Northern Iowa *	1:00 PM
Oct. 25	ILLINOIS STATE *	1:00 PM
Nov. 1	NORTH DAKOTA *	1:00 PM
Nov. 8	SOUTH DAKOTA STATE *	TBA
Nov. 15	at Southern Illinois *	12:00 PM

BOLD CAPS - Home game (DakotaDome) // * - MVFC game

// ^ Dakota Days (Homecoming) // # - OT game

All times listed in Central (CT) // Rankings are AFCA poll

SERIES HISTORY

Overall:	Drake leads, 11-9
In Vermillion:	USD leads, 7-5
Last Meeting:	USD won 42-3 [Sept. 21, 2024]

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SOCIAL MEDIA

X (Twitter):	@SDCoyotesFB
Instagram:	@sdcoyotesfb
Facebook:	/SDCoyotesFootball
Hashtags:	#GoYotes x #WeAreSouthDakota

2025 USD FB MEDIA GUIDE

The 2025 season features a newly launched media guide that has been revamped from the last published edition (2023 season).

The new media guide features multiple new additions never seen before in previous guides.

Scan the QR code to view the 2025 Media Guide:



LET'S GO YOTES!

#15 SOUTH DAKOTA COYOTES

VS

DRAKE BULLDOGS



1-2, 0-0 MVFC
Head Coach: Travis Johansen (1st season)
Record at USD: 1-2 (.333)
Career Record: Same
Record vs. Drake: First Meeting



1-1, 0-0 Pioneer
Head Coach: Joe Woodley (1st season)
Record at Drake: 1-1 (.500)
Career Record: 73-6 (7th season)
Record vs. South Dakota: 0-0

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 • 1:00 PM • VERMILLION, S.D. • THE DAKOTADOME (9,100) • ESPN+/Midco Sports

THE OPENING DRIVE

» **FIRST DOWN:** For the second-straight season South Dakota welcomes the Drake Bulldogs to the DakotaDome with a 1 p.m. kickoff on ESPN+ and Midco Sports with **Jay Elsen** and **Andre Fields** on the call.

» **SECOND DOWN:** The Drake game *FAMILY WEEKEND* at the DakotaDome with the game sponsored by **Midco**. Fans are encouraged to **wear black!**

» **THIRD DOWN:** The Coyote defense has only allowed two touchdowns in nine opponent trips to the red zone against FCS opponents this season. The Yotes didn't allow a TD in the red zone against UNC in five trips, forcing three field goals and had two goal line stands at the 1-yard line.

» **FOURTH DOWN:** South Dakota has **four** teams on the schedule in 2025 that earned berths to the 2024 FCS Playoffs, plus the FBS opponent (Iowa State) that played in the Big 12 Championship game.

ON THE AIR

TV: ESPN+ / Midco Sports
Play-by-play: Jay Elsen
Analyst: Andre Fields
Sideline: None



RADIO: Coyote Sports Network
(Varsity Network App | KVHT 106.3 FM)
Play-by-play: John Thayer
Analyst: Gary Culver
Sideline: Daniel Ver Steeg

KEY STORYLINES

- » South Dakota and Drake meet for the 21st time in program history on Saturday and nearly one year to the day of last year's meeting (Sept. 21, 2024).
- » Wearing black helmets this Saturday, USD is undefeated in the DakotaDome when wearing black helmets (3-0) [see p. 4].
- » South Dakota is 11-12 all-time against current Pioneer League football teams, the only winning record vs. St. Thomas (2-0).
- » **NATIONAL RECOGNITION:** The breakout performance for **L.J. Phillips Jr.** (35 carries, 301 yards, 2 TD) landed him STATS Perform National FCS Offensive Player of the Week accolades. Phillips Jr. was also tabbed the **MVFC Offensive Player of the Week**.
- » The Coyotes opened the home slate last weekend against Northern Colorado, prevailing in overtime, 24-17, for their first overtime game inside the DakotaDome since 2016.
- » The Yotes enter the weekend with an nine-game home winning streak dating back to last season.
- » Drake is one of the four teams on the USD schedule this season to earn a berth to the FCS Playoffs last season.
- » Phillips Jr. sits second all-time in program history for most rushing yards in a game and became the fifth MVFC rusher to have 300+ yards in a game.
- » **Aidan Bouman** holds a 23-10 record as the starting quarterback at South Dakota [more on p. 10].
- » Bouman has thrown a touchdown pass now in all three games this season.
- » The OL has been dominant this season, surrendering just one sack in three games, which **leads the FCS** (0.33 sacks/game).
- » **BIG SKY-MVFC CHALLENGE:** With the win over UNC last week, the MVFC secured the ninth-straight Big Sky-MVFC Challenge victory, leading the series 4-1 [more on p. 22].
- » **HC Travis Johansen** picked up his first win as head coach last week against Northern Colorado in overtime.

A WIN WOULD...

- » Be better than a loss.
- » Be back-to-back wins to move the Yotes to .500 on the season.
- » Be the 6th-straight win against Drake (improve to 10-11) and would set a new best for either team in the series win-streak wise.
- » Be the fifth-straight win over the Bulldogs in Vermillion.
- » Move the football program to 582-566-35 all-time.

GAME PRESENTED BY:



WE ARE SOUTH DAKOTA

The University of South Dakota (USD) is a public research institution located 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 - 27 years before South Dakota became a state.

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.

Please use the abbreviation: **USD**

We are **NOT** South Dakota State or the University of San Diego.
We are **South Dakota**.

SOUTH DAKOTA QUICK FACTS

UNIVERSITY

Location.....Vermillion, S.D.
Founded.....1862
Enrollment.....10,619 (Fall 2024)
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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**Entering Drake game, NAIA + DI combined*



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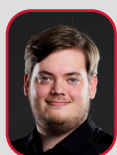
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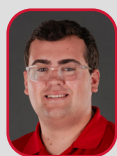
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MEDIA INFORMATION

// USD ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS

» The University of South Dakota athletic communications office is here to serve the media's needs in their coverage of the USD football program.

» Assistant AD for Communications **Steve Carlson** handles the day-to-day communications duties of the program, including for head coach **Travis Johansen**.

» For any questions or special requests about the program and Johansen, please email Carlson <steven.r.carlson@usd.edu>

// WEEKLY MEDIA AVAILABILITY

» Head coach **Travis Johansen** will be available for a weekly press conference on **Tuesdays at 10 a.m. (CT)** via Zoom.

» An email will be sent out to the media distribution list with a recurring Zoom link that will go throughout football season. *Please email Carlson if you would like a link to the Zoom link.*

» Media members are allowed to attend the weekly press conference in-person upon informing Assistant AD for Communications **Steve Carlson** beforehand.

» Coordinators and assistant coaches have no weekly availability scheduled [see note below in "Interview Policy" for more information].

» Weekly, on Mondays, HC **Travis Johansen** will appear on the weekly coaches' show with the voice of the Coyotes, **John Thayer** at 6 p.m. live from Old Lumber Company in downtown Vermillion.



// INTERVIEW POLICY

» **At no times may a member of the media directly reach out to Johansen, other coaching staff members, or current student-athletes - at any time, for any reason.**

» *^Continued violations of this may result in the revoking of credentials and interviews.*

» The USD Athletic Communication office requests at least 24 hour notice of interview requests with coaching staff members (including Johansen) and student-athletes.

» We will work diligently to honor requests but no guarantees are made. Coaches and athletes schedules and availability determine - and may hinder - interview requests.

» Interviews with coordinator or assistant coaches can be arranged through Carlson with at least 24 hour notice.

// CREDENTIALS

» Requests for 2025 FB credentials should be emailed to football communications contact: Assistant AD for Communications **Steve Carlson**.

» The USD Ticket Office (*located at the main entrance of the SCSC*) will serve as Will Call for all accepted credential requests submitted to Carlson in time.

» Single-game credentials must be asked for no later than Thursday EOD (5 p.m.).

» The University of South Dakota athletic communications office reserves the right to deny a credential request and/or revoke access if established protocols are not met and/or followed by media members.

Thank you to the University of Wisconsin football communications team for the inspiration and use of game notes design aspects.

// GOYOTES.COM (WEBSITE)

» Please visit *GoYotes.com* for press releases, updated player and coach bios, statistics, game notes, press conference recordings, schedules, and the like.

» **MEDIA CENTER:** Launched ahead of the 2024 season, the Media Center on *GoYotes.com* is a one-stop-shop for all media needs and is updated regularly.

» **GAME NOTES:** Posted each week, usually by Tuesday afternoon, online in the preview + in the media center.

» To be added to the USD football email distribution list (game notes, postgame materials, general releases), please email Carlson <steven.r.carlson@usd.edu>

// POSTGAME INTERVIEWS

» **JOHANSEN:** After every home game, HC **Travis Johansen** will be available at the press conference in the SCSC Film Room. This will be the only available time for Johansen following games.

» **ATHLETES:** Select athletes (*usually 3-4*) will be available postgame. Requests for athletes should be made to Carlson by the start of the 4Q, though no guarantees are made. *No other student-athletes will be available post-game.*

» **ROAD GAMES:** Most road games will not have media availability and/or press conference for Johansen in the regular season. Special games apply and will be handled on that game week basis.

// PRACTICES

» Generally, Coyote football **practices are open to credentialed media** and are welcomed to attend [exceptions do apply].

» **Notice of attending practice must be given to Carlson, preferably with 24 hour notice.**

» Upon notice, the communications team can provide specific details for the upcoming practice (time, location, handle interview requests, etc.).

» The notice ensures the media member is allowed to attend said practice (via coaching staff).

» Directions from communications or football personnel (i.e., general manager, operations) **MUST BE ADHERED TO**. Not adhering to directions from the above and/or communications team may result in media member being asked to leave.

// GAME DAY IN THE DAKOTADOME

» All media must be credentialed for field access. Press Row is on a first-come, first-serve basis, unless seat is reserved by name with a placard.

» **PARKING:** Parking for members of the media and opposing team credentialed members will be reserved in the back parking lot of the USD Foundation building located just west of the DakotaDome off of Dakota Street (*use Dakota Street onto Alumi Street for access to the lot*).

» **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 field level.

THE MATCHUP: DRAKE

AUG. 30	SEPT. 6	SEPT. 13	SEPT. 20	SEPT. 27	OCT. 4	OCT. 11	OCT. 18	OCT. 25	NOV. 1	NOV. 8	NOV. 15
 @ Iowa State L, 55-7	 @ Lamar L, 20-13	 NORTHERN COLORADO W, 24-17 (OT)	 DRAKE ESPN+/Midco	 @ North Dakota St. ESPN+/Midco	 MURRAY STATE ESPN+/Midco	 @ Indiana State ESPN+	 @ Northern Iowa ESPN+	 ILLINOIS STATE ESPN+/Midco	 NORTH DAKOTA ESPN+/Midco	 SDSU TV TBD	 @ Southern Illinois ESPN+

// SERIES HISTORY

Overall: Drake leads, 11-9

In Vermillion: South Dakota leads, 7-5

// MOST RECENT MEETINGS

Year	Rankings*	Result	Score	Location
1967	- / -	W	37-35	Des Moines, Iowa
1968	- / -	W	49-28	Vermillion, S.D.
1969	- / -	L	29-24	Vermillion, S.D.
1970	- / -	L	37-28	Des Moines, Iowa
1971	- / -	L	49-7	Des Moines, Iowa
1972	- / -	W	28-23	Vermillion, S.D.
2009	- / -	W	51-21	Vermillion, S.D.
2015	- / -	W	52-0	Vermillion, S.D.
2017	- / -	W	77-7	Des Moines, Iowa
2024	- / -	W	42-3	Vermillion, S.D.

*USD ranking first, opponent second // ^OT game // Last 10 meetings

// DRAKE NOTES

» Drake is under the direction of first-year head coach Joe Woodley, who took over the reigns from NAIA powerhouse Grand View University in Des Moines.

» Their one win this season came against NCAA Division II foe, Upper Iowa. Woodley looks for his first-career win against a Division I FCS opponent.

» Last time out (Sept. 13), the Bulldogs battled the No. 2-ranked Jackrabbits of South Dakota State, eventually falling 37-21.

» USD marks the second-straight MVFC opponent for the Bulldogs as they head to Vermillion for the second-straight season.

» Woodley has implemented a heavy pass-heavy offense in Des Moines through the first two games.

» The first two games have seen two different quarterbacks for the Bulldogs. Against SDSU, senior Xavier Washington made his first-career start as a Bulldog, before true freshman Logan Inagawa made his first collegiate appearance (15-for-25 for 140 yards) against one of the best FCS defenses in the nation.

» The depth chart lists a pair of -ORs- for Drake at the quarterback heading into the weekend, a major question mark for the Bulldogs.

DRAKE SCHEDULE

1-1, 0-0 Pioneer		
Date	Opponent	Time/Result
Aug. 28	UPPER IOWA	W, 41-7
Sept. 13	at South Dakota St.	L, 37-21
Sept. 20	at South Dakota	1:00 PM
Oct. 4	VALPO*	12:00 PM
Oct. 11	at San Diego*	4:00 PM
Oct. 18	DAVIDSON*	12:00 PM
Oct. 25	at Marist*	11:00 AM
Nov. 1	at Butler*	12:00 PM
Nov. 8	ST. THOMAS*	12:00 PM
Nov. 15	at Dayton*	11:00 AM
Nov. 22	MOREHEAD STATE*	12:00 PM

DRAKE INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING		Att.	Net	Avg.	TD	YPG
J. Meizinger		22	80	3.6	0	40.0
L. Inagawa		14	58	4.1	1	58.0
PASSING		C-A-I	Pct.	Yds.	TD	YPG
C. Spellman		14-16-1	87.5%	233	2	233.0
L. Inagawa		15-25-1	60.0%	140	0	140.0
RECEIVING		Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	YPG
H. Foley		8	181	22.6	3	90.5
J. Voth		9	119	13.2	0	59.5
DEFENSE		U-A-TT	TFL	Sack	INT	PBU
S. Allison		8-7-15	2.5	--	--	2
B. Wilson		10-5-15	0.5	--	--	--

// SERIES HISTORY NOTES

» Meeting for the 21st time, South Dakota trails Drake in the all-time series, 9-11.

» The first meeting dates back to Nov. 15, 1919 when the Coyotes downed the Bulldogs, 6-3, in Vermillion.

» USD has dominated the series of late, winning the last five meetings and the last four in Vermillion.

» South Dakota has posted 40+ points in all the meetings in the Division I FCS era for the Yotes, while posting 50+ in three of the last four meetings.

» The 77 points put up on the Bulldogs back in 2017 is the most the Coyotes have scored against Drake in the 20 previous meetings.

// STATISTICAL MATCHUP



Category	USD	FCS	MVFC	Drake	FCS	PFL
Scoring Offense	14.7	101st	10th	31.0	21st	3rd
Total Offense	286.0	89th	10th	387.0	30th	3rd
Rushing Offense	175.0	32nd	6th	161.0	40th	5th
Passing Offense	111.0	109th	10th	226.0	36th	3rd
Passing Efficiency	89.67	109th	10th	162.34	11th	2nd
Time of Possession	26:45	104th	9th	31:32	36th	4th
Scoring Defense	30.7	63rd	8th	22.0	29th	5th
Total Defense	386.7	56th	7th	326.5	27th	4th
Rushing Defense	151.0	51st	7th	113.5	19th	2nd
Passing Defense	235.7	72nd	6th	213.0	55th	6th
Passing Efficiency Def.	157.52	93rd	10th	135.24	57th	5th
QB Sacks	1.33	73rd	7th	1.50	70th	8th

YOTE NOTEBOOK: TEAM NOTES

// RECAPPING NORTHERN COLORADO

» An electric showing for **LJ Phillips Jr.** last weekend in the home opener in the DakotaDome, erupting for 301 yards on 35 carries for two scores.

» The STATS Perform National Player of the Week and MVFC Offensive Player of the Week honoree erupted for his second multi-touchdown game of his career, his fourth game with a rushing touchdown, and his first career 100-yard rushing game.

» **Roman Tillmon** posted a career-best 14 tackles, being the second Yote to record double-digit tackles in a game.

» **Gabriel Hardman** also set a career-best with nine tackles.

» South Dakota played in their first overtime game at home since 2016 (Weber State) and won their 10th overtime game in program history.

// SOUTH DAKOTA-DRAKE CONNECTIONS

» HC **Travis Johansen** and new Drake head coach Joe Woodley are no strangers, having both coached at Grand View University, an NAIA powerhouse in Des Moines.

» Woodley became the head coach at Grand View the year Johansen joined the staff at USD (2019).

» Both were on staff with Joe's father Mike Woodley at Grand View for a combined six seasons.

// NON-CONFERENCE NOTABLES

» Since joining the MVFC in 2012, USD is 19-20 in non-conference games (including FBS games).

» Drake is the only repeated non-conference opponent on the 2025 schedule from last season (USD, 42-3). It's also the last non-conference regular season win for the Yotes.

// USD VS. THE PIONEER FOOTBALL LEAGUE

» USD has played 23 games against current Pioneer Football League opponents.

» Those 23 games have been against just three teams: Drake (20 meetings), St. Thomas (two meetings), Valpo (one meeting).

» The Yotes only have a winning record against St. Thomas (2-0).

// ALL BLACK UNIFORMS

» South Dakota will rock the all black uniforms on Saturday inside the DakotaDome.

» Since their debut last season in the season opener against Northern State (Aug. 29, 2024), USD is 3-0 when wearing the all black uniforms.

» Saturday will be the fourth different opponent face South Dakota in the all black uniforms, and the third in the regular season [Northern State, Northern Iowa].

» The Yotes also rocked the all black in the 2024 FCS Quarterfinals clash with UC Davis, holding a 1-0 record in them during the FCS Playoffs.

// NEW ERA OF COYOTE FOOTBALL

» As Johansen embarks on his first season as head coach, a few notes on first-year head coaches in program history.

» No USD football coach has had double-digit wins in their first season as head coach.

» A.H. Whitwater went a perfect 9-0 in his first season as head coach in 1902.

» Just over a century later, Ed Meierkort went 9-2 in his first season in 2004.

// LOTS OF SUCCESS IN THE DAKOTADOME

» The Coyotes have been stellar at home in the DakotaDome the last few seasons. Since 2021, the Yotes are 22-6 in the Dome [updated Sept. 13, 2025].

» Johansen inherits a program that went 8-0 on the new home turf in 2024.

» The streak continues to nine-straight with the win over Northern Colorado last weekend.

» **FCS ERA RECORD:** The current nine-game streak is the FCS era record for South Dakota. The previous best was five-straight wins in 2015-16.

» The all-time record for most wins in a row at home is 23 wins, from 2003 to 2007.

// USD WHEN RANKED VS. RANKED OPPONENTS

» South Dakota was 4-1 against FCS teams ranked inside either major poll (AFCA / STATS Perform) last year.

» In their FCS history as a ranked team, USD is 14-15 all-time against ranked foes & 4-10 on the road. [FCS games only]

» The last two seasons (2023 & 2024), the Yotes are an impressive 7-4 against ranked opponents when ranked themselves.

// BATTLE TESTED IN THE MISSOURI VALLEY

» Sports Illustrated (SI) ranked the FCS conferences ahead of the 2025 season, back in January.

» The term "premier conferences" of the MVFC and the Big Sky live up to the hype. Both were named Tier I FCS leagues.

» SI used power ratings from the Massey, Sagarin, and ESPN's SP+ ratings and found the MVFC as the toughest conference for 2025 (21.8).

» 12 of the last 14 FCS national champions have come from the MVFC in either North Dakota State or South Dakota State.

» For reference, the Big Sky hasn't won a FCS national title since Eastern Washington (2010).

// NATIONAL ATTENTION FOR PHILLIPS JR.

» The accolades for **LJ. Phillips Jr.** keep rolling in!

» He was named the National FCS Offensive Player of the Week by STATS Perform, while also being named the MVFC Offensive Player of the Week.



SOUTH DAKOTA IN OVERTIME

ALL-TIME OVERTIME RECORD: 10-7

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

1 OT: 4-5 | **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
10.26.24	at South Dakota State	1	L, 20-17
9.13.25	Northern Colorado	1	W, 24-17

^NCAA Division II Playoff game

UNIFORM TRACKER

// YOTES RECORD WHEN WEARING...

Helmet / Top / Pant [helmet decal not included]

White / Red / White	1-0
Black / Black / Black	0-0
Black / White / White	0-1
White / White / Red	0-1

Uniform combos added to list as worn // game-by-game break down on p. 8

YOTE CAPTAINS

Name	Pos.	Year
Wade Abrams	LB	R-Jr.
Aidan Bouman**	QB	R-Sr.
Jack Martens	WR	R-Sr.
Mosai Newsom	DL	R-Sr.
Charles Pierre Jr.	RB	R-Jr.
Tim White	DB	R-Sr.

*years of being captain prior to 2025 season

TECHNOLOGY PARTNERS

South Dakota athletic communications is proudly partnered with **SIDEARM Sports** for their website (www.GoYotes.com) needs, plus online listening to the Coyote Sports Network coverage of Coyote football.

New in 2025, USD communications partnered with **StatBroadcast** to become the official home of South Dakota live stats for all sports that feature live stats, including football. You can follow the Yotes with stats at GoYotes.com/Stats.



YOTE NOTEBOOK: OFFENSE

// NEW PLAYER CALLERS

» The **Tim Morrison** era as offensive coordinator began in Ames last weekend, against an incredibly tough FBS defense.

» The Yotes utilized a huddle-style offense and rotated RBs, TEs, and WRs on a regular basis.

» The playcalling took more of a run-heavy look against Northern Colorado - posting nearly 50 rushes, 300+ yards; while also marking the first 400-yard game in total offense this season.

» **Matt Vitzthum** - in his second year at USD - joins Morrison as the Co-Offensive Coordinator.

» Both are located in the booth during games.

// FAST STARTS

» South Dakota started the first two games this season with TD drives at Iowa State (Aug. 30) and at Lamar (Sept. 6).

» Both opening drives this season have been 75-yard drives that ended with passing touchdowns from **Aidan Bouman**.

» Bouman found **Lorenzo Fenner** against Iowa State and found **Jack Martens** against Lamar.

» The first quarter has seen South Dakota score 61% of their points this season (27 first quarter points; 44 total points).

// RUSHING ATTACK RAMPS UP

» The Yotes posted their first 300-yard rushing game of the season against Northern Colorado behind the 301 yards from **L.J. Phillips Jr.** alone.

» It was a direct emphasis on the run game against UNC, with the 47 team carries nearly doubling the average carries of the first two games (25.0).

» The first two games of the season, USD averaged 226 rushing yards per game before the outburst against UNC.

» Against UNC, South Dakota picked up their first rushing touchdowns of the season thanks to Phillips Jr.

» Over the last two seasons, USD has had nine of the 17 games with a 100-yard rusher.

» Last week marked the fifth time in the last two year (2024-25) that USD has had 300 or more rushing yards as a team.

// IMPROVEMENTS BEING SHOWN

» The Yotes saw no fumbles (just one turnover, INT) against Northern Colorado on Saturday, while also being penalized for the fewest amount of times this season (2-20).

» It also was the most plays 66 with the highest time of possession this season (29:03).

» USD got their first rushing scores of the season and scored the most touchdowns in a game this season (3) against Northern Colorado.

» The Yotes moved the ball effectively all afternoon long, having a season-high 23 first downs against the Bears.

// QB1 AIDAN BOUMAN; THE LEADER

» Redshirt senior quarterback **Aidan Bouman** is on the preseason watch list for the 2025 Walter Payton Award for the best offensive player in the FCS.

» The veteran quarterback leads the Coyote offense for his third full season as QB1.

» He threw a passing touchdown on the opening drives in the first two games of the season.

» He's now thrown a TD pass in three-straight games. Five-straight games will crack the USD top-10 list in the Division I era.

» He currently sits second in career passing yards and third in completions [more on p. 10].

// TURNOVER PLAGUE

» Turnovers have stymied multiple USD drives already this season.

» The Yotes have had multiple turnovers in each of the two games to begin the 2025 campaign.

» Two have been on drives that seemed destined to end in points, deep into opponent territory.

» The trend stopped against Northern Colorado with just the one INT as the Yotes were 4-for-4 in the red zone.

// NOTING THE COYOTE RUNNING BACKS

» Due to injury, Walter Payton Award watch list running back **Charles Pierre Jr.** will miss the remainder of the 2025 season. He played in two games and had 23 carries for 102 yards.

» The first rushing touchdown of the season came thanks to **L.J. Phillips Jr.** who rushed for a pair in the win over UNC.

» He sits fourth in the MVFC with his 7.1 yards per carry entering the Drake game.

» Phillips Jr. has had 53 carries for 374 yards with a long of 47 yards (vs. Northern Colorado, Sept. 13).

» **Reid Watkins** continued to impress with his opportunities for a second-straight week at Lamar with three carries for 28 yards.

» With the injury to Pierre Jr., Watkins officially slid into the RB2 role for the Drake game. He has had 12 carries for 37 yards in the first three games this season.

// THE WIDE OUTS

» **Jack Martens** (Sr.) leads the wide outs with his 78 receiving yards (four receptions) and one touchdown.

» **Lorenzo Fenner** (So.) sits right behind Martens with 74 receiving yards and a touchdown grab.

» **Tysen Boze** also had a pair of receptions for 24 yards this season as a new target for Bouman.

// TIGHT ENDS NOTES

» **Zach Witte** (Sr.) picked up his first-career TD reception in the OT win over Northern Colorado (Sept. 13).

» He leads the TE room with five receptions for 50 yards.

» **Jesse Miller** (Sr.) has earned the start at TE in all three games so far this season, utilized more in the run game.

» Transfer TE **Dallas Holmes** (Sr.) has seen action in both games this season and has four receptions for 24 yards.

// NEW LOOK OFFENSIVE LINE

» Entering Week 4, the Yotes **lead the FCS in sacks allowed** (0.33/game), sitting tied with four other teams.

» In 2024, the Yotes also sat top-10 (ninth) in the FCS in sacks allowed, allowing just 0.93 sacks per game.

» Through 69 pass attempts this season, the OL has only surrendered one sack.

» Markarian rolled out three transfer starters in the unit to start the season in **Almarion Crim** (LT), **Wyatt Lawson** (C), and **Brock Woolf** (RT).

» Returners **Adrian Hawkins** (RG) and **Sam Kohls** (LG) completed the unit at the guard positions.

» The OL unit has looked the same through the first three games of the season.

COYOTE BIG GAMES

// 100 RUSHING YARD GAMES

Charles Pierre Jr. (8)

Date	Opponent	Att.	Yds.	TD	YPC
10.21.23	at Indiana State	4	107	1	26.8
12.2.23	Sacramento State	13	123	0	9.5
8.29.24	Northern State (S.D.)	13	136	2	10.5
9.28.24	Southern Illinois	15	124	2	9.5
10.12.24	Northern Iowa	21	105	2	5.0
10.19.24	at Youngstown State	21	153	2	7.3
11.9.24	Indiana State	11	165	2	15.0
11.16.24	at North Dakota	15	173	1	11.5

L.J. Phillips Jr. (1)

Date	Opponent	Att.	Yds.	TD	YPC
9.13.25	Northern Colorado	35	301	2	8.6

// 100 RECEIVING YARD GAMES

Currently no athlete (-)

Date	Opponent	Rec.	Yds.	TD	W/L
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Note: Passing marks found on Bouman's page (p. 7); games only in an USD uniform.

OPENING DRIVES

USD OPENING DRIVES

Opponent	Result	Plays-Yds-TOP
Iowa State	Touchdown	12-75-7:26
Lamar	Touchdown	7-75-3:45
Northern Colorado	Field Goal Att.	11-46-4:38
Drake		
North Dakota State		
Murray State		
Indiana State		
Northern Iowa		
Illinois State		
North Dakota		
South Dakota State		
Southern Illinois		

OPPONENT OPENING DRIVES

Opponent	Result	Plays-Yds-TOP
Iowa State	Touchdown	4-75-1:50
Lamar	Interception	3-3-00:49
Northern Colorado	Punt	7-33-4:35
Drake		
North Dakota State		
Murray State		
Indiana State		
Northern Iowa		
Illinois State		
North Dakota		
South Dakota State		
Southern Illinois		

YOTE NOTEBOOK: DEFENSE & SPECIAL TEAMS

// NEW LEADER OF THE COYOTE DEFENSE

» With Johansen moving into the head coaching role for 2025, he turned to long-time friend in the coaching industry in **Billy Kirch** to lead the Coyote defense as his defensive coordinator.

» Kirch comes to Vermillion after building a formidable defense at the NAIA ranks that saw him coach one Cliff Harris Award winner (2016) and four GPAC Defensive Players of the Year (2018, 2019, 2022, 2024).

» He coached a pair of First Team NAIA All-Americans while helping to lead Northwestern College to three NAIA national championship game appearances (2020, 2022-23).

» Additionally, Kirch was named the 2022 FootballScoop.com NAIA Coordinator of the Year after NWC's national title.

// DEFENSIVE CAPTAINS

» South Dakota voted and named their 2025 team captains on their trip west to the Black Hills of South Dakota in July.

» Senior leader in the secondary **Tim White** (S) will be a captain in 2025. He's coming off a 2024 season where he made two starts.

» Entering his second season at South Dakota, Valpo transfer **Wade Abrams** (R-Jr. LB) was named one of two defensive captains for the Coyotes.

// GRITTY RED ZONE DEFENSE

» The Yotes stepped up inside the red zone in front of the home crowd against UNC, allowing five trips to the red zone but zero touchdowns.

» The Bears scored three times when they reached the red zone but the Yotes forced a field goal each time.

» **TWICE** South Dakota made a goal line stand to force a field goal, including what would've been the go-ahead TD score for Northern Colorado but instead a FG sent it to overtime.

» In the two FCS games this year, opponents have entered the red zone nine times and have walked away with just two touchdowns.

// DID SOMEONE SAY MORE CAREER HIGHS?

» The defense continues to make strides each week, as a pair of Yotes posted career-highs against the Bears.

» **Roman Tillmon** set a USD season-high - and a personal career-best - with his 14 tackles against UNC.

» **Gabriel Hardman** also etched a career-high with his nine tackles.

// MAKING PLAYS IN THE SECONDARY

» A young USD secondary started to step up their play in Texas last week.

» **Matt Walsh** (LB) and **Mikey Munn** (CB) both had their first career interceptions at Lamar, being the first two INTs for the program in 2025.

» Sophomore safety **Roman Tillmon** was also credited with a pass break-up against the Cardinals.

// LAPERI IN THE BACKFIELD

» Transfer DL **Nathan Laperi** had a break-out game for the Yotes on the road at Lamar (Sept. 6), recording his first two sacks as a Coyote.

» He currently leads the team in sacks - having two of the team's three - playing in both games so far this season.

» He has just three tackles in the young season but two of the three were the sacks for a combined 16 yard losses.

// A DEEP DEFENSIVE LINE

» **Chris Dixon** leads the team in tackles through two games this season with his 16. He also has a 0.5 TFL.

» **Caden Crawford** (DE) has been a menace on the edge for USD: he had one of two TFLs at Iowa State and picked up two more at Lamar and vs. Northern Colorado to lead the team with his 5.0 TFL.

» The return of **Mosai Newsom** for his sixth-year of college football will bolster the DL unit with depth and veteran leadership, after posting his career-best eight tackles at Lamar.

» The DL room, led by **Nathan Nelson** in his second season, continues to show promises of being a room full of competition and depth - a strong point on the new look Coyote defense.

// INSIDE THE LINEBACKER ROOM

» **Will Finley** enters his first season at South Dakota and will lead the USD linebacker crew this season.

» Already mention, Ewell returns with the most playing experience of the linebacker corps heading into 2025.

» First time team captain in **Wade Abrams** will look to snag a starting spot this fall.

» Abrams is one of seven Yotes with 20+ tackles this season, sitting with 21 along with 1.5 tackles for loss.

» Senior **Matt Walsh** leads the defense with his 25 tackles from his STUD linebacker position.

» He's forced a fumble, has a interception, a pass break-up.

// A LOOK AT THE SECONDARY

» A pair of new coaches to guide the Coyotes secondary: **Eric Finney** (CBs) and **Josh Manchigiah** (safeties).

» Senior and team captain **Tim White** (S) missed the season opener against Iowa State and is out indefinitely.

» **Roman Tillmon** and **DeJuan Lewis** got the starts at safety against the Cyclones.

» For Tillmon, it was his fourth career start and it was Lewis' first appearance/start in a Coyote uniform.

» **Mikey Munn** (So.) and **RJ Stewart** (R-Fr.) both made their first career starts at corner a week ago, both bringing young talent to the secondary.

» It was Lewis and Stewart who recorded the most tackles against the Cyclones, both having nine total tackles in their debuts.

THE COYOTES RECORD WHEN...

WIN-LOSS SUMMARY

(Continued from p. 1)

	2025	Johansen
Current Overall Streak	W1	--
Current Home Streak	W1	--
Current Away Streak	L2	--
vs. FCS Top-25 teams (either poll)	0-0	0-0
Non-Conference	1-2	1-2
vs. Group of F5 (FBS)	--	0-0
vs. Power 5 (FBS)	0-1	0-1
vs. state of South Dakota teams	0-0	0-0
on artificial turf	1-1	1-1
on natural grass	0-1	0-1
August	0-1	0-1
September	1-1	1-1
October	0-0	0-0
November	0-0	0-0
December	0-0	0-0
Scoring first	1-1	1-1
Opponent scores first	0-1	0-1
Leading at halftime	1-0	1-0
Trailing at halftime	0-1	0-1
Tied at halftime	0-1	0-1
Overtime	1-0	1-0
No turnovers	0-0	0-0
Less than three turnovers	1-1	1-1
Three or more turnovers	0-1	0-1
No takeaways	1-1	1-1
Less than three takeaways	0-1	0-1
Three or more takeaways	0-0	0-0
With a 150-yard rusher	1-0	1-0
With a 300-yard passer	0-0	0-0
Total 300+ yards of offense	0-0	0-0
Total 400+ yards of offense	1-0	1-0
Total 500+ yards of offense	0-0	0-0
Total 600+ yards of offense	0-0	0-0

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

MVFC WEEKLY HONORS

// OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

L.J. Phillips Jr. (RB) September 15

// DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

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// SPECIAL TEAMS PLAYER OF THE WEEK

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// NEWCOMER OF THE WEEK

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// OFFENSIVE LINEMAN OF THE WEEK

Brock Woolf September 15

YOTE NOTEBOOK: DEFENSE & SPECIAL TEAMS

// SPECIAL TEAMS NOTES

» Primary field goal kicker **Will Leyland** returns for his final year of eligibility in 2025.

» Leyland made his 105th consecutive PAT as a Coyote, after converting all three against Northern Colorado.

» He hit his first two field goal attempts of the season (32- and 44-yards) against Lamar, moving him into the top-10 all-time at USD for career FGM. [25 career FGM]

» Leyland was tabbed a preseason Third Team All-American (STATS Perform & FCS Football Central).

» Kickoff specialist **Zeke Mata** (Sr.) also returns in 2025.

» Redshirt junior punter **Tyler Ebel** also returns to the squad. Entering 2025, Ebel sits fifth in program history for career punting average (42.1 yards per punt).

» His first game at Iowa State, he averaged 49.8 yards per punt in his five punts against the Cyclones.

» Sophomore LS **Duncan Viscum** returns for his second season, after taking over the duties in Week 3 last year.

» **Keyondray Jones-Logan**, who sits tied for the program record for career kickoff returns for touchdown, also returns but is sidelined with an injury.

// COYOTES IN THE AFCA COACHES' POLL

» Dating back to the 2023 season, USD has been ranked inside the top-25 of the AFCA poll in the last 25-straight polls [entering Drake game].

» Since 2019, South Dakota has been ranked inside the AFCA poll for 34 games, including all 14 games from 2024.

» The first Division I era ranking came back in 2010 when the Yotes were ranked No. 24 in the FCS against NW Oklahoma State (Sept. 18, 2010).

» USD's highest Division I ranking was No. 3 in the Nov. 20, 2023.

// MISC. YOTE TIDBITS

» **FUN FACT:** The Coyotes are undefeated all-time when they score more points than their opponents in any game, at any level.

» **FUN FACT:** It's a canine-family clash in Vermillion on Saturday. It's one of two canine mascot games for South Dakota this season (at Southern Illinois; Nov. 15).

» The No. 3 ranking in the final AFCA poll ties the highest-ranking for USD this season and in the Division I FCS era.

» South Dakota has won eight-straight games in the DakotaDome after going 8-0 in 2024.

» **DID YOU KNOW:** Both HC **Travis Johansen** and DC **Billy Kirch** have won national titles at the NAIA level? They both won titles as defensive coordinators: Johansen (Grand View, 2013) and Kirch (Northwestern, 2022).

// COYOTES VS. FCS #1 TEAMS

» The win against North Dakota State marked the first win over a top-ranked FCS opponent since defeating Eastern Washington (2011) and just the second win over the No. 1 team in program history in the DI era.

» Of the eight games played against No. 1 teams, six have been against NDSU and seven have been against Missouri Valley Football Conference (MVFC) opponents.

» In the Division I FCS era, the Yotes are 2-7.

COYOTES AGAINST TOP-RANKED TEAMS (SINCE 2000)

Date	Opponent	W/L	Score
Nov. 26, 2006	@ Grand Valley State	L	35-17
Sept. 10, 2011	Eastern Washington	W	30-17
Nov. 23, 2012	@ North Dakota St.	L	42-0
Oct. 25, 2014	North Dakota State	L	47-7
Oct. 27, 2018	North Dakota State	L	59-14
Nov. 16, 2019	@ North Dakota State	L	49-14
Sept. 24, 2022	North Dakota State	L	34-17
Oct. 28, 2023	South Dakota State	L	37-3
Nov. 23, 2024	North Dakota State	W	29-28
Dec. 21, 2024	@ Montana State	L	31-17

// DEGREES IN HAND

» 19 Yotes on the 2025 roster have earned a bachelor's degree either from USD or another institution.

» 12 Yotes are currently enrolled in a graduate program at South Dakota:

COYOTE GRADUATE STUDENTS (12)

Student-Athlete	Degree Seeking
Dallas Holmes	M.B.A.
Carter Hooper	Interdisciplinary Studies
Sam Kohls	M.B.A.
Will Leyland	M.B.A.
Jack Martens	M.B.A.
Zeke Mata	M.B.A.
Gerrit Poncius	M.B.A.
Austin Rosetta	M.B.A.
Grady Sherrill	M.B.A.
Tyler Soukhot	M.B.A.
Tim White	Kinesiology & Sport Management
Zach Witte	M.B.A.

// BLACK HELMETS

» Since their debut in 2024, South Dakota has worn the black helmets with the Coyote head decal five times.

» The Yotes sit 3-2 in those contests, being undefeated at 3-0 inside the DakotaDome with them on.

» USD has dropped both games on the road while wearing the black lids (at SDSU, 20i24; at Lamar, 2025).

// PHILLIPS JR. ENTERS MVFC RECORD BOOK

» With his 301 yards on the ground against Northern Colorado (Sept. 13), L.J. Phillips Jr. became one of five MVFC rushers to ever rush for 300+ yards on the ground in a single game.

» He now sits No. 5 in the all-time MVFC records for rushing yards in a game.

» Below is the MVFC record book for single-game rushing yards record:

MVFC RECORD BOOK: RUSHING YARDS (GAME)			
Rk.	Yards	Athlete (Team)	Year
1.	349	Shakir Bell (Indiana State)	2012
2.	328	Herb Donaldson (Western Illinois)	2006
3.	314	Herb Donaldson (Western Illinois)	2007
4.	312	M. Abdulqaadir (Southern Illinois)	2002
5.	301	L.J. Phillips Jr. (South Dakota)	2025
6.	297	James Robinson (Illinois State)	2019
7.	295	Zach Zenner (South Dakota State)	2012
	295	Zach Zenner (South Dakota State)	2013

2025 GAME INFORMATION

Game	Coin Toss	USD KO/Rec.	USD First Play	USD 1st poss.	Opp. 1st Poss.	Duration	Helmet	Jersey	Pants	Result
at Iowa State	USD	Kickoff	C. Pierre Jr. rush (6 yds.)	Touchdown	Touchdown	3:11	White	White	Red	L, 55-7
at Lamar	USD	Receive	A. Bouman pass incomp.	Touchdown	Interception	3:45	Black	White	White	L, 20-13
Northern Colo.	UNC	Receive	L. Phillips Jr. rush (4 yds.)	Field Goal Att.	Punt	3:08	White	Red	White	W, 24-17
Drake										
at NDSU										
Murray State										
at Indiana St.										
at Northern Iowa										
Illinois State										
North Dakota										
South Dakota St.										
at Southern Illinois										

NATIONAL RANKINGS

AFCA COACHES' FCS TOP-25 POLL (SEPT. 15)

Rk.	Team (First-Place Votes)	Record	Pts.	Prev.
1.	North Dakota State (25)	3-0	649	1
2.	South Dakota State (1)	3-0	622	2
3.	Tarleton State	4-0	601	3
4.	Illinois State	2-1	543	4
5.	Montana	2-0	521	7
T6.	Montana State	1-2	519	6
T6.	Rhode Island	3-0	519	5
8.	Idaho	2-1	419	10
9.	UC Davis	1-1	402	9
10.	Lehigh	3-0	386	12
11.	Southern Illinois	2-1	343	14
T12.	Tennessee Tech	3-0	310	16
T12.	Villanova	1-1	310	11
14.	UIW	1-2	267	8
15.	Abilene Christian	1-2	263	13
16.	Jackson State	2-1	251	15
17.	North Dakota	1-2	206	17
18.	Monmouth	2-1	197	18
19.	Northern Arizona	2-1	188	19
20.	Austin Peay	2-1	166	23
21.	South Dakota	1-2	157	20
22.	Sacramento State	1-2	91	21
23.	New Hampshire	2-1	88	24
24.	Youngstown State	2-1	80	25
25.	Mercer	1-1	78	22

MVFC opponents bolded

STATS PERFORM FCS TOP-25 POLL (SEPT. 15)

Rk.	Team (First-Place Votes)	Record	Pts.	Prev.
1.	North Dakota State (52)	3-0	1,396	1
2.	South Dakota State (4)	3-0	1,341	2
3.	Tarleton State	4-1	1,277	3
4.	Montana State	1-2	1,210	4
5.	Montana	2-0	1,175	5
6.	Illinois State	2-1	1,051	7
7.	Rhode Island	3-0	1,037	6
8.	Idaho	2-1	968	8
9.	UC Davis	1-1	873	9
10.	Lehigh	3-0	846	10
11.	Villanova	1-1	694	11
12.	Tennessee Tech	3-0	679	15
13.	Southern Illinois	2-1	624	17
14.	Abilene Christian	1-2	606	13
15.	South Dakota	1-2	542	12
16.	North Dakota	1-2	540	16
17.	Northern Arizona	2-1	511	18
18.	Austin Peay	2-1	377	22
19.	UIW	1-2	374	14
20.	Jackson State	2-1	364	19
21.	Monmouth	2-1	321	20
22.	West Georgia	3-0	253	25
23.	Lamar	2-1	204	24
24.	Sacramento State	1-2	203	21
25.	New Hampshire	2-1	191	23

MVFC opponents bolded



YOTE TIDBITS

// ATTENDANCE NOTES

- » The Coyotes will play in front of the home crowd six times in the regular season.
- » Over the last two seasons (2023 & 2024), the 9,000+ crowd against NDSU is the third 9,000+ crowd game.
- » For back-to-back seasons, USD averaged 7,000+ people for games at the DakotaDome.
- » Last season, the regular season finale in the top-5 showdown with NDSU saw the most people in the Dome this season in a sell out of 9,062.
- » The largest FCS attended game this season so far was the home opener against Northern Colorado with 6,445 people in attendance.
- » See the game-by-game breakdown of the home attendances in the table below.

2024 DAKOTADOME ATTENDANCE

Rk.	Team (Date)	Attendance
1.	Northern Colorado (Sept. 13)	6,445

// DEFENDING THE DOME

- » South Dakota finished the 2024 regular season undefeated inside the DakotaDome for the first time since 2011.
- » In 2024, the Yotes finished 8-0 inside the DakotaDome this season, averaging 40.8 points per game in front of the home crowd.
- » The longest winning streak in the Dome was 23-straight wins (2003-07).
- » Since the 2021 season, the Coyotes hold a 22-6 mark inside the DakotaDome *[updated 9.13.25]*.
- » USD is 25-8 in the FCS era as a ranked team inside the Dome, including 12-2 over the last two seasons.
- » The following table gives a year-by-year look at the Yotes in the Dome.

YOTES IN THE DAKOTADOME (SINCE 2021)

Season	Record
2021	4-2
2022	3-2
2023	6-2
2024	8-0
2025	1-0
TOTALS	22-6

// FOUR FCS PLAYOFF APPEARANCES

- » South Dakota has made four FCS Playoff appearances since moving to the Division I FCS level ahead of the 2008 season.

YOTES IN THE POLLS

Week	AFCA Coaches'	STATS Perform
'24 Final	No. 4	No. 4
Preseason	No. 5	No. 4
Week 1	No. 6	No. 4
Week 2	No. 20	No. 12
Week 3	No. 21	No. 15
Week 4		
Week 5		
Week 6		
Week 7		
Week 8		
Week 9		
Week 10		
Week 11		
Week 12		
FINAL		

SOUTH DAKOTA UNIFORMS GAME-BY-GAME

Game	Helmet	Jersey	Pants
at Iowa State	White	White	Red
at Lamar	Black	White	White
Northern Colorado	White	Red	White
Drake	Black	Black	Black
at North Dakota State			
Murray State			
at Indiana State			
at Northern Iowa			
Illinois State			
North Dakota			
South Dakota State			
at Southern Illinois			

- » All four games were under former HC **Bob Nielson**.
- » Five of the eight FCS Playoff games for the Yotes have been inside the DakotaDome.
- » The last two seasons, USD has hosted through the Quarterfinals of the playoffs.
- » USD sits 4-4 all-time in the Playoffs. A full game-by-game can be found below:

SOUTH DAKOTA IN THE FCS PLAYOFFS

Year	Opponent (Round)	Result
2017	at Nicholls State (First Round)	W, 38-31
2017	at Sam Houston State (Second Round)	L, 54-42
2021	Southern Illinois (First Round)	L, 22-10
2023	Sacramento State (Second Round)	W, 34-24
2023	North Dakota State (Quarterfinals)	L, 45-17
2024	Tarleton State (Second Round)	W, 42-31
2024	UC Davis (Quarterfinals)	W, 35-21
2024	at Montana State (Semifinals)	L, 31-17

// NATIONAL AWARD WATCH LISTS

- » **Walter Payton Award:** Aidan Bouman and Charles Pierre Jr. both named to the preseason watch list.
- » **Shrine Bowl 1000 Watch List:** Aidan Bouman & Charles Pierre Jr.

// 18th SEASON OF FCS FOOTBALL

- » The 2025 campaign marks the 18th season at the NCAA Division I level for the Yotes.
- » The best season of the FCS era came last year (2024) with the program's fourth trip to the FCS Playoffs, but first-ever trip to the FCS Semifinals.
- » In the 17 seasons of Division I, South Dakota is 95-107 *(including shortened 2020-21 season)*.
- » Joining the now defunct Great West Conference (GWC) for their first four years of Division I, the Yotes went 21-22 (2008-11).
- » In the MVFC era, USD is 75-85 overall since 2012.
- » [Last updated entering the Drake game]

SOUTH DAKOTA DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE CAREER STARTS

PLAYER	'21	'22	'23	'24	'25	ALL
Arop	-	-	-	0	0	0
Bouman^	-	4	13	14	3	34
Boze	-	0	0	1	3	4
Bryant^	-	-	-	-	0	0
Cremascoli^	-	-	-	-	0	0
Crim^	-	-	-	-	3	3
Crispe	-	-	-	0	0	0
Fenner	-	-	0	0	2	2
Hawkins^	-	-	-	14	3	17
Holmes	-	-	-	-	2	2
S. Kohls	0	0	11	0	2	13
Lawson^	-	-	-	-	3	3
Martens	0	0	11	7	3	21
Miller	-	-	0	0	3	3
Phelps	0	10	1	1	0	12
Pierre Jr.	-	0	2	2	2	6
Phillips Jr.	-	-	0	0	1	1
Poncius	0	0	0	0	0	0
Smith^	-	-	-	-	0	0
Watkins^	-	-	-	-	0	0
Witte	0	1	0	2	1	4
Woolf^	-	-	-	-	3	3

Notes: Listed two-deep players only // starts at USD //
^indicates a transfer into the USD program //
Updated ahead of the Drake game

DEFENSE CAREER STARTS

PLAYER	'21	'22	'23	'24	'25	ALL
Abrams^	-	-	-	0	3	3
Boehm-Peter.^	-	-	-	-	0	0
Bowie^	-	-	-	-	1	1
Crawford^	-	-	-	-	3	3
Dickel	-	0	0	1	3	4
Dixon	-	-	-	0	3	3
Ewell^	-	-	-	14	0	14
Hardman	-	-	0	0	2	2
Hooper^	-	-	-	-	0	0
Kennard^	-	-	-	-	0	0
Laperi^	-	-	-	-	0	0
Lewis^	-	-	-	-	3	3
Moore Jr.	-	-	-	0	0	0
Munn	-	-	-	-	3	3
Newsom^	-	-	5	14	3	22
Paine^	-	-	-	-	0	0
Presser^	-	-	-	-	0	0
Rosetta	0	0	0	0	0	0
Simmons	-	0	0	0	0	0
Stewart	-	-	-	-	3	3
Tillmon	-	-	-	3	3	6
Walsh	-	0	0	0	3	3
White^	-	-	1	2	0	3

Notes: Listed two-deep players only // starts at USD //
^indicates a transfer into the USD program //
Updated ahead of the Drake game

OFFENSE

QB	2	Aidan Bouman	6-5	225	Sr.
	13	Nevan Cremascoli	6-3	225	Jr.
RB	24	L.J. Phillips Jr.	5-9	225	So.
	5	Reid Watkins	5-11	200	R-Fr.
WR-Z	1	Lorenzo Fenner	6-0	185	So.
	8	Javion Phelps	6-4	205	Sr.
WR-W15		Jack Martens	5-11	195	Sr.
	9	Tennel Bryant	5-7	170	Jr.
WR-X	6	Tysen Boze	6-4	205	Jr.
	0	Andre Jacobs	6-0	195	So.
TE	10	Dallas Holmes	6-5	250	Sr.
	89	Zach Witte	6-6	255	Sr.
-or-	83	Jesse Miller	6-6	255	So.
LT	74	Almarion Crim	6-2	300	Sr.
	67	Brendan Crispe	6-9	320	R-Fr.
LG	68	Sam Kohls	6-4	300	Sr.
	59	Adrian Hawkins	6-6	310	Sr.
C	58	Wyatt Lawson	6-2	300	Sr.
	55	Brandon Smith	6-1	295	So.
RG	59	Adrian Hawkins	6-6	310	Sr.
	78	Gerrit Poncius	6-7	310	Sr.
RT	76	Brock Woolf	6-5	290	So.
	75	Jacob Arop	6-6	300	R-Fr.

DEFENSE

DE	10	Caden Crawford	6-4	265	Jr.
	95	Carter Hooper	6-5	265	Sr.
DT	52	Mosai Newsom	6-5	320	Sr.
	50	Chris Dixon	6-2	310	Jr.
DT	93	Jeff Bowie	6-5	280	Sr.
	90	Calen Presser	6-7	245	So.
RLB	8	Nyle Dickel	6-3	250	Sr.
-or-	46	Nathan Laperi	6-3	260	So.
	99	Marcus Simmons	6-1	270	Jr.
SLB	13	Matt Walsh	6-2	220	Jr.
	11	Austin Rosetta	6-3	225	Sr.
MLB	49	Wade Abrams	6-0	235	Jr.
	28	QJ Moore Jr.	6-1	230	R-Fr.
WLB	0	Nate Ewell	6-2	230	Sr.
	3	Gabriel Hardman	5-10	230	So.
LCB	12	Mikey Munn	6-1	190	So.
	4	Jaylen Boehm-Peterson	6-3	190	So.
FS	1	Roman Tillmon	6-0	195	So.
	2	DeJuan Lewis	5-10	205	Sr.
RS	2	DeJuan Lewis	5-10	205	Sr.
	7	Ashton Paine	6-1	195	So.
RCB	25	RJ Stewart	6-0	180	R-Fr.
	31	DJ Kennard	6-3	200	R-Fr.

SPECIALISTS

P	32	Tyler Ebel	6-4	235	Jr.	PK	15	Will Leyland	5-11	215	Sr.
	45	Ford Hamilton	6-3	205	So.		39	Zeke Mata	5-11	200	Sr.
LS	41	Duncan Viscum	5-10	215	So.	PR	15	Jack Martens	5-11	195	Sr.
	42	Reed Rus	6-4	235	So.		9	Tennel Bryant	5-7	170	Jr.
H	32	Tyler Ebel	6-4	235	Jr.	KR	9	Tennel Bryant	5-7	170	Jr.
	45	Ford Hamilton	6-3	205	So.		12	Mikey Munn	6-1	190	So.

ACTIVE CAREER CONSECUTIVE STARTS

Athlete	Pos.	Starts	First Start
Aidan Bouman	QB	34	Oct. 29, 2022
Mosai Newsom	DL	18	Dec. 9, 2023
Adrian Hawkins	OL	17	Aug. 29, 2024

Minimum 10 consecutive starts

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ALPHABETICAL

No.	Name	Pos.
49	Abrams, Wade	LB
84	Accuardi, Jackson	TE
91	Adams, Evan	DL
38	Adams, Lincoln	LB
75	Arop, Jacob	OL
79	Birge, Dylan	OL
4	Boehm-Peterson, Jaylen	DB
2	Bouman, Aidan	QB
17	Bounting, Troy	WR
93	Bowie, Jeff	DL
6	Boze, Tysen	WR
60	Brands, JT	DL
21	Brown, Jaden	DB
16	Brumfield, Torriq	DB
9	Bryant, Tennel	WR
72	Chapman, Grant	OL
34	Clark, Jacob	LB
96	Coles, Max	DL
98	Cowgill, Jackson	DL
81	Cowgill, Mason	TE
10	Crawford, Caden	DL
13	Creмасcoli, Nevan	QB
74	Crim, Almarion	OL
67	Crispe, Brendon	OL
8	Dickel, Nyle	LB
50	Dixon, Chris	DL
32	Ebel, Tyler	P
34	Ellens, Julius	RB
65	Ellingson, Caden	OL
0	Ewell, Nate	LB
71	Feldkamp, Lucas	OL
1	Fenner, Lorenzo	WR
33	Fletcher, Carson	RB
87	Frey, Caden	TE
82	Graunke, Will	WR
45	Hamilton, Ford	K/P
3	Hardman, Gabriel	LB
77	Hawker, Sam	OL
59	Hawkins, Adrian	OL
37	Heier, Crew	LB
48	Herrin, Chris	TE
44	Hill, Lenard	LB
14	Hocker, Grant	QB
10	Holmes, Dallas	TE
95	Hooper, Carter	DL
53	Hudgens, Dylan	LB
0	Jacobs, Andre	WR
47	Johnson II, Harry	DB
7	Jones-Logan, Keyondray	RB
31	Kennard, DJ	DB
68	Kohls, Sam	OL
70	Lange, Caleb	OL
46	Laperi, Nathan	DB
58	Lawson, Wyatt	OL
2	Lewis, DeJuan	DB
15	Leyland, Will	K
15	Martens, Jack	WR
39	Mata, Zeke	K
92	McGannon, Bradley	DL
83	Miller, Jesse	TE
12	Modrzewski, Austyn	QB

NUMERICAL

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown (High School / Previous School)
0 *	Nate Ewell ^	LB	6-2	230	Sr.	Waterloo, Iowa (West / Grand View (Iowa))
0	Andre Jacobs	WR	6-0	195	So.	Baltimore, Md. (St. Francis Academy)
1 *	Lorenzo Fenner	WR	6-0	185	So.	Independence, Mo. (Fort Osage)
1 **	Roman Tillmon	DB	6-0	195	So.	Independence, Mo. (Fort Osage)
2 ***	Aidan Bouman ^	QB	6-5	225	Sr.	Buffalo, Minn. (Buffalo / Iowa State)
2	DeJuan Lewis ^	DB	5-10	205	Sr.	Pearland, Texas (Shadow Creek / Lamar)
3 **	Gabriel Hardman	LB	5-10	230	So.	Miami, Fla. (Palmetto)
3 **	Charles Pierre Jr.	RB	5-10	210	Jr.	Orlando, Fla. (Ocoee)
4	Jaylen Boehm-Peterson ^	DB	6-3	190	So.	Minneapolis, Minn. (Acad. of Holy Angels / Iowa Western CC)
5 *	Jacob Clark ^	LB	6-3	235	Sr.	Cinnaminson, N.J. (Myrtle Beach Prep / Glenville State (W.V.))
5	Reid Watkins ^	RB	5-11	200	R-Fr.	Fort Worth, Texas (All Saints Episcopal / University of Texas)
6 **	Tysen Boze	WR	6-4	205	Jr.	Dublin, Ohio (Dublin Scioto)
6	Ty Morris ^	DB	5-11	180	So.	Fillmore, Calif. (Buena / Ventura CC (Calif.))
7 **	Keyondray Jones-Logan	RB	5-7	175	Jr.	Orlando, Fla. (Ocoee)
7	Ashton Paine ^	DB	6-1	195	So.	Tumwater, Wash. (Tumwater / Washington State)
8 ***	Nyle Dickel	LB	6-3	250	Sr.	Minneapolis, Minn. (Washburn)
8 ***	Javion Phelps	WR	6-4	205	Sr.	Orlando, Fla. (Boone)
9	Tennel Bryant ^	WR	5-7	170	Jr.	Cincinnati, Ohio (Archbishop Moeller / Arkansas State)
9 **	Tim White ^	DB	5-10	205	Sr.	Miami Gardens, Fla. (Miramar / Robert Morris)
10	Caden Crawford ^	DL	6-4	265	Jr.	Lansing, Kan. (Lansing / University of Iowa)
10	Dallas Holmes ^	TE	6-5	250	Sr.	Bethlehem, Pa. (Liberty/WY Seminary / Lafayette College (Pa.))
11 *	Austin Rosetta	LB	6-3	225	Sr.	Shawnee, Kan. (De Soto)
11	Jamal Streeter	WR	6-0	190	R-Fr.	Port Charlotte, Fla. (Port Charlotte)
12	Austyn Modrzewski	QB	6-5	215	Fr.	Littleton, Colo. (Mountain Vista)
12 *	Mikey Munn	DB	6-1	190	So.	Windsor, Colo. (Windsor)
13 *	Nevan Cremascoli ^	QB	6-3	225	Jr.	Winnetka, Ill. (New Trier / Northern Illinois)
13 ***	Matt Walsh	DB	6-2	220	Jr.	Evergreen Park, Ill. (Evergreen Park)
14	Grant Hocker	QB	6-3	185	Fr.	Williamsburg, Iowa (Williamsburg)
14 *	Dawson Sechser	DB	6-0	190	R-Fr.	Sioux Falls, S.D. (Jefferson)
15 **	Will Leyland ^	K	5-11	215	Sr.	Souderton, Pa. (Souderton / Temple)
15 ****	Jack Martens	WR	5-11	195	Sr.	Cumberland, Wis. (Cumberland)
16	Torriq Brumfield ^	DB	5-11	205	Jr.	Pasadena, Calif. (Pasadena / Pasadena City CC)
16	Ty Robinson ^	QB	6-3	240	R-Fr.	Lutz, Fla. (Steinbrenner / Holy Cross)
17 *	Troy Bounting	WR	5-9	185	Jr.	Hudson, Wis. (Hudson)
19	Sam Parks	K	5-8	160	R-Fr.	Wichita, Kan. (Maize South)
19	Grady Sherrill ^	WR	5-9	180	Jr.	Greensboro, N.C. (Page / North Carolina)
21	Jaden Brown	DB	5-9	175	Fr.	Orlando, Fla. (Edgewater)
23 *	Mackenson Owens	LB	6-0	230	Jr.	Aurora, Neb. (Aurora)
24 ***	Lendon (L.J.) Phillips Jr.	RB	5-9	225	So.	Wichita, Kan. (Northwest)
25	Rulian Stewart	DB	6-0	180	R-Fr.	Accokeek, Md. (Georgetown Prep)
26	Mark Williams	DB	6-2	190	Fr.	Long Beach, Calif. (Western)
27	Jahiem Williams	DB	5-10	190	R-Fr.	Miramar, Fla. (Miramar)
28	QJ Moore Jr.	LB	6-1	230	R-Fr.	Lakeland, Fla. (Lake Gibson)
31	DJ Kennard ^	DB	6-3	200	R-Fr.	Falls Church, Va. (Palmetto Prep / Michigan State)
32 **	Tyler Ebel	P	6-4	235	Jr.	DeForest, Wis. (DeForest)
33	Carson Fletcher	RB	5-10	215	Fr.	Racine, Wis. (Racine-Horlick)
34	Julius Ellens	RB	5-11	195	R-Fr.	Glen Ellyn, Ill. (Glenbard West)
34	Beau Ryan	LB	5-11	220	R-Fr.	Omaha, Neb. (Westside)
35	Caisen Thome	DB	6-2	190	Fr.	Kasson, Minn. (Kasson-Mantorville)
37	Crew Heier	LB	6-4	255	R-Fr.	Hartford, S.D. (West Central)
38	Lincoln Adams	LB	6-1	215	R-Fr.	Lake Zurich, Ill. (Lake Zurich)
39 **	Zeke Mata ^	K	5-11	200	Sr.	San Marcos, Calif. (Mission Hills / LSU)
41 *	Duncan Viscum	LS	5-10	215	So.	Phoenix, Ariz. (Brophy Prep)
42 *	Reed Rus	LB	6-4	235	So.	Mount Vernon, S.D. (Mount Vernon)
44 *	Lenard Hill	LB	6-4	230	So.	Ocala, Fla. (Vanguard)
45	Ford Hamilton	K/P	6-3	205	So.	Omaha, Neb. (Creighton Prep)
46	Nathan Laperi ^	DL	6-3	260	So.	Plano, Texas (Prestonwood Christian / North Texas)
47	Harry Johnson II	DB	6-1	175	Fr.	Maple Grove, Minn. (Maple Grove)
48	Chris Herrin	TE	6-5	230	Fr.	Terre Haute, Ind. (South Vigo)
49 *	Wade Abrams ^	LB	6-0	235	Jr.	Fox River Grove, Ill. (Cary-Grove / Valparaiso)
50 *	Chris Dixon	DL	6-2	310	Jr.	Toronto, Canada (St. Thomas More (Conn.))

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ALPHABETICAL

No.	Name	Pos.
28	Moore Jr, QJ	LB
88	Morris, Quinn	WR
6	Morris, Ty	DB
80	Moss, Chase	WR
12	Munn, Mikey	DB
52	Newsom, Mosai	DL
23	Owens, Mackenson	LB
7	Paine, Ashton	DB
19	Parks, Sam	K
8	Phelps, Javion	WR
24	Phillips Jr., Lendon (L.J.)	RB
3	Pierre Jr., Charles	RB
78	Poncius, Garrit	OL
90	Presser, Calen	DL
16	Robinson, Ty	QB
56	Rons, Jack	OL
11	Rosetta, Austin	LB
42	Rus, Reed	LB
34	Ryan, Beau	LB
97	Sager, AuVon	DL
14	Sechser, Dawson	DB
19	Sherrill, Grady	WR
99	Simmons Jr., Marcus	DL
55	Smith, Brandon	OL
25	Stewart, Rulian	DB
11	Streeter, Jamal	WR
35	Thome, Caisen	DB
51	Thompson, Reese	LB
1	Tillmon, Roman	DB
41	Viscum, Duncan	LS
54	Wallner, Cain	LB
13	Walsh, Matt	DB
5	Watkins, Reid	RB
85	White, Brayden	WR
94	White, Kainen	DL
9	White, Tim	DB
27	Williams, Jahiem	DB
26	Williams, Mark	26
89	Witte, Zach	TE
76	Wolf, Brock	OL

NUMERICAL

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown (High School / Previous School)
51	Reese Thompson ^	LB	6-1	240	Fr.	Hudson, Wis. (Hudson / Ventura CC)
52 *	Mosai Newsom ^	DL	6-5	320	Sr.	Waverly, Iowa (Waverly-Shell Rock / Nebraska)
53	Dylan Hudgens	LB	6-3	205	Fr.	Minnetonka, Minn. (Minnetonka)
54	Cain Wallner	LB	6-2	225	Fr.	Canton, S.D. (Canton)
55	Brandon Smith ^	OL	6-1	295	So.	Waldorf, Md. (DeMatha Catholic / Merrimack (Mass.))
56	Jack Rons	OL	6-3	310	So.	Littleton, Colo. (Dakota Ridge)
58	Wyatt Lawson ^	OL	6-2	300	Sr.	Plant City, Fla. (Durant / FIU)
59 *	Adrian Hawkins ^	OL	6-6	310	Sr.	Baltimore, Md. (DeMatha Catholic / Monmouth (N.J.))
60	JT Brands	DL	6-1	285	R-Fr.	Oakland, Neb. (Oakland-Craig)
65 **	Caden Ellingson	OL	6-7	310	Sr.	Tea, S.D. (Tea Area)
67	Brendon Crispe	OL	6-9	320	R-Fr.	Castle Pines, Colo. (Arapahoe)
68 **	Sam Kohls	OL	6-4	300	Sr.	Sioux Falls, S.D. (Roosevelt)
70	Caleb Lange	OL	6-5	300	So.	Brainerd, Minn. (Brainerd)
71	Lucas Feldkamp	OL	6-5	305	Fr.	Sioux Falls, S.D. (Brandon Valley)
72	Grant Chapman	OL	6-5	305	So.	Andover, Minn. (Anoka)
74	Almarion Crim ^	OL	6-2	300	Sr.	Adamsville, Ala. (Minor / UT-Chattanooga)
75	Jacob Arop	OL	6-6	300	R-Fr.	South Omaha, Neb. (Bellevue West)
76	Brock Woolf ^	OL	6-5	290	So.	Brewster, Kan. (Brewster / Kansas State)
77	Sam Hawker	OL	6-9	305	R-Fr.	Monona, Wis. (Monona Grove)
78 *	Gerrit Poncius	OL	6-7	310	Sr.	Buffalo, Minn. (Buffalo)
79	Dylan Birge	OL	6-3	290	So.	Olathe, Kan. (West)
80	Chase Moss	WR	5-9	175	Fr.	Westlake Village, Calif. (Oaks Christian)
81	Mason Cowgill	TE	6-4	240	R-Fr.	Erie, Colo. (Erie)
82	Will Graunke ^	WR	6-3	240	R-Fr.	Rockford, Minn. (Rockford / St. Thomas (Minn.))
83 *	Jesse Miller	TE	6-6	255	So.	Scranton, Iowa (Greene County)
84	Jackson Accuardi ^	TE	6-7	250	Fr.	DeForest, Wis. (DeForest / West Virginia)
85	Brayden White	WR	5-11	180	Fr.	Tarentum, Pa. (Thomas Jefferson)
87	Caden Frey	TE	6-6	250	So.	Red Cloud, Neb. (Red Cloud)
88	Quinn Morris	WR	--	--	Fr.	Bolingbrook, Ill.
89 ****	Zach Witte	TE	6-6	255	Sr.	Sioux Falls, S.D. (Sioux Falls Christian)
90	Calen Presser ^	DL	6-7	245	So.	Liberty, Mo. (Liberty North / Arkansas State)
91	Evan Adams	DL	6-4	255	R-Fr.	Breda, Iowa (Kuemper Catholic)
92 *	Bradley McGannon ^	DL	6-4	295	Sr.	Yelm, Wash. (Yelm / University of Washington)
93	Jeff Bowie ^	DL	6-5	280	Sr.	West Branch, Iowa (West Branch / University of Iowa)
94	Kainen White	DL	6-2	325	So.	Coffeyville, Kan. (Field Kindley / Butler CC)
95 *	Carter Hooper ^	DL	6-5	265	Sr.	Toronto, Canada (IMG Academy / UConn)
96	Max Coles	DL	6-4	240	Fr.	Shakopee, Minn. (Shakopee)
97	AuVon Sager	DL	6-5	285	So.	Minneapolis, Minn. (North)
98	Jackson Cowgill ^	DL	6-4	305	R-Fr.	Erie, Colo. (Erie / Washington State)
99 *	Marcus Simmons Jr.	DL	6-1	270	Jr.	Germantown, Md. (St. John's College)

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PRONUNCIATIONS

0	Nate Ewell	EE - will
4	Jaylen Boehm -Peterson	BAME (rhymes w/ name)
6	Tysen Boze	BOSE
12	Austyn Modrzewski	MUH - JESS - KEY
13	Nevan Cremascoli	KREM - uh - SKULL - ee
15	Will Leyland	LAY - land
16	Torriq Brumfield	Tor - EEK // BRUHM - field
17	Troy Bounting	BOUNT - ing
23	Mackenson Owens	goes by 'Mack'
25	Rulian Stewart	REW - lee - an
31	DJ Kennard	KEH - nard

32	Tyler Ebel	EE - BULL
33	Gabriel Hardman	goes by 'Gabe'
34	Dawson Sechser	SEX - ser
35	Caisen Thome	TOE - MAY
44	Lenard Hill	LEH - nard
46	Nathan Laperi	LUH - PERRY
52	Mosai Newsom	Mo - SIGH goes by 'Mo'
67	Brendan Crispe	CRISP (no 'e' sound)
74	Almarion Crim	AI - MAHR - EE - on
75	Jacob Arop	UH - ROPE
78	Gerrit Poncius	PAWN - CHUS

84	Jackson Accuardi	like Pontius Pilot UH - CARD - EE
87	Caden Frey	FRY
89	Zach Witte	WIT - EE
90	Calen Presser	CAL - en like the state of California
97	AuVon Sager	A - VON // Say - GER

ROSTER BREAKDOWN: OFFENSE

QUARTERBACKS

2	Aidan Bouman	QB	6-5	225	Sr.	Buffalo, Minn. (Buffalo / Iowa State)
12	Austyn Modrzewski	QB	6-5	215	Fr.	Littleton, Colo. (Mountain Vista)
13	Nevan Cremascoli	QB	6-3	225	Jr.	Winnetka, Ill. (New Trier / Northern Illinois)
14	Grant Hocker	QB	6-3	185	Fr.	Williamsburg, Iowa (Williamsburg)
16	Ty Robinson	QB	6-3	240	R-Fr.	Lutz, Fla. (Steinbrenner / Holy Cross)

RUNNING BACKS

3	Charles Pierre Jr.	RB	5-10	210	Jr.	Orlando, Fla. (Ocoee)
5	Reid Watkins	RB	5-11	200	R-Fr.	Fort Worth, Texas (All Saints Episcopal / Texas)
7	Keyondray Jones-Logan	RB	5-7	175	Jr.	Orlando, Fla. (Ocoee)
23	Mackenson Owens	RB	6-0	230	Jr.	Aurora, Neb. (Aurora)
24	L.J. Phillips Jr.	RB	5-9	225	So.	Wichita, Kan. (Northwest)
33	Carson Fletcher	RB	5-10	215	Fr.	Racine, Wis. (Racine-Horlick)
34	Julius Ellens	RB	5-11	195	R-Fr.	Glen Ellyn, Ill. (Glenbard West)

TIGHT ENDS

10	Dallas Holmes	TE	6-6	250	Sr.	Bethlehem, Pa. (Liberty / Wyoming Seminary / Lafayette)
48	Chris Herrin	TE	6-5	230	Fr.	Terre Haute, Ind. (South Vigo)
81	Mason Cowgill	TE	6-4	240	R-Fr.	Erie, Colo. (Erie)
82	Will Graunke	TE	6-3	240	R-Fr.	Rockford, Minn. (Rockford / St. Thomas (Minn.))
83	Jesse Miller	TE	6-6	255	So.	Scranton, Iowa (Greene County)
84	Jackson Accuardi	TE	6-7	250	Fr.	DeForest, Wis. (DeForest / West Virginia)
87	Caden Fry	TE	6-6	250	R-Fr.	Red Cloud, Neb. (Red Cloud)
89	Zach Witte	TE	6-6	255	Sr.	Sioux Falls, S.D. (Sioux Falls Christian)

WIDE RECEIVERS

0	Andre Jacobs	WR	6-0	195	So.	Baltimore, Md. (St. Francis Academy)
1	Lorenzo Fenner	WR	6-0	185	So.	Independence, Mo. (Fort Osage)
6	Tysen Boze	WR	6-4	205	Jr.	Dublin, Ohio (Dublin Scioto)
8	Javion Phelps	WR	6-4	205	Sr.	Orlando, Fla. (Boone)
9	Tennel Bryant	WR	5-7	170	Jr.	Cincinnati, Ohio (Archbishop Moeller / Arkansas State)
11	Jamal Streeter	WR	6-0	190	R-Fr.	Port Charlotte, Fla. (Port Charlotte)
15	Jack Martens	WR	5-11	195	Sr.	Cumberland, Wis. (Cumberland)
17	Troy Bounting	WR	5-9	185	Jr.	Hudson, Wis. (Hudson)
19	Grady Sherrill	WR	5-9	180	Jr.	Greensboro, N.C. (Page / North Carolina)
80	Chase Moss	WR	5-9	175	Fr.	Westlake Village, Calif. (Oaks Christian)
85	Brayden White	WR	5-11	180	Fr.	Tarentum, Pa. (Thomas Jefferson)

OFFENSIVE LINE

55	Brandon Smith	OL	6-1	295	So.	Waldorf, Md. (DeMatha Catholic / Merrimack)
56	Jack Rons	OL	6-3	310	So.	Littleton, Colo. (Dakota Ridge)
58	Wyatt Lawson	OL	6-2	300	Sr.	Plant City, Fla. (Durant / Florida International)
59	Adrian Hawkins	OL	6-6	310	Sr.	Baltimore, Md. (DeMatha Catholic / Monmouth)
65	Caden Ellingson	OL	6-7	310	Sr.	Tea, S.D. (Tea Area)
67	Brendon Crispe	OL	6-9	320	R-Fr.	Castle Pines, Colo. (Arapahoe)
68	Sam Kohls	OL	6-4	300	Sr.	Sioux Falls, S.D. (Roosevelt)
70	Caleb Lange	OL	6-5	300	So.	Brainerd, Minn. (Brainerd)
71	Lucas Feldkamp	OL	6-5	305	Fr.	Sioux Falls, S.D. (Brandon Valley)
72	Grant Chapman	OL	6-5	305	So.	Andover, Minn. (Anoka)
74	Almarion Crim	OL	6-2	300	Sr.	Adamsville, Ga. (Minor / Chattanooga)
75	Jacob Arop	OL	6-6	300	R-Fr.	South Omaha, Neb. (Bellevue West)
76	Brock Woolf	OL	6-5	290	So.	Brewster, Kan. (Brewster / Kansas State)
77	Sam Hawker	OL	6-9	305	R-Fr.	Monona, Wis. (Monona Grove)
78	Gerrit Poncius	OL	6-7	310	Sr.	Buffalo, Minn. (Buffalo)
79	Dylan Birge	OL	6-3	290	So.	Olathe, Kan. (Olathe West)

*— Letters won

^— Extra season of eligibility due to COVID-19

RETURNER BREAKDOWN

STARTERS RETURNING (3)

QB	Aidan Bouman
OL	Adrian Hawkins
WR	Jack Martens

STARTERS LOST (8)

WR	Carter Bell
OL	Joe Cotton
TE	Hayden Erickson
TE	JJ Galbreath
OL	Bryce Henderson
OL	Jordan Larsen
OL	Joey Lombard
WR	Tristan Michaud

LETTERWINNERS RETURNING (10)

TE	Mason Cowgill
QB	Nevan Cremascoli
WR	Lorenzo Fenner
RB	Keyondray Jones-Logan
OL	Sam Kohls
TE	Jesse Miller
RB	Charles Pierre Jr.
WR	Javion Phelps
RB	L.J. Phillips Jr.
TE	Zach Witte

ROSTER BREAKDOWN: DEFENSE & SPECIAL TEAMS

DEFENSIVE LINE

10	Caden Crawford	DL	6-4	265	Jr.	Lansing, Kan. (Lansing / Iowa)
46	Nathan Laperi	DL	6-3	260	So.	Plano, Texas (Prestonwood Christian / North Texas)
50	Chris Dixon	DL	6-2	310	Jr.	Toronto, Canada (St. Thomas More (Conn.))
52	Mosai Newsom	DL	6-5	320	Sr.	Waverly, Iowa (Waverly-Shell Rock / Nebraska)
60	JT Brands	DL	6-1	285	R-Fr.	Oakland, Neb. (Oakland-Craig)
90	Calen Presser	DL	6-7	245	So.	Liberty, Mo. (Liberty North / Arkansas State)
91	Evan Adams	DL	6-4	255	R-Fr.	Breda, Iowa (Kuemper Catholic)
92	Bradley McGannon	DL	6-4	295	Sr.	Yelm, Wash. (Yelm / Washington)
93	Jeff Bowie	DL	6-5	280	Sr.	West Branch, Iowa (West Branch / Iowa)
94	Kainen White	DL	6-2	325	So.	Coffeyville, Kan. (Field Kindley / Butler CC)
95	Carter Hooper	DL	6-5	265	Sr.	Toronto, Ontario, Canada (IMG Academy / UConn)
96	Max Coles	DL	6-4	240	Fr.	Shakopee, Minn. (Shakopee)
97	AuVon Sager	DL	6-5	285	So.	Minneapolis, Minn. (North)
98	Jackson Cowgill	DL	6-4	305	R-Fr.	Erie, Colo. (Erie / Washington State)
99	Marcus Simmons Jr.	DL	6-1	270	Jr.	Germantown, Md. (St. John's College)

LINEBACKERS

0	Nate Ewell	LB	6-2	230	Sr.	Waterloo, Iowa (West / Grand View (Iowa))
3	Gabriel Hardman	LB	5-10	230	So.	Miami, Fla. (Palmetto)
5	Jacob Clark	LB	6-3	235	Sr.	Cinnaminson, N.J. (Myrtle Beach Prep / Glenville State (W.V.))
8	Nyle Dickel	LB	6-3	250	Sr.	Minneapolis, Minn. (Washburn)
11	Austin Rosetta	LB	6-2	225	Sr.	Shawnee, Kan. (De Soto)
28	QJ Moore Jr.	LB	6-1	230	R-Fr.	Lakeland, Fla. (Lake Gibson)
34	Beau Ryan	LB	5-11	220	R-Fr.	Omaha, Neb. (Westside)
37	Crew Heier	LB	6-4	255	R-Fr.	Hartford, S.D. (West Central)
38	Lincoln Adams	LB	6-1	215	R-Fr.	Lake Zurich, Ill. (Lake Zurich)
42	Reed Rus	LB	6-4	235	So.	Mount Vernon, S.D. (Mount Vernon)
44	Lenard Hill	LB	6-4	230	So.	Ocala, Fla. (Vanguard)
49	Wade Abrams	LB	6-0	235	Jr.	Fox River Grove, Ill. (Cary-Grove / Valparaiso)
51	Reese Thompson	LB	6-5	320	Sr.	Hudson, Wis. (Hudson / Ventura CC)
53	Dylan Hudgens	LB	6-3	205	Fr.	Minnetonka, Minn. (Minnetonka)
54	Cain Wallner	LB	6-2	225	Fr.	Canton, S.D. (Canton)

DEFENSIVE BACKS

1	Roman Tillmon	DB	6-0	195	So.	Independence, Mo. (Fort Osage)
2	DeJuan Lewis	DB	5-10	205	Sr.	Pearland, Texas (Shadow Creek / Lamar)
4	Jaylen Boehm-Peterson	DB	6-3	190	So.	Minneapolis, Minn. (Academy of Holy Angels / Iowa Western CC)
6	Ty Morris	DB	5-11	180	So.	Fillmore, Calif. (Buena / Ventura CC)
9	Tim White	DB	5-10	205	Sr.	Miami Gardens, Fla. (Miramar / Robert Morris)
12	Mikey Munn	DB	6-1	190	So.	Windsor, Colo. (Windsor)
13	Matt Walsh	DB	6-2	220	Sr.	Evergreen Park, Ill. (Evergreen Park)
14	Dawson Sechser	DB	6-0	190	R-Fr.	Sioux Falls, S.D. (Jefferson)
16	Torriq Brumfield	DB	5-11	205	Jr.	Pasadena, Calif. (Pasadena / Pasadena City CC)
17	Ashton Paine	DB	6-1	195	So.	Tumwater, Wash. (Tumwater / Washington State)
21	Jaden Brown	DB	5-9	175	Fr.	Orlando, Fla. (Edgewater)
25	Rulian Stewart	DB	6-0	180	R-Fr.	Acookeek, Md. (Georgetown Prep)
26	Mark Williams	DB	6-2	190	Fr.	Long Beach, Calif. (Western)
27	Jahiem Williams	DB	5-10	190	R-Fr.	Miramar, Fla. (Miramar)
31	DJ Kennard	DB	6-3	200	R-Fr.	Falls Church, Va. (Palmetto Prep / Michigan State)
35	Caisen Thome	DB	6-2	190	Fr.	Kasson, Minn. (Kasson-Mantorville)
47	Harry Johnson II	DB	6-1	175	Fr.	Maple Grove, Minn. (Maple Grove)

SPECIALISTS

15	Will Leyland	K	5-11	215	Sr.	Souderton, Pa. (Souderton / Temple)
19	Sam Parks	K	5-8	160	R-Fr.	Wichita, Kan. (Maize South)
32	Tyler Ebel	P	6-4	235	Jr.	DeForest, Wis. (DeForest)
39	Zeke Mata	K	5-11	200	Sr.	San Marcos, Calif. (Mission Hills / LSU)
41	Duncan Viscum	LS	5-10	215	So.	Phoenix, Ariz. (Brophy Prep)
45	Ford Hamilton	K/P	6-3	205	So.	Omaha, Neb. (Creighton Prep)

RETURNERS BREAKDOWN

STARTERS RETURNING (2)

LB	Nate Ewell
DL	Mosai Newsom

STARTERS LOST (9)

DB	Shahid Barros
LB	Gary Bryant III
DL	Nick Gaes
DB	Josiah Ganues
DL	Mi'Quise Grace
DL	Blake Holden
LB	Teven McKelvey
DB	Mike Reid
DB	Dennis Shorter

LETTERWINNERS RETURNING (11)

LB	Wade Abrams
DL	Nyle Dickel
DL	Chris Dixon
DL	Carter Hooper
K	Will Leyland
K	Zeke Mata
DL	Bradley McGannon
DB	Mikey Munn
DB	Roman Tillmon
LS	Duncan Viscum
DB	Tim White

EXPLOSIVE PLAYS: 20-PLUS YARD PLAYS

2025 SOUTH DAKOTA 20-PLUS YARD PLAYS				
<i>Yards</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Player(s)</i>	<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Quarter</i>
29	Pass	Aidan Bouman to Charles Pierre Jr.	Iowa State	1st
35	Pass	Aidan Bouman to Jack Martens	Iowa State	2nd
27	Rush	Charles Pierre Jr.	Lamar	1st
24	Rush	L.J. Phillips Jr.	Lamar	2nd
47	Rush	L.J. Phillips Jr.	Northern Colorado	1st
21	Pass	Aidan Bouman to Jack Martens	Northern Colorado	1st
40	Rush	L.J. Phillips Jr.	Northern Colorado	2nd
20	Rush	L.J. Phillips Jr.	Northern Colorado	2nd
27	Pass	Aidan Bouman to Lorenzo Fenner	Northern Colorado	4th

BY PLAY

Rush.....4

Pass.....5

Kickoff Return0

Punt Return.....0

BY GAME

Iowa State.....2

Lamar2

Northern Colorado.....5

Drake.....0

North Dakota State0

Murray State0

Indiana State0

Northern Iowa0

Illinois State0

North Dakota0

South Dakota State.....0

Southern Illinois.....0

BY QUARTER

First Quarter4

Second Quarter.....4

Third Quarter.....0

Fourth Quarter1

RUSHING

L.J. Phillips Jr.....4

Charles Pierre Jr.....1

PASSING

Aidan Bouman.....2

RECEIVING

Jack Martens2

Lorenzo Fenner.....1

Charles Pierre Jr.....1

KICKOFF RETURN

None.....0

PUNT RETURN

None.....0

LONGEST 20-PLUS YARD PLAYS (2024)

BY PLAY

Kickoff Return27

(Charles Pierre. Jr. rush up the midd; at Lamar [Sept. 6])

Pass35 yards

(Aidan Bouman to Jack Martens; at Iowa St. [Aug. 30])

Rush.....TBD

(Play Info)

Punt Return.....TBD

(Play Info)

LONG PLAYS: BY THE NUMBERS					
BY YARDAGE			BY TYPE		
<i>Yards</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>TD</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>TD</i>
100+	--	--	Rushing	4	--
90-99	--	--	Passing	5	--
80-89	--	--	Punt Returns	--	--
70-79	--	--	Kick Returns	--	--
60-69	--	--	Interceptions	--	--
50-59	--	--	Fumble Returns	--	--
40-49	2	--	Other	--	--
30-39	1	--	TOTALS	9	--
20-29	6	--			

COYOTE CAREER STAT NOTABLES

// OFFENSE | RUSHING

GAMES WITH A RUSHING TD

Athlete	'22	'23	'24	'25	Career
Pierre Jr., Charles	--	4	9	0	13
Phillips Jr., L.J.	--	1	2	1	4
Jones-Logan, Keyondray	--	--	2	0	2
Cremascoli, Nevan	--	--	1	0	1

GAMES WITH MULTIPLE RUSHING TD

Athlete	'22	'23	'24	'25	Career
Pierre Jr., Charles	--	1	6	0	7
Phillips Jr., L.J.	--	1	0	1	2

Pierre Jr. had four-straight games in '24 with multiple rushing TDs

// OFFENSE | RECEIVING

GAMES WITH A RECEIVING TD

Athlete	'22	'23	'24	'25	Career
Martens, Jack	1	1	1	1	4
Phelps, Javion	0	2	1	0	3
Pierre Jr., Charles	--	0	2	0	2
Lorenzo Fenner	--	0	0	1	1
Zach Witte	0	0	0	1	1

GAMES WITH MULTIPLE RECEIVING TD

Athlete	'22	'23	'24	'25	Career
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None entering 2025 season

// DEFENSE | TACKLES (CAREER 10+ GAMES)

NATE EWELL (3)

Date	Tackles	Opponent
Oct. 12, 2024	11	Northern Iowa
Nov. 23, 2024	10	North Dakota State
Dec. 14, 2024	11	UC Davis

MATT WALSH (1)

Date	Tackles	Opponent
Sept. 6, 2025	10	at Lamar

ROMAN TILLMON (1)

Date	Tackles	Opponent
Sept. 13, 2025	14	Northern Colorado

2025 HONORS & AWARDS

AIDAN BOUMAN • SR. • QB

- Walter Payton Award Watch List
- HEROSports.com No. 2 returning FCS QB
- First Team FCS FB Central Preseason All-American
- Second Team STATS Perform Preseason All-American

CHARLES PIERRE JR. • R-JR. • RB

- Walter Payton Award Watch List
- HEROSports.com top-returning FCS RB
- First Team FCS FB Central Preseason All-American

NATE EWELL • SR. • LB

- Second Team FCS FB Central Preseason All-American
- Third Team STATS Perform Preseason All-American
- Tabbed the No. 12 returning FCS LB by HEROSports

WILL LEYLAND • SR. • K

- Third Team STATS Perform Preseason All-American
- Third Team FCS FB Central Preseason All-American

ADRIAN HAWKINS • SR. • OL

- Third Team FCS FB Central Preseason All-American

KEYONDRAY JONES-LOGAN • JR. • RB/KR

- Third Team STATS Perform Preseason All-American

DALLAS HOLMES • SR. • TE

- Tabbed the No. 10 returning FCS TE by HEROSports

DEJUAN LEWIS • SR. • DB

- Tabbed the No. 24 returning FCS DB by HERO Sports

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 and indoor track and field. Basketball, swimming & diving, and volleyball competed in the Dome before the Sanford Coyote Sports Center came online in 2016 and the completion of the Natatorium (swim & dive) was completed in the spring of 2025.

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 called the Dome home for more than 30 years, which came to an end following the 2024 show. 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.

// ATTENDANCE NOTES

Since official tracking of attendance numbers was based on tickets sold ahead of the 2019 football season, the past two seasons (2023, 2024) have seen season attendance averages climb.

The 2024 season saw the best single-season average of 7,281 fans per game in the eight home games, including the two FCS Playoff games in December.

The last two seasons have seen the Yotes average north of 7,000 fans per game, as the Coyotes posted back-to-back record breaking seasons.

The 2024 season was one for the ages. Putting down a new turf in the summer of 2024, the Coyotes inaugural season on it saw them go a perfect 8-0 and win the program's first-ever Missouri Valley Football Conference (MVFC) title with a 29-28 win over No. 1-ranked North Dakota State in a nearly sold-out DakotaDome (9,062). The 7,068 fans per game average sits second-best since 2019.

Below is a table of the attendance averages since the 2019 season:

SEASON ATTENDANCES [SINCE 2019]				
Rk.	Average	Season	Total Att.	No. of games
1.	7,096	2023	56,796	8 games*
2.	7,068	2024	56,547	8 games*
3.	6,354	2022	31,772	5 games
4.	5,816	2021	34,898	6 games*
5.	5,038	2019	30,225	6 games

Notes: *includes at least one FCS Playoff game; 2020 season not counted due to COVID-19 Pandemic restrictions.

FACTS & FIGURES

// DAKOTADOME FAST FACTS

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

// YOTES IN THE DAKOTADOME

USD Record (All-Time)..... 181-82 (.688)
USD Record (FCS era)60-31 (.659)
USD Record (MVFC)47-77 (.379)
USD under Nielson (2016-24)34-15 (.694)
Winning Seasons21

Note: information entering 2025 season

Home Wins (Season)..... 6 (x7)
(^Regular Season only: 1985, '86, 2004-06, '11, '24)
Home Wins (Season).....8
(^ All-Time; playoffs included: 2024)

// DOME BY THE NUMBERS

11

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.

9

The Coyotes have played eight NCAA Playoff games inside the DakotaDome, combining the NCAA Division II and Division I FCS eras. USD sits 5-4 in Playoff games inside the DakotaDome, including a 3-2 record in the Division I FCS era.

32

South Dakota has posted 32 winning seasons (*home games*) inside DakotaDome since it opened in 1979.



THE JOHANSEN FILE

■ First season as collegiate head coach

Record at South Dakota (first season):	1-2 (.000)
FCS Playoff Record (career):	0-0 (.000)
Hometown:	Blaine, Minn.
Alma Mater:	Concordia, St. Paul (Minn.), 2006
Family:	Wife: Natalie
Children:	Laila & Layne (daughters); Tate (son)

Year	School	Position
2006-10	Concordia, St. Paul	Defensive Assistant
2011-12	Concordia, St. Paul	Defensive Coordinator
2013-18	Grand View (Iowa)	Defensive Coordinator/ Secondary Coach
2019-24	South Dakota	Defensive Coordinator
2022-24	South Dakota	Associate Head Coach
2025-p.	South Dakota	Head Coach

MOST WINS IN FIRST SEASON AS HC (AT USD)

South Dakota head coaches, only coaches w/ winning record in first season

1.	A.H. Whitewater (1902)	9 (9-0)
	Ed Meierkort (2004)	9 (9-2)
3.	James Henderson (1911)	7 (7-1)
	Vincent Montgomery (1927)	7 (7-2)
5.	Ralph Norton (1901)	6 (6-1-1)
6.	Ian Cartwright (1914)	5 (5-2-1)
	Cletus Clinker (1942)	5 (5-3)

JOHANSEN VS. 2025 OPPONENTS

2025 is first season as collegiate head coach

Drake	0-0
Illinois State	0-0
Indiana State	0-0
Iowa State	0-1
Lamar	0-1
Murray State	0-0
North Dakota	0-0
North Dakota State	0-0
Northern Colorado	1-0
Northern Iowa	0-0
South Dakota State	0-0
Southern Illinois	0-0

HEAD COACH TRAVIS JOHANSEN

Travis Johansen was introduced as the 31st head coach in the history of University of South Dakota football in January 2025. He takes the reins of the Coyote football program after six seasons as the Defensive Coordinator (2019-24) and the last three seasons as the Associate Head Coach (2022-24).

Johansen, a native of Blaine, Minnesota, joined the USD football program in February 2019 and has taken the Coyote defensive unit to new heights. He has coached a pair of Missouri Valley Football Conference (MVFC) Defensive Players of the Year in back-to-back seasons (Brock Mogensen, 2023; Mi'Quise Grace, 2024) and a pair of Buck Buchanan Award Finalists (Mogensen, 2023; Grace, 2024).

A proven leader of defenses in his three stops as Defensive Coordinator at South Dakota (2019-pres.), Grand View (2013-18), and Concordia, St. Paul (2011-12).

Leading defensive units, Johansen has seen 16 athletes go to the National Football League (NFL) with 10 from his time in Vermillion, including 2023 seventh round draft pick Myles Harden of the Cleveland Brown.

Additionally, he's coached seven All-Americans (AFCA, STATS Perform, Phil Steele, AP) and seven First Team All-MVFC performers at South Dakota. As of December 2024, Johansen has seen 10 athletes on the defensive side of the ball go pro either drafted, received camp invites, or signed as an undrafted free agent in the NFL.

The 2024 season saw Johansen lead a unit that sat top-10 in scoring defense and top-20 in rushing defense as the Coyotes put together one of the best seasons in school history with an 11-3 (7-1 MVFC) record with a share of the MVFC title, the first in program history.

The MVFC honors saw seven All-Conference honorees, including three First Team All-MVFC performers in Mi'Quise Grace, Nick Gae, and Dennis Shorter. The defensive front seven sat fourth in the Valley with 30 sacks as a team with Gae and Grace sitting No. 1 and No. 2 in total sacks.

The 2023 campaign saw the Coyotes take a giant leap forward in the FCS ranks under Johansen. South Dakota finished No. 4 in the FCS rankings (STATS Perform and AFCA) and picked up the program's first 10-win season in the Division I era. The Yote defense was instrumental in the team's overall success, being ranked in the top-25 in the FCS in three defensive categories: scoring defense (No. 8), passing defense (No. 18), and total defense (No. 25).

Prior to his arrival in Vermillion, he served as the Defensive Coordinator at Grand View University (Iowa) at the NAIA level where he and the Vikings posted a 61-11 record with five Heart of America Athletic Conference championships, six NAIA Playoff appearances, and the 2013 national title following a 14-0 campaign. While at Grand View, Johansen was named the Heart of America Assistant Coach of the Year finalist in his final two seasons and was a national coordinator of the year finalist in the 2015 season.

He began his coaching career at his alma mater, Concordia, St. Paul (Minn.) where he spent seven seasons in various positions. He eventually climbed to the Defensive Coordinator position for his final two seasons (2011-12) where he coordinated the Golden Bear defensive unit and coached the secondary.

He was a four-year starter at Concordia, St. Paul (Minn.) at linebacker from 2002-05 who made 40 consecutive starts on the defensive side of the ball in his career. The two-time All-NSIC performer earned First Team All-Conference honors his senior season in 2005, being a team captain and the team's defensive MVP.

His CSP teams went 33-13 in his four seasons, including a 24-7 mark in NSIC play. He finished his collegiate career with 221 tackles, 23.5 tackles for loss, and five sacks in a dual role as a safety and linebacker in his Golden Bear career.

In 2021, Johansen was named to the Concordia University Hall of Fame after his playing career and his stint on staff at CSP from 2006-12. He was a part of 65 of Concordia's 102 total wins at the NCAA Division II level, including a member of both NSIC Championship teams and all three Mineral Water Bowl appearances, as both an athlete and a coach.

He graduated from Concordia University, St. Paul in 2006 with a degree in Kinesiology and Sport Science. Johansen and his wife, Natalie, have two daughters, Laila and Layne, and a son, Tate.

He takes over the reins of the Coyote football program following the announcement of Bob Nielson's retirement after the program's first NCAA FCS semifinal appearance after the 2024 season.

JOHANSEN YEAR-BY-YEAR

Year	Team	Position	Record	Conf.	Finish	Postseason
2006	Concordia, St. Paul	Defensive Assistant	5-6	4-4	T3rd	
2007	Concordia, St. Paul	Defensive Assistant	4-7	4-6	T6th	
2008	Concordia, St. Paul	Defensive Assistant	4-7	4-8	10th	
2009	Concordia, St. Paul	Defensive Assistant	3-8	3-7	10th	
2010	Concordia, St. Paul	Defensive Assistant	8-4	7-3	4th	
2011	Concordia, St. Paul	Defensive Coordinator	6-5	5-5	8th	
2012	Concordia, St. Paul	Defensive Coordinator	2-9	2-9	T13th	
2013	Grand View	Defensive Coordinator	14-0	6-0	1st*	NAIA National Champions
2014	Grand View	Defensive Coordinator	10-2	5-0	1st*	NAIA Playoffs (Second Round)
2015	Grand View	Defensive Coordinator	11-2	5-0	1st^	NAIA Playoffs (Second Round)
2016	Grand View	Defensive Coordinator	9-3	4-1	T1st^^	NAIA Playoffs (First Round)
2017	Grand View	Defensive Coordinator	9-3	9-2	T2nd	NAIA Playoffs (First Round)
2018	Grand View	Defensive Coordinator	8-3	4-1	T3rd	NAIA Playoffs (First Round)
2019	South Dakota	Defensive Coordinator	5-7	4-4	6th	
2020	South Dakota	Defensive Coordinator	1-3	1-3	--	Covid Season
2021	South Dakota	Defensive Coordinator	7-5	5-3	5th	FCS Playoffs (First Round)
2022	South Dakota	Associate HC & DC	3-8	2-6	9th	
2023	South Dakota	Associate HC & DC	10-3	7-1	2nd	FCS Playoffs (Quarterfinals)
2024	South Dakota	Associate HC & DC	11-3	7-1	T1st	FCS Playoffs (Semifinals)

HEAD COACHING CAREER BEGINS

2025	South Dakota	Head Coach	1-2	0-0	--	--
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Head Coaching Totals (First season) 1-2 (.000) // 0-0 (.000) MVFC --

*indicates Mid-States Football Association (MSFA) 'Midwest League' division title // ^ indicates Heart of America Athletic Conference 'North Division' champions // ^^ indicates Heart of America co-champions

SINGLE GAME SUPERLATIVES: UNDER COACH JOHANSEN

// OFFENSE
Most Points Scored

1. 24	Northern Colorado	9.13.25
2. 13	at Lamar	9.6.25
3. 7	at Iowa State	8.30.25

Most Rushing Attempts

1. 47	Northern Colorado	9.13.25
2. 28	at Lamar	9.6.25
3. 22	at Iowa State	8.30.25

Most Rushing Yards

1. 307	Northern Colorado	9.13.25
2. 135	at Lamar	9.6.25
3. 83	at Iowa State	8.30.25

Most Rushing Touchdowns

1. 2	Northern Colorado	9.13.25
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Most Passes Completed

1. 15	at Iowa State	8.30.25
2. 10	at Lamar	9.6.25
3. 9	Northern Colorado	9.13.25

Most Passes Attempted

1. 29	at Iowa State	8.30.25
2. 21	at Lamar	9.6.25
3. 19	Northern Colorado	9.13.25

Most Passing Yards

1. 126	at Iowa State	8.30.25
2. 108	at Lamar	9.6.25
3. 99	Northern Colorado	9.13.25

Most Passing Touchdowns

1. 1	at Iowa State	8.30.25
1	at Lamar	9.6.25
1	Northern Colorado	9.13.25

Most First Downs

1. 23	Northern Colorado	9.13.25
2. 13	at Lamar	9.6.25
3. 11	at Iowa State	8.30.25

Most Yards of Total Offense

1. 406	Northern Colorado	9.13.25
2. 243	at Lamar	9.6.25
3. 209	at Iowa State	8.30.25

// DEFENSE
Fewest Points Allowed

1. 17	Northern Colorado	9.13.25
2. 20	at Lamar	9.6.25
3. 55	at Iowa State	8.30.25

Fewest Rushing Yards Allowed

1. 91	Northern Colorado	9.13.25
2. 139	at Lamar	9.6.25
3. 223	at Iowa State	8.30.25

Fewest Passing Yards Allowed

1. 65	at Lamar	9.6.25
2. 306	at Iowa State	8.30.25
3. 336	Northern Colorado	9.13.25

Fewest Yards of Total Offense Allowed

1. 204	at Lamar	9.6.25
2. 427	Northern Colorado	9.13.25
3. 529	at Iowa State	8.30.25

Most Sacks

1. 3.0	at Lamar	9.6.25
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Most Tackles For Loss

1. 5.0	at Lamar	9.6.25
5.0	Northern Colorado	9.13.25
3. 2.0	at Iowa State	8.30.25

Most Interceptions

1. 2	at Lamar	9.6.25
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Most Pass Break-Ups

1. 6	Northern Colorado	9.13.25
2. 1	at Lamar	9.6.25

// INDIVIDUAL
Most Passing Yards

1. 126	A. Bouman at Iowa St.	8.30.25
2. 108	A. Bouman at Lamar	9.6.25
3. 99	A. Bouman vs. N. Colo.	9.13.25

Most Rushing Yards

1. 301	L.J. Phillips Jr. vs. N. Colo.	9.13.25
2. 60	L.J. Phillips Jr. at Lamar	9.6.25
3. 53	C. Pierre Jr. at Lamar	9.6.25
4. 49	C. Pierre Jr. at Iowa St.	8.30.25

Most Receiving Yards

1. 41	L. Fenner at Lamar	9.6.25
2. 37	C. Pierre Jr. at Iowa St.	8.30.25
3. 35	J. Martens at Iowa St.	8.30.25

Most Tackles

1. 14	R. Tillmon vs. N. Colo.	9.13.25
2. 10	Matt Walsh at Lamar	9.6.25
3. 9	Six Yotes...	---

Most Tackles For Loss

1. 2.0	C. Crawford at Lamar	9.6.25
2.0	N. Laperi at Lamar	9.6.25
2.0	C. Crawford vs. N. Colo.	9.13.25
4. 1.0	(x2) at Iowa State	8.30.25

Most Sacks

1. 2.0	N. Laperi at Lamar	9.6.25
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COACHING & SUPPORT STAFF



B

TIM MORRISON

OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR

- In his third season at USD, first as OC.
- Coached Yote All-American JJ Galbreath (TE) for two seasons, who's now with the Pittsburgh Steelers.
- Will continue to work with the Coyote tight ends, along with coordinator duties.



B

BILLY KIRCH

DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR

- 2025 will be his first season as Defensive Coordinator at USD for Kirch.
- He spent the last 11 seasons at NAIA powerhouse Northwestern College (Iowa) with the last 10 as Defensive Coordinator.
- He won the 2022 NAIA national title, earning NAIA Coordinator of the Year.



F

WILL FINLEY

LINEBACKERS

- In his first season at USD in 2025.
- Coached linebackers at Lindenwood (Mo.) prior to coming to Vermillion.
- Served as head coach at NAIA Waldorf University (Iowa) for three seasons.



B

ERIC FINNEY

CORNERBACKS

- Enters his first season at South Dakota, working with the Coyote cornerbacks.
- He spent the 2024 season as a Quality Control coach (+ DBs) at Cincinnati.
- Spent six seasons (2018-23) at Iowa Western CC as DBs coach, winning a pair of NJCAA national titles.



F

JOSH MANCHIGIAH

SAFETIES

- Returns to USD in first full-time capacity after spending 2023 as a GA on Nielson's staff.
- Spent the 2024 season as a GA on the defensive staff at the University of Iowa.
- One of two coaches on staff who played their collegiate ball at USD. Ending his career at South Dakota (2022).



F

PATRICK MARKARIAN

OFFENSIVE LINE

- Enters his first season with the Coyote OL unit in 2025.
- Has had two stops in the FBS: Baylor (2021-22) and Fresno State (2023-24).
- Finished his collegiate career at Indiana State and was a member of ISU's first playoff team in (2014).



F

NATHAN NELSON

DEFENSIVE LINE

- Heads into his second season working with the DL unit at South Dakota.
- Had two DII stops before coming to USD: Bemidji State ('22) & Arkansas Monticello ('23).
- Started his coaching career at his alma mater (Iowa) in 2021, helping the Hawkeyes to the Big Ten West division title.



B

MATT VITZTHUM

QB / CO-OFFENSIVE COORD.

- Named the Co-Offensive Coordinator ahead of the 2025 season, entering his second year at USD.
- Worked with the USD WRs in 2024, transitioning to QBs in 2025.
- Served as the Offensive Coordinator at DII power Grand Valley State before USD.



F

ISAIAH WALKER

WIDE RECEIVERS

- Enters his first season with South Dakota in 2025.
- Spent two seasons in the Big Ten (Minnesota) as Asst. WRs coach for the Gophers.
- He also spent a season at now-Big 12 member UCF as an offensive grad assistant.



F

DANTE WARREN

RUNNING BACKS

- The longest-tenured coach - assistant or otherwise - of the USD coaching staff, entering his eighth season as the running backs coach.
- Coached the program's first two DI FCS era 1,000-yard rushers in Charles Pierre Jr. and Travis Theis in 2024.
- Played QB at South Dakota (2008-11).

SOUTH DAKOTA SUPPORT STAFF

Football Support Staff

Josh Rosenthal (General Manager / NFL Liaison)
Keegan Kempf (Director of Operations)
AJ Coons (Asst. WR Coach)
Moe Evans (Asst. DL Coach)
Cody Fayette (Asst. OL Coach)
Kyle Taylor (Asst. LB Coach)

Strength & Conditioning

Chad Traver (Dir. of FB Sports Performance)
Jaren Borland (Asst. FB Strength)

Athletic Training

Grant Rohrig (Head FB Athletic Trainer)
Brooke Opdahl (Asst. FB Trainer)

Equipment

Josh Pansegrau

Academics

Becky Jensen (Director of SA Success Center)
Jason Burton (Academic Advisor)
Darin Hochstein (Academic Advisor)
Wendy Johnson (Academic Advisor)

SELECT SOUTH DAKOTA RECORDS (SEASON)

PASSING TOUCHDOWNS

Rk.	TD	Athlete	Year
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	2009
7.	20	Noah Shepard	2006
8.	19	Aidan Bouman	2024
9.	18	Dante Warren	2010
	18	Austin Simmons	2018

PASSING YARDS

Rk.	Yards	Athlete	Year
1.	4,134	Chris Streveler	2017
2.	3,124	Austin Simmons	2018
3.	3,049	Wesley Beschorner	2005
4.	2,959	Aidan Bouman	2024
5.	2,953	Austin Simmons	2019
6.	2,551	Aidan Bouman	2023
7.	2,547	Noah Shepard	2007
8.	2,451	Noah Shepard	2009
9.	2,252	Carson Camp	2021
10.	2,137	Dante Warren	2010

PASSING COMPLETIONS

Rk.	Comp.	Athlete	Year
1.	316	Chris Streveler (13g)	2017
2.	287	Austin Simmons (11g)	2018
3.	267	Austin Simmons (12g)	2019
4.	214	Aidan Bouman (14g)	2024
5.	188	Noah Shepard (10g)	2009
6.	187	Aidan Bouman (13g)	2023
7.	180	Carson Camp (12g)	2021
8.	172	Wesley Beschorner (11g)	2005
9.	165	Kevin Earl (9g)	2013
	165	Ryan Saeger (11g)	2015

PASSING ATTEMPTS

Rk.	Att.	Athlete (Games Played, GP)	Year
1.	481	Chris Streveler (13g)	2017
2.	469	Austin Simmons (11g)	2018
3.	413	Austin Simmons (12g)	2019
4.	314	Kevin Earl (10g)	2013
5.	312	Aidan Bouman (14g)	2024
6.	304	Jason Seurer (11g)	1990
7.	303	Ryan Justice (11g)	2000
8.	299	Ryan Seager (11g)	2015
9.	297	Noah Shepard (10g)	2009
10.	292	Ryan Justice (10g)	2001
	292	Dante Warren (11g)	2010

RUSHING YARDS

Rk.	Yards	Athlete (Games Played, GP)	Year
1.	1,961	Amos Allen (11g)	2007
2.	1,796	Jamel White (11g)	1999
3.	1,751	Stefan Logan (11g)	2005
4.	1,707	Stefan Logan (13g)	2006
5.	1,345	Stefan Logan (10g)	2004
6.	1,327	Steve Pelot (10g)	1970
7.	1,244	Charles Pierre Jr. (14g)	2024
8.	1,172	Travis Theis (13g)	2024
9.	1,162	Chul Schwanke (N/A)	1985
10.	1,155	Stefan Logan (11g)	2003
—	1,059	James Hambrick (N/A)	1986
—	1,034	Dusty Stamer (10g)	2000

Note: All 1,000-yard single-season rushers are listed

RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS

Rk.	TD	Athlete	Year
1.	20	Steve Pelot	1970
2.	19	Jamel White	1999
	19	Travis Theis	2024
4.	17	Scott Jones	1986
5.	16	Carl Johnson	1954
	16	Charles Pierre Jr.	2024
7.	15	Amos Allen	2007
8.	14	Scott Jones	1985
9.	13	Booker Vann	1972
	13	Noah Shepard	2008
	13	Noah Shepard	2009

TACKLES

Rk.	Tkl.	Athlete	Year
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

CAREER RECORD WATCH

RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS

Rk.	TD	Athlete	Years
1.	40	Travis Theis	2019-24
2.	37	Scott Jones	1983-86
3.	36	Noah Shepard	2006-09
4.	30	Carl Johnson	1954-56
	30	Jared Schwenn	1994-97
6.	29	Travis Mlady	2003-06
7.	28	Stefan Logan	2003-06
8.	26	Jason Leber	1993-96
9.	25	Steve Pelot	1968-70
10.	24	Chul Schwanke	1982-85
	24	Kai Henry	2017-21
—	17	Charles Pierre Jr.	2022-pres.

RUSHING YARDS

Rk.	Yards	Athlete	Years
1.	5,958	Stefan Logan	2003-06
2.	3,666	Travis Theis	2019-24
3.	3,427	Chul Schwanke	1982-85
4.	2,871	Chris Ganious	2008-11
5.	2,513	Jared Schwenn	1994-97
6.	2,414	Trevor Bouma	2013-16
7.	2,285	Emmett Huston	1978-81
8.	2,271	Steve Pelot	1968-70
9.	2,238	Jason Leber	1993-96
10.	2,220	Jamel White	1998-99
—	1,819	Charles Pierre Jr.	2022-pres.

FIELD GOALS MADE

Rk.	FG	Athlete	Years
1.	56	Miles Bergner	2013-16
2.	44	Kurt Seibel	1980-83
3.	39	Mason Lorber	2018-21
4.	37	Kevin Robb	2010-12
5.	36	Adam Hicks	1997-90
6.	34	Mark McLoughlin	1984-87
7.	27	Frank Leibfarth	2005-07
8.	26	Will Leyland	2023-pres.
9.	25	Cody Butler	2003-04
10.	24	Mike Kneip	1988-91

USD ALL-TIME RECORDS LISTED ABOVE
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 2025 USD FOOTBALL MEDIA GUIDE [see QR code]

DIVISION I FCS ERA RECORDS

RUSHING YARDS

Rk.	Yards	Athlete	Years
1.	3,658	Travis Theis	2019-24
2.	2,871	Chris Ganious	2008-11
3.	2,414	Trevor Bouma	2013-16
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5.	1,819	Charles Pierre Jr.	2022-pres.

RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS

Rk.	TD	Athlete	Years
1.	40	Travis Theis	2019-24
2.	26	*Noah Shepard	2008-09
3.	24	Kai Henry	2017-21
4.	21	Charles Pierre Jr.	2022-pres.
5.	20	Chris Ganious	2007-11
	20	*Chris Streveler	2016-17

** indicates athlete was a quarterback*



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MVFC STANDINGS

SCHOOL	CONF.	CPCT.	OVR.	PCT.	HOME	AWAY	NEU.	STRK
North Dakota State	0-0	.000	3-0	1.000	1-0	2-0	0-0	W3
South Dakota State	0-0	.000	3-0	1.000	2-0	1-0	0-0	W3
Illinois State	0-0	.000	2-1	.667	1-0	1-1	0-0	W2
Indiana State	0-0	.000	2-1	.667	2-0	0-1	0-0	L1
Northern Iowa	0-0	.000	2-1	.667	2-0	0-1	0-0	W1
Southern Illinois	0-0	.000	2-1	.667	1-0	1-1	0-0	W1
Youngstown State	0-0	.000	2-1	.667	2-0	0-1	0-0	L1
North Dakota	0-0	.000	1-2	.333	1-0	0-2	0-0	L1
South Dakota	0-0	.000	1-2	.333	1-0	0-2	0-0	W1
Murray State	0-0	.000	0-3	.000	0-1	0-2	0-0	L3

THIS WEEK IN THE MVFC

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

North Alabama at Illinois State, 12:00 PM
 Drake at South Dakota, 1:00 PM
 Indiana State at Montana, 2:00 PM
 Valpo at North Dakota, 3:00 PM
 Youngstown State at Towson, 5:00 PM
 Southern Illinois at SE Missouri State, 6:00 PM
 Murray State at Jacksonville State, 6:00 PM
 Northern Iowa at Utah Tech, 7:00 PM

MVFC RESULTS FROM LAST WEEK

Indiana State, 0 at Indiana, 73
 Northern Colorado, 17 at South Dakota, 24 (OT)
 North Dakota, 23 at Montana, 24
 Illinois State, 42 at Eastern Illinois, 30
 SE Missouri State, 14 at North Dakota State, 41
 Youngstown State, 24 at Michigan State, 41
 Eastern Washington, 14 at Northern Iowa, 17
 Southern Illinois, 37 at UT Martin, 10
 Drake, 21 at South Dakota State, 37
 Murray State, 21 at Georgia State, 37

MVFC WEEKLY HONORS

// OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Sept. 1	Plez Lawrence (RB)	Indiana State
Sept. 8	Beau Brungard (QB)	Youngstown State
Sept. 15	L.J. Phillips Jr. (RB)	South Dakota
Sept. 22		
Sept. 29		
Oct. 6		
Oct. 13		
Oct. 20		
Oct. 27		
Nov. 3		
Nov. 10		
Nov. 17		
Nov. 24		

// DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Sept. 1	Dathan Hickey (DB)	Youngstown State
Sept. 8	Logan Wilson (DL)	Indiana State
Sept. 15	Tye Niekamp (LB)	Illinois State
Sept. 22		
Sept. 29		
Oct. 6		
Oct. 13		
Oct. 20		
Oct. 27		
Nov. 3		
Nov. 10		
Nov. 17		
Nov. 24		

// NEWCOMER OF THE WEEK

Sept. 1	Julius Loughridge (RB)	South Dakota State
Sept. 8	Larry Stephens III (WR)	Indiana State
Sept. 15	Ayden Price (WR)	Northern Iowa
Sept. 22		
Sept. 29		
Oct. 6		
Oct. 13		
Oct. 20		
Oct. 27		
Nov. 3		
Nov. 10		
Nov. 17		
Nov. 24		

// SPECIAL TEAMS PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Sept. 1	Sebastian Lopez (PK)	Indiana State
Sept. 8	Matt Maldonado (PK)	Illinois State
Sept. 15	Paul Geelan (P/K)	Southern Illinois
Sept. 22		
Sept. 29		
Oct. 6		
Oct. 13		
Oct. 20		
Oct. 27		
Nov. 3		
Nov. 10		
Nov. 17		
Nov. 24		

// OFFENSIVE LINEMAN OF THE WEEK

Sept. 1	Seth Anderson	North Dakota
Sept. 8	Jake Pope	Illinois State
Sept. 15	Brock Woolf	South Dakota
Sept. 22		
Sept. 29		
Oct. 6		
Oct. 13		
Oct. 20		
Oct. 27		
Nov. 3		
Nov. 10		
Nov. 17		
Nov. 24		

MVFC ON ESPN+



The Missouri Valley Football Conference (MVFC) is partnered with ESPN to **showcase all the MVFC action on ESPN+** throughout the regular season.

The MVFC and ESPN signed a multi-year multimedia rights extension in August 2023, that goes from the 2024 season through the 2029 season.

The agreement features national linear and digital exposure for the MVFC with a minimum of nine games on ESPN linear networks (*ESPN*, *ESPN2*, or *ESPNU*) and continuing the eight-game *MVFC Game of the Week* on ESPN+.

MVFC-BIG SKY CHALLENGE



The Missouri Valley Football Conference (MVFC) and the Big Sky conference announced a Challenge Series between the two conferences ahead of the 2017 season to publicize match-ups and to promote future con-conferences games between the two premier FCS conferences.

The MVFC won the 2024 series with a 2-1 advantage, and has never lost a season series (eight-straight series wins).

Only regular season contests count in the series. Though they don't count, the MVFC holds a 15-10 advantage against Big Sky teams in playoff meetings since the inception of the challenge in 2017.

Below is a list of 2025 MVFC-Big Sky games:

Aug. 30	Sacramento St., 3 @ South Dakota St., 20
Sept. 6	Portland State, 20 @ North Dakota, 50
	South Dakota St., 30 @ Montana State, 24
Sept. 13	N. Colorado, 17 @ South Dakota, 24 (OT)
	North Dakota, 23 @ Montana, 24
	E. Washington, 14 @ Northern Iowa, 17
Sept. 20	Indiana State @ Montana

MVFC PRESEASON POLL

Rk.	School (<i>first-place votes</i>)	Pts.
1.	North Dakota State (39)	417
2.	South Dakota State	355
3.	South Dakota (3)	349
4.	Illinois State	292
5.	Youngstown State	211
6.	Southern Illinois	208
7.	North Dakota	196
8.	Northern Iowa	130
9.	Indiana State	105
10.	Murray State	47

SOUTH DAKOTA AS A RANKED TEAM (DIVISION I FCS ERA)

USD GAME RESULTS AS A RANKED TEAM (IN USD'S DIVISION I FCS ERA, 2008-PRES.)

Date	Opponent	Location	USD	Opp.	W/L	Score
Sept. 18, 2010	NW Oklahoma St.	Vermillion, S.D.	24	-	W	48-14
Sept. 25, 2010	at North Dakota St.	Fargo, N.D.	20	18	L	38-16
Sept. 17, 2011	NW Oklahoma St.	Vermillion, S.D.	23	-	W	48-10
Sept. 24, 2011	at Wisconsin	Madison, Wis.	18	6^	L	59-10
Oct. 1, 2011	Lindenwood	Vermillion, S.D.	21	-	W	30-0
Oct. 8, 2011	Southern Utah	Vermillion, S.D.	18	22	W	24-19
Oct. 15, 2011	at Illinois State	Normal, Ill.	14	-	L	28-3
Oct. 22, 2011	UC Davis	Vermillion, S.D.	19	-	W	27-24
Oct. 29, 2011	at Cal Poly	San Luis Abispo, Calif.	15	-	L	27-24
Nov. 12, 2011	Missouri S&T	Vermillion, S.D.	24	-	W	48-14
Nov. 19, 2011	at North Dakota	Grand Forks, N.D.	22	22	L	38-37
Oct. 29, 2016	Western Illinois	Vermillion, S.D.	25	13	L	35-34
Sept. 16, 2017	North Dakota	Vermillion, S.D.	23	10	W	45-7
Sept. 30, 2017	at Western Illinois	Macomb, Ill.	10	13	W	38-33
Oct. 7, 2017	Youngstown State	Vermillion, S.D.	6	3	W	31-28
Oct. 14, 2017	Indiana State	Vermillion, S.D.	4	-	W	56-6
Oct. 21, 2017	at Illinois State	Normal, Ill.	4	24	L	37-21
Oct. 28, 2017	Southern Illinois	Vermillion, S.D.	4	24	W	42-0
Nov. 4, 2017	at Northern Iowa	Cedar Falls, Iowa	6	-	L	34-29
Nov. 11, 2017	at North Dakota St.	Fargo, N.D.	10	5	L	49-14
Nov. 18, 2017	South Dakota St.	Vermillion, S.D.	15	5	L	31-28
Nov. 25, 2017	at Nicholls State (\$)	Thibodaux, La.	16	22	W	38-31
Dec. 2, 2017	at Sam Houston State (\$)	Huntsville, Texas	16	5	L	54-42
Sept. 8, 2018	Northern Colorado	Vermillion, S.D.	23	-	W	43-28
Sept. 15, 2018	at Weber State	Ogden, Utah	22	11	L	27-10
Oct. 13, 2018	Northern Iowa	Vermillion, S.D.	24	-	L	42-28
March 4, 2021	at North Dakota	Grand Forks, N.D.	20	4	L	21-10
March 13, 2021	Missouri State	Vermillion, S.D.	21	-	L	27-24
Oct. 16, 2021	at Northern Iowa	Cedar Falls, Iowa	21	16	W	34-21
Oct. 23, 2021	Illinois State	Vermillion, S.D.	15	-	L	20-14
Nov. 6, 2021	at Western Illinois	Macomb, Ill.	21	-	W	42-21
Nov. 13, 2021	South Dakota St.	Vermillion, S.D.	17	4	W	23-20
Nov. 20, 2021	at North Dakota St.	Fargo, N.D.	16	4	L	52-24
Nov. 27, 2021	Southern Illinois (\$)	Vermillion, S.D.	17	21	L	22-10
Oct. 7, 2023	Murray State	Vermillion, S.D.	21/15	-	W	38-7
Oct. 14, 2023	Youngstown State	Vermillion, S.D.	17/10	20/23	W	34-31
Oct. 21, 2023	at Indiana State	Terre Haute, Ind.	16/6	-	W	17-3
Oct. 28, 2023	South Dakota St.	Vermillion, S.D.	9/4	1/1	L	37-3
Nov. 4, 2023	at Southern Illinois	Carbondale, Ill.	12/9	11/10	W	14-7
Nov. 11, 2023	North Dakota	Vermillion, S.D.	6/6	12/10	W	14-10
Nov. 18, 2023	at Western Illinois	Macomb, Ill.	5/5	-	W	48-6
Dec. 2, 2023	Sacramento State (\$)	Vermillion, S.D.	3/3	15/15	W	34-24
Dec. 9, 2023	North Dakota St. (\$)	Vermillion, S.D.	3/3	8/8	L	45-17
Aug. 29, 2024	Northern State	Vermillion, S.D.	5/5	-	W	45-3
Sept. 7, 2024	at Wisconsin	Madison, Wis.	6/6	-	L	27-13
Sept. 21, 2024	Drake	Vermillion, S.D.	6/6	-	W	42-3
Sept. 28, 2024	Southern Illinois	Vermillion, S.D.	5/5	17/17	W	42-13
Oct. 5, 2024	at Murray State	Murray, Ky.	4/4	-	W	59-0
Oct. 12, 2024	Northern Iowa	Vermillion, S.D.	4/4	-	W	42-17
Oct. 19, 2024	at Youngstown State	Youngstown, Ohio	4/4	-	W	27-17
Oct. 26, 2024	at South Dakota State	Brookings, S.D.	4/4	3/3	L	20-17
Nov. 9, 2024	Indiana State	Vermillion, S.D.	5/5	-	W	49-0
Nov. 16, 2024	at North Dakota	Grand Forks, N.D.	5/5	-	W	42-36
Nov. 23, 2024	North Dakota State	Vermillion, S.D.	4/4	1/1	W	29-28
Dec. 7, 2024	Tarleton State	Vermillion, S.D.	3/4	14/14	W	42-31
Dec. 14, 2024	UC Davis	Vermillion, S.D.	3/4	5/5	W	35-21
Dec. 21, 2024	at Montana State	Bozeman, Mont.	3/4	1/1	L	31-17
Aug. 30, 2025	at Iowa State	Ames, Iowa	5/4	21/22	L	55-7
Sept. 6, 2025	at Lamar	Beaumont, Texas	6/4	-	L	20-13
Sept. 13, 2025	Northern Colorado	Vermillion, S.D.	20/12	-	W	24-17
Sept. 20, 2025	Drake	Vermillion, S.D.	21/15	-		

SOUTH DAKOTA: POLLING BREAKDOWN

RANKED VS. RANKED MATCHUPS (vs. FCS opponents only)

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Overall since 2023 as a ranked team	17-6
As a ranked team since 2023 in the DakotaDome	12-2

MISC. RANKING FACTS (FCS era only)

Highest ranking all-time (either poll)	No. 3
Nov. 20, 2023; AFCA Coaches' Poll & STATS Perform Poll [Playoffs]	
2024 season (x2)	
Longest home win streak as ranked team	Eight games
2024 season (& counting)	
Longest road win streak as a ranked team.....	four games
2023-24 seasons	

NOTES:

- All records with available records [USD media guide + AFCA Tracking Chart, back to 2018]
- All games are FCS-FCS games only [two games against Wisconsin in 2010 & 2024 saw USD ranked at the time]
- The two polls used are **AFCA Coaches' Top-25 Poll** & **STATS Perform FCS Top-25 Poll**

THE LAST TIME...

SOUTH DAKOTA - TEAM

SCORING

Scored 30-39 points	[35] vs UC Davis (Dec. 14, 2024)
Scored 40-49 points	[42] vs. Tarleton State (Dec. 7, 2024)
Scored 50-59 points	[59] at Murray State (Oct. 5, 2024)
Scored 60-69 points	[63] at North Greenville (Nov. 1, 2008)
Scored 70+ points	[77] at Drake (Sept. 2, 2017)

TOTAL OFFENSE

Had 500-599 yards total offense	[509] vs. Tarleton State (Dec. 7, 2024)
Had 600+ yards total offense	[615] vs. Cal Poly (Sept. 17, 2022)
Did not commit a turnover	vs. Tarleton State (Dec. 7, 2024)
No turnovers in back-to-back games	vs. NDSU (Nov. 23, 2024) & vs. Tarleton State (Dec. 7, 2024)

PASSING

Had 300-399 yards passing	[305] at North Dakota (Nov. 16, 2024)
Had 400-499 yards passing	[462] vs. Northern Colorado (Sept. 8, 2018)
Had 500+ yards passing	[537] at Houston Baptist (Sept. 14, 2019)
Had 40+ completions	[48] vs. Houston Baptist (Sept. 14, 2019)
Had 50+ completions	Never
Threw 4 passing TDs	vs. Youngstown State (Nov. 9, 2019)
Threw 5+ passing TDs	[5] at Sam Houston State (Dec. 2, 2017)

RUSHING

Had 300-399 yards rushing	[307] vs. Northern Colorado (Sept. 13, 2025)
Had 400+ yards rushing	[445] vs. Southern Utah (Nov. 15, 2008)
Had 4 rushing touchdowns	vs. Tarleton State (Dec. 7, 2024)
Had 5 rushing touchdowns	vs. North Dakota (Sept. 16, 2017)
Had 6+ rushing touchdowns	[7] at Murray State (Oct. 5, 2024)
Had 2 players with 100+ yards rushing	

RECEIVING

Had 2 players with 100+ yards receiving	TBD
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DEFENSE

Held opponent scoreless	vs. Indiana State (Nov. 9, 2024) [49-0]
Held 2 opponents scoreless in one season	2024 [at Murray State, 59-0; vs. Indiana State, 49-0]
Held an MVFC opponent scoreless	vs. Indiana State (Nov. 9, 2024) [49-0]
Held 2 MVFC opp. scoreless in same season	2024 [at Murray State, 59-0; vs. Indiana State, 49-0]
Held opp. to 0 (or less) yards rushing	vs. Indiana State, 2024 (-5, 30 att.)
Held opp. to 0-99 yards total offense	[78] vs. Minnesota St. Moorhead (Sept. 10, 2005)
Held opp. to 100-199 yards total offense	[129] vs. Indiana State (Nov. 9, 2024)
Intercepted 3 passes	vs. Tarleton State (Dec. 7, 2024)
Intercepted 4+ passes	[5] vs. UC Davis (Dec. 14, 2024)
Returned INT for TD	vs. Northern Arizona (Sept. 11, 2021) Jonathan Joanis - 51-yard interception return for TD
Returned a fumble for a TD	vs. South Dakota State (Oct. 26, 2024) Mi'Quise Grace - 15yd fumble return (4th quarter)

SPECIAL TEAMS

Returned a kickoff for a TD	vs. Drake (Sept. 21, 2024) Keyondray Jones-Logan (99 yards)
Returned a punt for a TD	vs. Northern State (Aug. 29, 2024) Carter Bell (55 yards)
Had BOTH a kickoff & punt returned for TD (same game)	vs. Northern State (Aug. 29, 2024) [K. Jones-Logan, KOR; C. Bell, PR]
Converted a 50+ yard field goal	vs. Northern State (Aug. 29, 2024) [52 yards, Zeke Mata]

SOUTH DAKOTA - INDIVIDUAL

PASSING

Passed for 300-399 yards	[307] Aidan Bouman vs. North Dakota (2023)
Passed for 400-499 yards	TBD
Passed for 500+ yards	[537] Austin Simmons vs. Hou. Baptist (2019)
Threw 4 touchdown passes	Austin Simmons vs. Youngstown State (2019)
Threw 5+ touchdown passes	[5] Chris Streveler at Sam Houston St. (2017)
Completed pass for 50-59 yards	TBD
Completed pass for 60-69 yards	[67] vs. Indiana State (2024)
Completed pass for 70-79 yards	TBD
Completed pass for 80-89 yards	TBD
Completed pass for 90+ yards	[91] at Western Illinois (Nov. 6, 2021) Carson Camp to Carter Bell (TD)

RUSHING

Rushed for 25-30 carries	[25] Travis Theis vs. Tarleton State (2024)
Rushed for 30+ carries	[35] LJ Phillips Jr. vs. Northern Colorado (2025)
Rushed for 150-199 yards	[173] Charles Pierre Jr. at North Dakota (2024)
Rushed for 200-299 yards	[295] Stefan Logan vs. Truman State (2005)
Rushed for 300+ yards	[301] LJ Phillips Jr. vs. Northern Colorado (2025)
Rushed for 3 touchdowns	Travis Theis vs. Tarleton State (2024)
Rushed for 4+ touchdowns	[5] Noah Shepard vs. Drake (2009)
Had a run for 50-59 yards	TBD
Had a run for 60-69 yards	TBD
Had a run for 70-79 yards	TBD
Had a run for 80+ yards	TBD

RECEIVING

Caught 10+ passes	TBD
Caught 15+ passes	TBD
Had 100-149 yards receiving	[100] JJ Galbreath vs. Southern Illinois (2024)
Had 150-199 yards receiving	[153] Jeremiah Webb vs. South Dakota St. (2021)
Had 200+ yards receiving	[234] Brandt Van Roekel at Sam Houston St. (2017)
Caught 2 TD passes	Connor Herrmann vs. Houston Baptist (2019)
Caught 3+ TD passes	[3] Dan Skelly vs. Culver-Stockton (Mo.) (2008)

DEFENSE

Recorded 15-19 tackles	[15] Gary Bryant III vs. UC Davis (Dec. 14, 2024)
Recorded 20+ tackles	Not accomplished with available data
Recorded 3 sacks	TBD
Recorded 4+ sacks	[4.0] Andrew Walker vs. Houston Baptist (2019)
Recorded 3 TFLs	Mi'Quise Grace vs. North Dakota State (2024)
Recorded 4+ TFLs	[5.0] Andre Walker vs. Houston Baptist (2019)
Intercepted 2 passes	Jack Cochrane at Northern Iowa (2021)
Intercepted 3+ passes	Not accomplished with available data

INDIVIDUAL CAREER HIGHS (SELECT ATHLETES LISTED)

OFFENSE	DEFENSE	SPECIAL TEAMS
#1 • LARENZO FENNER Receptions..... 3 (2025) Receiving Yards.....41 (2025) Receiving TD..... 1 (2025) Longest Reception..... 21 yds. at Lamar #3 • CHARLES PIERRE JR. Rushes..... 21 (x2) Rush Yards (Net)..... 173, at North Dakota (2024) Rushing TD..... 3, at Murray State (2024) Longest Rush..... 83, vs. Indiana State (2024) Receptions.....5, vs. Youngstown State (2023) Receiving Yards.....75, at North Dakota (2024) Receiving TD..... 1 (x2) Longest Reception..... 53, at North Dakota #6 • TYSEN BOZE Receptions..... 1 (x3) Receiving Yards..... 17, at Lamar (2025) Receiving TD.....None Longest Reception.....17 yds., at Lamar (2025) #8 • JAVION PHELPS Receptions..... 4, at Illinois State (2022) Receiving Yards.....89, at Illinois State (2022) Receiving TD..... 1, (x3) Longest Reception.....48 yds., vs. Youngstown State (2023) #13 • NEVAN CREMASCOLI Completions..... 14, (x2) Attempts.....33 vs. Central Michigan (2022) Yards.....165 vs. Miami (OH) (2022) Passing TD..... 2 (x2) Longest Pass.....67 yards, vs. Indiana State (2024) Rushes..... 3 (x3) Rush Yards (Net)..... 87, at Murray State (2024) Rushing TD..... 1, at Murray State (2024) Longest Rush.....74 yards, at Murray State (2024) #10 • DALLAS HOLMES Receptions..... 4 (2025) Receiving Yards..... 53 (2023)* Receiving TD..... 1 (x6) Longest Reception..... 53 yards, at Holy Cross (2023)* *occured at different institution #15 • JACK MARTENS Receptions.....8, at Missouri (2023) Receiving Yards.....81, at Missouri (2023) Receiving TD..... 1 (x3) Longest Reception..... 70 yards, vs. Cal Poly (2023) #24 • LJ PHILLIPS JR. Rushes.....35, vs. Northern Colorado (2025) Rush Yards (Net)..... 301, vs. Northern Colorado (2025) Rushing TD.....2, (x2) Longest Rush.....47, vs. Northern Colorado (2025) Receptions.....2, (x2) Receiving Yards..... 19, at Lamar (2025) Receiving TD.....None Longest Reception..... 15, at Lamar (2025)	#0 • NATE EWELL Tackles..... 11, (x2) TFL.....2, at South Dakota State(2024) Sack..... 1, vs. Northern Iowa (2024) INT.....None at USD #1 • ROMAN TILLMON Tackles.....14, vs. Northern Colorado (2025) INT..... 1, vs. Northern State (2024) #9 • TIM WHITE Tackles.....6, vs. Hampton (2021)* INT..... 1, (x2) *occured at different institution #10 • CADEN CRAWFORD Tackles..... 9 (2025) TFL..... 2.0 (2025) Sack.....0.5 (2025) #12 • MIKEY MUNN Tackles.....3 (x3) INT..... 1, at Lamar (2025) #13 • MATT WALSH Tackles..... 10, at Lamar (2025) TFL..... 0.5 (2025) Sack.....0.5 (2025) INT..... 1, at Lamar (2025) #46 • NATHAN LAPERI Tackles..... 2 (2025) TFL..... 2.0 (2025) Sack.....2.0 (2025) #49 • WADE ABRAMS Tackles..... 13, at Butler (2023)* TFL..... 1, (x4) Sack.....0.5, at Indiana Wesleyan (2023)* INT..... 1, at Indiana Wesleyan (2023)* *occured at different institution #52 • MOSAI NEWSOM Tackles.....8, at Lamar (2025) TFL..... 0.5, (x2) Sack.....0.5, vs. Southern Illinois (2024)	#9 • TENNEL BRYANT Kick Returns.....N/A Longest Kick Return..... 28, at Lamar (2025) #12 • MIKEY MUNN Kick Returns..... 2, at North Dakota (2024) Longest Kick Return.....16, at Youngstown State (2024) #15 • WILL LEYLAND Longest Field Goal.....50 (vs. SDSU, 2023) Consecutive PATs Made..... 105 (current streak) #32 • TYLER EBEL Longest Punt.....62 (2024) #39 • ZEKE MATA Longest Field Goal..... 52 (vs. Northern St., 2024)

SOUTH DAKOTA: SCORING DRIVES

OPPONENT	QTR	TD	FG	PLAYER(S)	PLAY	PL	YDS.
Iowa State	1st	X		Bouman to Fenner	6-yd. pass	12	75
Lamar	1st	X		Bouman to Martens	11-yd. pass	7	75
Lamar	1st		X	Will Leyland	32-yd. FG	4	5
Lamar	3rd		X	Will Leyland	44-yd. FG	10	45
N. Colorado	1st		X	Will Leyland	23-yd. FG	10	87
N. Colorado	2nd	X		LJ Phillips Jr.	1-yd rush	7	80
N. Colorado	4th	X		Bouman to Witte	12-yd. pass	14	99
N. Colorado	OT	X		LJ Phillips Jr.	13-yd. rush	3	25

DRIVE SUPERLATIVES

	SOUTH DAKOTA	OPPONENT
Most Plays (Result)	14/touchdown vs. Northern Colorado	15 (x2)
Most Yards (Result)	99 vs. Northern Colorado	85/touchdown (Iowa State)
Most Time (Result)	8:08/touchdown vs. Northern Colorado	8:45/touchdown (Iowa State)

SOUTH DAKOTA: GAME-BY-GAME TEAM STATS

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First Downs	11	13	23									
Rushing	4	6	15									
Passing	6	5	7									
Penalty	1	2	1									
Net Rushing Yards	83	135	307									
Rushing Attempts	22	28	47									
Average Per Rush	3.8	4.8	6.5									
Rushing TDs	0	0	2									
Yards Gained	85	145	320									
Yards Lost	2	10	13									
Net Passing Yards	126	108	99									
Completions	15	10	7									
Attempts	29	21	19									
Interceptions	2	1	1									
Yards Per Attempt	4.3	5.1	5.2									
Yards Per Completion	8.4	10.8	14.1									
Passing TDs	1	1	1									
Total Offensive Yards	209	243	406									
Plays	51	49	66									
Yards Per Play	4.1	5.0	6.2									
Fumbles-Lost	2-0	2-2	0-0									
Penalties-Yards	5-36	4-55	2-20									
Punts-Yards	5-249	2-75	2-95									
Yards Per Punt	49.8	37.5	47.5									
Net Yards Per Punt	26.4		47.5									
Inside 20	1	1	0									
50+ Yard Kicks	3	0	0									
Fair Catch	1	1	2									
Kickoffs-Yards	2-130	4-255	4-234									
Yards Per Kickoff	65.0	63.8	58.5									
Net Yards Per Kickoff	40		40.5									
Touchbacks	2	0	1									
Fair Catch Yards	0	0	0									
Punt Returns	0	0	0									
Yards	0	0	0									
Touchdowns	0	0	0									
Yards Per Return	0	0	0									
Kickoff Returns	3	3	1									
Yards	47	50	15									
Touchdowns	0	0	0									
Yards Per Return	15.7	16.7	15.0									
Interceptions	0	2	0									
Yards	0	16	0									
Touchdowns	0	0	0									
Fumble Recoveries	0	0	0									
Returns-Yards	0	0	0									
Touchdowns	0	0	0									
Miscellaneous Yards	0	0	0									
Possession Time	24:42	26:29	29:03									
3rd-Down Conversions	5-12	1-9	4-11									
4th-Down Conversions	0-1	1-3	1-1									
Red Zone Scoring	1-1	2-3	4-4									
Touchdowns	1	1	3									
Field Goals	0	1	1									
Sacks By-Yards	0-0	3-19	1-3									
PAT Kicks	1-1	1-1	3									
Field Goals	0-0	2-2	1-3									
Long	--	44	23									

2025 SEASON RESULTS: (0-2 OVERALL, 0-0 MVFC)
2025 SCHEDULE & RESULTS

DATE	USD Rank (\$)	Opponent	RESULT	SCORE	RECORD	MVFC	DURATION	ATTENDANCE
Aug. 30	5/4	at Iowa State	L	55-7	0-1	--	3:11	61,500
Sept. 6	6/4	at Lamar	L	20-13	0-2	--	2:48	6,043
Sept. 13	20/12	NORTHERN COLORADO	W	24-17	1-2	--	3:08	6,445
Sept. 20	21/15	DRAKE						
Sept. 27		at North Dakota State*						
Oct. 4		MURRAY STATE*						
Oct. 11		at Indiana State*						
Oct. 18		at Northern Iowa*						
Oct. 25		ILLINOIS STATE*						
Nov. 1		NORTH DAKOTA*						
Nov. 8		SOUTH DAKOTA STATE*						
Nov. 15		at Southern Illinois*						

^AFCA Coaches' Poll / STAT Perform FCS Poll // *MVFC contest // ^FCS Playoff game // highest of the opponent's ranking listed

GAME HIGHS: TEAM & INDIVIDUAL
TEAM GAME HIGHS

Statistic	Number	Opponent	Date
RUSHES	47	vs. Northern Colorado	Sept. 13
RUSHING YARDS	307	vs. Northern Colorado	Sept. 13
YARDS PER RUSH	6.5	vs. Northern Colorado	Sept. 13
TD RUSHES	2	vs. Northern Colorado	Sept. 13
PASS ATTEMPTS	29	at Iowa State	Aug. 30
PASS COMPLETIONS	15	at Iowa State	Aug. 30
YARDS PASSING	126	at Iowa State	Aug. 30
YARDS PER PASS	5.2	vs. Northern Colorado	Sept. 13
TD PASSES	1	at Iowa State / at Lamar	Aug. 30 / Sept. 6
TOTAL PLAYS	66	vs. Northern Colorado	Sept. 13
TOTAL OFFENSE	406	vs. Northern Colorado	Sept. 13
YARDS PER PLAY	6.2	vs. Northern Colorado	Sept. 13
POINTS	24	vs. Northern Colorado	Sept. 13
SACKS BY	3.0	at Lamar	Sept. 6
FIRST DOWNS	23	vs. Northern Colorado	Sept. 13
PENALTIES	5	at Iowa State	Aug. 30
PENALTY YARDS	55	at Lamar	Sept. 6
TURNOVERS	3	at Lamar	Sept. 6

INDIVIDUAL GAME HIGHS

Statistic	Number	Athlete	Opponent	Date
RUSHES	25	L.J. Phillips Jr.	vs. Northern Colorado	Sept. 13
RUSHING YARDS	301	L.J. Phillips Jr.	vs. Northern Colorado	Sept. 13
TD RUSHES	2	L.J. Phillips Jr.	vs. Northern Colorado	Sept. 13
LONGEST RUSH	47	L.J. Phillips Jr.	vs. Northern Colorado	Sept. 13
YARDS PASSING	126	Aidan Bouman	at Iowa State	Aug. 30
TD PASSES	1	Aidan Bouman	at Iowa State / at Lamar	Aug. 30 / Sept. 6
LONGEST PASS	35	Aidan Bouman	at Iowa State	Aug. 30
RECEPTIONS	4	Charles Pierre Jr. / Dallas Holmes	at Iowa State	Aug. 30
RECEIVING YARDS	41	Lorenzo Fenner	at Lamar	Sept. 6
TD RECEPTIONS	1	Three Yotes...	--	--
LONGEST RECEPTION	35	Jack Martens	at Iowa State	Aug. 30
TACKLES	14	Roman Tillmon	vs. Northern Colorado	Sept. 13
SACKS	2.0	Nathan Laperi	at Lamar	Sept. 6
TACKLES FOR LOSS	2.0	Nathan Laperi / Caden Crawford^ (x2)	at Lamar / vs. Northern Colorado^	Sept. 6 / Sept. 13

TEAM STATISTICS

// TEAM STATISTICS

	SD	OPP
First Downs	47	64
Rushing	25	26
Passing	18	32
Penalty	4	6
Rushing Yardage	525	453
Rushing attempts	97	121
Average per rush	5.4	3.7
Average per game	175.0	151.0
TDs Rushing	2	6
Passing Yardage	333	707
Comp-Att-Int	32-69-4	59-81-2
Average per pass	4.8	8.7
Average per catch	10.4	12.0
Average per game	111.0	235.7
TDs Passing	3	4
Total offense	858	1160
Average per play	5.2	5.7
Average per game	286.0	386.7
Kick returns: #-Yards	7-112	7-150
Punt returns: #-Yards	0-0	2-117
Int returns: #-Yards	2-16	4-55
Fumbles-Lost	4-2	3-0
Penalties-Yards	11-111	12-104
Punts-Avg	9-46.6	6-45.3
Time of possession / game	26:45	33:12
3rd-down conversion	10/32	16/39

// USD INSIDE THE OPPONENT RED ZONE

South Dakota Inside Opponent Red-Zone

Date	Opponent	Score	Times In RZ	Times Scored	Total Pts	Rush TDs	Pass TDs	FGs Made	Failed to score inside RZ	FGA	Down	Int	Fumb	Half	Game
08/30/2025	at Iowa St.	L 7-55	1	1	7	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
09/06/2025	at Lamar University	L 13-20	3	2	10	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0
09/13/2025	Northern Colo.	W 24-17	4	4	24	3	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals 7 of 8 (87.5%)			8	7	41	5	2	3	2	2	0	0	1	0	0

Opponents Inside South Dakota Red-Zone

Date	Opponent	Score	Times In RZ	Times Scored	Total Pts	Rush TDs	Pass TDs	FGs Made	Failed to score inside RZ	FGA	Down	Int	Fumb	Half	Game
08/30/2025	Iowa St.	L 7-55	9	8	52	7	4	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
09/06/2025	Lamar University	L 13-20	4	4	20	2	2	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0
09/13/2025	Northern Colo.	W 24-17	5	3	9	0	0	0	3	3	2	0	0	0	0
Totals 15 of 18 (83.3%)			18	15	81	9	6	3	6	6	2	0	0	0	1

// TEAM RESULTS

Record	Overall	Home	Away	Neutral
ALL GAMES	11-2	8-0	3-2	0-0
CONFERENCE	7-1	4-0	3-1	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	4-1	4-0	0-1	0-0

// SCORE BY QUARTERS

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	TOT
South Dakota	20	7	3	7	7	44
Opponents	17	26	17	32	0	92

// TEAM RESULTS

Date	Opponent		Score	Att.
08/30/2025	at Iowa St.	L	7-55	61500
09/06/2025	at Lamar University	L	13-20	6043
09/13/2025	Northern Colo.	Wot1	24-17	6445

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

// OFFENSIVE

Rushing

Player	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
L.J. Phillips Jr.	3	53	379	5	374	7.1	2	47	124.7
Charles Pierre Jr.	2	23	104	2	102	4.4	0	27	51.0
Reid Watkins	3	12	47	10	37	3.1	0	14	12.3
Tennel Bryant	3	3	16	0	16	5.3	0	8	5.3
Carson Fletcher	2	1	3	0	3	3.0	0	3	1.5
Nevan Cremascoli	1	1	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Aidan Bouman	3	1	0	6	-6	-6.0	0	0	-2.0
Team	3	3	1	2	-1	-0.3	0	0	-0.3
Total	3	97	550	25	525	5.4	2	47	175.0
Opponents	3	121	495	42	453	3.7	6	28	151.0

Total Offense

Player	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
L.J. Phillips Jr.	3	53	374	0	374	124.7
Aidan Bouman	3	70	-6	333	327	109.0
Charles Pierre Jr.	2	23	102	0	102	51.0
Reid Watkins	3	12	37	0	37	12.3
Tennel Bryant	3	3	16	0	16	5.3
Carson Fletcher	2	1	3	0	3	1.5
Team	3	0	-1	0	-1	-0.3
Total	3	166	525	333	858	286.0
Opponents	3	202	453	707	1160	386.7

Scoring

Player			PAT						
	td	fg	kick	rush	rcv	pass	dxp	saf	pts
Will Leyland	-	3-5	5-5	-	-	-	-	-	14
L.J. Phillips Jr.	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Zach Witte	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Jack Martens	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Lorenzo Fenner	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Total	5	3-5	5-5	0	0	0	0	0	44
Opponents	10	7-7	9-9	0	1	1	0	0	92

Field Goals

Player	fg	pct.	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99
Will Leyland	3-5	60.0	0-0	1-1	1-1	1-3	0-0
Opponents	7-7	100.0	2-2	2-2	2-2	0-0	1-1

Punting

Player	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+	blk
Tyler Ebel	9	419	46.6	59	0	4	2	3	0
Total	9	419	46.6	59	0	4	2	3	0
Opponents	6	272	45.3	59	1	4	3	2	0

Kickoffs

Player	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob	retn	net	ydl
Zeke Mata	10	619	61.9	3	0			
Total	10	619	61.9	3	0	7	39.4	25
Opponents	19	1159	61.0	6	1	6	40.6	24

Passing

Player	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
Aidan Bouman	3	89.7	32-69-4	46.4	333	3	35	111.0
Total	3	89.7	32-69-4	46.4	333	3	35	111.0
Opponents	3	157.5	59-81-2	72.8	707	4	66	235.7

Receiving

Player	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Zach Witte	3	5	50	10.0	1	12	16.7
Lorenzo Fenner	3	5	74	14.8	1	27	24.7
L.J. Phillips Jr.	3	5	40	8.0	0	15	13.3
Jack Martens	3	4	78	19.5	1	35	26.0
Charles Pierre Jr.	2	4	37	9.3	0	29	18.5
Dallas Holmes	3	4	24	6.0	0	10	8.0
Tysen Boze	3	2	24	12.0	0	17	8.0
Jesse Miller	3	1	3	3.0	0	3	1.0
Reid Watkins	3	1	-2	-2.0	0	0	-0.7
Carson Fletcher	2	1	5	5.0	0	5	2.5
Total	3	32	333	10.4	3	35	111.0
Opponents	3	59	707	12.0	4	66	235.7

All Purpose

Player	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g
L.J. Phillips Jr.	3	374	40	0	0	0	414	138.0
Charles Pierre Jr.	2	102	37	0	0	0	139	69.5
Tennel Bryant	3	16	0	0	95	0	111	37.0
Jack Martens	3	0	78	0	0	0	78	26.0
Lorenzo Fenner	3	0	74	0	0	0	74	24.7
Zach Witte	3	0	50	0	0	0	50	16.7
Reid Watkins	3	37	-2	0	0	0	35	11.7
Tysen Boze	3	0	24	0	0	0	24	8.0
Dallas Holmes	3	0	24	0	0	0	24	8.0
Matt Walsh	3	0	0	0	0	16	16	5.3
Mikey Munn	3	0	0	0	15	0	15	5.0
Carson Fletcher	2	3	5	0	2	0	10	5.0
Jesse Miller	3	0	3	0	0	0	3	1.0
Aidan Bouman	3	-6	0	0	0	0	-6	-2.0
Team	3	-1	0	0	0	0	-1	-0.3
Total	3	525	333	0	112	16	986	328.7
Opponents	3	453	707	117	150	55	1482	494.0

Interceptions

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Matt Walsh	1	16	16.0	0	16
Mikey Munn	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total	2	16	8.0	0	16
Opponents	4	55	13.8	0	33

Kick Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Tennel Bryant	5	95	19.0	0	28
Mikey Munn	1	15	15.0	0	15
Carson Fletcher	1	2	2.0	0	2
Total	7	112	16.0	0	28
Opponents	7	150	21.4	0	30

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS: DEFENSE

##	Player	gp	Tackles				Sacks	Pass defense			Fumbles		blkd	
			ua	a	tot	tfl/yds		int-yds	brup	qbh	fr-yds	ff	kick	saf
13	Matt Walsh	3	10	15	25	0.5-2	0.5-2	1-16	1	.	.	1	.	.
1	Roman Tillmon	3	7	17	24	.	.	.	1	.	.	1	.	.
3	Gabriel Hardman	3	5	17	22	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
10	Caden Crawford	3	5	17	22	5-11	1-3	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
49	Wade Abrams	3	8	13	21	1.5-3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
2	Dejuan Lewis	3	10	10	20	0.5-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
50	Chris Dixon	3	2	18	20	1-2	0.5-1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
25	RJ Stewart	3	10	7	17	0.5-1	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
0	Nate Ewell	3	4	10	14	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
12	Mikey Munn	3	5	7	12	.	.	1-0	1	.	.	.	.	.
8	Nyle Dickel	3	5	6	11	1-1	.	.	1	1	.	.	.	.
52	Mosai Newsom	3	2	8	10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
93	Jeff Bowie	3	1	6	7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
46	Nathan Laperi	3	4	2	6	2-16	2-16	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
95	Carter Hooper	3	2	4	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
38	Lincoln Adams	3	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
16	Torriq Brumfield	2	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
21	Jaden Brown	2	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
7	Ashton Paine	3	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
7	Keyondray Jones-Logan	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
17	Troy Bounting	3	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
68	Sam Kohls	3	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
28	QJ Moore Jr.	3	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
31	DJ Kennard	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
4	Jaylen Boehm-Peterson	2	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
58	Wyatt Lawson	3	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
92	Bradley McGannon	2	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Totals		3	89	164	253	12-37	4-22	2-16	7	1	0-0	2	0	0
Opponents		3	64	116	180	10-29	1-6	4-55	9	10	2-0	1	0	0



TEAM GAME-BY-GAME

// USD OFFENSE & SPECIAL TEAMS RETURNS

Date	Opponent	Punting										Field Goals			Kickoffs				
		no.	yds	avg	long	blkd	tb	fc	50+	i20	md-att	long	blkd	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob	
08/30/2025	at Iowa St.	5	249	49.8	59	0	0	1	3	1	0-0	0	0	2	130	65.0	2	0	
09/06/2025	at Lamar University	2	75	37.5	42	0	0	1	0	1	2-2	44	0	4	255	63.8	0	0	
09/13/2025	Northern Colo.	2	95	47.5	49	0	0	2	0	0	1-3	23	0	4	234	58.5	1	0	
South Dakota		9	419	46.6	59	0	0	4	3	2	3-5	44	0	10	619	61.9	3	0	
Opponents		6	272	45.3	59	0	1	4	2	3	7-7	63	0	19	1159	61.0	6	1	

// USD DEFENSE

		Tackles				Sacks	Fumble		Pass Defense			blkd	PAT attempts			off		
Date	Opponent	ua	a	total	tfl-yds	no-yds	ff	fr-yds	int-yds	qbh	brup	kick	kick	rush	rcv	saf	t/o	pts
08/30/2025	at Iowa St.	31	52	83	2.0-5	0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1-1	0	0	0	0	7
09/06/2025	at Lamar University	23	58	81	5.0-22	3-19	1	0-0	2-16	1	1	0	1-1	0	0	0	3	13
09/13/2025	Northern Colo.	35	54	89	5.0-10	1-3	1	0-0	0-0	0	6	0	3-3	0	0	0	0	24
South Dakota		89	164	253	12.0-37	4-22	2	0-0	2-16	1	7	0	5-5	0	0	0	3	44
Opponents		64	116	180	10.0-29	1-6	1	2-0	4-55	10	9	0	9-9	0	1	0	20	92

// USD SPECIAL TEAMS (PUNTING, FIELD GOALS, KICKOFFS)

		Punting										Field Goals			Kickoffs				
Date	Opponent	no.	yds	avg	long	blkd	tb	fc	50+	i20	md-att	long	blkd	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob	
08/30/2025	at Iowa St.	5	249	49.8	59	0	0	1	3	1	0-0	0	0	2	130	65.0	2	0	
09/06/2025	at Lamar University	2	75	37.5	42	0	0	1	0	1	2-2	44	0	4	255	63.8	0	0	
09/13/2025	Northern Colo.	2	95	47.5	49	0	0	2	0	0	1-3	23	0	4	234	58.5	1	0	
South Dakota		9	419	46.6	59	0	0	4	3	2	3-5	44	0	10	619	61.9	3	0	
Opponents		6	272	45.3	59	0	1	4	2	3	7-7	63	0	19	1159	61.0	6	1	

// PARTICIPATION

‘START’ = first play from scrimmage, offense & defense // ‘XXX’ indicates saw game action

	GP/GS	ISU	LU	UNC	DRA	NDSU	MSU	ISU	UNI	ISU	UND	SDSU	SIU
0 Andre Jacobs	0/0	...	...	...									
0 Nate Ewell	3/0	XXX	XXX	XXX									
1 Lorenzo Fenner	3/2	START	XXX	START									
1 Roman Tillmon	3/3	START	START	START									
2 Aidan Bouman	3/3	START	START	START									
2 DeJuan Lewis	3/3	START	START	START									
3 Charles Pierre Jr.	3/3	START	START	...									
3 Gabriel Hardman	2/1	START	XXX	START									
4 J. Boehm-Peterson	2/0	XXX	...	XXX									
5 Jacob Clarks	0/0	...	...	...									
5 Reid Watkins	3/0	XXX	XXX	XXX									
6 Tysen Boze	3/3	START	START	START									
6 Ty Morris	2/0	XXX	...	XXX									
7 Ashton Paine	3/0	XXX	XXX	XXX									
8 Javion Phelps	1/0	XXX	...	...									
8 Nyle Dickel	3/3	START	START	START									
9 Tim White	0/0	...	...	...									
9 Tennel Bryant	3/0	XXX	XXX	XXX									
10 Caden Crawford	3/3	START	START	START									
10 Dallas Holmes	3/1	XXX	XXX	START									
11 Austin Rosetta	1/0	XXX	...	...									
11 Jamal Streeter	0/0	...	...	...									
12 Mikey Munn	3/3	START	START	START									
12 Austyn Modrzewski	0/0	...	...	...									
13 Matt Walsh	3/3	START	START	START									
13 Nevan Cremascoli	0/0	...	...	XXX									
14 Dawson Sechser	2/0	XXX	...	XXX									
15 Will Leyland	3/0	XXX	XXX	XXX									
15 Jack Martens	3/3	START	START	START									
16 Ty Robinson	0/0	...	...	...									
16 Torriq Brumfield	2/0	XXX	...	XXX									
17 Troy Bunting	3/0	XXX	XXX	XXX									
24 LJ Phillips Jr.	3/1	XXX	XXX	START									
25 RJ Stewart	3/3	START	START	START									
28 QJ Moore Jr.	3/0	XXX	XXX	XXX									
31 DJ Kennard	1/0	...	...	XXX									
32 Tyler Ebel	3/0	XXX	XXX	XXX									
38 Lincoln Adams	3/0	XXX	XXX	XXX									
39 Zeke Mata	3/0	XXX	XXX	XXX									
41 Duncan Viscum	3/0	XXX	XXX	XXX									
46 Nathan Laperi	3/0	XXX	XXX	XXX									
49 Wade Abrams	3/3	START	START	START									
50 Chris Dixon	3/3	START	START	START									
51 Reese Thompson	2/0	XXX	...	XXX									
52 Mosai Newsom	3/3	START	START	START									
58 Wyatt Lawsom	3/3	START	START	START									
59 Adrian Hawkins	3/3	START	START	START									
68 Sam Kohls	3/3	START	START	START									
72 Grant Chapman	2/0	XXX	...	XXX									
74 Almarion Crim	3/3	START	START	START									
76 Brock Woolf	3/3	START	START	START									
77 Sam Hawker	1/0	...	...	XXX									
78 Gerritt Poncius	0/0	...	...	...									
83 Jesse Miller	3/3	START	START	START									
85 Brayden White	2/0	XXX	...	XXX									
87 Caden Frey	1/0	...	...	XXX									
89 Zach Witte	3/1	XXX	START	XXX									
90 Calen Presser	0/0	...	...	...									
92 Bradley McGannon	2/0	XXX	XXX	...									
93 Jeff Bowie	3/1	XXX	START	XXX									
95 Carter Hooper	3/0	XXX	XXX	XXX									