



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 3

2025 SCHEDULE

0-2, 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	1:00 PM
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:	UNC leads, 20-16
In Vermillion:	Series tied, 8-8
Last Meeting:	USD won 14-6 [Sept. 21, 2019]

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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!

#12 SOUTH DAKOTA COYOTES

VS

NORTHERN COLORADO BEARS

0-2, 0-0 MVFC



Head Coach: Travis Johansen (1st season)
Record at USD: 0-2 (.000)
Career Record: Same
Record vs. UNC: First Meeting

1-1, 0-0 Big Sky



Head Coach: Ed Lamb (3rd season)
Record at Lamar: 2-23 (.080)
Career Record: 47-70 (11th season)
Record vs. South Dakota: 1-3

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 • 1:00 PM • VERMILLION, S.D. • THE DAKOTADOME (9,100) • ESPN+/Midco Sports

THE OPENING DRIVE

■ **FIRST DOWN:** South Dakota welcomes former North Central Conference (NCC) foe Northern Colorado for the 2025 home opener inside 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 home opener is *AG APPRECIATION DAY* at the DakotaDome with the game sponsored by *Pioneer Seeds*. Fans are encouraged to wear white!

■ **THIRD DOWN:** The 2025 season marks the 130th season of football at the University of South Dakota with their 31st head coach in program history.

■ **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

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



LISTEN: RADIO: Coyote Sports Network
 (Varsity Network App | KVHT 106.3 FM)
 Play-by-play: John Thayer
 Analyst: Gary Culver
 Sideline: Jerry Palleschi

KEY STORYLINES

- HC **Travis Johansen** looks for his first career win in front of Coyote Nation as the Yotes play inside the DakotaDome for the first time in 2025 and his head coaching career.
- South Dakota and Northern Colorado are set to meet for the 37th time in program history.
- The Yotes are an impressive 78-20-2 back to 1922 in home openers.
- **BIG SKY-MVFC CHALLENGE:** The MVFC leads the 2025 Challenge 3-0 with three more games between the two conferences on deck this week [more on p. 22].
- USD holds a 28-40-1 against current Big Sky Conference members [more on p. 4].
- The Yotes enter the weekend with an eight-game home winning streak dating back to last season.
- The Coyotes return to Vermillion following a 20-13 road defeat to the Lamar Cardinals in Beaumont, Texas last week.
- A trio of Yotes on the defensive side of the ball etched career-highs in tackles in the loss at Lamar [more on p. 6].
- **Aidan Bouman** holds a 22-10 record as the starting quarterback at South Dakota [more on p. 10].
- Running backs **Charles Pierre Jr.** and **LJ Phillips Jr.** got the bulk of the carries (24 of 28) at Lamar, combining for 113 yards.
- Both Bouman and Pierre Jr. were named to the Walter Payton Award preseason watch list heading into the 2025 season.
- Defensively, DL **Chris Dixon** and LB **Matt Walsh** pace the defense with 16 tackles each through two games.
- North Texas DL transfer **Nathan Laperi** picked up a pair of sacks - his first as a Yote - against the Cardinals to lead the team.
- The first interceptions of the season came against Lamar as both Walsh and **Mikey Munn** both record their first career INTs.
- Walsh was the first Coyote to record a 10+ tackle game this season with his game-high 10 tackles.

A WIN WOULD...

- Be better than a loss.
- Give Johansen his first win as a head coach.
- Be the 17th win against UNC (improve to 17-20).
- Be the fourth-straight win in the series.
- Move the football program to 581-566-35 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

// GENERAL INFORMATION

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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: NORTHERN COLORADO

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 ESPN+/Midco	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: Northern Colorado leads, 20-16

In Vermillion: Series tied, 8-8

// MOST RECENT MEETINGS

Year	Rankings*	Result	Score	Location
1997	- / -	L	45-31	Vermillion, S.D.
1998	- / -	L	34-3	Greeley, Colo.
1999	- / -	L	35-27	Greeley, Colo.
2000	- / -	W	27-6	Vermillion, S.D.
2001	- / -	W	31-19	Vermillion, S.D.
2002	- / -	L	27-10	Greeley, Colo.
2009	- / -	L	27-17	Greeley, Colo.
2010	- / -	W	34-6	Vermillion, S.D.
2018	- / -	W	43-28	Vermillion, S.D.
2019	- / -	W	14-6	Greeley, Colo.

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

// NORTHERN COLORADO NOTES

- Northern Colorado is led by third-year head coach Ed Lamb who holds a record of 2-23 at the helm of the Bears. [It will be the fourth career meeting for Lamb as a collegiate head coach against South Dakota, back when he was the HC of Southern Utah when USD & SUU were members of the Great West Conference.]
- UNC picked up their first win of the season in Week 1 with a 17-3 victory over NCAA Division II foe Chadron State of the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference (RMAC).
- UNC is led R-Jr. QB Eric Gibson Jr. in his first season in Greeley. As a Bear, he's 20-for-33 with one interception for 199 yards and is still on the hunt for his first passing touchdown.
- The Bears forced five Colorado State turnovers last week in Fort Collins and held a 10-0 lead at the halftime break. Given a chance to win, Colorado State would rally from the early deficit for the 21-17 victory.
- WRs Carver Cheeks and Brayden Munroe both grabbed 29 yard receptions in the effort against CSU.
- Cheeks had five grabs for 54 yards and Munroe had three grabs for 47 yards.

NORTHERN COLO. SCHEDULE

1-1, 0-0 Big Sky		
Date	Opponent	Time/Result
Aug. 30	CHADRON STATE	W, 17-3
Sept. 6	at Colorado State	L, 21-17
Sept. 13	at South Dakota	1:00 PM
Sept. 20	at Houston Christian	6:00 PM
Sept. 27	IDAHO STATE*	1:00 PM
Oct. 11	at Idaho*	3:00 PM
Oct. 18	at Sacramento State*	6:00 PM
Oct. 25	UC DAVIS*	1:00 PM
Nov. 1	MONTANA STATE*	12:00 PM
Nov. 8	at Northern Arizona*	4:00 PM
Nov. 15	at Eastern Washington*	2:00 PM
Nov. 22	PORTLAND STATE*	12:00 PM

LAMAR INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING	Att.	Net	Avg.	TD	YPG
M. Price	16	73	4.6	0	36.5
A-R. Traore	19	60	3.0	1	28.5
PASSING	C-A-I	Pct.	Yds.	TD	YPG
E. Gibson	20-33-1	60.6%	199	0	99.5
RECEIVING	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	YPG
C. Cheeks	8	93	11.6	0	46.5
B. Munroe	5	116	23.2	1	58.0
DEFENSE	U-A-TT	TFL	Sack	INT	PBU
Z. Nowatzke	13-6-19	0.5	--	--	1
D. Bryant Jr.	10-7-17	1.0	1.0	--	2

// SERIES HISTORY NOTES

- The Bears lead the all-time series, 20-16, dating back to the first meeting in 1959.
- A majority of the matchups being during the North Central Conference (NCC) days at the Division II level [1980-2002 both teams were members of the NCC].
- The most points South Dakota has scored against UNC is 49 (1985) and the most Northern Colorado has scored in the series is 51 (1990).
- South Dakota has won the last three meetings, dating back to 2010.
- The Yotes have won the last four meetings in Vermillion (2018, 2010, 2001, 2000).
- Since USD moved to Division I FCS, the Yotes lead the series 3-1.
- There's only been one overtime game between the two programs, which came in 1996 with South Dakota prevailing 27-24 (2 OT) in Vermillion.

// STATISTICAL MATCHUP

Category	USD	FCS	MVFC	UNC	FCS	Big Sky
Scoring Offense	10.0	102nd	10th	7.0	77th	9th
Total Offense	226.0	102nd	10th	260.0	90th	9th
Rushing Offense	109.0	73rd	9th	114.5	69th	6th
Passing Offense	117.0	103rd	9th	145.5	84th	10th
Passing Efficiency	90.51	101st	10th	120.33	59th	6th
Time of Possession	25:35	106th	9th	27:39	87th	7th
Scoring Defense	37.5	88th	9th	12.0	9th	1st
Total Defense	366.5	53rd	9th	352.0	42nd	3rd
Rushing Defense	181.0	80th	9th	167.5	71st	3rd
Passing Defense	185.5	40th	5th	184.5	39th	5th
Passing Efficiency Def.	166.01	102nd	10th	103.88	20th	2nd
QB Sacks	1.50	58th	7th	2.0	6th	1st

YOTE NOTEBOOK: TEAM NOTES

// RECAPPING LAMAR

- South Dakota dropped a tough 20-13 contest on the road at Lamar in Texas last time out.
- A fast start to with an opening drive TD and INT that led to a FG (10-0 early 1Q lead) proved to be not enough.
- Lamar answered with 13 straight points of their own after going down two scores early.
- The defense had three guys post career bests in tackles, while the Yotes also had their first two interceptions of the season.

■ LB **Matt Walsh** recorded the team's first 10+ tackle game of the season.

■ PK **Will Leyland** converted on his first two FG attempts of the season (32 and 44 yards), moving into the top-10 all-time at USD for career FGM.

■ USD has still never won a football game in the state of Texas.

// SOUTH DAKOTA-UNC CONNECTIONS

■ Former USD head coach *Joe Glenn* (2012-15) also served as the head coach at UNC (1989-99), winning two NCAA Division II national titles with the Bears (1996-97).

// YOTES IN HOME OPENERS

- Dating back to available data to 1922, USD is 78-20-2 in home openers.
- The Yotes are an impressive 39-7 in the DakotaDome in their home openers (since 1979).
- In the DI FCS era, USD is 15-2 in home openers.

// NON-CONFERENCE NOTABLES

- Since joining the MVFC in 2012, USD is 18-20 in non-conference games (including FBS games).
- On the road vs. FCS teams in that span, the Yotes are 4-6.
- 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 BIG SKY CONFERENCE

- USD has played 59 games against current members of the Big Sky Conference (28-40-1).
- The most common opponents being Northern Colorado (36 games) and Montana (20 games).
- The Yotes have a winning record against Eastern Washington (1-0), Northern Arizona (2-1), and Sacramento State (1-0).
- The win over EWU is just one of two wins of a No. 1-ranked FCS team, done back in 2011.
- In the FCS Playoffs, South Dakota has met three Big Sky teams (*Montana State, Sacramento State, UC Davis*), holding a 2-1 record in those games. Both wins came inside the DakotaDome.

// BUILDING THE COYOTE BRAND NATIONALLY

- South Dakota will have a pair of games on national television in the regular season.
- The season opener at Iowa State was televised on FOX with Tim Brando, Devin Gardner, and Josh Sims on the call.
- The second regular season matchup to be on national television will be the Interstate Series matchup with South Dakota State (Nov. 8) on an ESPN family network (TBA).
- Last season, the Yotes had three games air on national television (at Wisconsin, at South Dakota State, at Montana State).

// 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.

// INFUX OF TALENT

- The football program brings in 34 new faces into the program between the high school and transfer portal recruiting this past offseason.
- South Dakota brings 23 new faces to the roster via the portal during the offseason.
- The transfer portal class ranks ninth in the FCS, according to 247Sports.com.
- The Yotes welcome 12 transfers from the FBS ranks for first-year head coach Travis Johansen in 2025.

■ The transfer class also includes eight three-star prospects out of high school with four on the defensive side of the ball (three on the defensive line).

■ Based on the high school recruiting class (18 enrollees to start Fall Camp), South Dakota's class ranks 153rd in all of college football and 14th-best in the FCS (247Sports).

■ The Yotes bring in six 3-star H.S. prospects (247Sports) in **Austyn Modrzewski** (QB), **Cain Wallner** (LB), and **Jaden Brown** (DB).

// 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 21-6 in the Dome.
- Johansen inherits a program that went 8-0 on the new home turf in 2024.
- The 2025 home opener is slated for Sept. 13 against Northern Colorado.

// 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).

SOUTH DAKOTA IN OVERTIME

ALL-TIME OVERTIME RECORD: 9-7
OT at home: 4-3 | OT on the road: 5-4
1 OT: 3-5 | 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

^NCAA Division II Playoff game

UNIFORM TRACKER

// YOTES RECORD WHEN WEARING...

Helmet / Top / Pant (helmet decal not included)

White / Red / White	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 Yotes had 51 plays in the first game with Morrison as the playcaller.
- **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 has started both games with TD drives this season 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.
- 17 of the team's 20 points this season have come in the first quarter. The Yotes have yet to score any points in the second or fourth quarters; or a touchdown outside of the first quarter of play.

// 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's thrown a passing touchdown in back-to-back games to start the season, both coming on the opening drives.
- With the performance, he moved into second all-time in program history for career passing yards [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.

// NOTING THE COYOTE RUNNING BACKS

- So far this season, it's been Walter Payton Award watch list RB **Charles Pierre Jr.** and **L.J. Phillips Jr.** with a bulk of the team carries.
- South Dakota is still on the hunt for their first rushing touchdown as a team this season.
- USD returns First Team All-MVFC, Third Team (Phil Steele) All-American Pierre Jr. who leads the team with his 102 rushing yards (23 carries).
- His longest rush of the season was a 27 gapper up the middle at Lamar (Sept. 6).
- Pierre Jr. is also tied for the team lead in receptions (4) and sits third on the team with his 37 receiving yards.
- Phillips Jr. has had 18 carries for 77 yards with a long of 24 yards (at Lamar, Sept. 6).
- **Reid Watkins** continued to impress with his opportunities for a second-straight week at Lamar with three carries for 28 yards.
- With his limited carries (5), Watkins is averaging 6.5 yards per carry, making the most of each carry.

// HOW DO, YOU DO, LARENZO!

- A nod to long-time national broadcaster *Tim Brando*, where **Lorenzo Fenner** (So.) shined in his first career start at Iowa State to start the 2025 season.
- It was a big day for sophomore wide out in Ames (Aug. 30) when he brought down his first career TD reception.
- Fenner continues to be the main target for Bouman through two games, leading all wide outs with his four receptions and has a team-high 47 receiving yards.
- He averages 11.6 yards per reception and sits tied for the team lead with one TD reception.

// THE WIDE OUTS

- **Jack Martens** (Sr.) brought down his second reception of the season at Lamar, and his first TD grab of the season.
- Martens now leads the team with his fourth career game with a receiving touchdown. He sits second on the team in receiving yards (46) on two receptions.
- **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.) leads the tight end room with his three receptions for 27 yards.
- He made his first start (fourth career start) at Lamar.
- **Jesse Miller** (Sr.) has earned the start at TE in both games so far this season.
- Transfer TE **Dallas Holmes** (Sr.) has seen action in both games this season and has a pair of receptions for 24 yards.

// NEW LOOK OFFENSIVE LINE

- The offensive line unit is led by **Patrick Markarian** in his first season in Vermillion.
- Last year, the OL helped the Coyotes post the sixth-best rushing offense (215.9 ypg) and ninth-best total offense (436.9 ypg) in the FCS.
- The Yotes also sat top-10 (ninth) in the FCS in sacks allowed, allowing just 0.93 sacks per game.
- In the 29 pass attempts against Iowa State, the O-line did not surrender a sack.
- Through 50 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 two 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

// 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		
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		
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.

// CAREER DAYS IN TEXAS

■ Despite the tough touchdown loss at Lamar on Sept. 6, three Coyotes posted career-bests in tackles.

■ LB **Matt Walsh** had the team's first 10+ tackle day with his career-high 10 tackles.

■ **Caden Crawford** (9) and **Mosai Newsom** (8) both also etched new career highs in tackles on the defensive line.

// 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, 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 to lead the team with his 3.0 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.

■ Washington State transfer **Jackson Cowgill** (R-Fr.) joins his brother, Mason (TE) and will also look to provide depth at DL.

// 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.

■ Sophomore **Gabriel Hardman** will also look to play more of a role in the linebacker rotation. He had 28 tackles and a pair of interceptions last season.

■ Entering his second season with the program, senior **Jacob Clark** can help fill holes. He had an INT and 11 tackles last season in his first season with the Coyotes.

// 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 not slated to see game action against Lamar.

■ **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	L2	--
Current Home Streak	--	--
Current Away Streak	L2	--
vs. FCS Top-25 teams (either poll)	0-0	0-0
Non-Conference	0-2	0-2
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	0-1	0-1
on natural grass	0-1	0-1
August	0-1	0-1
September	0-1	0-1
October	0-0	0-0
November	0-0	0-0
December	0-0	0-0
Scoring first	0-1	0-1
Opponent scores first	0-1	0-1
Leading at halftime	0-0	0-0
Trailing at halftime	0-1	0-1
Tied at halftime	0-1	0-1
Overtime	0-0	0-0
No turnovers	0-0	0-0
Less than three turnovers	0-1	0-1
Three or more turnovers	0-1	0-1
No takeaways	0-1	0-1
Less than three takeaways	0-1	0-1
Three or more takeaways	0-0	0-0
With a 150-yard rusher	0-0	0-0
With a 300-yard passer	0-0	0-0
Total 300+ yards of offense	0-0	0-0
Total 400+ yards of offense	0-0	0-0
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

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// 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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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 102nd consecutive PAT as a Coyote at Lamar.

■ 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 23-straight polls.

■ Since 2019, South Dakota has been ranked inside the AFCA poll for 32 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:** In an all mammalian match-up this weekend in Vermillion, here's a U.S. National Parks fun fact for you - Bears (black bears) and Coyotes are some of the most prevalent mammals in the NPS, extending from coast-to-coast among the 63 National Parks.

■ 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.

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.										
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 (PRESEASON)

Rk.	Team (First-Place Votes)	Record	Pts.	Prev.
1.	North Dakota State (26)	2-0	648	1
2.	South Dakota State (2)	2-0	623	2
3.	Tarleton State	3-0	594	T3
4.	Illinois State	1-1	516	7
5.	Rhode Island	2-0	509	8
6.	Montana State	0-2	494	T3
7.	Montana	1-0	481	10
8.	UIW	1-1	422	9
9.	UC Davis	1-1	421	5
10.	Idaho	1-1	389	11
11.	Villanova	1-0	374	12
12.	Lehigh	2-0	354	13
13.	Abilene Christian	1-1	297	17
14.	Southern Illinois	1-1	266	15
15.	Jackson State	1-1	236	14
16.	Tennessee Tech	2-0	233	20
17.	North Dakota	1-1	230	22
18.	Monmouth	2-0	227	18
19.	Northern Arizona	1-1	184	19
20.	South Dakota	0-2	172	6
21.	Sacramento State	0-2	129	16
22.	Mercer	0-1	82	21
23.	Austin Peay	1-1	73	NR
24.	New Hampshire	2-0	72	NR
25.	Youngstown State	2-0	56	NR

MVFC opponents bolded & italicized

STATS PERFORM FCS TOP-25 POLL (SEPT. 8)

Rk.	Team (First-Place Votes)	Record	Pts.	Prev.
1.	North Dakota State (49)	2-0	1,393	1
2.	South Dakota State (7)	2-0	1,351	2
3.	Tarleton State	3-0	1,260	5
4.	Montana State	0-2	1,202	3
5.	Montana	1-0	1,123	6
6.	Rhode Island	2-0	1,050	9
7.	Illinois State	1-1	1,049	7
8.	Idaho	1-1	937	10
9.	UC Davis	1-1	885	8
10.	Lehigh	2-0	836	11
11.	Villanova	1-0	743	13
12.	South Dakota	0-2	649	4
13.	Abilene Christian	1-1	648	16
14.	UIW	1-1	568	12
15.	Tennessee Tech	2-0	560	17
16.	North Dakota	1-1	535	20
17.	Southern Illinois	1-1	510	14
18.	Northern Arizona	1-1	400	19
19.	Jackson State	1-1	381	15
20.	Monmouth	2-0	373	21
21.	Sacramento State	0-2	253	18
22.	Austin Peay	1-1	233	NR
23.	New Hampshire	2-0	132	NR
24.	Lamar	1-1	121	NR
25.	West Georgia	2-0	110	NR

MVFC opponents bolded & italicized



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 was at Lamar with 6,043 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)	--

// 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 21-6 mark inside the DakotaDome.
- USD is 24-8 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
TOTALS	21-6

// 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.
- 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 94-107 (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 74-85 overall since 2012.
- [Last updated entering the Northern Colorado game]

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		
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			
at North Dakota State			
Murray State			
at Indiana State			
at Northern Iowa			
Illinois State			
North Dakota			
South Dakota State			
at Southern Illinois			

SOUTH DAKOTA DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE CAREER STARTS

PLAYER	'21	'22	'23	'24	'25	ALL
Arop	-	-	-	0	0	0
Bouman^	-	4	13	14	2	33
Boze	-	0	0	1	2	3
Bryant^	-	-	-	-	0	0
Cremascoli^	-	-	-	-	0	0
Crim^	-	-	-	-	2	2
Crispe	-	-	-	0	0	0
Fenner	-	-	0	0	1	1
Hawkins^	-	-	-	14	2	16
Holmes	-	-	-	-	1	1
S. Kohls	0	0	11	0	2	13
Lawson^	-	-	-	-	2	2
Martens	0	0	11	7	2	20
Miller	-	-	0	0	2	2
Phelps	0	10	1	1	0	12
Pierre Jr.	-	0	2	2	2	6
Phillips Jr.	-	-	0	0	0	0
Poncius	0	0	0	0	0	0
Smith^	-	-	-	-	0	0
Witte	0	1	0	2	1	4
Woolf^	-	-	-	-	2	2

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

DEFENSE CAREER STARTS

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

OFFENSE

QB 2	Aidan Bouman	6-5	225	Sr.
13	Nevan Cremascoli	6-3	225	Jr.
RB 3	Charles Pierre Jr.	5-11	215	Sr.
24	L.J. Phillips Jr.	5-9	225	So.
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	33	Oct. 29, 2022
Mosai Newsom	DL	17	Dec. 9, 2023
Adrian Hawkins	OL	16	Aug. 29, 2024

Minimum 10 consecutive starts



QB AIDAN BOUMAN

6-5 • 245 • Sr.
Buffalo, Minn.
Buffalo H.S. / Iowa State

// AWARDS & HONORS

- MVFC Honorable Mention (2024)
- MVFC All-Newcomer Team (2022)
- MVFC Honor Roll (2023)

// 300 PASSING YARD GAMES

Aidan Bouman (2)

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

// BOUMAN VS. NORTHERN COLORADO

No games

BOUMAN IN USD RECORD BOOK

// PASSING YARDS

YDS.	PLAYER	YEARS
1. 8,936	Noah Shepard	2006-09
2. 6,636	Aidan Bouman	2022-p.
3. 6,487	Austin Simmons	2016-19
4. 6,240	Wesley Beschomer	2002-05
5. 6,081	Chris Steveler	2016-17
6. 5,944	Ryan Justice	1999-02
7. 4,759	Jason Seurer	1989-92
8. 4,361	Dante Warren	2008-11
9. 4,123	Carson Camp	2020-22
10. 3,742	Mark Jenkins	1972-75

// PASSING TOUCHDOWNS

TD	PLAYER	YEARS
1. 77	Noah Shepard	2006-09
2. 64	Wesley Beschomer	2002-05
3. 54	Chris Steveler	2016-17
4. 52	Austin Simmons	2016-19
5. 44	Aidan Bouman	2022-p.
6. 36	Ryan Justice	1999-02
7. 35	Dante Warren	2008-11
8. 31	Chris Miller	1994-97
9. 30	Mark Jenkins	1972-75
10. 27	Jason Seurer	1989-92

Note: updated each week (Entering 2025 Season)

GAME HIGHS

COMPLETIONS

2025..... 15, at Iowa State (8.30)
Career.....24, vs. YSU (10.14.23)

PASSING YARDS

2025.....126, at Iowa State (8.30)
Career.....369, vs. YSU (10.14.23)

LONGEST PASS

2025.....35, at Iowa State (8.30)
Career.....80, vs. Southern Ill. (9.28.24)

ATTEMPTS

2025.....29, at Iowa State (8.30)
Career.....29 (x2)

PASSING TOUCHDOWNS

2025.....1 (x2)
Career.....3 (x4), MR: vs. UC Davis (2024)

Year	Games	Comp.-Att.-Int.	Yards	TDs	Long	Pct.	Avg./Pass	Avg./Game
2022	6	80-132-1	892	8	55	61.0	11.2	148.7
2023	13	187-280-6	2,551	15	75	67.0	13.6	196.2
2024	14	214-312-4	2,959	19	80	68.6	13.8	211.4
2025	2	25-50-3	234	2	35	50.0	9.4	117.0
Total	35	506-774-14	6,636	44	80	65.0	8.6	189.6

*NOTE: Bouman spent two seasons at Iowa State (2020, 2021); redshirting in 2020 & was a squad member his second year (2021) with no stats.

BOUMAN QUICK HITS

// 2024 RECAP

- Threw for a career-best 2,959 yards and 19 touchdowns last season; named Honorable Mention All-MVFC.
- The 2,959 yards sat fourth-best in a single-season in program history (*third-best in the USD DI FCS era*).
- Had one game for 300+ passing yards, just his second of his career, with 307 yards (20-for-28) in the win at UND.
- He had nine games with at least 200+ passing yards and at least one touchdown.
- His best game was the Dakota Days game against Northern Iowa (Oct. 12) with 284 passing yards (17-for-20).

// CAREER

- Has made 32 career starts, all being at South Dakota.
- Holds a 22-10 record as QB1 for the Coyotes.
- Bouman sits third in program history (Division I era) with 11-straight games with a TD pass [10.22.22 to 10.13.23].
- Spent two seasons at Iowa State (2020-21) before transferring to South Dakota.
- With the 126 yards in the season-opener at Iowa State, Bouman moved into second all-time at USD in career passing yards.
- He entered 2025: passing yards (third) and passing touchdowns (5th) in program history.

BOUMAN QUICK HITS

// PROVEN FIELD GENERAL

Bouman has consistently grown into one of the best quarterbacks in the FCS, being the only returning QB at the FCS level that played in last year's FCS Playoff semifinals. In two full seasons as the South Dakota starting quarterback, Bouman has led the Yotes to back-to-back deep playoff runs with quarterfinal (2023) and semifinal (2024) appearances.

- Bouman was named to the preseason Walter Payton Award watch list, given annually to the best FCS offensive player.
- He was also named a preseason All-American by FCS Football Central (First Team) and STATS Perform (Second Team).

// QB1 + THE VALLEY

- Bouman's 2,959 passing yards is the most of any Valley quarterback that returns in 2025.
- MVFC elite QB's of Mark Grownowski (SDSU) and Cam Miller (NDSU) both do not return, leaving Bouman as the only All-Conference (honorable mention) quarterback to suit up this season.

2024	Opponent	Result	PASSING					RUSHING				
			C-A-I	Pct.	Yds	TD	Long	Eff.	Att.	Yds.	TD	Long
Aug. 29	Northern State*	W, 45-3	9-12-0	75.0%	85	0	19	--	3	(-4)	0	11
Sept. 7	at Wisconsin*	L, 27-13	12-23-0	52.2%	114	0	25	--	3	(-24)	0	0
Sept. 21	Drake*	W, 42-3	18-24-0	75.0%	219	1	32	--	1	(-4)	0	0
Sept. 28	Southern Illinois*	W, 42-13	11-17-0	64.7%	247	2	80	--	1	12	0	12
Oct. 5	at Murray State*	W, 59-0	16-22-1	72.7%	221	1	46	--	3	4	0	5
Oct. 12	Northern Iowa*	W, 42-17	17-20-0	85.0%	284	2	49	--	1	8	0	8
Oct. 19	at Youngstown St.*	W, 27-17	12-18-0	66.7%	223	1	48	--	3	(-19)	0	2
Oct. 26	at South Dakota St.*	L, 20-17	20-32-0	62.5%	164	0	27	--	0	0	0	0
Nov. 9	Indiana State*	W, 49-0	14-20-0	70.0%	238	2	66	--	1	3	0	3
Nov. 16	at North Dakota*	W, 42-36	15-21-1	71.4%	190	3	53	--	2	8	0	6
Nov. 23	North Dakota St.*	W, 29-28	18-30-0	60.0%	272	2	40	--	3	(-25)	0	0
Dec. 7	Tarleton State*	W, 42-31	18-22-0	81.8%	213	2	39	--	0	0	0	0
Dec. 14	UC Davis*	W, 35-21	14-22-2	63.6%	253	3	71	--	0	0	0	0
Dec. 21	at Montana State*	L, 31-17	20-29-0	69.0%	236	0	24	--	2	(-16)	0	0

*Game Started

2025	Opponent	Result	C-A-I	Pct.	Yds	TD	Long	Eff.	Att.	Yds.	TD	Long
Aug. 30	at Iowa State	L, 55-7	15-29-2	51.7	126	1	35	85.8	0	0	0	0
Sept. 6	at Lamar	L, 20-13	10-21-1	50.0	108	1	21		1	(-6)	0	(-6)
Sept. 13	Northern Colorado											
Sept. 20	Drake											
Sept. 27	at North Dakota St.											
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 St.											
Nov. 15	at Southern Illinois											

*Game started



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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 Schser	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.))

* indicates letters earned at South Dakota (min. 4 games played) // ^ indicates transfer athlete

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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	Poncus, 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	Woolf, 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	32	Tyler Ebel	EE - BULL	84	Jackson Accuardi	UH - CARD - EE
4	Jaylen Boehm -Peterson	BAME	33	Gabriel Hardman	goes by 'Gabe'	87	Caden Frey	FRY
	(rhymes w/ name)		34	Dawson Sechser	SEX - ser	89	Zach Witte	WIT - EE
6	Tysen Boze	BOSE	35	Caisen Thome	TOE - MAY	90	Calen Presser	CAL - en
12	Austyn Modrzewski	MUH - JESS - KEY	44	Lenard Hill	LEH - nard			like the state of California
13	Nevan Cremascoli	KREM - uh - SKULL - ee	46	Nathan Laperi	LUH - PERRY	97	AuVon Sager	A - VON // Say - GER
15	Will Leyland	LAY - land	52	Mosai Newsom	Mo - SIGH			
16	Torriq Brumfield	Tor - EEK // BRUHM - field			goes by 'Mo'			
17	Troy Bounting	BOUNT - ing	67	Brendan Crispe	CRISP (no 'e' sound)			
23	Mackenson Owens	goes by 'Mack'	74	Almarion Crim	AI - MAHR - EE - on			
25	Rulian Stewart	REW - lee - an	75	Jacob Arop	UH - ROPE			
31	DJ Kennard	KEH - nard	78	Gerrit Poncus	PAWN - CHUS			

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 Dickell	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.	Acokeek, 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

Yards	Type	Player(s)	Opponent	Quarter
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

BY PLAY

Rush.....	2
Pass.....	2
Kickoff Return.....	0
Punt Return.....	0

BY GAME

Iowa State.....	2
Lamar.....	2
Northern Colorado.....	0
Drake.....	0
North Dakota State.....	0
Murray State.....	0
Indiana State.....	0
Northern Iowa.....	0
Illinois State.....	0
North Dakota.....	0
South Dakota State.....	0
Southern Illinois.....	0

BY QUARTER

First Quarter.....	2
Second Quarter.....	2
Third Quarter.....	0
Fourth Quarter.....	0

RUSHING

Charles Pierre Jr.....	1
L.J. Phillips Jr.....	1

PASSING

Aidan Bouman.....	2
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RECEIVING

Jack Martens.....	1
Charles Pierre Jr.....	1

KICKOFF RETURN

None.....	0
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PUNT RETURN

None.....	0
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LONG PLAYS: BY THE NUMBERS

BY YARDAGE

Yards	No.	TD
100+	--	--
90-99	--	--
80-89	--	--
70-79	--	--
60-69	--	--
50-59	--	--
40-49	--	--
30-39	1	--
20-29	3	--

BY TYPE

Type	No.	TD
Rushing	2	--
Passing	2	--
Punt Returns	--	--
Kick Returns	--	--
Interceptions	--	--
Fumble Returns	--	--
Other	--	--
TOTALS	4	--

LONGEST 20-PLUS YARD PLAYS (2024)

BY PLAY

Kickoff Return.....	27	<i>(Charles Pierre Jr. rush up the midd; at Lamar [Sept. 6])</i>
Pass.....	35 yards	<i>(Play Info)</i>
Rush.....	TBD	<i>(Play Info)</i>
Punt Return.....	TBD	<i>(Play Info)</i>

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	0	3
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	0	1

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

GAMES WITH MULTIPLE RECEIVING TD

Athlete	'22	'23	'24	'25	Career
<i>None entering 2025 season</i>					

// 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

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 Seasons 21
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 sits 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.



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 Gaes, and Dennis Shorter. The defensive front seven sat fourth in the Valley with 30 sacks as a team with Gaes 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.

THE JOHANSEN FILE

■ First season as collegiate head coach

Record at South Dakota (first season):	0-2 (.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	0-0
Northern Iowa	0-0
South Dakota State	0-0
Southern Illinois	0-0

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	--	<i>Covid Season</i>
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	0-2	0-0	--	--
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Head Coaching Totals (First season) 0-2 (.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. 13 at Lamar 9.6.25
- 2. 7 at Iowa State 8.30.25

Most Rushing Attempts

- 1. 28 at Lamar 9.6.25
- 2. 22 at Iowa State 8.30.25

Most Rushing Yards

- 1. 135 at Lamar 9.6.25
- 2. 83 at Iowa State 8.30.25

Most Rushing Touchdowns

- 1. -- Opponent Date

Most Passes Completed

- 1. 15 at Iowa State 8.30.25
- 2. 10 at Lamar 9.6.25

Most Passes Attempted

- 1. 29 at Iowa State 8.30.25
- 2. 21 at Lamar 9.6.25

Most Passing Yards

- 1. 126 at Iowa State 8.30.25
- 2. 108 at Lamar 9.6.25

Most Passing Touchdowns

- 1. 1 at Iowa State 8.30.25
- 1 at Lamar 9.6.25

Most First Downs

- 1. 13 at Lamar 9.6.25
- 2. 11 at Iowa State 8.30.25

Most Yards of Total Offense

- 1. 243 at Lamar 9.6.25
- 2. 209 at Iowa State 8.30.25

// DEFENSE

Fewest Points Allowed

- 1. 20 at Lamar 9.6.25
- 2. 55 at Iowa State 8.30.25

Fewest Rushing Yards Allowed

- 1. 139 at Lamar 9.6.25
- 2. 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

Fewest Yards of Total Offense Allowed

- 1. 204 at Lamar 9.6.25
- 2. 529 at Iowa State 8.30.25

Most Sacks

- 1. 3.0 at Lamar 9.6.25

Most Tackles For Loss

- 1. 5.0 at Lamar 9.6.25
- 2. 2.0 at Iowa State 8.30.25

Most Interceptions

- 1. 2 at Lamar 9.6.25

Most Pass Break-Ups

- 1. 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

Most Rushing Yards

- 1. 60 L.J. Phillips Jr. at Lamar 9.6.25
- 2. 53 C. Pierre Jr. at Lamar 9.6.25
- 3. 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. 10 Matt Walsh at Lamar 9.6.25
- 2. 9 D. Lewis at Iowa St. 8.30.25
- 9 RJ Stewart at Iowa St. 8.30.25
- 9 C. Crawford at Lamar 9.6.25

Most Tackles For Loss

- 1. 2.0 C. Crawford at Lamar 9.6.25
- 2.0 N. Laperi at Lamar 9.6.25
- 2. 1.0 (x2) at Iowa State 8.30.25

Most Sacks

- 1. 2.0 N. Laperi at Lamar 9.6.25

COACHING & SUPPORT STAFF



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.



BILLY KIRCH
DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR

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



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 NIAA Waldorf University (Iowa) for three seasons.



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.



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).



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).



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.



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.



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.



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 Neumann	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.	25	Cody Butler	2003-04
	25	Will Leyland	2023-pres.
10.	24	Mike Kneip	1988-91

USD ALL-TIME RECORDS LISTED ABOVE
COMPLETE RECORD BOOK CAN BE FOUND IN THE
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
4.	2,128	Kai Henry	2017-20
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
Indiana State	0-0	.000	2-0	1.000	2-0	0-0	0-0	W2
North Dakota State	0-0	.000	2-0	1.000	0-0	2-0	0-0	W2
South Dakota State	0-0	.000	2-0	1.000	1-0	1-0	0-0	W2
Youngstown State	0-0	.000	2-0	1.000	2-0	0-0	0-0	W2
Illinois State	0-0	.000	1-1	.500	1-0	0-1	0-0	W1
North Dakota	0-0	.000	1-1	.500	1-0	0-1	0-0	W1
Northern Iowa	0-0	.000	1-1	.500	1-0	0-1	0-0	L1
Southern Illinois	0-0	.000	1-1	.500	1-0	0-1	0-0	L1
Murray State	0-0	.000	0-2	.000	0-0	0-2	0-0	L2
South Dakota	0-0	.000	0-2	.000	0-0	0-2	0-0	L2

THIS WEEK IN THE MVFC

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

Indiana State at Indiana, 5:30 PM

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

Northern Colorado at South Dakota, 1:00 PM
 North Dakota at Montana, 2:00 PM
 Illinois State at Eastern Illinois, 2:00 PM
 SE Missouri State at North Dakota State, 2:30 PM
 Youngstown State at Michigan State, 2:30 PM
 Eastern Washington at Northern Iowa, 4:00 PM
 Southern Illinois at UT Martin, 6:00 PM
 Drake at South Dakota State, 6:00 PM
 Murray State at Georgia State, 6:00 PM

MVFC RESULTS FROM LAST WEEK

Eastern Illinois, 14 at Indiana State, 38
 Robert Morris, 17 at Youngstown State, 56
 North Dakota State, 59 at Tennessee State, 3
 Northern Iowa, 7 at Wyoming, 31
 South Dakota, 13 at Lamar, 20
 Portland State, 20 at North Dakota, 50
 SE Louisiana, 45 at Murray State, 24
 Morehead State, 13 at Illinois State, 41
 Southern Illinois, 17 at Purdue, 34
 South Dakota State, 30 at Montana State, 24 (2OT)

MVFC WEEKLY HONORS

// OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Sept. 1 Plez Lawrence (RB) Indiana State
 Sept. 8 Beau Brungard (QB) Youngstown State
 Sept. 15
 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
 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
 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
 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
 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 Northern Colorado @ South Dakota
North Dakota @ Montana
Eastern Washington @ Northern Iowa
- Sept. 20 Indiana State @ Montana

MVFC PRESEASON POLL

Rk.	School (first-place votes)	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	at Lamar	Beaumont, Texas	6/4	-	L	20-13
Sept. 13	Northern Colorado	Vermillion, S.D.	20/12	-	-	-

Rankings from 2023 on are listed #/#/#: AFCA Coaches' Poll / STATS Perform FCS Poll; ^ FBS ranking

SOUTH DAKOTA: POLLING BREAKDOWN

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

Overall ranked vs. ranked games.....	15-13
Home ranked vs. ranked games.....	11-5
Away ranked vs. ranked games.....	4-8

YOTES AS RANKED TEAM INSIDE THE DAKOTADOME

Overall as a ranked team (No. 1-25).....	24-9
As a top-15 team (No. 1-15).....	15-5
As a top-10 team (No. 1-10).....	14-3
As a top-5 team (No. 1-5).....	10-3

LAST THREE SEASONS (2023-pres.)

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
<i>Nov. 20, 2023; AFCA Coaches' Poll & STATS Perform Poll [Playoffs]</i>	
<i>2024 season (x2)</i>	
Longest home win streak as ranked team.....	Eight games
<i>2024 season (& counting)</i>	
Longest road win streak as a ranked team.....	four games
<i>2023-24 seasons</i>	

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	[322] at North Dakota (Nov. 16, 2024)
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) <i>Jonathan Joanis - 51-yard interception return for TD</i>
Returned a fumble for a TD	vs. South Dakota State (Oct. 26, 2024) <i>Mi'Quise Grace - 15yd fumble return (4th quarter)</i>

SPECIAL TEAMS

Returned a kickoff for a TD	vs. Drake (Sept. 21, 2024) <i>Keyondray Jones-Logan (99 yards)</i>
Returned a punt for a TD	vs. Northern State (Aug. 29, 2024) <i>Carter Bell (55 yards)</i>
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) <i>Carson Camp to Carter Bell (TD)</i>

RUSHING

Rushed for 25-30 carries	[25] Travis Theis vs. Tarleton State (2024)
Rushed for 30+ carries	[36] Trevor Bouma vs. Weber State (2016)
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	[306] Amos Allen at Augustana (2007)
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

#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..... 15, at Western Illinois (2023)
 Rush Yards (Net)..... 93, at Western Illinois (2023)
 Rushing TD..... 2, at Western Illinois (2023)
 Longest Rush..... 32, vs. Northern Iowa (2024)
 Receptions..... 2, at Lamar (2025)
 Receiving Yards..... 19, at Lamar (2025)
 Receiving TD..... None
 Longest Reception..... 15, at Lamar (2025)

DEFENSE

#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..... 6 (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 (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)

SPECIAL TEAMS

#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..... 101 (current streak)

#32 • TYLER EBEL
 Longest Punt..... 62 (2024)

#39 • ZEKE MATA
 Longest Field Goal..... 52 (vs. Northern St., 2024)

SOUTH DAKOTA: SCORING DRIVES

SOUTH DAKOTA

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

DRIVE SUPERLATIVES

	SOUTH DAKOTA	OPPONENT
Most Plays (Result)	12/touchdown at Iowa State	15 (x2)
Most Yards (Result)	75 (x2)	85/touchdown (Iowa State)
Most Time (Result)	7:26/touchdown at Iowa State	8:45/touchdown (Iowa State)

SOUTH DAKOTA: GAME-BY-GAME TEAM STATS

	IAST	LU	UNC	DRK	NDSU	MUR	INST	UNI	ILST	UND	SDSU	SIU
First Downs	11	13										
Rushing	4	6										
Passing	6	5										
Penalty	1	2										
Net Rushing Yards	83	135										
Rushing Attempts	22	28										
Average Per Rush	3.8	4.8										
Rushing TDs	0	0										
Yards Gained	85	145										
Yards Lost	2	10										
Net Passing Yards	126	108										
Completions	15	10										
Attempts	29	21										
Interceptions	2	1										
Yards Per Attempt	4.3	5.1										
Yards Per Completion	8.4	10.8										
Passing TDs	1	1										
Total Offensive Yards	209	243										
Plays	51	49										
Yards Per Play	4.1	5.0										
Fumbles-Lost	2-0	2-2										
Penalties-Yards	5-36	4-55										
Punts-Yards	5-249	2-75										
Yards Per Punt	49.8	37.5										
Net Yards Per Punt	26.4											
Inside 20	1	1										
50+ Yard Kicks	3	0										
Fair Catch	1	1										
Kickoffs-Yards	2-130	4-255										
Yards Per Kickoff	65.0	63.8										
Net Yards Per Kickoff	40											
Touchbacks	2	0										
Fair Catch Yards	0	0										
Punt Returns	0	0										
Yards	0	0										
Touchdowns	0	0										
Yards Per Return	0	0										
Kickoff Returns	3	3										
Yards	47	50										
Touchdowns	0	0										
Yards Per Return	15.7	16.7										
Interceptions	0	2										
Yards	0	16										
Touchdowns	0	0										
Fumble Recoveries	0	0										
Returns-Yards	0	0										
Touchdowns	0	0										
Miscellaneous Yards	0	0										
Possession Time	24:42	26:29										
3rd-Down Conversions	5-12	1-9										
4th-Down Conversions	0-1	1-3										
Red Zone Scoring	1-1	2-3										
Touchdowns	1	1										
Field Goals	0	1										
Sacks By-Yards	0-0	3-19										
PAT Kicks	1-1	1-1										
Field Goals	0-0	2-2										
Long	--	44										

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/-	NORTHERN COLORADO						
Sept. 20		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	28	at Lamar	Sept. 6
RUSHING YARDS	135	at Lamar	Sept. 6
YARDS PER RUSH	4.8	at Lamar	Sept. 6
TD RUSHES	None		
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	5.1	at Lamar	Sept. 6
TD PASSES	1	at Iowa State / at Lamar	Aug. 30 / Sept. 6
TOTAL PLAYS	51	at Iowa State	Aug. 30
TOTAL OFFENSE	243	at Lamar	Sept. 6
YARDS PER PLAY	5.0	at Lamar	Sept. 6
POINTS	13	at Lamar	Sept. 6
SACKS BY	3.0	at Lamar	Sept. 6
FIRST DOWNS	13	at Lamar	Sept. 6
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	14	L.J. Phillips Jr.	at Lamar	Sept. 6
RUSHING YARDS	60	L.J. Phillips Jr.	at Lamar	Sept. 6
TD RUSHES	None			
LONGEST RUSH	27	Charles Pierre Jr.	at Lamar	Sept. 6
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	Lorenzo Fenner / Jack Martens	at Iowa State / at Lamar	Sept. 6
LONGEST RECEPTION	35	Jack Martens	at Iowa State	Aug. 30
TACKLES	10	Matt Walsh	at Lamar	Sept. 6
SACKS	2.0	Nathan Laperi	at Lamar	Sept. 6
TACKLES FOR LOSS	2.0	Nathan Laperi / Caden Crawford	at Lamar	Sept. 6

TEAM STATISTICS

// TEAM STATISTICS		
	SD	OPP
First Downs	24	44
Rushing	10	21
Passing	11	18
Penalty	3	5
Rushing Yardage	218	362
Rushing attempts	50	89
Average per rush	4.4	4.1
Average per game	109.0	181.0
TDs Rushing	0	6
Passing Yardage	234	371
Comp-Att-Int	25-50-3	31-41-2
Average per pass	4.7	9.0
Average per catch	9.4	12.0
Average per game	117.0	185.5
TDs Passing	2	3
Total offense	452	733
Average per play	4.5	5.6
Average per game	226.0	366.5
Kick returns: #-Yards	6-97	4-103
Punt returns: #-Yards	0-0	2-117
Int returns: #-Yards	2-16	3-22
Fumbles-Lost	4-2	2-0
Penalties-Yards	9-91	7-70
Punts-Avg	7-46.3	3-46.7
Time of possession / game	25:35	34:20
3rd-down conversion	6/21	13/25

// 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
Totals 3 of 4 (75.0%)			4	3	17	2	0	2	1	1	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
Totals 12 of 13 (92.3%)			13	12	72	9	6	3	3	3	0	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	17	0	3	0	0	20
Opponents	17	20	17	21	0	75

// 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

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

// OFFENSIVE

Rushing

Player	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Charles Pierre Jr.	2	23	104	2	102	4.4	0	27	51.0
L.J. Phillips Jr.	2	18	77	4	73	4.1	0	24	36.5
Reid Watkins	2	5	32	0	32	6.4	0	14	16.0
Tennel Bryant	2	2	16	0	16	8.0	0	8	8.0
Aidan Bouman	2	1	0	6	-6	-6.0	0	0	-3.0
Team	2	1	1	0	1	1.0	0	0	0.5
Total	2	50	230	12	218	4.4	0	27	109.0
Opponents	2	89	395	33	362	4.1	6	28	181.0

Total Offense

Player	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
Aidan Bouman	2	51	-6	234	228	114.0
Charles Pierre Jr.	2	23	102	0	102	51.0
L.J. Phillips Jr.	2	18	73	0	73	36.5
Reid Watkins	2	5	32	0	32	16.0
Tennel Bryant	2	2	16	0	16	8.0
Team	2	0	1	0	1	0.5
Total	2	100	218	234	452	226.0
Opponents	2	130	362	371	733	366.5

Scoring

Player	td	fg	PAT						pts
			kick	rush	rcv	pass	dxp	saf	
Will Leyland	-	2-2	2-2	-	-	-	-	-	8
Jack Martens	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Lorenzo Fenner	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Total	2	2-2	2-2	0	0	0	0	0	20
Opponents	9	4-4	9-9	0	0	0	0	0	75

Field Goals

Player	fg	pct.	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99
Will Leyland	2-2	100.0	0-0	0-0	1-1	1-1	0-0
Opponents	4-4	100.0	0-0	2-2	1-1	0-0	1-1

Punting

Player	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+	blk
Tyler Ebel	7	324	46.3	59	0	2	2	3	0
Total	7	324	46.3	59	0	2	2	3	0
Opponents	3	140	46.7	59	0	2	2	1	0

Kickoffs

Player	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob	retn	net	ydl
Zeke Mata	6	385	64.2	2	0			
Total	6	385	64.2	2	0	4	38.7	26
Opponents	14	847	60.5	3	1	5	40.4	24

Passing

Player	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
Aidan Bouman	2	90.5	25-50-3	50.0	234	2	35	117.0
Total	2	90.5	25-50-3	50.0	234	2	35	117.0
Opponents	2	166.0	31-41-2	75.6	371	3	66	185.5

Receiving

Player	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Charles Pierre Jr.	2	4	37	9.3	0	29	18.5
Dallas Holmes	2	4	24	6.0	0	10	12.0
Lorenzo Fenner	2	4	47	11.8	1	21	23.5
Zach Witte	2	3	27	9.0	0	12	13.5
L.J. Phillips Jr.	2	3	23	7.7	0	15	11.5
Jack Martens	2	2	46	23.0	1	35	23.0
Tysen Boze	2	2	24	12.0	0	17	12.0
Jesse Miller	2	1	3	3.0	0	3	1.5
Reid Watkins	2	1	-2	-2.0	0	0	-1.0
Carson Fletcher	1	1	5	5.0	0	5	5.0
Total	2	25	234	9.4	2	35	117.0
Opponents	2	31	371	12.0	3	66	185.5

All Purpose

Player	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g
Charles Pierre Jr.	2	102	37	0	0	0	139	69.5
Tennel Bryant	2	16	0	0	95	0	111	55.5
L.J. Phillips Jr.	2	73	23	0	0	0	96	48.0
Lorenzo Fenner	2	0	47	0	0	0	47	23.5
Jack Martens	2	0	46	0	0	0	46	23.0
Reid Watkins	2	32	-2	0	0	0	30	15.0
Zach Witte	2	0	27	0	0	0	27	13.5
Tysen Boze	2	0	24	0	0	0	24	12.0
Dallas Holmes	2	0	24	0	0	0	24	12.0
Matt Walsh	2	0	0	0	0	16	16	8.0
Carson Fletcher	1	0	5	0	2	0	7	7.0
Jesse Miller	2	0	3	0	0	0	3	1.5
Aidan Bouman	2	-6	0	0	0	0	-6	-3.0
Team	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	0.5
Total	2	218	234	0	97	16	565	282.5
Opponents	2	362	371	117	103	22	975	487.5

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	3	22	7.3	0	22

Kick Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Tennel Bryant	5	95	19.0	0	28
Carson Fletcher	1	2	2.0	0	2
Total	6	97	16.2	0	28
Opponents	4	103	25.8	0	30

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS: DEFENSE

##	Player	gp	Tackles				Sacks	Pass defense			Fumbles		blkd	
			ua	a	tot	tfl/yds		no-yds	int-yds	brup	qbh	fr-yds	ff	kick	saf
13	Matt Walsh	2	5	11	16	0.5-2	0.5-2	1-16	.	.	.	1	.	.
50	Chris Dixon	2	2	14	16	0.5-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
10	Caden Crawford	2	3	12	15	3-7	0.5-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
2	Dejuan Lewis	2	8	6	14	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
3	Gabriel Hardman	2	3	10	13	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
49	Wade Abrams	2	5	7	12	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
25	RJ Stewart	2	7	4	11	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
0	Nate Ewell	2	3	7	10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1	Roman Tillmon	2	1	9	10	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
52	Mosai Newsom	2	2	7	9	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
8	Nyle Dickel	2	4	4	8	1-1	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
12	Mikey Munn	2	2	4	6	.	.	1-0	.	.	.	.	.	.
95	Carter Hooper	2	2	3	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
93	Jeff Bowie	2	.	4	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
46	Nathan Laperi	2	2	1	3	2-16	2-16	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
16	Torriq Brumfield	1	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
21	Jaden Brown	1	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
38	Lincoln Adams	2	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
7	Ashton Paine	2	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
7	Keyondray Jones-Logan	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
17	Troy Bounting	2	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
28	QJ Moore Jr.	2	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
4	Jaylen Boehm-Peterson	1	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
68	Sam Kohls	2	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
92	Bradley McGannon	2	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Totals		2	54	110	164	7-27	3-19	2-16	1	1	0-0	1	0	0
Opponents		2	39	68	107	6-18	1-6	3-22	7	7	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	
South Dakota		7	324	46.3	59	0	0	2	3	2	2-2	44	0	6	385	64.2	2	0	
Opponents		3	140	46.7	59	0	0	2	1	2	4-4	63	0	14	847	60.5	3	1	

// USD DEFENSE

Date	Opponent	Tackles			Sacks	Fumble	Pass Defense			blkd	PAT attempts			off				
		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
South Dakota		54	110	164	7.0-27	3-19	1	0-0	2-16	1	1	0	2-2	0	0	0	3	20
Opponents		39	68	107	6.0-18	1-6	1	2-0	3-22	7	7	0	9-9	0	0	0	17	75

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

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	
South Dakota		7	324	46.3	59	0	0	2	3	2	2-2	44	0	6	385	64.2	2	0	
Opponents		3	140	46.7	59	0	0	2	1	2	4-4	63	0	14	847	60.5	3	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	2/0	XXX	XXX										
1 Lorenzo Fenner	2/1	START	XXX										
1 Roman Tillmon	2/2	START	START										
2 Aidan Bouman	2/2	START	START										
2 DeJuan Lewis	2/2	START	START										
3 Charles Pierre Jr.	2/2	START	START										
3 Gabriel Hardman	2/1	START	XXX										
4 J. Boehm-Peterson	1/0	XXX	...										
5 Jacob Clarks	0/0	...	...								
5 Reid Watkins	2/0	XXX	XXX										
6 Tysen Boze	2/2	START	START										
6 Ty Morris	1/0	XXX	...										
7 Ashton Paine	2/0	XXX	XXX										
8 Javion Phelps	1/0	XXX	...										
8 Nyle Dickel	2/2	START	START										
9 Tim White	0/0	...	...								
9 Tennen Bryant	2/0	XXX	XXX										
10 Caden Crawford	2/2	START	START										
10 Dallas Holmes	2/0	XXX	XXX										
11 Austin Rosetta	1/0	XXX	...										
11 Jamal Streeter	0/0	...	...								
12 Mikey Munn	2/2	START	START										
12 Austyn Modrzewski	0/0	...	...								
13 Matt Walsh	2/2	START	START										
13 Nevan Cremascoli	0/0	...	...								
14 Dawson Sechser	1/0	XXX	...										
15 Will Leyland	2/0	XXX	XXX										
15 Jack Martens	2/2	START	START										
16 Ty Robinson	0/0	...	...								
16 Torriq Brumfield	1/0	XXX	...										
17 Troy Bunting	2/0	XXX	XXX										
24 LJ Phillips Jr.	2/0	XXX	XXX										
25 RJ Stewart	2/2	START	START										
28 OJ Moore Jr.	2/0	XXX	XXX										
32 Tyler Ebel	2/0	XXX	XXX										
38 Lincoln Adams	2/0	XXX	XXX										
39 Zeke Mata	2/0	XXX	XXX										
41 Duncan Viscum	2/0	XXX	XXX										
46 Nathan Laperi	2/0	XXX	XXX										
49 Wade Abrams	2/2	START	START										
50 Chris Dixon	2/2	START	START										
51 Reese Thompson	1/0	XXX	...										
52 Mosai Newsom	2/2	START	START										
58 Wyatt Lawsom	2/2	START	START										
59 Adrian Hawkins	2/2	START	START										
68 Sam Kohls	2/2	START	START										
72 Grant Chapman	1/0	XXX	...										
74 Almarion Crim	2/2	START	START										
76 Brock Woolf	2/2	START	START										
78 Gerritt Poncius	0/0	...	...								
83 Jesse Miller	2/2	START	START										
85 Brayden White	1/0	XXX	...										
89 Zach Witte	2/0	XXX	XXX										
90 Calen Presser	0/0	...	...								
92 Bradley McGannon	2/0	XXX	XXX										
93 Jeff Bowie	2/1	XXX	START										
95 Carter Hooper	2/0	XXX	START										