



SOUTH DAKOTA STATE

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2019 FOOTBALL INFORMATION

Jacks host Dakota Marker battle

JACKRABBIT GAME NOTES — OCT. 26

#1/1 NORTH DAKOTA STATE (7-0, 3-0 MVFC)
at #3/3 SOUTH DAKOTA STATE (6-1, 3-0 MVFC)
2 p.m. Saturday

Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium; Brookings, S.D.



SERIES NOTES

- 110th meeting (NDSU leads series, 62-42-5)
- North Dakota State won both meetings last season

MEDIA INFORMATION

- Game will be televised on Midco Sports Network, ESPN+ and Jackrabbits All-Access
- Midco television crew includes Tom Nieman (play-by-play), Hank McCall (color) and Elaina Lanson (sidelines)
- Pre-game radio show begins at 1 p.m. Central Time on the Jackrabbit Sports Network, which includes originating station WNAX 570 AM-Yankton and the following affiliates:
 - KJJQ 910 AM-Brookings • KBFS 1450 AM-Belle Fourche • KDSJ 980 AM-Deadwood
 - KORN 1490 AM-Mitchell • KELO 1320 AM/KELQ 107.9 FM-Sioux Falls
 - KCCR 1240 AM-Pierre • KLOH 1050 AM/94.1 FM-Pipestone, Minn.
 - KWYR 93.7 FM-Winner • KXLG 99.1 FM/100.1 FM-Watertown
- Audio streaming (free) available through Jackrabbits All-Access media portal at GoJacks.com
- Radio team of Tyler Merriam (play-by-play), Brady Hale (color) and Scotty Kwas (sidelines) will call the action



HEAD COACH: John Stiegelmeier (SDSU, 1979)

• 164-101 record in 23 seasons — all at South Dakota State

STARTERS RETURNING: 17 (8 Off., 7 Def., 2 ST)

HEAD COACH: Matt Entz (Wartburg, 1995)

• 7-0 record in first season as a collegiate head coach

STARTERS RETURNING: 8 (3 Off., 4 Def., 1 ST)

2019 SCHEDULE

AUGUST		
29	at Minnesota	L, 21-28
SEPTEMBER		
7	LONG ISLAND [Dairy Drive]	W, 38-3
14	DRAKE	W, 38-10
21	SOUTHERN UTAH [Beef Bowl]	W, 43-7
OCTOBER		
5	*SOUTHERN ILLINOIS [Hobo Day]	W, 28-10
12	*at Youngstown State	W, 38-28
19	*at Indiana State	W, 42-23
26	*NORTH DAKOTA STATE [Dakota Marker]	2 p.m.
NOVEMBER		
2	*at Missouri State	2 p.m.
9	*ILLINOIS STATE [Hall of Fame/Military Appreciation]	2 p.m.
16	*NORTHERN IOWA [Precision Ag Bowl]	2 p.m.
23	*at South Dakota	2 p.m.
* Missouri Valley Football Conference game		
All times Central		

TALE OF THE TAPE

NORTH DAKOTA STATE	CATEGORY	SOUTH DAKOTA STATE
39.1	Points Per Game	35.4
10.3	Points Allowed Per Game	15.6
287.0	Rushing Yardage Per Game	236.9
85.3	Rush Yardage Allowed/Game	104.6
184.1	Passing Yardage Per Game	184.4
13.3	Average Per Catch	14.2
176.9	Pass Yardage Allowed/Game	187.0
471.1	Total Offense Per Game	421.3
262.1	Total Offense Allowed/Game	291.6
23.6	Kick Return Average	19.1
13.3	Punt Return Average	12.7
8-85	Interception Returns	9-126
6-4	Fumbles-Lost	10-5
37-344	Penalties-Yards	38-327
32:44	Time of Possession/Game	29:54
45/86 (52%)	Third-Down Conversions	31/76 (41%)

GAME NOTES — SOUTH DAKOTA STATE vs. NORTH DAKOTA STATE

DAKOTA MARKER SCORES

- 2004: South Dakota State 24, North Dakota State 21 (Oct. 9, 2004, at Coughlin-Alumni Stadium)
- 2005: North Dakota State 41, South Dakota State 17 (Nov. 12, 2005, at Fargo, N.D.)
- 2006: North Dakota State 41, South Dakota State 28 (Nov. 18, 2006, at Fargo, N.D.)
- 2007: South Dakota State 29, North Dakota State 24 (Nov. 17, 2007, at Coughlin-Alumni Stadium)
- 2008: South Dakota State 25, North Dakota State 24 (Nov. 22, 2008, at Fargo, N.D.)
- 2009: South Dakota State 28, North Dakota State 13 (Oct. 17, 2009, at Coughlin-Alumni Stadium)
- 2010: North Dakota State 31, South Dakota State 24 (Nov. 12, 2010, at Fargo, N.D.)
- 2011: North Dakota State 38, South Dakota State 14 (Oct. 22, 2011, at Coughlin-Alumni Stadium)
- 2012: North Dakota State 20, South Dakota State 17 (Nov. 10, 2012, at Fargo, N.D.)
- 2013: North Dakota State 20, South Dakota State 0 (Sept. 28, 2013, at Coughlin-Alumni Stadium)
- 2014: North Dakota State 37, South Dakota State 17 (Nov. 1, 2014, at Fargo, N.D.)
- 2015: North Dakota State 28, South Dakota State 7 (Oct. 3, 2015, at Coughlin-Alumni Stadium)
- 2016: South Dakota State 19, North Dakota State 17 (Oct. 15, 2016, at Fargo, N.D.)
- 2017: South Dakota State 33, North Dakota State 21 (Nov. 4, 2017, at Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium)
- 2018: North Dakota State 21, South Dakota State 17 (Sept. 29, 2018, at Fargo, N.D.)

Overall, North Dakota State leads the Dakota Marker series, 9-6.

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Oct. 23, 2019

BROOKINGS, S.D. — Two of the top three teams in the Football Championship Subdivision rankings square off today in a key Missouri Valley Football Conference matchup as third-ranked South Dakota State hosts No. 1 and two-time defending national champion North Dakota State.

Kickoff is set for 2 p.m. at Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium. The game was announced as a sellout earlier in the week.

ESPN's College GameDay Built by the Home Depot will be broadcast from College Green on the SDSU campus from 8-11 a.m. Saturday. Fans are encouraged to arrive early with further details available online at GoJacks.com and sdstate.edu.

Television coverage of the game will be available through Midco Sports Network, ESPN+ and Jackrabbits All-Access. Midco's pre-game show begins at 1:30 p.m.

The Jackrabbits enter Saturday's contest with a 6-1 overall record and 3-0 mark in the MVFC. SDSU brings a 15-game home winning streak into the game.

North Dakota State remains undefeated at 7-0 overall and 3-0 in league play. The Bison have won 28 consecutive games since the Jackrabbits recorded a 33-21 victory at Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium on Nov. 4, 2017.

THE SERIES: Saturday's game marks the 110th meeting on the gridiron between SDSU and North Dakota State. NDSU leads the overall series by a 62-42-5 count, including a 9-6 advantage in Dakota Marker games since the two programs moved to the Football Championship Subdivision in 2004.

The rivalry began in 1903 with an 85-0 NDSU victory, and the two schools were both charter members of the North Central Conference, meeting every year from 1919 through 1942 until play was interrupted by World War II. The series resumed in 1946 and the two squads have met every year since.

Saturday's contest will mark the 12th consecutive game (playoffs included) in the series that both teams have been nationally ranked, and the seventh in that span in which both teams have been ranked in the top 10.

NDSU swept the season series in 2018, winning a pair of games in Fargo. The Bison claimed a hard-fought 21-17 victory in the regular season matchup before putting together a big second half in rolling to a 44-21 victory in a Football Championship Subdivision playoff semifinal. NDSU went on to claim its second FCS title in a row with a victory over Eastern Washington.

THE DAKOTA MARKER: Red quartzite monuments that define the border between South Dakota and North Dakota signify a football rivalry between the two states.

The Dakota Marker, a replica of the 7-foot by 10-inch square stone monuments planted in the early 1890s, is the name of a traveling trophy that SDSU and North Dakota State began competing for in 2004.

The original idea for the trophy came from the Blue Key Honor Society at NDSU. The student associations at both schools share dual ownership of the trophy.

Creation of the trophy coincided with SDSU's and NDSU's entry into NCAA Division I-AA football (currently Football Championship Subdivision). And it signaled a revised rivalry between two schools that first played a football game against each other in 1903.

The Dakota Marker stands about three feet tall with the letters "SD" on one side and "ND" on the other side, just like its 720 namesakes that dot the 366-mile border. The trophy stands about three feet high and weighs 78 pounds. The black granite base used to display the trophy weighs another 181 pounds.

The Dakota Marker series has provided many memorable moments throughout its 15-game history. Three times the winner of the game has decided a conference regular season title, including the Missouri Valley Football Conference title during the 2012 season. The Jackrabbits and Bison also played for the Great West Football Conference championship in both 2006 and 2007.

GAME NOTES — SOUTH DAKOTA STATE vs. NORTH DAKOTA STATE

2019 GAME HIGHS

TEAM GAME HIGHS

RUSHING ATTEMPTS: 42, vs. Long Island, 9-7-2019, and vs. Southern Illinois, 10-5-2019

RUSHING YARDS: 369, vs. Drake, 9-14-2019

YARDS PER RUSH: 9.0, vs. Drake, 9-14-2019

RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS: 3, five times (last: at Indiana State, 10-19-2019)

PASS ATTEMPTS: 28, at Indiana State, 10-19-2019

PASS COMPLETIONS: 18, at Indiana State, 10-19-2019

YARDS PASSING: 274, at Indiana State, 10-19-2019

YARDS PER PASS: 13.8, vs. Long Island, 9-7-2019

PASSING TOUCHDOWNS: 3, vs. Southern Illinois, 10-5-2019, and vs. Indiana State, 10-19-2019

TOTAL PLAYS: 66, at Youngstown State, 10-12-2019

TOTAL OFFENSE: 534 yards, vs. Drake, 9-14-2019

YARDS PER PLAY: 8.9, vs. Drake, 9-14-2019

POINTS: 43, vs. Southern Utah, 9-21-2019

FIRST DOWNS: 23, at Minnesota, 8-29-2019, and at Indiana State, 10-19-2019

SACKS BY: 8, at Indiana State, 10-19-2019

PENALTIES: 9, at Youngstown State, 10-12-2019

PENALTY YARDS: 105, at Youngstown State, 10-12-2019

TURNOVERS BY: 2, three times (last: vs. Southern Utah, 9-21-2019)

TURNOVERS FORCED: 4, at Indiana State, 10-19-2019

INTERCEPTIONS: 2, vs. Drake, 9-14-2019, and at Youngstown State, 10-12-2019

FUMBLES RECOVERED: 3, at Indiana State, 10-19-2019

3-0 LEAGUE START: South Dakota State has started 3-0 in Missouri Valley Football Conference play for the fourth time since joining the league in 2008. The other 3-0 starts came in 2009, 2012 and 2016. In 2016, the Jackrabbits won at North Dakota State on a last-second touchdown pass from Taryn Christion to Jake Wieneke.

SDSU's best start in league play was a 6-0 mark in 2009.

RABBITS RANKED: The South Dakota State University football team matched its highest-ever ranking in a preseason poll by checking in at No. 3 in the initial STATS FCS media poll of the 2019 season.

The Jackrabbits also were ranked fourth in the preseason coaches' poll conducted by the American Football Coaches Association.

The Jackrabbits have maintained their No. 3 ranking in the STATS FCS media poll, while moving up one spot to third in the coaches' poll — a spot they have now held for seven weeks in a row.

SDSU has now appeared in the top 25 of 100 consecutive media polls dating back to October 2012. North Dakota State has a current streak of being ranked in 128 polls in a row.

Date	STATS	AFCA Coaches
Preseason	3rd	4th
Sept. 2	3rd	3rd
Sept. 9	3rd	3rd
Sept. 16	3rd	3rd
Sept. 23	3rd	3rd
Sept. 30	3rd	3rd
Oct. 7	3rd	3rd
Oct. 14	3rd	3rd
Oct. 21	3rd	3rd

ELITE COMPANY: South Dakota State is one of only two Football Championship Subdivision programs to reach the playoffs each of the last seven seasons, including making back-to-back national semifinal appearances in 2017 and 2018. North Dakota State holds the longest active streak with nine straight trips to the playoffs.

100 FCS WINS: South Dakota State recorded its 100th win as a Football Championship Subdivision program with a 62-30 victory at Missouri State on Oct. 21, 2017. Since moving to the FCS ranks at the start of the 2004 season, the Jackrabbits have posted a 122-68 overall record (.642 winning percentage).

SDSU has turned in a winning record in 13 of 15 full seasons and has compiled a 63-27 mark (.700 winning percentage) in Missouri Valley Football Conference games.

SCORING STREAK: SDSU had its streak of scoring in 17 consecutive quarters end when it was shut out in the second quarter of the Oct. 12 game at Youngstown State. The Jackrabbits have scored in 24 of 28 quarters thus far this season.

Dating back to the start of the 2018 season, the Jacks have scored in all four quarters in 14 of their last 16 victories and have averaged 39.9 points per game. In their four losses over that span, SDSU has been blanked in two quarters of each loss.

CAPTAINS: Leading the Jackrabbit football team on the field and in the locker room are six captains:

- Adam Anderson, Sr., wide receiver, Orlando, Fla.;
- Logan Backhaus, Jr., linebacker, Spirit Lake, Iowa;
- Ryan Earith, Sr., defensive end, Papillion, Neb.;
- Evan Greenaway, Sr., offensive lineman, Yankton, S.D.;
- Christian Rozeboom, Sr., linebacker, Sioux Center, Iowa, and
- Luke Sellers, Sr., fullback, Papillion, Neb.

Rozeboom is in his third season as a captain, joining Austin Sumner (2012-14) and Jacob Ohnesorge (2015-17) as the only other three-time captains in program history. All five other captains are in their first seasons in the role.

2019 GAME HIGHS

INDIVIDUAL GAME HIGHS

RUSHING ATTEMPTS: 20, by Pierre Strong, Jr., vs. Southern Illinois, 10-5-2019

RUSHING YARDS: 229, by Pierre Strong, Jr., vs. Southern Illinois, 10-5-2019

RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS: 2, by J'Bore Gibbs, at Youngstown State, 10-12-2019, and by Pierre Strong, Jr. at Indiana State, 10-19-2019

LONG RUSH: 76 yards, by Cade Johnson, vs. Drake, 9-14-2019

PASS ATTEMPTS: 28, by J'Bore Gibbs, at Indiana State, 10-19-2019

PASS COMPLETIONS: 18, by J'Bore Gibbs, at Indiana State, 10-19-2019

YARDS PASSING: 274, by J'Bore Gibbs, at Indiana State, 10-19-2019

TOUCHDOWN PASSES: 3, by J'Bore Gibbs, vs. Southern Illinois, 10-5-2019, and at Indiana State, 10-19-2019

RECEPTIONS: 7, by Cade Johnson, at Indiana State, 10-19-2019

YARDS RECEIVING: 134, by Cade Johnson, at Indiana State, 10-19-2019

RECEIVING TOUCHDOWNS: 2, by Cade Johnson, vs. Drake, 9-14-2019, and by Jaxon Janke, vs. Southern Illinois, 10-5-2019

LONG RECEPTION: 81 yards (for TD), by Cade Johnson, at Youngstown State, 10-12-2019

FIELD GOALS: 1, by Chase Vinatieri, four times (last: at Youngstown State, 10-12-2019)

LONG FIELD GOAL: 39 yards, by Chase Vinatieri, vs. Southern Illinois, 10-5-2019

PUNTS: 5, by Ben Dinkel, vs. Southern Illinois, 10-5-2019, and at Indiana State, 10-19-2019

PUNTING AVERAGE: 51.7 yards (3 punts), by Ben Dinkel, vs. Southern Utah, 9-21-2019

LONG PUNT: 75 yards, by Ben Dinkel, vs. Southern Utah, 9-21-2019

LONG PUNT RETURN: 77 yards (for TD), by Jaxon Janke, vs. Long Island, 9-7-2019

LONG KICKOFF RETURN: 47 yards, by Pierre Strong, Jr., at Minnesota, 8-29-19

TACKLES: 13, by Christian Rozeboom, at Youngstown State, 10-12-2019

TACKLES FOR LOSS: 3.0, by Ryan Earith, at Youngstown State, 10-12-2019

SACKS: 2.0, by Tolu Ogunrinde, at Indiana State, 10-19-2019

INTERCEPTIONS: 1, nine times by seven different players (twice by Christian Rozeboom and Michael Griffin II)

PASS BREAKUPS: 2, by three different players (last: by Diamond Evans, vs. Southern Illinois, 10-5-2019)

FUMBLES FORCED: 1, by four different players (twice by Christian Rozeboom and Logan Backhaus)

BLOCKED KICKS: 1, by four different players

HOME-FIELD ADVANTAGE: South Dakota State is in the midst of a 15-game home winning streak and has compiled a 24-2 record (.923 winning percentage) at Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium since the facility opened in 2016.

The current streak began Nov. 4, 2017, with a 33-21 victory over North Dakota State and includes three Football Championship Subdivision playoff games.

SDSU's last home loss was a 38-18 Hobo Day setback against Northern Iowa on Oct. 14, 2017.

VALLEY PREVIEW: For the third year in a row, South Dakota State has been picked to finish second in the Missouri Valley Football Conference race.

The Jackrabbits finished second behind league and Football Championship Subdivision champion North Dakota State, which garnered 32 of 40 first-place votes from a panel that included head coaches, sports information and media members who regularly cover the 10-team league. The Bison tallied 392 points, followed by SDSU with 348 points and four first-place votes. Illinois State (3) and Indiana State also received first-place votes to finish third and fourth in the preseason poll with respective point totals of 289 and 279 points.

Rounding out the top five was Northern Iowa with 266 points.

NDSU has now been tabbed as the preseason favorite eight consecutive seasons and has won eight straight league titles — sharing the title four times, including with the Jackrabbits in 2016.

A pre-season favorite has claimed the league crown 21 times (in 33 previous polls). Valley Football is celebrating its 35th season in 2019.

SDSU has met or exceeded expectations from the preseason poll nine of its first 11 seasons as a member of the MVFC, including recording runner-up finishes each of the last two years.

In 2018, three MVFC teams earned selection to the NCAA Division I Championship, SDSU and North Dakota State advanced to the playoff semifinals, and NDSU won its seventh national championship in eight years.

Counting last year, an MVFC member has reached the FCS semifinals 23 times in the past 23 seasons (and 26 times overall), and the MVFC has had two semifinal teams in four of the past five seasons.

In addition, eight Jackrabbit players, including five first-team selections, were named to the 2019 MVFC Preseason Team.

Senior linebacker Christian Rozeboom led the SDSU honorees. A three-time first-team all-MVFC pick from Sioux Center, Iowa, Rozeboom registered team highs of 105 tackles and 10.5 tackles for loss in 2018. He also forced three fumbles and intercepted a pair of passes.

Joining Rozeboom on the defensive unit was defensive end Ryan Earith. A senior from Papillion, Nebraska, Earith posted a team-best 5.5 sacks and added nine tackles for loss en route to receiving second-team all-MVFC accolades in 2018.

On the offensive end, sophomore running back Pierre Strong, Jr. and junior wide receiver Cade Johnson received first-team preseason honors. Strong gained a team-best 1,116 rushing yards on only 117 carries — an average of 9.5 yards per attempt — and scored 11 touchdowns in being named 2018 MVFC Freshman of the Year.

Johnson led the league with 1,332 receiving yards — on 67 receptions — and share the lead among Football Championship Subdivision players with a school-record 17 touchdown catches in 2018. He also has excelled on special teams, leading the team each of the past two seasons in kickoff return yards, including an average of 27.2 yards per attempt in 2018.

The special teams unit was represented by junior long snapper Bradey Sorenson.

Also honored on the MVFC Preseason Team were honorable mention selections Evan Greeneway at offensive tackle, Luke Sellers at fullback and Chase Vinatieri at kicker. All three are seniors.

GAME NOTES — SOUTH DAKOTA STATE vs. NORTH DAKOTA STATE

SDSU'S 2019 RECORD WHEN...

Jackrabbits score first	5-0
Opponent scores first	1-1
Jackrabbits lead after one quarter	4-0
Opponent leads after one quarter	1-0
Game is tied after one quarter	1-1
Jackrabbits lead at halftime	4-0
Opponent leads at halftime	2-1
Game is tied at halftime	0-0
Jackrabbits lead after three quarters	5-1
Opponent leads after three quarters	1-0
Game is tied after three quarters	0-0
Game is decided in overtime	0-0
Jackrabbits play at home	4-0
SDSU plays on the road	2-1
Jackrabbits commit fewer turnovers than opponent	3-0
Opponent commits fewer turnovers than SDSU	1-1
Turnover margin is equal	2-0
Jackrabbits commit fewer penalties than opponent	2-0
Opponent commits fewer penalties than SDSU	4-1
Teams commit same number of penalties	0-0
Jackrabbits have time of possession advantage	3-0
Opponent has time of possession advantage	3-1
Game is played on artificial surface	6-1
Game is played on natural grass/hybrid surface	0-0
Game is played during the day	3-0
Game is played at night (6 p.m. or later kickoff)	3-1

SDSU CAREER RUSHING TOUCHDOWN LEADERS

1. Josh Ranek, 1997-2001	62
2. Zach Zenner, 2011-14	61
3. Kyle Minett, 2007-10	47
4. Jerry Welch, 1951-54	34
5. Dan Sonnek, 1984-87	32
6. Scott Nedved, 1998-2002	30
7. Anthony Watson, 2003-06	29
8. Darwin Gonnerman, 1966-68	26
Taryn Christion, 2015-18	26
Mikey Daniel, 2016-present	26
10. Cory Koenig, 2004-07	25

PRESEASON ALL-AMERICANS: A Football Championship Subdivision-best five players from SDSU were honored on the STATS FCS Preseason All-America Team.

Leading the Jackrabbit contingent was junior long snapper Bradey Sorenson as a first-team honoree. A Yankton native, Sorenson was perfect on all 149 of his snaps (56 punts, 21 field goal attempts and 72 extra-point tries) during the 2018 season, allowing SDSU to rank in the top 10 nationally for punt return defense and net punting.

Also from the special teams unit, senior kicker Chase Vinatieri was a third-team selection. Vinatieri led the team in 2018 with 114 points, including making 14-of-21 field goal attempts that was highlighted by a school-record-tying 57-yarder. The Sioux Falls native broke his own single-season school record with 66 extra points (in 71 attempts).

Two of SDSU's top offensive playmakers — wide receiver Cade Johnson and running back Pierre Strong, Jr. — were second-team honorees. A junior from Papillion, Nebraska, Johnson established a Jackrabbit single-season record with 17 touchdown catches as part of a 67-reception, 1,332-yard season in 2018. His four touchdown receptions in the 2018 season opener against Montana State tied a single-game school record.

Johnson also appears on the initial watch list for the STATS FCS Walter Payton Award, which is presented annually to the top offensive player in the FCS ranks.

A sophomore from Little Rock, Arkansas, Strong emerged in the second half of 2018 to finish with team bests of 1,116 rushing yards and 11 rushing touchdowns. He averaged 9.5 yards per carry, hitting the 1,000-yard mark on his 100th attempt of the season. Strong was honored as the Missouri Valley Football Conference Freshman of the Year.

The lone defensive honoree for the Jackrabbits was senior linebacker Christian Rozeboom, who also earned second-team recognition. The Sioux Center, Iowa, native tallied a team-best 105 tackles during the 2018 season, including 10.5 tackles for loss, while adding two interceptions and a fumble recovery. Rozeboom reached double figures in tackles five times.

In addition, Rozeboom has been named to the initial watch list for the STATS FCS Buck Buchanan Award, which is awarded annually to the subdivision's top defender.

GIBBS SETTLES IN: Redshirt freshman J'Bore Gibbs has been efficient at the quarterback position since returning to the lineup from injury four games ago. In helping lead the Jackrabbits to four straight wins, Gibbs completed a combined 57-of-93 passes (61.3 percent) for 795 yards and nine touchdowns.

In his last outing, Oct. 19 at Indiana State, Gibbs accounted for four touchdowns — three passing and one rushing — in a 42-23 Jackrabbit victory. He completed 18-of-28 passes for a career-high 274 yards and matched his career best with the three touchdown passes. The redshirt freshman signal-caller led a 28-point outburst in the second quarter by completing all seven of his passes in the stanza for 140 yards, including touchdown passes of 23 and 25 yards to Jaxon Janke and Cade Johnson, respectively.

Gibbs has thrown at least one touchdown pass in all five of his starts this season.

A Chicago native, Gibbs made his collegiate debut in the Aug. 29 season opener at Minnesota, becoming the first Jackrabbit other than Taryn Christion to start a game at quarterback since 2015. He completed 13-of-26 passes for 193 yards and added 16 rushing yards on seven carries. He led SDSU on back-to-back scoring drives in the third quarter for a 21-20 lead, including a 13-yard touchdown pass to tight end Zach Heins.

Gibbs sat out the squad's first two home games due to injury, giving way to junior Kanin Nelson. In his first career start, Nelson completed 6-of-8 passes for 108 yards and a touchdown Sept. 7 versus Long Island. He also scored the Jackrabbits' first touchdown on a 2-yard run in the first quarter.

Nelson posted career highs with 159 yards and two touchdowns on 12-of-18 passing Sept. 14 against Drake.

TEAM PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

AT MINNESOTA

Offense: Cade Johnson, Aron Johnson
 Defense: Ryan Earith
 Special Teams: Cole Frahm, Adam Vinatieri
 Scout Offense: Keaton Heide
 Scout Defense: Caden Johnson
 Scout Special Teams: Chase Norblade
 Effort: Luke Sellers

vs. LONG ISLAND

Offense: Luke Sellers
 Defense: Christian Rozeboom
 Special Teams: Jaxon Janke
 Scout Offense: Shane Dailey, Jr.
 Scout Defense: Jordan Gandy
 Scout Special Teams: Kevin Brenner
 Effort: Jake Aanderud

vs. DRAKE

Offense: Cade Johnson, Evan Greenway
 Defense: Xavier Ward
 Special Teams: Tyler DeMartra
 Scout Offense: Payton Madison
 Scout Defense: Joey Slama
 Scout Special Teams: Jharet Bloomerader
 Effort: Cade Johnson

vs. SOUTHERN UTAH

Offense: C.J. Wilson, Edward Miller
 Defense: Logan Backhaus
 Special Teams: Ben Dinkel
 Scout Offense: Devin Blakley
 Scout Defense: Caden Johnson
 Scout Special Teams: Chase Norblade
 Effort: Logan Backhaus

vs. SOUTHERN ILLINOIS

Offense: Pierre Strong, Jr.; Kal Hart
 Defense: Logan Backhaus, Michael Griffin II
 Special Teams: Jake Aanderud
 Scout Offense: Adam Bock
 Scout Defense: Trajan Walhof
 Scout Special Teams: Matt Barnett
 Effort: Mikey Daniel

AT YOUNGSTOWN STATE

Offense: J'Bore Gibbs, Matt Clark
 Defense: Don Gardner
 Special Teams: Preston Tetzlaff
 Scout Offense: Mason Leighton
 Scout Defense: Graham Spalding
 Scout Special Teams: Baily Darnell
 Effort: Blair Mulholland

AT YOUNGSTOWN STATE

Offense: Pierre Strong, Jr.; Kal Hart
 Defense: Reece Winkelman
 Special Teams: Ben Dinkel
 Scout Offense: Karst Hunter
 Scout Defense: Caden Johnson
 Scout Special Teams: Canyon Bauer
 Effort: Krocket Krolikowski

JOHNSON MOVES INTO TOP 10s: Junior wide receiver Cade Johnson has moved up the career charts in a pair of receiving categories in recent weeks.

With season highs of seven catches and 134 yards Oct. 19 at Indiana State, the junior from Papillion, Nebraska, moved into sixth place on the SDSU career receiving yards chart. He enters the week with 2,250 receiving yards.

Johnson's 25-yard touchdown catch in the second quarter of last week's game was the 26th of his career, which tied him with Josh Davis (2002-05) for third place in SDSU history. Johnson has caught a touchdown pass in each of the last five games.

DANIEL FINDS PAYDIRT: Senior running back Mikey Daniel scored a rushing touchdown in the first four games of the 2019 season, vaulting the Brookings native into the Jackrabbit career top 10 in the category.

Daniel enters the week with 26 career rushing touchdowns, tying him for eighth place on the SDSU career charts with Darwin Gonnerman (1966-68) and Taryn Christion (2015-18). Daniel led the team with 11 rushing touchdowns in 2017 and ranked second on the squad a year ago with 10.

VINATIERI SETS SCORING RECORD: Senior Chase Vinatieri established a new Jackrabbit career standard for most points via kicking in South Dakota State's Oct. 5 Hobo Day victory over Southern Illinois. With four points in the game, Vinatieri upped his career total to 322 kicking points, passing both Justin Syrovatka (319 points from 2011-14) and Parker Douglass (321 points from 2004-07) in the contest.

Vinatieri has made 42 field goals and has tallied a school-record 208 extra points in his four-year career to now stand at 334 career kicking points. His career scoring total is actually 346 points as he has scored a pair of rushing touchdowns on fake field goal attempts. He put together consecutive 100-point seasons in 2017 and 2018 with respective totals of 103 and 114 points.

Prior to Douglass setting the career kick scoring record, Chase Vinatieri's uncle, Adam, held the record with 185 points from 1991-94. Adam Vinatieri has since gone on to set the NFL career scoring record with 2,637 points while playing for the New England Patriots (1996-2005) and Indianapolis Colts (2006-present).

ROZEBOOM NEARS TACKLE MARK: Senior linebacker Christian Rozeboom moved into second place on the SDSU career tackles chart last week at Indiana State.

A senior, Rozeboom enters the week with 417 career tackles after overtaking his predecessor at middle linebacker, T.J. Lally (415 tackles from 2012-15), with a six-tackle performance versus the Sycamores. Rozeboom, who leads the team with 53 tackles so far this season, has recorded 10 or more stops in 21 of 47 career games, including a season-high 13 tackles last week at Youngstown State.

Greg Osmundson (1986-89) is the SDSU career leader with 435 tackles.

TWO TOP 100: South Dakota State produced a pair of 100-yard rushers in the same game for the first time in three seasons in its 38-10 victory over Drake on Sept. 14. Pierre Strong, Jr. led the way for the Jackrabbits with 129 yards on 11 carries, while C.J. Wilson added 117 yards on 10 attempts. Both sophomores, Strong reached the century mark for the sixth time in his career, with Wilson hitting the milestone for the second time.

The Jackrabbits last had two 100-yard rushers in the same game on Nov. 12, 2016, in a home win over South Dakota as Brady Mengarelli (161 yards) and Isaac Wallace (102 yards) accomplished the feat.

STRONG RUNNING: Jackrabbit running back Pierre Strong, Jr. is on pace to eclipse the 1,000-yard mark for the second year in a row.

A sophomore from Little Rock, Arkansas, Strong enters Saturday's game with 756 rushing yards, averaging 8.3 yards per carry and 108 yards per game.

Last season, Strong reached the 1,000-yard mark on only his 100th carry of the season before finishing with a team-best 1,116 yards.

JACKRABBITS IN THE 2019 NCAA STATISTICS

TEAM (top 25)

- 3rd in blocked kicks, 4
- 5th in blocked punts, 2
- 6th in scoring defense, 15.6 points/game
- 6th in total defense, 291.6 yards/game
- 8th in kickoff return defense, 16.09 yards/att.
- 8th in red-zone defense, .650
- 9th in defensive touchdowns, 2
- 9th in team sacks, 3.29/game
- 12th in interceptions, 9
- 12th in team passing efficiency defense, 114.72
- 12th in punt return defense, 3.67/attempt
- 13th in rushing offense, 236.9 yards/game
- 13th in team passing efficiency, 158.34
- 16th in rushing defense, 104.6 yards/game
- 18th in punt returns, 12.71 yards/attempt
- 20th in scoring offense, 35.4 points/game
- 21st in fewest passing yards allowed, 187.0/game
- 21st in turnovers gained, 14
- 22nd in fewest passes had intercepted, 4
- 23rd in passing yards per completion, 14.19
- 23rd in turnover margin, plus-.71/game
- 24th in third-down conversion pct.-defense, .330
- 25th in first downs – defense, 120

INDIVIDUAL (top 40)

LOGAN BACKHAUS

- 30th in forced fumbles, .29/game

JAXON JANKE

- T-1st in punt return touchdowns, 1
- 13th in punt returns, 11.8 yards/attempt

CADE JOHNSON

- 16th in receiving touchdowns, 6
- 23rd in yards per reception, 19.35
- 28th in receiving yards, 600
- 29th in receiving yards per game, 85.7

CHRISTIAN ROZEBOOM

- 9th in fumbles recovered, 2
- 30th in forced fumbles, .29/game

PIERRE STRONG, JR.

- 3rd in rushing yards per carry, 8.31
- 6th in rushing yards, 756
- 9th in rushing yards per game, 108.0
- 17th in all-purpose yardage, 137.14 yards/game
- 39th in rushing touchdowns, 6

Rankings based on all games among 125 FCS teams

GETTING DEFENSIVE: South Dakota State limited Long Island University to 123 yards of total offense and only eight first downs in a 38-3 victory on Sept. 7. That was the lowest yardage total surrendered by the Jackrabbits since giving up a mere 90 yards to Indiana State on Sept. 19, 2009. The eight LIU first downs were the fewest by an opponent since the 2018 home opener, when Montana State managed only six first downs against the SDSU defense.

The Jackrabbits currently rank sixth among FCS teams in both scoring defense (15.6 points per game allowed) and total defense (291.6 yards per game allowed).

PICK-SIX: Junior cornerback Don Gardner turned his first career interception into a 42-yard return for touchdown to spark the Jackrabbits' comeback victory at Youngstown State on Oct. 12. Gardner's interception return for touchdown was the second by an SDSU player this season.

Senior linebacker Christian Rozeboom recorded SDSU's first pick-six this season in the Jackrabbits' 43-7 victory over Southern Utah on Sept. 21. His touchdown was part of a 15-point third quarter by the Jackrabbits and covered 27 yards.

The interception return for touchdown by Rozeboom versus Southern Utah was the second of his career. His first career interception return for touchdown came against Western Illinois in the 2016 conference opener at Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium and covered 37 yards.

Rozeboom leads active Jackrabbit players with eight interceptions. As a team, the Jackrabbits have tallied at least one interception in all seven games this season and 13 of 14 games dating back to the 2018 campaign.

WINNING THIRD DOWN: South Dakota State limited Southern Illinois to 1-of-14 on third-down attempts in their Oct. 5 matchup at Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium. It marked the first time the Jackrabbits held an opponent to one third-down conversion in a game since a 1-for-13 effort against Northern Arizona in a 2013 playoff game.

SDSU did not give up a first down to the Salukis in the third quarter of the game.

For the season, the Jackrabbits have limited their opponents to a 33 percent (34-of-103) success rate on third-down attempts.

Offensively, SDSU is converting 41 percent of its third-down attempts, 31-of-76. The Jackrabbits were successful on their final six third-down attempts in the Oct. 12 road win at Youngstown State.

SACK ATTACK: South Dakota State ranks ninth among FCS programs with 23 sacks through seven games. The Jackrabbits notched a season-high eight sacks last week against Indiana State, which was the most in a game by an SDSU squad since tallying nine in the 2009 season opener against Georgia Southern.

A dozen different Jackrabbit players have recorded at least a half-sack this season. Sophomore defensive end Reece Winkelman leads the squad with four sacks, followed by senior defensive end Ryan Earith with 3.5.

BLOCK THAT KICK: The Jacks recorded their first blocked kick of the 2019 season as Tyler DeMartra blocked a Drake punt in the third quarter of their Sept. 14 game.

SDSU went on to block three more kicks — one punt and two field goals — a week later versus Southern Utah and enter this week ranked in a tie for second for the most blocked kicks by Football Championship Subdivision teams this season with four. The punt, which was blocked by Jadon Janke, resulted in a safety. Xavier Ward and Logan Backhaus were credited with the blocked field goals.

SDSU has been strong on special teams in recent years, including ranking third in the Football Championship Subdivision during the 2018 season with eight blocked kicks.

Seven Wilson led the way with three blocked kicks, including a pair of blocked punts in the FCS playoff opener against Duquesne. Krocket Krolikowski was credited with a pair of blocked kicks.

MVFC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

- J'Bore Gibbs (Oct. 12)

OFFENSIVE LINEMAN OF THE WEEK

- Aron Johnson (Aug. 29/31)

DEFENSIVE PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

- Christian Rozeboom (Sept. 7)

SPECIAL TEAMS PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

- Jaxon Janke (Sept. 7)

NEWCOMER OF THE WEEK

- J'Bore Gibbs (Oct. 12)

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

COACHES

John Stiegelmeier	STIG-el-mey-er
Luke Schleusner	SHLICE-ner
Zach Lujan	LOO-honn
Tyler Weir	WEER

PLAYERS

Jake Anderud	ON-duh-rood
Logan Backhaus	BACK-huss
Jarek Berg	JAIR-eck
Turner Blasius	BLAZE-ee-us
Ti'Jaih Davis	TY-zhay
Jack Domandle	doe-MAN-dull
Ryan Earith	EAR-ith
Lance Eide	EYE-dee
Cole Frahm	fromm
Wes Genant	juh-NANT
J'Bore Gibbs	juh-BORE-ay
Jon Gruetzmacher	GRITS-mock-er
Spencer Hildahl	HILL-dahl
Keaton Heide	HY-dee
Jadon/Jaxon Janke	YON-key
Krockett Krolikowski	crow-la-COW-ski
Josh Manchigiah	manch-ah-GUY-ah
Andy Mueller	MILL-er
Kanin Nelson	CAN-non
Tolu Ogunrinde	TOE-loo oh-GURN-dee
Christian Rozeboom	ROSE-ah-boam
Ryan Van Marel	van-MARR-ill
Chase Vinatieri	vin-ah-TARE-ee
Xavier Ward	ex-ZAY-vee-ir

JACKRABBIT BLOODLINES: Several South Dakota State football players have strong family ties to South Dakota State Athletics.

- Fullback Turner Blasius' father, Justin, was an NCAA Division II national wrestling champion in 1994.
- Senior kicker Chase Vinatieri is the nephew of former Jackrabbit and NFL career scoring leader Adam Vinatieri, currently of the Indianapolis Colts. Chase Vinatieri made 13-of-14 field goal attempts during the 2017 season to lead the nation in field goal percentage (.929). He shares the SDSU record for longest field goal at 57 yards, a feat he accomplished in a game last season at Northern Iowa.
- Senior wide receiver Jacob Brown is the younger brother of Jordan Brown, who was an All-America selection in 2018 and who was selected in the seventh round of the 2019 National Football League draft by the Cincinnati Bengals.
- Identical twins Jadon and Jaxon Janke are redshirt freshman wide receivers for the Jackrabbits this season.

JACKS IN THE PROS: At the start of the 2019 football season, two former South Dakota State standouts were on the opening day rosters of National Football League teams, continuing the Jackrabbits' long tradition of developing players into pro prospects.

Headlining the list is Adam Vinatieri of the Indianapolis Colts. Vinatieri became the NFL career scoring leader during the 2018 season — his 23rd in the league. His career totals include 590-of-701 on field goal attempts, 84.2 percent, and 2,637 career points. He holds the career field goals record and ranks second in career extra points with 865.

Currently the oldest player in the NFL at age 46, Vinatieri now holds the all-time NFL record with 21 100-point seasons. In all, he holds 15 NFL records.

Vinatieri has earned a reputation as one the most consistent and clutch kickers in the NFL. After two Pro Bowl selections (2002, 2004), he left New England following the 2005 season as the team's career scoring leader with 1,058 points. In 2015, he became the first player in NFL to score 1,000 points for two different teams.

Where Vinatieri has truly excelled is in the postseason. He holds the distinction of being the only kicker in NFL history to play in five different Super Bowl games, and made a field goal in four of those contests. He kicked last-second game-winning field goals in Super Bowl XXXVI against St. Louis and Super Bowl XXXVIII versus Carolina, as well as a game-tying 45-yard field goal in a snowstorm versus Oakland in the 2001 AFC Playoffs. In 32 postseason games, Vinatieri's totals include 56-of-69 on field goals, and he shares the NFL single-game postseason record with five field goals — a feat he has accomplished twice. Vinatieri's field goal totals also are NFL postseason records, as are his 238 points.

In his second year with the Philadelphia Eagles is tight end Dallas Goedert, who became the first Jackrabbit selected in the NFL Draft in eight years as he was a second-round pick by the defending Super Bowl champions in 2018.

Goedert played in all 16 games for the Eagles in his rookie season, collecting 33 receptions for 334 yards with four touchdowns. So far this season, Goedert has 14 receptions for 160 yards and has scored two touchdowns.

After being released at the end of training camp by the Detroit Lions, former SDSU running back Zach Zenner was picked up recently by the New Orleans Saints. He recorded one carry for one yard and caught a pass for six yards last week at Chicago.

During a highly decorated career at SDSU from 2011-14, Zenner became the first player in the history of Division I football to rush for 2,000 yards in three consecutive seasons. He signed a free agent contract with the Detroit Lions following the 2015 NFL Draft and played in 36 games over four seasons.

Zenner finished the 2016 season with a team-best four rushing touchdowns and ranked second on the squad with 334 rushing yards. In 2018, Zenner rejoined the team in November after being released earlier in the season and tallied 265 yards with three touchdowns, posting a career-best 4.8 yards per carry.

OVERTIME GAMES

SDSU 30, Nebraska-Omaha 27 [2 OT]
(Oct. 17, 1998 — at Coughlin-Alumni Stadium)
Augustana 39, SDSU 33 [3 OT]
(Oct. 19, 2002 — at Sioux Falls)
Southern Utah 23, SDSU 17 [2 OT]
(Nov. 13, 2004 — at Cedar City, Utah)
Western Illinois 29, SDSU 26 [4 OT]
(Aug. 30, 2007 — at Macomb, Ill.)
McNeese State 46, SDSU 44 [3 OT]
(Oct. 4, 2008 — at Coughlin-Alumni Stadium)
SDSU 43, Missouri State 36 [2 OT]
(Oct. 29, 2011 — at Springfield, Mo.)
SDSU 37, Northern Iowa 34 [2 OT]
(Oct. 26, 2013 — at Coughlin-Alumni Stadium)
Western Illinois 30, SDSU 24 [2 OT]
(Nov. 21, 2015 — at Macomb, Ill.)
SDSU 27, Illinois State 24 [OT]
(Nov. 11, 2017 — at Dana J. Dykhous Stadium)
SDSU 54, Indiana State 51 [OT]
(Oct. 6, 2018 — at Dana J. Dykhous Stadium)
Overall, SDSU is 5-5 in overtime games

Former Jackrabbit quarterback Taryn Christion recently spent a week on the practice squad of the Pittsburgh Steelers after competing in training camp with the Dallas Cowboys this summer after signing as an undrafted rookie free agent.

Three other former Jackrabbits were in training camps this summer with NFL teams, but were later released, including offensive lineman Bryan Witzmann. A standout for the Jackrabbits from 2010-13, Witzmann was most recently a member of the Cleveland Browns after playing the second half of the 2018 season for the Chicago Bears. Previously with Kansas City, Witzmann earned a starting role with the Chiefs in 2017 — his second year with the team. He also has spent time with Houston, New Orleans, Dallas and Minnesota.

Making his professional debut in 2019 was cornerback Jordan Brown, who was recently released despite being a seventh-round draft choice by the Cincinnati Bengals. Brown's selection marked the first time the Jackrabbits had players drafted in back-to-back seasons since 1975-76.

Also signing a rookie free agent contract shortly before the start of training camp was offensive lineman Tiano Pupungatoa with the Minnesota Vikings.

In addition, offensive lineman Jacob Ohnesorge played in the short-lived Alliance of American Football for the Arizona Hotshots, while wide receiver Jake Wieneke leads the Montreal Alouettes of the Canadian Football League in touchdown receptions this season with five.

DANA J. DYKHOUSE STADIUM: Jackrabbit football moved into a new home in September of 2016 with the completion of Dana J. Dykhous Stadium.

The stadium, which was constructed in phases on the site of SDSU's previous home field, Coughlin-Alumni Stadium, seats 19,340 spectators and cost \$65 million to build. The stadium is being funded through private gifts and long-term revenue streams, including concessions and suite, loge box and ticket sales. Bonds are financing nearly two-thirds of the project's construction, with the remaining dollars coming from private support. Lead gifts totaling \$12.5 million from Sioux Falls banker Dana Dykhous and philanthropist T. Denny Sanford were announced in October 2013.

The stadium officially opened Sept. 8, 2016, featuring a concert by country music superstars Luke Bryan, Little Big Town and Lee Brice as part of the Jacks Bash opening weekend. The first football game was two days later, on Sept. 10, when the Jackrabbits defeated Drake, 56-28.

SDSU has gone on to post a 24-2 record at Dana J. Dykhous Stadium during its first four seasons of operation, including a 4-0 mark in Football Championship Subdivision playoff games. The Jackrabbits went undefeated at home in 2018 with a 7-0 mark and have won 15 games in a row at DJDS.

Dana J. Dykhous Stadium was designed by Kansas City-based Crawford Architects, with the construction firm JE Dunn serving as the project manager at risk and Henry Carlson Company of Sioux Falls serving as general contractor. The stadium won the 2017 Alliant Build America Award from the Associated General Contractors of America South Dakota Building Chapter.

STIG SHOW: The John Stiegelmeier Radio Show airs each Monday throughout the 2019 football season.

The show is scheduled to air at 6 p.m. on the Jackrabbit Sports Network, originating with flagship station WNAX 570 AM in Yankton. In addition, the weekly show also will be streamed online free of charge at GoJacks.com.

Hosted by Tyler Merriam, the John Stiegelmeier Radio Show will also feature interviews with Jackrabbit student-athletes and assistant coaches. Jackrabbit fans are encouraged to attend the show in person at Cubby's Sports Bar and Grill, 307 Main Ave., in downtown Brookings.

A LOOK AHEAD: The Jackrabbits will be back on the road, traveling Nov. 2 to Missouri State. Kickoff is set for 2 p.m. at Plaster Stadium in Springfield, Mo.

#1/1 NORTH DAKOTA STATE 21, #3/3 SDSU 17

Sept. 29, 2018 • Fargodome (Att.: 18,846)

FARGO, N.D. — Third-ranked South Dakota State took a lead into the fourth quarter against No. 1 North Dakota State inside the Fargodome, but the Bison came away with the lone score of the final stanza on a 5-yard touchdown run by quarterback Easton Stick to regain the Dakota Marker with a 21-17 victory.

In the Missouri Valley Football Conference opener for both teams, NDSU improved to 4-0 overall, while the Jackrabbits fell to 2-1.

Stick engineered an eight-play, 80-yard drive for the winning score and added key runs late in the game to seal the victory. He began the game-winning drive with a 28-yard pass to Darrius Shepherd and a 24-yard strike to Dallas Freeman before the Bison tallied the final 18 yards on the ground.

On the ensuing possession, SDSU missed a 48-yard field goal attempt that would have brought the Jackrabbits within a point. The Jackrabbits got the ball back one final time deep in their own territory with under six minutes to play, but did not pick a first down and gave the ball back to NDSU via a punt with 3 minutes and 32 seconds remaining.

The Bison ran out the clock as Stick, who gained a team-high 63 yards on 15 carries, picked up a pair of first downs on third-down runs.

The Jackrabbits' offense clicked early as eight of their first 16 plays from scrimmage resulted in first downs. On its second possession of the game, SDSU strung together a 10-play, 89-yard drive that ended with a 3-yard touchdown pass from Taryn Christion to Cade Johnson. It was Johnson's seventh touchdown reception of the season.

SDSU was poised to go up by two scores on its next drive. Ten-yard runs by Isaac Wallace and Christion were followed by a 24-yard pass from Christion to Adam Anderson that moved the ball to the Bison 13. However, Christion's third-down pass to the end zone was intercepted by Jalen Allison.

The Bison seized the momentum with the interception, putting together a pair of touchdown drives in the second quarter to take a 14-7 half-time lead. Stick scrambled for 22 yards and a first down on third-and-21, then connected with tight end Ben Ellefson on the next play from 17 yards for the game-tying score.

Later in the quarter, and after missing a 48-yard field goal moments earlier, the Bison took their first lead with a quick two-play, 56-yard drive. Ty Brooks ran for 15 yards before Stick found Shepherd over the middle for a 41-yard touchdown. Shepherd tallied a game-high 116 yards on five receptions.

The Jackrabbits went back in front, 17-14, by scoring all 10 points of the third quarter. Chase Vinatieri drilled a 39-yard field goal and Isaac Wallace followed on the next SDSU possession with a 61-yard touchdown run around right end. Wallace topped the 100-yard for the second game in a row with 110 yards on only nine carries.

Christion ended the day 19-of-29 passing for 202 yards, while Anderson paced the SDSU receiving corps with 102 yards, topping the century mark for the second consecutive game, on a career-high eight catches.

NDSU held a 389-357 advantage in total offense. Stick completed 9-of-20 passes for 182 yards.

Christian Rozeboom led the Jackrabbit defensive effort with a game-high 12 tackles, followed by redshirt freshman defensive tackle Krockett Krolkowski with seven stops, including 1.5 sacks. Ryan Earith also tallied a sack and a half for SDSU.



Krockett Krolkowski recorded seven tackles, including 1.5 tackles for loss and 1.5 sacks, in the Jackrabbits' Sept. 29 game at top-ranked North Dakota State. As a team, SDSU notched three sacks and five tackles for loss in the contest.

Jabril Cox and Robbie Grimsley each registered eight tackles to lead the Bison.

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	FINAL
South Dakota State (2-1, 0-1)	7	0	10	0	17
North Dakota State (4-0, 1-0)	0	14	0	7	21

SCORING SUMMARY

1st	5:24	SDSU	— Cade Johnson 3 yd pass from Taryn Christion (Chase Vinatieri kick)
2nd	13:14	NDSU	— Ben Ellefson 17 yd pass from Easton Stick (Cam Pedersen kick)
	3:51	NDSU	— Darrius Shepherd 41 yd pass from Stick (Pedersen kick)
3rd	4:57	SDSU	— Vinatieri 39 yd field goal
	2:04	SDSU	— Isaac Wallace 61 yd run (Vinatieri kick)
4th	13:00	NDSU	— Stick 5 yd run (Pedersen kick)

TEAM STATISTICS	SDSU	NDSU
FIRST DOWNS	16	21
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	27-155	47-207
PASSING YDS (NET)	202	182
Passes Att-Comp-Int	29-19-1	20-9-1
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	56-357	67-389
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	3-11	1-(-1)
Kickoff Returns-Yards	3-61	4-72
Interception Returns-Yards	1-0	1-31
Punts (Number-Avg)	5-40.2	5-47.4
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	2-0
Penalties-Yards	2-10	4-40
Possession Time	26:33	33:27
Third-Down Conversions	3 of 12	8 of 16
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 1	0 of 0
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	1-2	2-2
Sacks By: Number-Yards	3-15	3-15

RUSHING LEADERS: SDSU - Isaac Wallace 9-110; Taryn Christion 10-29; Mikey Daniel 5-10. NDSU - Easton Stick 15-63; Bruce Anderson 12-58; Lance Dunn 12-56; Ty Brooks 6-35. **PASSING LEADERS:** SDSU - Taryn Christion 19-29-1 202. NDSU - Easton Stick 9-20-1 182. **RECEIVING LEADERS:** SDSU - Adam Anderson 8-102; Cade Johnson 3-63; Isaac Wallace 3-21. NDSU - Darrius Shepherd 5-118; Ben Ellefson 2-28. **INTERCEPTIONS:** SDSU - Jordan Brown 1-0. NDSU - Jalen Allison 1-31. **SACKS:** SDSU - Krockett Krolkowski 1.5-8; Ryan Earith 1.5-7. NDSU - Blake Williams 1.0-6; Cole Karcz 1.0-5; Greg Menard 1.0-4. **TACKLE LEADERS (UA-A-TOT):** SDSU - Christian Rozeboom 4-8-12; Krockett Krolkowski 2-5-7; Eric Kleinschmit 4-1-5; Austin Smenda 3-2-5; Brandon Snyder 2-3-5; Ryan Earith 1-4-5. NDSU - Jabril Cox 7-1-8; Robbie Grimsley 5-3-8; Dan Marlette 3-2-5; Levi Jordheim 3-2-5.

#1/1 NORTH DAKOTA STATE 44, #5/5 SDSU 21

Football Championship Subdivision Playoffs – Semifinal

Dec. 14, 2018 • Fargodome (Att.: 18,286)

FARGO, N.D. — Top-seeded North Dakota State grabbed the lead late in the first half and scored on its first five possessions of the second half to down fifth-seeded South Dakota State, 44-21, in the semifinals of the Football Championship Subdivision playoffs Dec. 14 at the Fargodome.

The defending national champion Bison remained undefeated at 14-0. SDSU, which was making its second consecutive national semifinal appearance, ended its season with a 10-3 record.

Bison quarterback Easton Stick scored each of his team's first two touchdowns, opening the scoring with a 5-yard run in the first quarter, followed by a 34-yard run with 1 minute, 35 seconds to play in the second quarter. Stick's second touchdown run came after the Jackrabbits tied the game at 7-all in the final minute of the first quarter on a 30-yard touchdown run by redshirt freshman running back Pierre Strong, Jr.

Strong hit the 1,000-yard mark for the season on only his 100th carry of the season earlier in the opening stanza.

NDSU carried the momentum into the second half, pushing its lead to 21-7 35 seconds into the third quarter. Seth Wilson broke off a 78-yard run on the first play from scrimmage, then Bruce Anderson plunged in from a yard out.

SDSU responded on its opening drive of the second half, putting together a seven-play, 75-yard drive. Jackrabbit quarterback Taryn Christian connected with Isaiah Hill on a 48-yard catch and run to move the ball deep into NDSU territory. The senior signal-caller then hit freshman tight end Blake Kunz on a slant over the middle of the end zone for an 8-yard touchdown.

It was more Anderson in the third quarter for the Bison, who extended their lead to 35-14 with two more third-quarter touchdowns. First, Anderson scored on a 14-yard pass from Stick, then bolted 41 yards around the left side for his third score of the quarter.

The Jackrabbits scored what would be their final touchdown of the night in the closing seconds of the third quarter on a 52-yard pass down the middle from Christian to Cade Johnson. It was Johnson's school-record 17th receiving touchdown of the season.

NDSU thwarted any chance of a Jackrabbit comeback, wearing down the SDSU defense with a 15-play, 61-yard drive that bridged into the fourth quarter and ended on a 32-yard field goal by Cam Pedersen after more than nine minutes ticked off the clock.

Stick provided the final blow with a 28-yard touchdown run with just over four minutes to play, ending a night in which he rushed for 147 yards on 16 carries and completed 12-of-15 passes for 169 yards.

The Bison racked up 608 yards of total offense, including 439 on the ground. Anderson gained 79 yards on nine carries.

For the Jackrabbits, Strong posted his fifth 100-yard game in the last six games, tallying 135 yards on 20 carries. In his final collegiate game, Christian completed 10-of-26 passes for 180 yards and added 32 yards on 10 rushing attempts. Johnson led SDSU receivers with three catches for 89 yards.

Defensively, Christian Rozeboom paced SDSU with a game-high 11 tackles, followed by 10 stops from Joshua Manchigiah. Dan Marlette led the Bison with eight tackles.



Freshman tight end Blake Kunz caught an 8-yard touchdown pass in the Jackrabbits' playoff semifinal at North Dakota State.

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	FINAL
South Dakota State (10-3)	7	0	14	0	21
North Dakota State (14-0)	7	7	21	9	44

SCORING SUMMARY

1st	5:11	NDSU	— Easton Stick 5 yd run (Cam Pedersen kick)
	00:51	SDSU	— Pierre Strong, Jr. 30 yd run (Chase Vinatieri kick)
2nd	1:35	NDSU	— Stick 34 yd run (Pedersen kick)
3rd	14:25	NDSU	— Bruce Anderson 1 yd run (Pedersen kick)
	10:57	SDSU	— Blake Kunz 8 yd pass from Taryn Christian (Vinatieri kick)
	5:52	NDSU	— Anderson 14 yd pass from Stick (Pedersen kick)
	3:32	NDSU	— Anderson 41 yd run (Pedersen kick)
	00:27	SDSU	— Cade Johnson 52 yd pass from Christian (Vinatieri kick)
4th	6:21	NDSU	— Pedersen 32 yd field goal
	4:05	NDSU	— Stick 28 yd run (team kick failed)

TEAM STATISTICS	SDSU	NDSU
FIRST DOWNS	17	25
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	31-175	49-439
PASSING YDS (NET)	182	169
Passes Att-Comp-Int	27-11-1	15-12-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	58-357	64-608
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	1-11	2-15
Kickoff Returns-Yards	3-64	2-41
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	1-33
Punts (Number-Avg)	6-40.0	2-47.5
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	5-32	9-70
Possession Time	25:16	34:44
Third-Down Conversions	4 of 12	6 of 10
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 2	0 of 0
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	1-1	4-5
Sacks By: Number-Yards	0-0	2-14

RUSHING LEADERS: SDSU - Pierre Strong, Jr. 20-135; Taryn Christian 10-32; C.J. Wilson 1-8. NDSU - Easton Stick 16-147; Seth Wilson 2-86; Bruce Anderson 9-79; Adam Cofield 6-7; Ty Brooks 12-48. **PASSING LEADERS:** SDSU - Taryn Christian 10-26-1 180; Cade Johnson 1-1-0 2. NDSU - Easton Stick 12-15-0 169. **RECEIVING LEADERS:** SDSU - Cade Johnson 3-89; Isaiah Hill 2-44; Blake Kunz 2-10. NDSU - Darrius Shepherd 4-71; Christian Watson 2-11. **INTERCEPTIONS:** SDSU - none. NDSU - Robbie Grimsley 1-33. **SACKS:** SDSU - none. NDSU - Stanley Jones 1.0-10; Derrek Tuszka 1.0-4. **TACKLE LEADERS (UA-A-TOT):** SDSU - Christian Rozeboom 7-4-11; Josh Manchigiah 6-4-10; Eric Kleinschmit 2-5-7. NDSU - Dan Marlette 5-3-8; Levi Jordheim 3-3-6.

DEPTH CHART vs. NORTH DAKOTA STATE

OFFENSE

LT	78	EVAN GREENEWAY, 6-7, 295, Sr., Yankton, S.D.
	72	Jason Titus, 6-5, 295, So., Andover, Minn.
LG	54	Eddie Miller, 6-5, 315, Jr., Brookings, S.D.
	79	Grant Schmidt, 6-6, 310, Sr., Sioux Falls, S.D.
	or 76	Bo Donald, 6-6, 305, Jr., Kimball, S.D.
C	70	Matt Clark, 6-5, 340, Sr., Syracuse, Neb.
	60	Mason McCormick, 6-4, 300, R-Fr., Sioux Falls, S.D.
	or 63	Jack Domandle, 6-4, 315, Jr., Omaha, Neb.
RG	56	EAGAN LICKISS, 6-4, 325, Jr., Indianola, Iowa
	75	Jon Gruetzmacher, 6-8, 305, So., Merrill, Wis.
RT	71	Aron Johnson, 6-6, 295, So., Chisago City, Minn.
	74	Garret Greenfield, 6-6, 295, R-Fr., Rock Valley, Iowa
TE	83	KALLAN HART, 6-5, 250, Sr., Lonsdale, Minn.
	88	Blake Kunz, 6-5, 255, So., Germantown, Wis.
WR (Z-Back)	15	CADE JOHNSON, 5-10, 180, Jr., Papillion, Neb.
	24	Deyon Campbell, 5-9, 195, So., Minneapolis, Minn.
WR (X-Back)	80	ADAM ANDERSON, 6-1, 195, Sr., Orlando, Fla.
	1	JACOB BROWN, 5-11, 210, Sr., Scottsdale, Ariz.
WR (W-Back) or	10	Jaxon Janke, 6-2, 210, R-Fr., Madison, S.D.
	86	Michael Wandmaker, 6-3, 210, So., Andover, Minn.
	9	Jadon Janke, 6-3, 210, R-Fr., Madison, S.D.
QB	2	J'Bore Gibbs, 6-3, 230, R-Fr., Chicago, Ill.
	12	Kanin Nelson, 6-4, 200, Jr., Mitchell, S.D.
	13	Keaton Heide, 6-3, 195, Fr., Wayzata, Minn.
FB or	36	LUKE SELLERS, 6-1, 245, Sr., Papillion, Neb.
	26	MIKEY DANIEL, 6-0, 235, Sr., Brookings, S.D.
RB	20	Pierre Strong, Jr., 5-11, 200, So., Little Rock, Ark.
	8	C.J. Wilson, 5-10, 195, So., Daytona Beach, Fla.

DEFENSE

DE	97	Reece Winkelman, 6-4, 250, So., Marshall, Minn.
	22	Tolu Ogunrinde, 6-1, 265, Jr., Cottage Grove, Minn.
	23	Jassan Eubank, 6-3, 230, Jr., Pittsburgh, Pa.
DT	91	XAVIER WARD, 6-2, 290, Jr., Freeman, S.D.
	96	Spencer Hildahl, 6-3, 290, Sr., Montevideo, Minn.
NT	99	Caleb Sanders, 6-1, 280, So., Glenwood, Iowa
	69	KROCKETT KROLIKOWSKI, 6-2, 280, So., Winner, S.D.
	55	Thomas Stacker, 6-4, 285, Jr., Chicago, Ill.
DE	90	RYAN EARITH, 6-4, 260, Sr., Papillion, Neb.
	22	Tolu Ogunrinde, 6-1, 265, Jr., Cottage Grove, Minn.
	34	AUSTIN SMENDA, 6-2, 260, Sr., Fleming Island, Fla.
LB or (Will)	7	Seven Wilson, 5-9, 205, Jr., Kansas City, Mo.
	16	Levi Brown, 6-4, 215, So., Roseville, Minn.
	30	Payton Shafer, 6-0, 210, Fr., Cottage Grove, Minn.
LB (Mike)	2	CHRISTIAN ROZEBOOM, 6-2, 230, Sr., Sioux Center, Iowa
	46	Preston Tetzlaff, 6-2, 215, Jr., Brookings, S.D.
LB (Sam)	12	LOGAN BACKHAUS, 6-4, 205, Jr., Spirit Lake, Iowa
	16	Levi Brown, 6-4, 215, So., Roseville, Minn.
	50	Graham Spalding, 6-1, 200, Fr., Oviedo, Fla.
LCB	21	Don Gardner, 6-1, 185, Jr., Chicago, Ill.
	28	Jordan Gandy, 5-10, 175, Fr., DeKalb, Ill.
FS	6	Michael Griffin II, 6-0, 6-0, 215, Jr., Cottage Grove, Minn.
	38	Tyler DeMartra, 6-2, 210, So., Homewood, Ill.
	35	Chase Norblade, 6-1, 185, Fr., Papillion, Neb.
SS	3	Josh Manchigiah, 6-0, 210, Jr., Papillion, Neb.
	14	Jarek Berg, 6-0, 200, Jr., Oconomowoc, Wis.
	29	Lance Eide, 5-8, 185, Sr., Clear Lake, S.D.
RCB or or	17	Diamond Evans, 5-10, 195, Fr., Chicago, Ill.
	13	DyShawn Gales, 5-11, 180, R-Fr., North Chicago, Ill.
	1	Malik Lofton, 5-10, 185, So., Crystal, Minn.

* Returning starters indicated in CAPS

SPECIAL TEAMS

Long Snaps	52	BRADEY SORENSON, 6-2, 230, Jr., Yankton, S.D.
	2	Christian Rozeboom, 6-2, 230, Sr., Sioux Center, Iowa
Holder	49	Ben Dinkel, 5-10, 215, So., Kearney, Neb.
	12	Kanin Nelson, 6-4, 200, Jr., Mitchell, S.D.
PK	4	CHASE VINATIERI, 6-1, 215, Sr., Sioux Falls, S.D.
	97	Cole Frahm, 6-5, 220, So., Omaha, Neb.
P	49	Ben Dinkel, 5-10, 215, So., Kearney, Neb.
	45	Michael Drotzmann, 6-3, 190, Fr., Yankton, S.D.
KO or	4	CHASE VINATIERI, 6-1, 215, Sr., Sioux Falls, S.D.
	97	Cole Frahm, 6-5, 220, So., Omaha, Neb.
KOR or	8	C.J. Wilson, 5-10, 195, So., Daytona Beach, Fla.
	15	Cade Johnson, 5-10, 180, Jr., Papillion, Neb.
	24	Deyon Campbell, 5-9, 195, So., Minneapolis, Minn.
KOR	10	Jaxon Janke, 6-2, 210, R-Fr., Madison, S.D.
	26	Mikey Daniel, 6-0, 235, Jr., Brookings, S.D.
PR	10	Jaxon Janke, 6-2, 210, R-Fr., Madison, S.D.

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach: John Stiegelmeier
 Assistant Head Coach/Special Teams Coordinator/Cornerbacks: Dan Jackson
 Offensive Coordinator/Offensive Line: Jason Eck
 Co-Defensive Coordinator/Safeties: Brian Bergstrom
 Co-Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers: Jimmy Rogers
 Passing Game Coordinator/Tight Ends: Luke Schleusner

Wide Receivers: Robert Arnheim
 Running Backs: Jimmy Beal
 Quarterbacks: Zach Lujan
 Defensive Line: Christian Smith
 Assistant Defensive Line: Spencer Erickson
 Graduate Assistants: Jesse Bobbit (def.), Tyler Weir (off.)



South Dakota State University

JACKRABBITS

2019 Football Roster

No.	NAME	Pos	Ht	Wt	Yr	HOMETOWN	No.	NAME	Pos	Ht	Wt	Yr	HOMETOWN
1	Jacob Brown	WR	5-11	210	Sr.	Scottsdale, Ariz.	48	Quinton Hicks	DE	6-3	235	Fr.	Wichita, Kan.
1	Malik Lofton	CB	5-10	185	So.	Crystal, Minn.	49	Ben Dinkel	P	5-10	215	So.	Kearney, Neb.
2	Christian Rozeboom	LB	6-2	230	Sr.	Sioux Center, Iowa	50	Graham Spalding	LB	6-1	200	Fr.	Oviedo, Fla.
2	J'Bore Gibbs	QB	6-3	230	R-Fr.	Chicago, Ill.	51	Andrew Mueller	DT	6-0	260	Sr.	Lake Elmo, Minn.
3	Josh Manchigiah	S	6-0	210	Jr.	Papillion, Neb.	52	Bradey Sorenson	LS	6-2	230	Jr.	Yankton, S.D.
3	Devin Blakley	RB	5-10	175	Fr.	Broadview, Ill.	52	Jarod DePriest	DT	6-5	265	Fr.	Trivoli, Ill.
4	Chase Vinatieri	K	6-1	215	Sr.	Sioux Falls, S.D.	53	Caden Johnson	DE	6-3	240	Fr.	Wahoo, Neb.
4	Canyon Bauer	WR	6-0	195	Fr.	Sioux Falls, S.D.	54	Eddie Miller	OL	6-5	315	Jr.	Brookings, S.D.
5	Blair Mulholland	RB	5-10	195	Jr.	Appleton, Wis.	55	Thomas Stacker	DT	6-4	285	Jr.	Chicago, Ill.
6	Michael Griffin II	S	6-0	215	Jr.	Cottage Grove, Minn.	56	Eagan Lickiss	OL	6-4	325	Jr.	Indianola, Iowa
7	Seven Wilson	LB	5-9	205	Jr.	Kansas City, Mo.	57	Kinser Madison	LB	6-2	210	R-Fr.	Higginsville, Mo.
7	Karst Hunter	QB	6-4	205	Fr.	Miller, S.D.	58	Alex Westendorf	OL	6-5	290	Fr.	South Elgin, Ill.
8	C.J. Wilson	RB	5-10	195	So.	Daytona Beach, Fla.	60	Mason McCormick	OL	6-4	300	R-Fr.	Sioux Falls, S.D.
9	Jadon Janke	WR	6-3	210	R-Fr.	Madison, S.D.	61	Evan Beertsen	OL	6-4	280	Fr.	De Pere, Wis.
10	Jaxon Janke	WR	6-2	210	R-Fr.	Madison, S.D.	62	Tyson Strohbeen	OL	6-2	290	Fr.	Sioux City, Iowa
11	Matt Barnett	LB	6-3	200	Fr.	Cedar Rapids, Iowa	63	Jack Domandle	OL	6-4	315	Jr.	Omaha, Neb.
12	Logan Backhaus	LB	6-4	205	Jr.	Spirit Lake, Iowa	64	Ethan Vibert	OL	6-4	300	Fr.	Regina, Saskatchewan
12	Kanin Nelson	QB	6-4	200	Jr.	Mitchell, S.D.	65	Matthew Borowicz	DT	6-4	270	R-Fr.	Lakeville, Minn.
13	DyShawn Gales	CB	5-11	180	R-Fr.	North Chicago, Ill.	66	Elijah Wilson	DE	6-4	260	Jr.	Omaha, Neb.
13	Keaton Heide	QB	6-3	195	Fr.	Wayzata, Minn.	67	Brady Beck	OL	6-8	275	Fr.	Sioux Falls, S.D.
14	Jarek Berg	S	6-0	200	Jr.	Oconomowoc, Wis.	68	Ian Bass	OL	6-4	280	R-Fr.	Rosemount, Minn.
15	Cade Johnson	WR	5-10	180	Jr.	Papillion, Neb.	69	Krockett Krolkowski	DT	6-2	280	So.	Winner, S.D.
16	Levi Brown	LB	6-4	215	So.	Roseville, Minn.	70	Matt Clark	OL	6-5	340	Sr.	Syracuse, Neb.
17	Diamond Evans	CB	5-10	195	Fr.	Chicago, Ill.	71	Aron Johnson	OL	6-6	295	So.	Chisago City, Minn.
18	Marshon Harris	CB	5-11	185	Sr.	Lansing, Ill.	72	Jason Titus	OL	6-5	295	So.	Andover, Minn.
18	Shane Dailey, Jr.	WR	5-9	155	Fr.	Omaha, Neb.	73	Trajan Walhof	DT	6-5	270	R-Fr.	Sioux Center, Iowa
19	Ti'Jaih Davis	CB	6-1	180	R-Fr.	Baltimore, Md.	74	Garret Greenfield	OL	6-6	295	R-Fr.	Rock Valley, Iowa
20	Pierre Strong, Jr.	RB	5-11	200	So.	Little Rock, Ark.	75	Jon Gruetzmacher	OL	6-8	305	So.	Merrill, Wis.
21	Don Gardner	CB	6-1	185	Jr.	Chicago, Ill.	76	Bo Donald	OL	6-6	305	Fr.	Kimball, S.D.
22	Tolu Ogunrinde	DE	6-1	265	Jr.	Cottage Grove, Minn.	77	Wes Genant	OL	6-4	305	Sr.	Parkston, S.D.
23	Jassan Eubank	DE	6-3	230	Jr.	Pittsburgh, Pa.	78	Evan Greeneway	OL	6-7	295	Sr.	Yankton, S.D.
24	Deyon Campbell	WR	5-9	195	So.	Minneapolis, Minn.	79	Grant Schmidt	OL	6-6	310	Sr.	Sioux Falls, S.D.
25	Jake Aanderud	CB	5-10	170	So.	Rapid City, S.D.	80	Adam Anderson	WR	6-1	195	Sr.	Orlando, Fla.
26	Mikey Daniel	RB	6-0	235	Sr.	Brookings, S.D.	81	Skyler Cavanaugh	TE	6-5	220	Jr.	Vail, Ariz.
26	Baily Darnell	S	6-0	205	Fr.	Auburn, Neb.	82	Caleb Schauf	TE	6-5	240	So.	Sparta, Wis.
27	Tylen Small	S	6-0	190	So.	Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	83	Kallan Hart	TE	6-5	250	Sr.	Lonsdale, Minn.
28	Jordan Gandy	CB	5-10	175	Fr.	DeKalb, Ill.	84	Jayd VanDerWerff	WR	6-1	195	R-Fr.	Gregory, S.D.
29	Lance Eide	S	5-8	185	Sr.	Clear Lake, S.D.	85	Tucker Kraft	TE	6-5	250	Fr.	Timber Lake, S.D.
30	Payton Shafer	LB	6-0	210	Fr.	Cottage Grove, Minn.	86	Michael Wandmaker	WR	6-3	210	So.	Andover, Minn.
31	Adam Bock	LB	6-1	210	Fr.	Solon, Iowa	87	Zach Heins	TE	6-7	255	R-Fr.	Sioux Falls, S.D.
33	Thomas Motzko	LB	6-0	225	Fr.	Highland Park, Ill.	88	Blake Kunz	TE	6-5	255	So.	Germantown, Wis.
34	Austin Smenda	DE	6-2	260	Sr.	Fleming Island, Fla.	89	Jhareth Bloomenrader	TE	6-6	250	Fr.	Highmore, S.D.
34	Torren Union	CB	6-2	185	Fr.	Mesa, Ariz.	90	Ryan Earith	DE	6-4	260	Sr.	Papillion, Neb.
35	Chase Norblade	S	6-1	185	Fr.	Papillion, Neb.	91	Xavier Ward	DT	6-2	290	Jr.	Freeman, S.D.
36	Luke Sellers	FB	6-1	245	Sr.	Papillion, Neb.	92	Kevin Brenner	DE	6-3	230	Fr.	Silver Lake, Wis.
37	Jefferson Lee, V	RB	5-9	185	R-Fr.	Marshall, Minn.	93	Malachi Johnson	DE	6-7	230	So.	Minneapolis, Minn.
38	Tyler DeMartra	S	6-2	210	So.	Homewood, Ill.	94	Cade Terveer	DE	6-3	245	R-Fr.	Brandon, S.D.
40	Turner Blasius	FB	6-1	240	Sr.	Kimball, S.D.	94	Jake Wolfe	K	5-8	150	So.	Omaha, Neb.
42	Mason Leighton	WR	5-9	175	So.	Madison, S.D.	95	Zac Wilson	DE	6-3	220	Fr.	Chippely, Fla.
43	Mike Morgan	FB	6-3	235	R-Fr.	New Lenox, Ill.	96	Spencer Hildahl	DT	6-3	290	Sr.	Montevideo, Minn.
44	Saiveon Williamson	LB	6-1	200	R-Fr.	Waseca, Minn.	97	Reece Winkelman	DE	6-4	250	So.	Marshall, Minn.
45	Michael Drotzmann	P	6-3	190	Fr.	Yankton, S.D.	97	Cole Frahm	K	6-5	220	So.	Omaha, Neb.
46	Preston Tetzlaff	LB	6-2	215	Jr.	Brookings, S.D.	98	Ryan Van Marel	DT	6-4	280	R-Fr.	Sheldon, Iowa
47	Payton Madison	FB	6-3	245	Fr.	Spicer, Minn.	99	Caleb Sanders	DT	6-1	280	So.	Glenwood, Iowa



JOHN STIEGELMEIER

Head Coach

23rd Season (164-101 record — all at SDSU)

Alma Mater: South Dakota State, 1979

FOOTBALL HONORS AND RECORDS:

- Ranks first on SDSU career football coaching victories list with 164-101 record (.619 winning percentage) in 23 seasons — passed Ralph Ginn, who compiled a 113-89-9 record in 22 seasons from 1947-68, with 41-3 victory over UW-Oshkosh on Sept. 20, 2014
- Has led teams to winning records in 18 of his 22 full seasons, including 13 of 15 at the Division I Football Championship Subdivision level
- Since moving to the Football Championship Subdivision in 2004, the Jackrabbits have a 122-68 overall record (.642 winning percentage)
- His 64 victories in Missouri Valley Football Conference play rank third in league history, while his 96 overall wins since joining the league in 2008 are fourth among all-time league coaches
- 1999 North Central Conference Coach of the Year
- 2007 Great West Football Conference Coach of the Year after leading SDSU to first conference title in 44 years
- 2016 Bruce Craddock Missouri Valley Football Conference Coach of the Year after leading team to first MVFC title
- 2007 American Football Coaches Association FCS Region 5 Coach of the Year
- 2016 AFCA FCS Region 4 Coach of the Year
- Liberty Mutual Coach of the Year Finalist in 2007 and 2009
- 2014 recipient of the Ralph Ginn Award for Coaching Excellence at South Dakota State University
- 2015 finalist for STATS FCS Coach of the Year Award

PLAYOFF EXPERIENCE:

- Has led Jackrabbits to eight FCS playoff appearances (2009, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018) and has an 8-8 playoff record
- 2009: Montana 61, SDSU 48
- 2012: *SDSU 58, Eastern Illinois 10; North Dakota State 28, SDSU 3
- 2013: SDSU 26, Northern Arizona 7; Eastern Washington 41, SDSU 17
- 2014: SDSU 47, Montana State 40; North Dakota State 27, SDSU 24
- 2015: Montana 24, SDSU 17
- 2016: *SDSU 10, Villanova 7; North Dakota State 36, SDSU 10
- 2017: *SDSU 37, Northern Iowa 22; *SDSU 56, New Hampshire 14; James Madison 51, SDSU 16
- 2018: *SDSU 51, Duquesne 6; SDSU 27, Kennesaw State 17; North Dakota State 44, SDSU 21

* denotes home playoff game

- Served as a student assistant on SDSU's lone NCAA Division II playoff-qualifying team in 1979

OTHER NOTES:

- The Jackrabbits have compiled a 105-29 (.784) home record in Coach Stig's 23 seasons as head coach
- SDSU has a 220-140 (.611) overall record since Coach Stig joined the coaching staff as an full-time assistant in 1988 and has posted a winning record in 25 of 31 full seasons
- Served as secondary coach and recruiting coordinator from 1988-90 under Wayne Haensel
- Served as defensive coordinator from 1991-96 under Mike Daly
- Jackrabbit student-athletes have earned CoSIDA Academic All-America recognition 25 times
- SDSU received the MVFC Team Academic Award each of its first nine seasons in the league

MILESTONE WINS:

- No. 1: SDSU 17, UC Davis 7 [first game as head coach] (Sept. 13, 1997 at Davis, Calif.)
- No. 2 [first home win and first NCC victory]: SDSU 20, St. Cloud State 16 (Oct. 11, 1997, at Brookings)
- No. 25: SDSU 34, Ferris State (Mich.) 24 (Sept. 1, 2001, at Brookings)
- No. 45 [first win over FCS opponent]: SDSU 31, Southern (La.) 24 (Sept. 25, 2004, at Baton Rouge, La.)
- No. 50: SDSU 69, Valparaiso (Ind.) 6 (Sept. 10, 2005, at Brookings)
- No. 69 [first MVFC victory]: SDSU 40, Youngstown State 7 (Sept. 6, 2008, at Brookings)
- No. 75: SDSU 25, North Dakota State 24 (Nov. 22, 2008, at Fargo, N.D.)
- No. 100: SDSU 16, Southern Illinois 12 (Nov. 3, 2012, at Carbondale, Ill.)
- No. 102 [first playoff victory]: SDSU 58, Eastern Illinois 10 (Nov. 24, 2012, at Brookings)
- No. 113 [SDSU record-tying victory]: SDSU 26, Southern Utah 6 (Sept. 13, 2014, at Cedar City, Utah)
- No. 114 [SDSU record-breaking victory]: SDSU 41, UW-Oshkosh 3 (Sept. 20, 2014, at Brookings)
- No. 125: SDSU 38, Youngstown State 8 (Oct. 17, 2015, at Youngstown, Ohio)
- No. 136 [clinch first MVFC title]: SDSU 45, Northern Iowa 24 (Nov. 19, 2016, at Cedar Falls, Iowa)
- No. 142 [100th win as FCS program]: SDSU 62, Missouri State 30 (Oct. 21, 2017, at Springfield, Mo.)
- No. 150: SDSU 90, Arkansas-Pine Bluff 6 (Sept. 15, 2018, at Brookings)

COACH STIG'S YEAR-BY-YEAR RECORDS

NORTH CENTRAL CONFERENCE

YEAR	OVERALL	CONF
1997	4-6	3-6
1998	6-5	5-4
1999	8-3	6-3
2000	6-5	4-5
2001	5-6	4-4
2002	6-4	4-4
2003	7-4	4-3
TOTALS	42-33	30-29

GREAT WEST FOOTBALL CONFERENCE

YEAR	OVERALL	CONF
2004	6-5	2-3
2005	6-5	3-2
2006	7-4	3-1
2007	7-4	4-0
TOTALS	26-18	12-6

MISSOURI VALLEY FOOTBALL

CONFERENCE

YEAR	OVERALL	CONF
2008	7-5	6-2
2009	8-4	7-1
2010	5-6	4-4
2011	5-6	4-4
2012	9-4	6-2
2013	9-5	5-3
2014	9-5	5-3
2015	8-4	5-3
2016	9-4	7-1
2017	11-3	6-2
2018	10-3	6-2
2019	6-1	3-0
TOTALS	96-50	64-27
OVERALL TOTALS	164-101	106-62



2-CHRISTIAN ROZEBOOM

Linebacker

6-2, 230, Senior

Sioux Center, Iowa (Sioux Center H.S.)

FOOTBALL HONORS AND HIGHLIGHTS:

- American Football Coaches Association All-America Second Team (2017)
- STATS FCS All-America Second Team (2017)
- HERO Sports All-America Second Team (2017)
- HERO Sports All-America Third Team (2018)
- Phil Steele All-America Second Team (2017)
- Phil Steele All-America Third Team (2018)
- Associated Press All-America Third Team (2017)
- STATS FCS Buck Buchanan Finalist (2017)
- STATS FCS Jerry Rice Award Finalist (2016, runner-up)
- HERO Sports FCS Freshman All-America Team (2016)
- Missouri Valley Football Conference Freshman of the Year (2016)
- All-MVFC First Team (2016, 2017, 2018)
- MVFC Newcomer of the Week (Oct. 1, 2016; Oct. 15, 2016)
- MVFC Defensive Player of the Week (Oct. 28, 2017; Sept. 7, 2019)
- Has recorded double figures for tackles in 21 of 47 career games
- MVFC All-Academic Honorable Mention (2017)
- MVFC Honor Roll (2015, 2016, 2017, 2018)
- Team Captain (2017, 2018, 2019)

SDSU CAREER TACKLES

1. *Greg Osmundson, 1986-89435
2. **Christian Rozeboom, 2016-present ..417**
3. T.J. Lally, 2012-15.....415
4. *J.D. Alexander, 1971-74393
5. *Darrin Thurston, 1984-87340
6. *Mark Huelskamp, 1972-75328
7. *Sterne Akin, 1995-98325
8. *Doug Miller, 1989-92322
9. Chris Coauette, 2001-04313
10. Jimmy Rogers, 2006-09312

Note: Tackles not officially recognized as an NCAA statistic until 2000

CHRISTIAN ROZEBOOM'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G	Solo	Ast	Total	TFL-Yds	Sack-Yds	PBU	Int-Yds	BK	FR-Yds	FF
2016	13	58	74	132	5.0-22	3.0-15	2	2-63	0	0-0	2
2017	14	67	60	127	7.5-18	1.0-1	2	2-65	1	3-0	0
2018	13	53	52	105	10.5-25	0-0	2	2-13	0	1-0	3
2019	7	21	32	53	3.0-11	0-0	1	2-27	0	2-0	2
Career	47	199	218	417	26.0-76	4.0-16	7	8-168	1	6-0	7

CHRISTIAN ROZEBOOM'S 2016 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Game	Solo	Ast	Total	TFL-Yds	Sack-Yds	Int-Yds	FF	FR
TCU	3	5	8	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0
Drake	5	7	12	0.5-2	0.5-2	0-0	0	0
Cal Poly	1	3	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0
Western Illinois	6	4	10	1.0-5	1.0-5	1-37	0	0
Southern Illinois	11	9	20	1.0-3	0-0	0-0	1	0
North Dakota St.	4	8	12	1.0-6	1.0-6	0-0	0	0
Youngstown St.	4	2	6	0.5-2	0.5-2	1-26	1	0
Illinois State	4	5	9	0.5-1	0-0	0-0	0	0
Missouri State	0	4	4	0.5-3	0-0	0-0	0	0
South Dakota	3	10	13	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0
Northern Iowa	6	3	9	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0
Villanova	6	7	13	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0
North Dakota St.	5	7	12	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0
Season Totals	58	74	132	5.0-22	3.0-15	2-63	2	0

CHRISTIAN ROZEBOOM'S 2017 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Game	Solo	Ast	Total	TFL-Yds	Sack-Yds	Int-Yds	FF	FR
Duquesne	1	3	4	0.5-1	0-0	0-0	0	0
Montana State	8	2	10	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0
Drake	3	0	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0
Youngstown St.	8	6	14	0.5-2	0-0	0-0	0	0
Southern Illinois	3	1	4	1.0-2	0-0	0-0	0	0
Northern Iowa	9	5	14	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0
Missouri State	8	10	18	1.0-5	0-0	0-0	0	0
Western Illinois	5	5	10	0-0	0-0	1-0	0	1
North Dakota St.	4	2	6	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0
Illinois State	7	3	10	2.0-5	1.0-1	0-0	0	0
South Dakota	8	6	14	2.0-2	0-0	0-0	0	1
Northern Iowa	2	4	6	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0
New Hampshire	1	4	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0
James Madison	0	9	9	0.5-1	0-0	1-65	0	1
Season Totals	67	60	127	7.5-18	1.0-1	2-65	0	3

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CHRISTIAN ROZEBOOM'S 2018 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Game	Solo	Ast	Total	TFL-Yds	Sack-Yds	Int-Yds	FF	FR
Montana State	2	2	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0
Ark.-Pine Bluff	2	2	4	1.0-1	0-0	0-0	0	1
North Dakota St.	4	8	12	0.5-1	0-0	0-0	0	0
Indiana State	1	2	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0
Youngstown St.	5	1	6	0-0	0-0	1-10	0	0
Northern Iowa	3	6	9	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0
Illinois State	3	5	8	0.5-0	0-0	0-0	0	0
Missouri State	1	1	2	1.0-4	0-0	1-3	0	0
Southern Illinois	9	3	12	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0
South Dakota	8	5	13	1.5-1	0-0	0-0	0	0
Duquesne	2	5	7	2.0-7	0-0	0-0	0	0
Kennesaw State	10	4	14	3.0-10	0-0	0-0	1	0
North Dakota St.	8	3	11	1.0-1	0-0	0-0	1	0
Season Totals	53	52	105	10.5-25	0-0	2-13	3	1

CHRISTIAN ROZEBOOM'S 2019 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Game	Solo	Ast	Total	TFL-Yds	Sack-Yds	Int-Yds	FF	FR
Minnesota	3	8	11	0.5-1	0-0	0-0	0	0
Long Island	5	3	8	0-0	0-0	1-0	1	0
Drake	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0
Southern Utah	5	3	8	0.5-2	0-0	1-27	0	0
Southern Illinois	1	5	6	1.0-6	0-0	0-0	0	0
Youngstown St.	4	9	13	1.0-2	0-0	0-0	0	1
Indiana State	3	3	6	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	1
Season Totals	21	32	53	3.0-11	0-0	2-27	2	2



4-CHASE VINATIERI

Kicker

6-1, 215, Senior

Sioux Falls, South Dakota (Roosevelt H.S.)

FOOTBALL HONORS AND HIGHLIGHTS:

- HERO Sports All-America First Team (2017)
- All-Missouri Valley Football Conference Second Team (2017)
- MVFC All-Newcomer Team (2016)
- STATS FCS National Special Teams Player of the Week (Sept. 9, 2017)
- MVFC Special Teams Player of the Week (Sept. 9, 2017; Nov. 11, 2017; Oct. 6, 2018)
- MVFC Honor Roll (2015, 2016, 2017, 2018)
- Has made two game-winning field goals in career (40-yarder with 1:21 to play in regulation vs. Villanova, Dec. 3, 2016; 43-yarder in overtime vs. Illinois State, Nov. 11, 2017)
- Holds SDSU single-season record with 66 extra points in 2018; breaking his own previous record of 58 in 2017
- Set SDSU single-game record with 11 extra points in Sept. 15, 2018, game against Arkansas-Pine Bluff
- Tied school record with 57-yard field goal Oct. 20, 2017, at Northern Iowa
- Has kicked at least one field goal in 32 of 47 career games
- Third in career field goals at SDSU with 42
- Holds SDSU career kick scoring record with 328, surpassing both Justin Syrovatka (319 points from 2011-14) and Parker Douglass (321 points from 2004-07) during 2019 season

SDSU CAREER FIELD GOALS

1. Parker Douglas, 2004-07	62
2. Justin Syrovatka, 2011-14	55
3. Chase Vinatieri, 2016-present	42
4. Brett Gorden, 1995-98	36
5. Peter Reifenrath, 2008-10	34
6. Adam Vinatieri, 1991-94	27

CHASE VINATIERI'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	FGM	FGA	Pct.	LG	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	Blk	PAT	Pts
2016	11	17	.647	42	0-0	2-2	7-7	2-5	0-3	0	56-56	89
2017	13	14	.929	55	0-0	3-4	3-3	5-5	2-2	0	58-62	103
2018	14	21	.667	^57	0-0	4-6	5-5	4-8	1-2	0	66-71	114
2019	4	8	.500	39	0-0	2-4	2-2	0-2	0-0	0	28-31	40
Career	42	60	.700	^57	0-0	11-16	17-17	11-20	3-7	0	208-220	*346

^ tied school record; * Point total includes two rushing touchdowns, but holds SDSU career kick scoring record with 328 points

CHASE VINATIERI'S 2016 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Game	FGM	FGA	LG	PAT	Pts
TCU	2	2	37	5-5	11
Drake	0	1	—	8-8	8
Cal Poly	1	1	30	4-4	7
Western Illinois	1	1	38	7-7	10
Southern Illinois	1	2	33	6-6	9
North Dakota State	2	2	42	1-1	7
Youngstown State	1	1	20	3-3	6
Illinois State	0	1	—	3-3	3
Missouri State	0	0	—	7-7	7
South Dakota	0	2	—	4-4	4
Northern Iowa	1	2	32	6-6	9
Villanova	1	1	40	1-1	4
North Dakota State	1	1	34	1-1	4
Season Totals	11	17	42	56-56	89

CHASE VINATIERI'S 2017 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Game	FGM	FGA	LG	PAT	Pts
Duquesne	1	1	23	6-7	9
Montana State	1	1	47	4-4	^13
Drake	1	1	51	4-4	7
Youngstown State	0	0	—	1-1	1
Southern Illinois	0	0	—	7-7	7
Northern Iowa	0	1	—	0-1	0
Missouri State	0	0	—	8-9	8
Western Illinois	1	1	30	7-7	10
North Dakota State	2	2	41	3-3	9
Illinois State	2	2	43	3-3	9
South Dakota	1	1	45	4-4	7
Northern Iowa	3	3	55	2-2	11
New Hampshire	0	0	—	8-8	8
James Madison	1	1	37	1-1	4
Season Totals	13	14	55	58-62	103

^ includes 31-yard touchdown run

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CHASE VINATIERI'S 2018 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Game	FGM	FGA	LG	PAT	Pts
Montana State	1	2	42	6-6	9
Arkansas-Pine Bluff	0	0	—	11-12	11
North Dakota State	1	2	39	2-2	5
Indiana State	2	2	30	6-6	[^] 18
Youngstown State	1	1	31	3-5	6
Northern Iowa	3	4	&57	0-0	9
Illinois State	1	1	48	5-5	8
Missouri State	1	3	45	8-8	11
Southern Illinois	1	3	21	6-7	9
South Dakota	0	0	—	7-7	7
Duquesne	1	1	39	6-7	9
Kennesaw State	2	2	24	3-3	9
North Dakota State	0	0	—	3-3	3
Season Totals	14	21	&57	66-71	114

[^] includes 15-yard touchdown run
& tied school record

CHASE VINATIERI'S 2019 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Game	FGM	FGA	LG	PAT	Pts
Minnesota	0	0	—	3-3	3
Long Island	1	1	22	5-5	8
Drake	1	3	26	5-5	8
Southern Utah	0	0	—	5-6	5
Southern Illinois	1	1	39	1-3	4
Youngstown State	1	2	36	3-3	6
Indiana State	0	1	—	6-6	6
Season Totals	4	8	39	28-31	40



15-CADE JOHNSON

Wide Receiver

5-10, 180, Junior

Papillion, Nebraska (Bellevue West H.S.)

FOOTBALL HONORS AND HIGHLIGHTS:

- HERO Sports All-America Second Team (2018)
- STATS FCS All-America Third Team (2018)
- All-MVFC First Team (2018)
- HERO Sports Freshman All-America First Team (2017)
- Phil Steele Freshman All-America Second Team (2017)
- MVFC All-Newcomer Team (2017)
- MVFC Newcomer of the Week (Oct. 21, 2017; Nov. 18, 2017)
- Set SDSU single-season record with 839 kickoff return yards in 2017
- Became first Jackrabbit player in 54 years (Reed Sanderson, 1963) to record more than one kickoff return for touchdown in a season with two in 2017
- Set Jackrabbit single-season record with 17 touchdown receptions in 2018
- Tied SDSU single-game record with four touchdown receptions, versus Montana State on Sept. 8, 2018
- Has caught two touchdown passes in five other games during his career
- Topped the 100-yard mark for receiving six times in 2018 and seven times in his career
- Recorded 100th career reception in Sept. 14, 2019, game versus Drake

SDSU SINGLE-SEASON RECEIVING TOUCHDOWNS

1.	Cade Johnson, 2018.....	17
2.	Jake Wieneke, 2014.....	16
	Jake Wieneke, 2016.....	16
	Jake Wieneke, 2017.....	16
5.	Jeff Tiefenthaler, 1985	13
6.	Jeff Tiefenthaler, 1986	11
	JaRon Harris, 2008.....	11
	Jake Wieneke, 2015.....	11
	Dallas Goedert, 2016.....	11
10.	Jason Schneider, 2013.....	10
	Glen Fox, 2008.....	10

SDSU SINGLE-SEASON RECEIVING YARDS

1.	Jeff Tiefenthaler, 1986	1,534
2.	Jake Wieneke, 2015	1,472
3.	Jake Wieneke, 2014	1,404
4.	Cade Johnson, 2018	1,332
5.	Jake Wieneke, 2016	1,316
6.	Dallas Goedert, 2016	1,293
7.	Dallas Goedert, 2017	1,111
8.	Jason Schneider, 2013	1,088
9.	Jeff Tiefenthaler, 1985	1,056
10.	Josh Davis, 2003	1,028

SDSU SINGLE-SEASON RECEPTIONS

1.	Dallas Goedert, 2016	92
2.	Jason Schneider, 2013.....	78
	Jake Wieneke, 2016.....	78
4.	Jeff Tiefenthaler, 1986	73
	Jake Wieneke, 2014.....	73
6.	Jake Wieneke, 2015.....	72
	Dallas Goedert, 2017	72
8.	Josh Davis, 2002	70
	JaRon Harris, 2008.....	70
10.	Cade Johnson, 2018.....	67

CADE JOHNSON'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LG	Rush	Yds	TD	LG	KOR	Yds	Avg	TD	LG
2017	23	318	13.8	3	68	3	9	0	5	30	839	28.0	2	*99
2018	67	1,332	19.9	*17	*81	1	24	0	24	17	462	27.2	0	48
2019	31	600	19.4	6	*81	4	103	0	76	6	111	18.5	0	36
Career	121	2,250	18.6	26	*81	8	136	0	76	53	1,412	26.6	2	*99

* denotes touchdown ^ school record

CADE JOHNSON'S 2017 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Game	Rec	Yds	TD	LG	Rush	Yds	TD	LG	KOR	Yds	TD	LG
Duquesne	1	-2	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	76	0	30
Montana State	2	29	0	29	0	0	0	0	1	26	0	26
Drake	2	18	0	16	0	0	0	0	1	95	1	*95
Youngstown State	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	2	33	0	19
Southern Illinois	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	39	0	15
Northern Iowa	3	72	0	36	0	0	0	0	4	103	0	32
Missouri State	2	75	1	68	0	0	0	0	1	61	0	61
Western Illinois	2	30	0	32	0	0	0	0	2	32	0	16
North Dakota State	4	18	0	8	0	0	0	0	1	11	0	11
Illinois State	2	35	0	24	2	8	0	5	3	61	0	26
South Dakota	3	39	1	18	0	0	0	0	4	85	0	34
Northern Iowa	2	4	1	*2	0	0	0	0	1	70	0	70
New Hampshire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	99	1	*99
James Madison	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	32	0	19
Season Totals	23	318	3	68	3	9	0	5	30	839	2	*99

* denotes touchdown

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SDSU CAREER RECEIVING YARDS

1. Jake Wieneke, 2014-17	5,157
2. Jeff Tiefenthaler, 1983-86	3,621
3. Josh Davis, 2002-05	3,192
4. Dallas Goedert, 2014-17	2,988
5. Jason Schneider, 2011-14	2,404
6. Cade Johnson, 2017-present	2,250
7. JaRon Harris, 2005-08	2,241
8. Rusty Lenner, 1993-96	1,942
9. Aaron Rollin, 2009-12	1,878
10. J.D. Berreth, 1986-88	1,868

SDSU CAREER RECEIVING TOUCHDOWNS

1. Jake Wieneke, 2014-17	59
2. Jeff Tiefenthaler, 1983-86	32
3. Josh Davis, 2002-05	26
Cade Johnson, 2017-present	26
5. JaRon Harris, 2005-08	24
6. Dallas Goedert, 2014-17	21
7. Jason Schneider, 2011-14	20
8. Rusty Lenner, 1993-96	17
9. J.D. Berreth, 1986-89	16
10. Wayne Rasmussen, 1961-63	15
Glen Fox, 2006-09	15

CADE JOHNSON'S 2018 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Game	Rec	Yds	TD	LG	Rush	Yds	TD	LG	KOR	Yds	TD	LG
Montana State	9	138	4	26	0	0	0	0	1	23	0	23
Arkansas-Pine Bluff	5	162	2	*71	0	0	0	0	1	23	0	23
North Dakota State	3	63	1	36	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Indiana State	4	48	0	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Youngstown State	1	23	1	*23	1	24	0	24	0	0	0	0
Northern Iowa	7	121	0	30	0	0	0	0	1	31	0	31
Illinois State	8	131	1	*81	0	0	0	0	1	30	0	30
Missouri State	5	130	2	*42	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southern Illinois	7	198	2	*56	0	0	0	0	3	69	0	34
South Dakota	3	58	2	28	0	0	0	0	2	79	0	43
Duquesne	8	99	1	*43	0	0	0	0	2	40	0	23
Kennesaw State	4	72	0	33	0	0	0	0	3	103	0	48
North Dakota State	3	89	1	*52	0	0	0	0	3	64	0	26
Season Totals	67	1,332	*17	*81	1	24	0	24	17	462	0	48

* denotes touchdown ^ school record

CADE JOHNSON'S 2019 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Game	Rec	Yds	TD	LG	Rush	Yds	TD	LG	KOR	Yds	TD	LG
Minnesota	6	90	0	19	1	25	0	25	2	23	0	23
Long Island	3	69	0	39	0	0	0	0	1	21	0	21
Drake	5	80	2	*36	1	76	0	76	0	0	0	0
Southern Utah	5	68	1	*30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southern Illinois	2	66	1	*58	1	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Youngstown State	3	93	1	*81	1	3	0	3	2	52	0	36
Indiana State	7	134	1	35	0	0	0	0	1	15	0	15
Season Totals	31	600	6	*81	4	103	0	76	6	111	0	36



20-PIERRE STRONG, JR.

Running Back

5-11, 200, Sophomore

Little Rock, Arkansas (McClellan H.S.)

FOOTBALL HONORS AND HIGHLIGHTS:

- HERO Sports FCS Freshman All-America First Team (2018)
- Phil Steele FCS Freshman All-America Second Team (2018)
- Missouri Valley Football Conference Freshman of the Year (2018)
- MVFC All-Newcomer Team (2018)
- MVFC Newcomer of the Week (Nov. 10, 2018; Nov. 17, 2018)
- Topped the 100-yard mark in five of the team's last six games in 2018 and eight times in his career (two games with 200-plus yards)
- Scored a touchdown in final six games of the 2018 season, including three-touchdown performances at Southern Illinois (Nov. 10) and versus South Dakota (Nov. 17)
- Reached 1,000-yard mark on 100th carry of the 2018 season
- Posted 10th-best single-game rushing performance in school history with 253 yards on 17 carries in 2018 regular season finale versus South Dakota
- His 17 career touchdown runs have covered an average of 37.4 yards

PIERRE STRONG'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LG	Rec	Yds	TD	LG	KOR	Yds	Avg	TD	LG
2018	117	1,116	9.5	11	*73	6	84	1	*66	2	38	19.0	0	24
2019	91	756	8.3	6	*64	12	157	1	*45	1	47	47.0	0	47
Career	208	1,872	9.0	17	*73	18	241	2	*66	3	85	28.3	0	47

* denotes touchdown

PIERRE STRONG'S 2018 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Game	Rush	Yds	TD	LG	Rec	Yds	TD	LG	KOR	Yds	TD	LG
Montana State	2	40	0	36	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Arkansas-Pine Bluff	5	40	0	19	1	66	1	*66	0	0	0	0
North Dakota State	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Indiana State	6	95	0	69	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Youngstown State	1	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northern Iowa	8	6	0	3	1	5	0	5	0	0	0	0
Illinois State	5	17	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Missouri State	9	136	2	*55	1	9	0	9	1	14	0	14
Southern Illinois	14	188	3	*72	0	0	0	0	1	24	0	24
South Dakota	17	253	3	*73	1	4	0	4	0	0	0	0
Duquesne	12	92	1	*52	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kennesaw State	18	112	1	23	1	-2	0	0	0	0	0	0
North Dakota State	20	135	1	*30	1	2	0	2	0	0	0	0
Season Totals	117	1,116	11	*73	6	84	1	*66	2	38	0	24

PIERRE STRONG'S 2019 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Game	Rush	Yds	TD	LG	Rec	Yds	TD	LG	KOR	Yds	TD	LG
Minnesota	12	53	0	13	2	59	0	39	1	47	0	47
Long Island	12	55	1	14	2	20	0	20	0	0	0	0
Drake	11	129	1	*49	1	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southern Utah	11	85	1	30	2	47	1	*45	0	0	0	0
Southern Illinois	20	229	1	*64	1	-2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Youngstown State	8	61	0	41	3	33	0	15	0	0	0	0
Indiana State	17	144	2	28	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Season Totals	91	756	6	*64	12	157	1	*45	1	47	0	47

FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP SUBDIVISION POLLS

STATS FCS POLL — OCT. 19

PL.	SCHOOL	2019 RECORD	POINTS	PR
1.	North Dakota State [156]	7-0	3,972	1
2.	James Madison [3]	7-1	3,765	2
3.	South Dakota State	6-1	3,677	3
4.	Weber State	5-2	3,443	4
5.	Villanova	6-1	3,168	7
6.	Kennesaw State	6-1	3,137	6
7.	Sacramento State	5-2	2,927	15
8.	Illinois State	5-2	2,781	11
9.	Montana State	5-2	2,528	12
10.	Montana	5-2	2,422	5
11.	Northern Iowa	4-3	2,316	14
12.	Central Arkansas	5-2	2,225	13
13.	Princeton	5-0	1,780	17
14.	Furman	4-3	1,618	8
15.	Nicholls	4-3	1,470	9
16.	Towson	4-3	1,383	18
17.	Dartmouth	5-0	1,188	21
18.	North Carolina A&T	4-2	1,147	10
19.	Delaware	4-3	816	24
20.	Florida A&M	6-1	762	NR
21.	Sam Houston State	5-3	735	NR
22.	UC Davis	4-4	663	23
23.	Central Connecticut State	6-1	645	25
24.	Southeast Missouri State	4-3	548	NR
25.	Jacksonville State	5-3	488	16

Notes: First-place votes in brackets; opponents listed in **bold**

Top Teams Receiving Votes: UT Martin 477; Wofford 264; Incarnate Word 196; Stony Brook 167; Alcorn State 131; New Hampshire 127; Austin Peay 103; The Citadel 88; Albany 82; Elon 72; **Youngstown State 63**; Eastern Washington 62; Southeastern Louisiana 44; Yale 43; Monmouth (N.J.) 34; South Carolina State 25; Portland State 23; Bethune-Cookman 21; Harvard 14; Chattanooga 12; North Dakota 9; Campbell 7; **Southern Illinois 4**; Duquesne 2; Eastern Kentucky 1.

AFCA FCS COACHES' POLL — OCT. 19

PL.	SCHOOL	2019 RECORD	POINTS	PR
1.	North Dakota State [26]	7-0	650	1
2.	James Madison	7-1	622	2
3.	South Dakota State	6-1	600	3
4.	Kennesaw State	6-1	561	4
5.	Weber State	5-2	552	5
6.	Villanova	6-1	516	7
7.	Illinois State	5-2	484	10
8.	Sacramento State	5-2	422	17
9.	Montana State	5-2	420	12
10.	Central Arkansas	5-2	400	13
11.	Montana	5-2	388	6
12.	Northern Iowa	4-3	377	15
13.	Princeton	5-0	323	16
14.	Furman	4-3	268	8
15.	Nicholls	4-3	232	9
16.	Dartmouth	5-0	225	21
17.	Towson	4-3	212	20
18.	North Carolina A&T	4-2	207	11
19.	Delaware	4-3	115	24
20.	Incarnate Word	5-2	113	25
21.	Jacksonville State	5-3	101	14
22.	UC Davis	4-4	96	22
23.	Florida A&M	6-1	86	NR
24.	Central Connecticut State	6-1	83	NR
25.	Sam Houston State	5-3	75	NR

Notes: First-place votes in brackets; opponents listed in **bold**

Top Teams Receiving Votes: UT Martin 71; Southeast Missouri State 65; Wofford 43; Austin Peay 27; Portland State 21; Campbell 19; Monmouth (N.J.) 18; **Youngstown State, 18**; New Hampshire 16; Alcorn State 9; North Dakota 7; Albany 3; Chattanooga 2; San Diego 2.

MISSOURI VALLEY FOOTBALL CONFERENCE

2019 MVFC STANDINGS

SCHOOL	CONFERENCE	PF	PA	OVERALL	PF	PA
North Dakota State	3-0	105	17	7-0	274	72
South Dakota State	3-0	108	61	6-1	248	109
Illinois State	2-1	52	58	5-2	165	126
Northern Iowa	2-1	77	87	4-3	167	165
South Dakota	2-1	110	52	3-4	207	212
Southern Illinois	1-2	52	59	3-4	179	178
Indiana State	1-2	43	90	3-4	130	169
Missouri State	1-2	47	98	1-5	100	228
Youngstown State	0-3	52	94	4-3	230	168
Western Illinois	0-3	55	85	0-7	123	210

SCHEDULE AND RESULTS

SATURDAY, OCT. 19

*South Dakota State 42, Indiana State 23
 *Illinois State 28, Western Illinois 14
 *Southern Illinois 35, Youngstown State 10
 *North Dakota State 22, Missouri State 0
 *Northern Iowa 42, South Dakota 27

SATURDAY, OCT. 26

*Western Illinois at Youngstown State, 1 p.m.
 *Northern Iowa at Missouri State, 2 p.m.
 *Indiana State at Illinois State, 2 p.m.
 *North Dakota State at South Dakota State, 2 p.m.
 *Southern Illinois at South Dakota, 4 p.m.

Note: All times Central

2019 PRESEASON POLL

1.	North Dakota State [32]	392
2.	South Dakota State [4]	348
3.	Illinois State [3]	289
4.	Indiana State [1]	279
5.	Northern Iowa	266
6.	South Dakota	176
7.	Youngstown State	153
8.	Western Illinois	128
9.	Southern Illinois	89
10.	Missouri State	80

Note: Number of first-place votes indicated in brackets



VERSUS RANKED OPPONENTS

Since moving to the Football Championship Subdivision at the start of the 2004 season, the Jackrabbits have compiled a 36-43 record against ranked opponents. Following is a year-by-year look at games against ranked opponents:

2004 0-3 record

- at #13 Cal Poly (L, 7-14)
- at #24 Montana State (L, 24-27)
- at #1 Georgia Southern (L, 7-63)

2005 0-5 record

- at #3 Montana (L, 0-7)
- #12 Cal Poly (L, 16-24)
- at #16 Texas State (L, 12-42)
- #19 Georgia Southern (L, 42-55)
- at #20 North Dakota State (L, 17-41)

2006 3-3 record

- at #6 Montana (L, 7-36)
- at #12 Northern Iowa (L, 17-27)
- at #16 McNeese State (W, 20-17)
- at #4 Cal Poly (W, 29-28)
- #16 UC Davis (W, 22-21)
- at #4 North Dakota State (L, 28-41)

2007 2-2 record

- at #6 Youngstown State (L, 17-23)
- #5 Northern Iowa (L, 17-31)
- #19 Cal Poly (W, 48-35)
- #1 North Dakota State (W, 29-24)

2008 3-4 record

- #14 Youngstown State (W, 40-7)
- #15 Western Illinois (W, 24-22)
- #8 Northern Iowa (L, 20-34)
- #4 McNeese State (L, 44-46 - 3OT)
- #3 Cal Poly (L, 28-42)
- #9 Southern Illinois (L, 35-38)
- at #24 North Dakota State (W, 25-24)

2009 1-3 record

- at #17 Cal Poly (L, 14-21)
- vs. #6 Northern Iowa (W, 24-14)
- vs. #3 Southern Illinois (L, 15-34)
- ^at #1 Montana (L, 48-61)

2010 2-3 record

- at #16 Delaware (L, 3-26)
- at #15 Northern Iowa (L, 14-24)
- vs. #20 Western Illinois (W, 33-29)
- at #15 Southern Illinois (W, 31-10)
- at #20 North Dakota State (L, 24-31)

2011 0-3 record

- vs. #23 Indiana State (L, 28-38)
- vs. #2 Northern Iowa (L, 14-31)
- vs. #3/5 North Dakota State (L, 14-38)

2012 3-2 record

- at #22/25 Indiana State (W, 24-10)
- vs. #21/22 Youngstown State (W, 41-28)
- at #1/1 North Dakota State (L, 17-20)
- ^vs. #25 Eastern Illinois (W, 58-10)
- ^at #1/1 North Dakota State (L, 3-28)

2013 3-2 record

- vs. #1/1 North Dakota State (L, 0-20)
- vs. #17/18 Northern Iowa (W, 37-34 - 2 OT)
- at #15/18 Youngstown State (W, 42-13)
- ^at #8/9 Northern Arizona (W, 26-7)
- ^at #3/3 Eastern Washington (L, 17-41)

2014 3-4 record

- at #22/22 Illinois State (L, 10-45)
- at #20/21 Northern Iowa (W, 31-28)
- vs. #16/17 Youngstown State (L, 27-30)
- at #1/1 North Dakota State (L, 17-37)
- at #17/19 Indiana State (W, 32-17)
- ^at #17/17 Montana State (W, 47-40)
- at #2/3 North Dakota State (L, 24-27)

2015 3-3 record

- vs. #2/3 North Dakota State (L, 7-28)
- vs. #19/21 Indiana State (W, 24-7)
- at #11/12 Youngstown State (W, 38-8)
- vs. #22/25 Northern Iowa (L, 7-10)
- vs. #2/2 Illinois State (W, 25-20)
- ^at #16/17 Montana (L, 17-24)

2016 4-1 record

- vs. #8/8 Western Illinois (W, 52-14)
- at #1/1 North Dakota State (W, 19-17)
- vs. #12/13 Youngstown State (W, 24-10)
- ^vs. #9/10 Villanova (W, 10-7)
- ^at #3/3 North Dakota State (L, 10-36)

2017 6-2 record

- at #5/6 Youngstown State (L, 7-19)
- at #12/14 Western Illinois (W, 52-48)
- vs. #2/2 North Dakota State (W, 33-21)
- vs. #17/20 Illinois State (W, 27-24 - OT)
- at #15/16 South Dakota (W, 31-28)
- ^vs. #20/21 Northern Iowa (W, 37-22)
- ^vs. #20/21 New Hampshire (W, 56-14)
- ^at #1/1 James Madison (L, 16-51)

2018 2-3 record

- at #1/1 North Dakota State (L, 17-21)
- at #25 Northern Iowa (L, 9-24)
- at #9/11 Illinois State (W, 38-28)
- ^at #2/2 Kennesaw State (W, 27-17)
- ^at #1/1 North Dakota State (L, 21-44)

2019 1-0 record

- at #17/19 Youngstown State (W, 38-28)

^denotes FCS playoff game

MINNESOTA 28, #3/4 SDSU 21

Aug. 29, 2019 • TCF Bank Stadium (Att.: 49,112)

MINNEAPOLIS – Minnesota turned two South Dakota State second-half turnovers into 15 points, including the go-ahead touchdown, as the Golden Gophers posted a 28-21 victory in the season opener for both teams at TCF Bank Stadium.

SDSU carried a 21-20 lead into the fourth quarter. The Jackrabbits responded by scoring touchdowns on consecutive drives in the third quarter after Minnesota's Chris Williamson returned an interception 43 yards for a score on the opening possession of the second half.

The Jackrabbits' first touchdown drive of the third stanza covered 92 yards on 10 plays and was capped by a 1-yard run by Mikey Daniel. SDSU redshirt freshman quarterback J'Bore Gibbs was 3-for-4 passing on the drive for 65 yards and ran for 14 more yards in pulling the Jackrabbits to within 20-14.

After forcing a three-and-out that included a sack by Ryan Earith, SDSU took its first – and only – lead of the night with a seven-play, 57-yard drive. Gibbs ran for four yards on fourth-and-1 from the Minnesota 17 before finding tight end Zach Heins open across the middle for a 13-yard touchdown pass.

The SDSU defense came up with two more stops and was looking to add to its lead midway through the fourth quarter after C.J. Wilson ran for 11 yards and Gibbs connected with Cade Johnson for 13 more yards on the first two plays of a drive that began at the Jackrabbit 10. However, Gibbs fumbled the ball on an exchange two plays later and Minnesota's Winston DeLattiboudere recovered at the Jackrabbit 34.

Minnesota used its ground attack to punch in the winning score as Rodney Smith picked up the first 29 yards on three carries and Mohamed Ibrahim plunged in from a yard out. The Golden Gophers executed a trick play on the two-point conversion for the final margin.

Pierre Strong, Jr. broke off a 47-yard return on the ensuing kickoff to put the ball near midfield. SDSU moved to the Minnesota 32 before Gibbs was sacked on fourth-and-10 to seal the Golden Gopher victory.

After the first period ended scoreless, Minnesota bridged an 18-play, 91-yard drive that chewed up more than 10 minutes between the end of the first period and start of the second. Wide receiver Seth Green took a direct snap and scored from a yard out.

The Jackrabbits answered later in the stanza on a 1-yard touchdown run by Gibbs, but Minnesota regained the lead with 49 seconds remaining in the half as Rashod Bateman corralled a one-handed catch near the left front corner of the end zone from Tanner Morgan that covered 42 yards for a touchdown. After a penalty on the initial point-after try, Minnesota's extra-point attempt sailed wide left.

An SDSU return for touchdown by Johnson on the ensuing kickoff was negated by a penalty. The Jackrabbits committed four penalties for 32 yards, while Minnesota was flagged three times for 40 yards.

Gibbs completed 13-of-26 passes for 193 yards in his collegiate debut. Johnson tallied six receptions for 90 yards, with Strong leading the ground game with 53 yards on 12 carries and adding two catches for 59 yards.

SDSU finished with a 367-308 edge in total offense, including a 190-20 advantage in the third quarter.

For Minnesota, Smith gained 92 yards on 21 carries, while Morgan completed 13-of-18 passes for 176 yards. Bateman finished the night with five catches for 132 yards, all of which came in the first half.



Quarterback J'Bore Gibbs accounted for 209 yards of total offense and two touchdowns in his collegiate debut Aug. 29 at Minnesota.

Christian Rozeboom led the Jackrabbits with 11 tackles, followed by eight each by Logan Backhaus and Seven Wilson. Jordan Howden tallied a game-high 12 stops for Minnesota.

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	FINAL
South Dakota State (0-1)	0	7	14	0	21
Minnesota (1-0)	0	13	7	8	28

SCORING SUMMARY

2nd	9:52	MINN	–	Seth Green 1 yd run (Michael Lantz kick)
	3:23	SDSU	–	J'Bore Gibbs 1 yd run (Chase Vinatieri kick)
	00:49	MINN	–	Rashod Bateman 42 yd pass from Tanner Morgan (kick failed)
3rd	13:42	MINN	–	Chris Williamson 43 yd interception return (Lantz kick)
	9:04	SDSU	–	Mikey Daniel 1 yd run (Vinatieri kick)
	3:26	SDSU	–	Zach Heins 13 yd pass from Gibbs (Vinatieri kick)
4th	5:39	MINN	–	Mohamed Ibrahim 1 yd run (Morgan pass from Tyler Johnson)

TEAM STATISTICS	SDSU	MINN
FIRST DOWNS	23	17
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	34-174	42-132
PASSING YDS (NET)	193	176
Passes Att-Comp-Int	26-13-1	18-13-1
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	60-367	30-308
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	0-0	1-8
Kickoff Returns-Yards	3-70	0-0
Interception Returns-Yards	1-0	1-43-1
Punts (Number-Avg)	4-40.2	5-34.0
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	0-0
Penalties-Yards	4-32	3-40
Possession Time	27:48	32:12
Third-Down Conversions	3 of 9	6 of 13
Fourth-Down Conversions	1 of 2	1 of 1
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	3-3	2-2
Sacks By: Number-Yards	2-14	1-7

RUSHING LEADERS: SDSU - Pierre Strong, Jr. 12-53; C.J. Wilson 7-47; Mikey Daniel 7-33. MINN - Rodney Smith 21-92; Mohamed Ibrahim 12-36; Tanner Morgan 5-8. **PASSING LEADERS:** SDSU - J'Bore Gibbs 13-26-1 193. MINN - Tanner Morgan 13-18-1 176. **RECEIVING LEADERS:** SDSU - Cade Johnson 6-90; Pierre Strong, Jr. 2-59; Jaxon Janke 2-20. MINN - Rashod Bateman 5-132; Tyler Johnson 3-28; Chris Autman-Bell 2-17. **INTERCEPTIONS:** SDSU - Josh Manchigiah 1-0. MINN - Chris Williamson 1-43. **SACKS:** SDSU - Ryan Earith 1.0-10; Reece Winkelman 1.0-4. MINN - Ezezi Otonewo 0.5-4; Tai'yon Devers 0.5-3. **TACKLE LEADERS (UA-A-TOT):** SDSU - Christian Rozeboom 3-8-11; Logan Backhaus 3-5-8; Seven Wilson 3-5-8; Josh Manchigiah 6-1-7. MINN - Jordan Howden 9-3-12; Kiondre Thomas 5-3-8; Thomas Barber 3-2-5; Sam Renner 2-3-5.

#3/3 SDSU 38, LONG ISLAND 3

Sept. 7, 2019 • Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium (Att.: 10,153)

Third-ranked South Dakota State held Long Island University to 123 yards of total offense en route to a methodical 38-3 victory in the Sixth Annual Dairy Drive at Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium.

The Jackrabbits, who were playing their home opener, improved to 1-1 overall. LIU, which was playing its first game as a member of the Football Championship Subdivision, dropped to 0-1.

With starting quarterback J'Bore Gibbs sidelined by injury, SDSU turned to Kanin Nelson under center. Taking over after a short punt, Nelson led the Jackrabbits to the end zone on their second drive of the game, capping a seven-play, 28-yard drive with a 2-yard touchdown run with 4 minutes, 32 seconds to play in the first quarter.

LIU took advantage of a short field of its own to get on the board with just under 10 minutes to play in the first half on a 27-yard field goal by Briant DeFelice.

The momentum swung in SDSU's favor after the next Shark possession as Jaxon Janke fielded a bouncing punt at his own 23, broke through the initial line of defense, spun out of a tackle and followed a convoy of blockers down the right side for a 77-yard return for a touchdown. Janke, who returned three other punts in the game, became the first Jackrabbit in the Division I era with more than 100 punt return yards in a game as he finished the night with 111 yards on his four attempts.

SDSU upped the lead to 21-3 just before halftime as Pierre Strong, Jr. scored from a yard out following the first of two Jackrabbit takeaways in the game. Freshman defensive end Quinton Hicks gave the Jackrabbits the ball at the LIU 31 with a strip sack and fumble recovery.

The Jackrabbits put the game away in the third quarter with a pair of touchdowns 19 seconds apart. First, Mikey Daniel scored from a yard out. After Christian Rozeboom intercepted a pass at the LIU 34 on the first play of the ensuing drive, Nelson connected with Blake Kunz on the first Jackrabbit play to increase the lead to 35-3.

Chase Vinatieri capped the scoring with a 22-yard field goal midway through the fourth quarter.

The Jackrabbit defense limited LIU to nearly identical yardage totals in each half — 62 yards in the first half and 61 in the second half. Rozeboom paced SDSU with eight tackles plus a forced fumble, with fellow linebacker Seven Wilson adding six stops.

SDSU finished with 324 yards of total offense as Nelson completed 6-of-8 passes for 108 yards in his first collegiate start. Strong led the ground game with 55 yards on 12 carries, while freshman Devin Blakley added 52 yards on five carries.

Cade Johnson was the leading receiver for the Jackrabbits with three catches for 69 yards.

For the Sharks, Tim Marinar picked up 29 yards on 13 carries and also was the team's leading receiver with three catches for 22 yards. Quarterback Clay Beathard ended the night 9-of-20 passing for 71 yards.



Jaxon Janke's 77-yard punt return for touchdown in the second quarter gave South Dakota State a 14-3 lead.

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Long Island (0-1)	0	3	0	0	3
South Dakota State (1-1)	7	14	14	3	38

SCORING SUMMARY

1st	4:32	SDSU	—	Kanin Nelson 2 yd run (Chase Vinatieri kick)
2nd	9:50	LIU	—	Briant DeFelice 27 yd field goal
	4:24	SDSU	—	Jaxon Janke 77 yd punt return
	00:29	SDSU	—	Pierre Strong, Jr. 1 yd run (Vinatieri kick)
3rd	7:09	SDSU	—	Mikey Daniel 1 yd run (Vinatieri kick)
	6:50	SDSU	—	Blake Kunz 34 yd pass from Kanin Nelson (Vinatieri kick)
4th	8:48	SDSU	—	Vinatieri 22 yd field goal

TEAM STATISTICS	LIU	SDSU
FIRST DOWNS	8	16
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	32-52	42-186
PASSING YDS (NET)	71	138
Passes Att-Comp-Int	20-9-1	10-8-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	52-123	52-324
Fumble Returns-Yards	1-4	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	0-0	4-111-1
Kickoff Returns-Yards	6-88	2-39
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	1-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	8-37.8	3-42.0
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	3-1
Penalties-Yards	6-45	4-40
Possession Time	30:38	29:22
Third-Down Conversions	5 of 14	3 of 8
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 0	0 of 1
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	1-1	4-5
Sacks By: Number-Yards	1-10	2-17

RUSHING LEADERS: LIU - Tim Marinar 13-29; Clay Beathard 11-9. SDSU - Pierre Strong, Jr. 12-55; Devin Blakley 5-52; Deyon Campbell 1-19. **PASSING LEADERS:** LIU - Clay Beathard 9-20-1 71. SDSU - Kanin Nelson 6-8-0 108; Keaton Heide 2-2-0 30. **RECEIVING LEADERS:** LIU - Tim Marinar 3-22; Jake Bofshever 2-17. SDSU - Cade Johnson 3-69; Pierre Strong, Jr. 2-20; Adam Anderson 2-15; Blake Kunz 1-34. **INTERCEPTIONS:** LIU - none. SDSU - Christian Rozeboom 1-0. **SACKS:** LIU - Liam McIntyre 1.0-10. SDSU - Quinton Hicks 1.0-7; Ryan Earith 0.5-5; Xavier Ward 0.5-5. **TACKLE LEADERS (UA-A-TOT):** LIU - Liam McIntyre 6-2-8; Jerome Brooks III 6-0-5; Grant Ibeh 5-0-5; Ricco Aaron, Jr. 4-1-5. SDSU - Christian Rozeboom 5-3-8; Seven Wilson 3-3-6; Diamond Evans 3-1-4.

#3/3 SDSU 38, DRAKE 10

Sept. 14, 2019 • Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium (Att.: 11,565)

South Dakota State's running game was on full display, racking up 369 yards in a 38-10 victory over Drake Sept. 14 at Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium.

The third-ranked Jackrabbits improved to 2-1 overall, while Drake dropped to 0-3 on the season.

SDSU scored on each of its first two offensive possessions, marching 70 yards on 14 plays on the opening drive of the game before settling for a 26-yard field goal by Chase Vinatieri.

The Jackrabbits needed only two plays to cover 80 yards and find the end zone on their next drive. Kanin Nelson, starting at quarterback in place of an injured J'Bore Gibbs for the second week in a row, hit tight end Zach Heins for 31 yards before Pierre Strong, Jr. broke through the line and rambled down the right sideline for a 49-yard touchdown run.

Drake cut the margin to 10-3, putting together a 10-play, 70-yard drive early in the second quarter that ended on a 22-yard field goal by Nathan De Bruin.

SDSU continued to put together big plays in the running game, pushing its advantage to 17-3 late in the second quarter. A career-best 52-yard run by C.J. Wilson moved the ball to the Drake 29 and Mikey Daniel scored from five yards out three plays later.

The Jackrabbits turned to STATS FCS Walter Payton Award candidate Cade Johnson to extend their lead to 31-3 in the third quarter. Johnson, who moved into the SDSU top 10 for career receiving yards in the game, ran for 76 yards on an end around on the second play of SDSU's first possession of the second half, putting the ball at the Drake 5. On the next play, Johnson caught a pass from Nelson in the right flat and got around a defender for his first touchdown of the season.

Later in the third quarter, Johnson hauled in a 36-yard touchdown pass from Nelson in traffic in the back of the end zone. The Papillion, Nebraska, native ended the day with five catches for 80 yards.

Johnson's two touchdowns came on either side of the Jackrabbits squandering an opportunity to add their lead by missing a short field goal after blocking a punt and recovering at the Drake 16. SDSU also lost a fumble near the goal line in the fourth quarter.

The SDSU defense surrendered its first touchdown in seven quarters early in the fourth quarter as Drake put together a six-play, 90-yard scoring drive. A 45-yard pass from Ian Corwin to Drew Lauer put the Bulldogs deep in SDSU territory before Corwin connected with Shane Feller for a 10-yard touchdown.

Backup running back Blair Mulholland capped the scoring for the Jackrabbits with a 17-yard touchdown scamper around left end late in the fourth quarter.

Strong paced the SDSU ground game with 129 yards on 11 carries, while Wilson added 117 yards on 10 attempts. Nelson completed 12-of-18 passes for 159 yards.

The Jackrabbits held a 534-289 advantage in total offense. Most of Drake's yardage came through the air as Corwin completed 19-of-34 passes for 232 yards. Devin Cates led all players with 10 receptions for 95 yards.

Seven Wilson led the SDSU defense with seven tackles, while Logan Backhaus contributed six tackles, one of two Jackrabbit interceptions and a pass breakup. Freshman safety Chase Norblade tallied the other interception — the first of his career.



Cade Johnson totaled 156 yards from scrimmage and scored a pair of touchdowns to help lead the Jackrabbits to a 38-10 home win over Drake.

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Drake (0-3)	0	3	0	7	10
South Dakota State (2-1)	10	7	14	7	38

SCORING SUMMARY

1st	7:45	SDSU	–	Chase Vinatieri 26 yd field goal
	4:10	SDSU	–	Pierre Strong, Jr. 49 yd run (Vinatieri kick)
2nd	10:59	DU	–	Nathan De Bruin 22 yd field goal
	3:06	SDSU	–	Mikey Daniel 5 yd run (Vinatieri kick)
3rd	11:07	SDSU	–	Cade Johnson 5 yd pass from Nelson (Vinatieri kick)
	3:40	SDSU	–	Johnson 36 yd pass from Nelson (Vinatieri kick)
4th	10:38	DU	–	Shane Feller 10 yd pass from Ian Corwin (De Bruin kick)
	2:14	SDSU	–	Blair Mulholland 17 yd run (Vinatieri kick)

TEAM STATISTICS	DU	SDSU
FIRST DOWNS	14	22
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	28-57	41-369
PASSING YDS (NET)	232	165
Passes Att-Comp-Int	35-20-2	19-13-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	63-289	60-534
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	1-2	4-30
Kickoff Returns-Yards	2-22	3-47
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	2-15
Punts (Number-Avg)	9-39.9	3-46.0
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	2-2
Penalties-Yards	7-47	3-25
Possession Time	27:37	32:23
Third-Down Conversions	5 of 17	6 of 12
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 0	0 of 0
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	2-3	4-6
Sacks By: Number-Yards	3-20	2-12

RUSHING LEADERS: DU - Drew Lauer 15-47; Caden Meis 4-8. SDSU - Pierre Strong, Jr. 11-129; C.J. Wilson 10-117; Cade Johnson 1-76; Mikey Daniel 9-39; Blair Mulholland 2-20. **PASSING LEADERS:** DU - Ian Corwin 19-34-2 232; Ben Nienhuis 1-1-0 0. SDSU - Kanin Nelson 12-18-0 159; Pierre Strong, Jr. 1-1-0 6. **RECEIVING LEADERS:** DU - Devin Cates 10-95; Shane Feller 3-39; Drew Lauer 1-45; Steven Doran 1-32. SDSU - Cade Johnson 5-80; Adam Anderson 3-28; C.J. Wilson 2-15. **INTERCEPTIONS:** DU - none. SDSU - Chase Norblade 1-15; Logan Backhaus 1-0. **SACKS:** DU - Gavin Dineen 1.0-9; Jacob Mury 1.0-5; Patrick Carr 0.5-3; Andrew Shafis 0.5-3. SDSU - Spencer Hildahl 1.0-8; Ryan Earith 0.5-2; Xavier Ward 0.5-2. **TACKLE LEADERS (UA-A-TOT):** DU - Alex Rogers 5-3-8; Patrick Carr 4-2-6. SDSU - Seven Wilson 3-4-7; Logan Backhaus 4-2-6; Diamond Evans 3-1-4; Jarek Berg 3-1-4.

#3/3 SDSU 43, SOUTHERN UTAH 7

Sept. 21, 2019 • Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium (Att.: 14,269)

South Dakota State turned the 53rd Annual Beef Bowl into a block party, scoring in all three phases of the game en route to a 43-7 victory over Southern Utah before a crowd of 14,269 at Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium.

The third-ranked Jackrabbits blocked three kicks in the contest — two field goals and a punt — in closing out the nonconference portion of their schedule by improving to 3-1 on the season. Southern Utah dropped to 1-3.

STATS FCS Walter Payton Award candidate Cade Johnson put the Jackrabbits on the board with a 30-yard touchdown reception from J'Bore Gibbs, the latter of whom returned to the starting lineup after missing the last two games due to injury. The touchdown came on a fourth-and-3 play to cap a drive that began with a 23-yard completion from Gibbs to Johnson.

Southern Utah threatened to score on consecutive possessions between the end of the first and start of the second quarters. Each time, the Jackrabbits turned away the Thunderbirds with blocked field goals. Xavier Ward was credited with the first block on a 34-yard attempt, while Logan Backhaus got a hand on the second try from 25 yards out.

In between, SDSU built its lead to 14-0 with a seven-play, 80-yard drive. Gibbs, who was making his first appearance at Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium, connected with fellow redshirt freshman Jaxon Janke on a pair of pass plays for 28 and 24 yards before Mikey Daniel rambled in from a yard out for his fourth rushing touchdown of the season.

The Jackrabbits kept it on the ground to increase their lead to 21-0 with three minutes to go in the first half. All 69 yards of the five-play drive came on the ground as Pierre Strong, Jr. carried four times for 61 yards before C.J. Wilson quickly turned the left corner after evading a defender in the backfield and scampered into the end zone for an 8-yard touchdown.

SUU put together what would its only scoring drive of the game, a 10-play, 75-yard march to close out the opening half. Quarterback Chris Helbig plunged in from two yards out to finish off a drive that was aided by a pair of SDSU penalties.

The Jackrabbit special teams unit came up with another big play on the first drive of the second half. After the SDSU defense forced a three-and-out, Jadon Janke broke through the line and blocked a Thunderbird punt that rolled out of the back of the end zone for a safety and a 23-7 Jackrabbit lead.

The SDSU lead grew to 29-7 on the next T-Bird offensive possession as STATS FCS Buck Buchanan Award nominee Christian Rozeboom picked off a pass and raced to the end zone for a 27-yard touchdown.

Strong finished off the scoring with a pair of touchdowns later in the second half. First, the sophomore running back from Little Rock, Arkansas, caught a swing pass in the right flat and cut to the middle of the field, outracing three defenders for a 45-yard score in the third quarter. In the fourth quarter, Strong closed out a seven-play, 68-yard drive with a 9-yard touchdown run.

The Jackrabbits ended the night nearly equal in rushing and passing, gaining 241 yards on the ground and 215 through the air for a 456-356 advantage in total offense. Strong led the way with 85 yards on 11 carries, with Wilson adding 76 yards on nine attempts.

Gibbs completed 15-of-24 passes, but was intercepted twice. Johnson caught five passes for 68 yards, with Adam Anderson tallying four catches for 24 yards.

For SUU, Helbig was 26-of-38 passing for 211 yards, with Lance Lawson leading the receiving corps with nine catches for 75 yards. Eleven different players caught a pass for the Thunderbirds in the contest as Tyler Skidmore went 4-for-6 passing for 34 yards in relief.



The SDSU defense limited Southern Utah to one touchdown as the Jackrabbits turned in a 43-7 Beef Bowl victory Sept. 21 at Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium.

Defensively, Backhaus registered a career-high 11 tackles en route to being named the Outstanding Player of the Beef Bowl. Seven Wilson added 10 stops.

Nela Otukolo paced Southern Utah with seven tackles.

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Southern Utah (1-3)	0	7	0	0	7
South Dakota State (2-1)	7	14	15	7	43

SCORING SUMMARY

1st	6:24	SDSU	— Cade Johnson 30 yd pass from J'Bore Gibbs (Chase Vinatieri kick)
2nd	13:16	SDSU	— Mikey Daniel 1 yd run (Vinatieri kick)
	3:00	SDSU	— C.J. Wilson 8 yd run (Vinatieri kick)
	00:29	SUU	— Chris Helbig 2 yd run (Kekoa Sasaoka kick)
3rd	13:42	SDSU	— Team safety
	11:16	SDSU	— Christian Rozeboom 27 yd interception return (kick failed)
	1:17	SDSU	— Pierre Strong, Jr. 45 yd pass from Gibbs (Vinatieri kick)
4th	9:15	SDSU	— Strong 9 yd run (Vinatieri kick)

TEAM STATISTICS	SUU	SDSU
FIRST DOWNS	22	21
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	38-111	35-241
PASSING YDS (NET)	245	215
Passes Att-Comp-Int	45-30-1	24-15-2
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	83-356	59-456
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	1-1	2-26
Kickoff Returns-Yards	5-105	3-60
Interception Returns-Yards	2-5	1-27-1
Punts (Number-Avg)	4-34.0	3-51.7
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	4-29	8-60
Possession Time	31:16	28:44
Third-Down Conversions	4 of 17	3 of 8
Fourth-Down Conversions	2 of 5	1 of 1
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	1-4	3-4
Sacks By: Number-Yards	0-0	1-5

RUSHING LEADERS: SUU - James Felila 14-45; Chris Helbig 14-41; Thomas Duckett 7-23. SDSU - Pierre Strong, Jr. 11-85; C.J. Wilson 9-76; Blair Mulholland 7-48; Mikey Daniel 4-35. **PASSING LEADERS:** SUU - Chris Helbig 26-38-1 211; Tyler Skidmore 4-6-0 34. SDSU - J'Bore Gibbs 15-24-2 215. **RECEIVING LEADERS:** SUU - Lance Lawson 9-75; Isaiah Diego-Williams 4-23; Judd Cockett 3-24; John Mitchell 3-21. SDSU - Cade Johnson 5-68; Adam Anderson 4-24; Jaxon Janke 2-52; Pierre Strong, Jr. 2-47. **INTERCEPTIONS:** SUU - Carlton Johnson 1-5; Nate Vaughn 1-0. SDSU - Christian Rozeboom 1-27. **SACKS:** SUU - none. SDSU - Caleb Sanders 1.0-5. **TACKLE LEADERS (UA-A-TOT):** SUU - Nela Otukolo 7-0-7; Antwaun Rainey 6-0-6; Nate Vaughn 5-1-6. SDSU - Logan Backhaus 6-5-11; Seven Wilson 8-2-10; Levi Brown 5-3-8; Christian Rozeboom 5-3-8; Don Gardner 3-4-7.

#3/3 SDSU 28, SOUTHERN ILLINOIS 10

Oct. 5, 2019 • Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium (Att.: 13,776)

South Dakota State scored three second-half touchdowns and the Jackrabbit defense pitched a shutout over the final 30 minutes en route to a 28-10 Hobo Day victory over Southern Illinois Oct. 5 at Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium.

The third-ranked Jackrabbits improved to 4-1 overall, while SIU dropped to 2-3 on the season. The game marked the Missouri Valley Football Conference opener for both squads.

The Salukis capitalized on the lone SDSU turnover of the game to put the first points on the board — and the first first-quarter points allowed by the Jackrabbits this season. After recovering a fumble at the Jackrabbit 20-yard line, Griffin Cerra booted a 31-yard field goal with five minutes remaining in the opening stanza for a 3-0 lead.

SDSU responded quickly as STATS FCS Walter Payton Award candidate Cade Johnson slipped through a would-be tackle after catching a pass from J'Bore Gibbs and rolled 58 yards for a touchdown and a 6-3 Jackrabbit lead. The extra point was blocked.

It was Johnson's fourth touchdown of the season — all of which have come in the last three games.

The game turned into a defensive tussle until the closing minutes of the first half. SDSU put together a nine-play, 77-yard drive that chewed up nearly nine minutes before Chase Vinatieri capped the march with a 39-yard field goal.

SIU put together its best drive of the day with two minutes to go in the first half as it went 77 yards on nine plays, taking a 10-9 lead with 12 seconds to play on a 19-yard touchdown pass from Karé Lyles to Nigel Kilby.

The Jackrabbits continued their third-quarter dominance this season, holding SIU without a first down in the quarter. Meanwhile, SDSU took the lead at 15-10 with its second big play of the game as sophomore running back Pierre Strong, Jr. cut back near the line of scrimmage and ran through and past the Saluki defense for a 64-yard touchdown run.

Strong would finish the day with 229 rushing yards while tying a career high with 20 carries. As a team, the Jackrabbits ran for 297 yards and ended the day with a 393-215 advantage in total offense.

The redshirt freshman duo of Gibbs and Jaxon Janke accounted for two Jackrabbit touchdowns in the fourth quarter on pass plays covering 12 and 4 yards. Janke's second touchdown came after Michael Griffin II intercepted a pass and returned it to the SIU 30.

Gibbs completed 10-of-15 attempts for 96 yards and a career-high three touchdowns. Janke caught three passes for 20 yards, with Johnson tallying a pair of receptions for 66 yards.

For SIU, Lyles ended the afternoon 13-of-27 for 108 yards, and was sacked five times. The Jackrabbit defense also limited the Salukis to 1-of-14 on third-down attempts and 1-for-3 on fourth-down conversions.

Logan Backhaus, who recorded the first of the sacks, registered a game-high 11 tackles. Levi Brown added seven stops, including a pair of tackles for loss, and Christian Rozeboom added six tackles.

Avante Cox caught five passes for 54 yards, including a 31-yard reception that set up the Salukis' touchdown. Romeir Elliott was the top ground-gainer for SIU with 71 yards on 11 carries.



Pierre Strong, Jr. rushed for 229 yards and scored on a 64-yard touchdown run in the third quarter to spark the SDSU offense in a 28-10 Hobo Day win over Southern Illinois.

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Southern Illinois (2-3, 0-1)	3	7	0	0	10
South Dakota State (4-1, 1-0)	6	3	6	13	28

SCORING SUMMARY

1st	5:02	SIU — Griffin Cerra 31 yd field goal
	3:35	SDSU — Cade Johnson 58 yd pass from J'Bore Gibbs (kick blocked)
2nd	2:39	SDSU — Chase Vinatieri 39 yd field goal
	00:12	SIU — Nigel Kilby 19 yd pass from Karé Lyles (Cerra kick)
3rd	8:02	SDSU — Pierre Strong, Jr. 64 yd run (pass failed)
4th	14:34	SDSU — Jaxon Janke 12 yd pass from Gibbs (kick blocked)
	7:02	SDSU — Janke 4 yd pass from Gibbs (Vinatieri kick)

TEAM STATISTICS	SIU	SDSU
FIRST DOWNS	13	15
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	35-107	42-297
PASSING YDS (NET)	108	96
Passes Att-Comp-Int	28-14-1	15-10-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	63-215	57-393
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	0-0	3-8
Kickoff Returns-Yards	3-41	2-34
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	1-23
Punts (Number-Avg)	8-43.2	5-35.2
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	2-1
Penalties-Yards	3-40	4-25
Possession Time	28:08	31:52
Third-Down Conversions	1 of 14	4 of 13
Fourth-Down Conversions	1 of 3	1 of 2
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	2-2	3-4
Sacks By: Number-Yards	4-15	5-28

RUSHING LEADERS: SIU - Romeir Elliott 11-71; Jaxon Williams Jr. 13-41. SDSU - Pierre Strong, Jr. 20-229; C.J. Wilson 6-55; Mikey Daniel 8-23. **PASSING LEADERS:** SIU - Karé Lyles 13-27-1 108; Jaxon Williams Jr. 1-1-0 0. SDSU - J'Bore Gibbs 10-15-0 96. **RECEIVING LEADERS:** SIU - Avante Cox 5-54; Nigel Kilby 2-23; Landon Lenior 2-19; Romeir Elliott 2-6; Sam Bonansinga 2-2. SDSU - Jaxon Janke 3-20; Cade Johnson 2-66; Adam Anderson 2-7. **INTERCEPTIONS:** SIU - none. SDSU - Michael Griffin II 1-23. **SACKS:** SIU - Cody Crider 1.0-8; Jordan Berner 1.0-1; Make Calhoun 0.5-2; Anthony Knighton 0.5-2; Elijah Watson 0.5-1; Kyonta Stallworth 0.5-1. SDSU - Caleb Sanders 1.0-7; Reece Winkelman 1.0-6; Don Gardner 1.0-4; Logan Backhaus 1.0-3; Tolu Ogunrinde 0.5-4; Thomas Stacker 0.5-4. **TACKLE LEADERS (UA-A-TOT):** SIU - Joe Patterson 6-2-8; Qua Brown 5-2-7; Malik Haynes 4-2-6. SDSU - Logan Backhaus 5-6-11; Levi Brown 5-2-7; Christian Rozeboom 1-5-6.

#3/3 SDSU 38, #17/19 YOUNGSTOWN STATE 28

Oct. 12, 2019 • Stambaugh Stadium (Att.: 12,381)

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio – Third-ranked South Dakota State scored 35 points in the second half, overcoming a sluggish start to defeat Youngstown State, 38-28, Oct. 12 at Stambaugh Stadium.

The Jackrabbits improved to 5-1 overall and 2-0 in the Missouri Valley Football Conference. YSU, ranked 17th by the Football Championship Subdivision coaches and 19th in the STATS FCS media poll, lost its second game in a row to fall to 4-2 overall and 0-2 in league play.

After SDSU scored on a 36-yard field goal by Chase Vinatieri on the opening drive of the game, the Penguins held the upper hand for the remainder of the first half. Quarterback Nathan Mays scored on runs of 28 and 1 yards, while the YSU defense recorded three sacks and knocked down a handful of passes.

Compounding the Jacks' first-half woes were eight penalties for 90 yards.

SDSU began to right the ship early in the third quarter with a big play from its defense. Logan Backhaus deflected a Mays pass into the waiting arms of Don Gardner, who returned the interception 42 yards for a touchdown that brought the Jackrabbits to within 14-9. The two-point attempt failed.

The Penguins pushed their lead back to two scores at 21-9 as Mays dumped a short pass to running back Joe Alessi in the left flat, who then rambled 45 yards for a touchdown.

The Jackrabbits then found their rhythm offensively, putting together a 13-play, 75-yard scoring drive. Redshirt freshman quarterback J'Bore Gibbs connected with Adam Anderson on pass plays of 13 and 16 yards early in the drive, with Anderson later drawing a pass interference penalty in the end zone. On the next play, Gibbs scored from two yards out.

SDSU took the lead for good on its first possession of the fourth quarter. Taking over at its own 9 after a punt, Pierre Strong, Jr. ran for 10 yards before Gibbs hooked up with Cade Johnson deep downfield for an 81-yard touchdown pass. Johnson then passed to Blake Kunz for the two-point conversion and a 24-21 Jackrabbit lead.

Following a DyShawn Gales interception at the YSU 44, the Jackrabbits quickly cashed in as SDSU gained all 44 yards on the ground – 40 of which were by C.J. Wilson, including a 13-yard touchdown run.

YSU drew back to win a field goal at 31-28 with 2 minutes and 54 seconds remaining as backup quarterback Joe Craycraft found Miles Joiner behind the Jackrabbit defense for a 17-yard touchdown pass on third and goal.

With all three timeouts remaining, YSU opted to kick deep. The Jacks took over at their own 25, converting a key third-and-7 as Jaxon Janke muscled his way to the Penguin 36 after catching a short pass from Gibbs. Facing another third-and-long, Gibbs sealed the SDSU victory with a 63-yard touchdown run around right end, picking up a key block from fullback Luke Sellers on his way to his second rushing score of the night.

Gibbs completed 14-of-26 passes for 210 yards and also finished as the Jackrabbits' leading rusher with 75 yards on 12 attempts. Janke caught four passes for 32 yards, with Johnson adding three catches for 93 yards.

For YSU, Mays completed 14-of-24 passes for 176 yards and carried 13 times for 58 yards. Alessi was the Penguins' leading ground-gainer with 72 yards on 17 carries.

Overall, the Jackrabbits held a narrow 423-412 advantage in total offense.

Christian Rozeboom, who recovered a fumble in the second quarter, paced the Jackrabbit defense with a game-high 13 tackles, followed by eight stops from fellow linebacker Logan Backhaus.

Cash Mitchell led Youngstown State defensively with 10 tackles.



Don Gardner's 42-yard interception return for touchdown sparked a second-half comeback at Youngstown State. The Jacks scored 35 points in the final 30 minutes for a 38-28 victory.

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	FINAL
South Dakota State (5-1, 2-0)	3	0	13	22	38
Youngstown State (4-2, 0-2)	7	7	7	7	28

SCORING SUMMARY

1st	7:47	SDSU – Chase Vinatieri 36 yd field goal
	1:13	YSU – Nathan Mays 28 yd run (Colten McFadden kick)
2nd	10:49	YSU – Mays 1 yd run (McFadden kick)
3rd	10:53	SDSU – Don Gardner 42 yd interception return (pass failed)
	7:17	YSU – Joe Alessi 45 yd pass from Mays (McFadden kick)
	00:40	SDSU – J'Bore Gibbs 2 yd run (Vinatieri kick)
4th	11:04	SDSU – Cade Johnson 81 yd pass from Gibbs (Johnson pass to Blake Kunz)
	6:13	SDSU – C.J. Wilson 13 yd run (Vinatieri kick)
	2:54	YSU – Miles Joiner 17 yd pass from Joe Craycraft (McFadden kick)
	00:55	SDSU – Gibbs 63 yd run (Vinatieri kick)

TEAM STATISTICS	SDSU	YSU
FIRST DOWNS	19	24
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	40-213	37-145
PASSING YDS (NET)	210	267
Passes Att-Comp-Int	26-14-0	35-20-2
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	66-423	72-412
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	2-34	0-0
Kickoff Returns-Yards	3-64	2-38
Interception Returns-Yards	2-42-1	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	3-36.7	3-35.0
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-1
Penalties-Yards	9-105	3-32
Possession Time	30:08	29:52
Third-Down Conversions	7 of 14	5 of 11
Fourth-Down Conversions	1 of 3	1 of 2
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	3-3	2-4
Sacks By: Number-Yards	3-21	4-25

RUSHING LEADERS: SDSU - J'Bore Gibbs 12-75; Pierre Strong, Jr. 8-61; C.J. Wilson 13-48; Mikey Daniel 6-26. YSU - Joe Alessi 17-72; Nathan Mays 13-58; Christian Turner 5-8. **PASSING LEADERS:** SDSU - J'Bore Gibbs 14-26-0 210. YSU - Nathan Mays 14-24-2 176; Joe Craycraft 6-10-0 91.

RECEIVING LEADERS: SDSU - Jaxon Janke 4-32; Cade Johnson 3-93; Adam Anderson 3-44; Pierre Strong, Jr. 3-33. YSU - Miles Joiner 5-81; Jeremiah Braswell 4-53; Samuel St. Surin 4-49; Joe Alessi 3-55. **INTERCEPTIONS:** SDSU - Don Gardner 1-42; DyShawn Gales 1-0. YSU - none.

SACKS: SDSU - Quinton Hicks 1.0-9; Reece Winkelman 1.0-7; Ryan Earith 1.0-5. YSU - Justus Reed 2.0-11; DeMarko Craig 1.0-8; Ma'lik Richmond 1.0-6. **TACKLE LEADERS (UA-A-TOT):** SDSU - Christian Rozeboom 4-9-13; Logan Backhaus 8-0-8; Seven Wilson 3-3-6; Michael Griffin II 3-3-6. YSU - Cash Mitchell 7-3-10; Ray Anderson 5-3-8; Zaire Jones 3-4-7.

#3/3 SDSU 42, INDIANA STATE 23

Oct. 19, 2019 • Memorial Stadium (Att.: 4,642)

TERRE HAUTE, Ind. – Third-ranked South Dakota State forced four first-half turnovers and erupted for 28 points in the second quarter en route to cruising to a 42-23 victory over Indiana State Oct. 19 at Memorial Stadium.

The Jackrabbits, who upped their winning streak to six games, improved to 6-1 overall and 3-0 in the Missouri Valley Football Conference. Indiana State dropped to 3-4 overall and 1-2 in league play.

SDSU took the opening kickoff and marched 70 yards on eight plays to open the scoring. Redshirt freshman quarterback J'Bore Gibbs, who accounted for four first-half touchdowns, tossed a 3-yard touchdown pass to tight end Kallan Hart to complete the drive.

On Indiana State's first play from scrimmage, Jackrabbit defensive end Reece Winkelman came up with a strip sack, also coming up with the recovery at the Sycamores' 10-yard line. However, SDSU came up empty, missing a short field goal.

The Sycamores tied the game at 7-all later in the first quarter, taking advantage of the lone Jackrabbit turnover of the game – an interception by Keawvis Cummings. Indiana State needed only one play to score as Kurtis Wilderman connected with Matae Thomas from 28 yards out.

The Jackrabbits owned the second quarter, scoring a pair of touchdowns 15 seconds apart. The first touchdown was a 23-yard pass from Gibbs to Jaxon Janke, finishing off a six-play, 80-yard drive that included a 21-yard connection from Gibbs to Janke on the previous play.

After forcing and recovering the third Indiana State fumble of the half – forced by Logan Backhaus and recovered by Michael Griffin II – SDSU cashed in on the next offensive play as Gibbs found Cade Johnson for a 25-yard score.

SDSU built its lead to 28-7 later in the quarter on a 7-yard touchdown run by Pierre Strong, Jr.

Indiana State ended the Jackrabbit scoring run with a 37-yard field goal by Jerry Nunez, but SDSU took advantage of another short field after a shanked punt in the final minute to go up 35-10 at halftime. The three-play, 45-yard drive began – after a penalty – with passes of 30 and 19 yards from Gibbs to Johnson and Adam Anderson, respectively, before Gibbs carried in from a yard out.

Johnson finished the game with season highs of seven catches and 134 receiving yards, while Strong carried 17 times for 144 yards. Strong scored the lone Jackrabbit touchdown of the second half on a 19-yard run on the first play of the fourth quarter.

The Sycamores pulled to within 35-17 midway through the third quarter on a fake field goal as Nunez lofted a pass over the middle that was hauled in by Zach Larkin for a 14-yard touchdown. Dante Jones II added the final tally for either team with a 3-yard touchdown catch from Wilderman in the fourth quarter.

The SDSU defense recorded a season-high eight sacks in the contest, with Tolu Ogunrinde leading the way with two sacks. Nine different Jackrabbits were credited with at least a half-sack, including Don Gardner, who led the team with seven total tackles.

The Jackrabbits ended the afternoon with a 452-338 advantage in total offense. Gibbs completed 18-of-28 passes for a season-high 274 yards.

Wilderman was 19-of-31 passing for 196 yards, while Peterson Kerlegrand gained 107 yards on the ground on 19 carries.

Michael Thomas led all players with 10 tackles for Indiana State.



Michael Griffin II came up with two of South Dakota State's four takeaways — a fumble recovery and interception — in the Jackrabbits' 42-23 win at Indiana State on Oct. 19.

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	FINAL
South Dakota State (6-1, 3-0)	7	28	0	7	42
Indiana State (3-4, 1-2)	7	3	7	6	23

SCORING SUMMARY

1st	12:01	SDSU	– Kallan Hart 3 yd pass from J'Bore Gibbs (Chase Vinatieri kick)
	5:24	INS	– Matae Thomas 28 yd pass from Kurtis Wilderman (Jerry Nunez kick)
2nd	10:13	SDSU	– Jaxon Janke 23 yd pass from Gibbs (Vinatieri kick)
	9:58	SDSU	– Cade Johnson 25 yd pass from Gibbs (Vinatieri kick)
	5:53	SDSU	– Pierre Strong, Jr. 7 yd run (Vinatieri kick)
	3:02	INS	– Nunez 37 yd field goal
	00:22	SDSU	– Gibbs 1 yd run (Vinatieri kick)
3rd	8:27	INS	– Zach Larkin 14 yd pass from Nunez (Nunez kick)
4th	14:54	SDSU	– Strong 19 yd run (Vinatieri kick)
	8:04	INS	– Dante Jones II 3 yd pass from Wilderman (pass failed)

TEAM STATISTICS

	SDSU	INS
FIRST DOWNS	23	22
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	35-178	43-128
PASSING YDS (NET)	274	210
Passes Att-Comp-Int	28-18-1	32-20-1
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	63-452	75-338
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	2-7	0-0
Kickoff Returns-Yards	2-30	4-60
Interception Returns-Yards	1-19	1-3
Punts (Number-Avg)	5-37.2	5-41.0
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	3-3
Penalties-Yards	6-40	5-28
Possession Time	29:03	30:57
Third-Down Conversions	5 of 12	8 of 17
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 0	2 of 2
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	4-5	3-4
Sacks By: Number-Yards	8-53	3-18

RUSHING LEADERS: SDSU - Pierre Strong, Jr. 17-144; C.J. Wilson 4-26; Mikey Daniel 6-14. INS - Peterson Kerlegrand 19-107; Matt Sora 5-31. **PASSING LEADERS:** SDSU - J'Bore Gibbs 18-28-1 274. INS - Kurtis Wilderman 19-31-1 196; Jerry Nunez 1-1-0 14. **RECEIVING LEADERS:** SDSU - Cade Johnson 7-134; Adam Anderson 5-77; Jaxon Janke 3-47; Kallan Hart 2-15. INS - Matae Thomas 3-52; Dakota Caton 3-47; Dominique Dafney 3-25; Dante Hendrix 3-23; Dante Jones II 3-15. **INTERCEPTIONS:** SDSU - Michael Griffin II 1-19. INS - Keawvis Cummings 1-3. **SACKS:** SDSU - Tolu Ogunrinde 2.0-14; Reece Winkelman 1.0-12; Xavier Ward 1.0-9; Levi Brown 1.0-8; Don Gardner 1.0-3; Caleb Sanders 0.5-3; Ryan Earith 0.5-3; Jassan Eubank 0.5-1; Thomas Stacker 0.5-0. INS - Michael Thomas 1.0-6; Khalid Copeland 1.0-6; Henrik Barndt 1.0-6. **TACKLE LEADERS (UA-A-TOT):** SDSU - Don Gardner 4-3-7; Levi Brown 3-3-6; Christian Rozeboom 3-3-6. INS - Michael Thomas 6-4-10; Jonas Griffith 2-6-8; Khalid Copeland 3-3-6.