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JACKRABBIT BASEBALL

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PROBABLE POSITION STARTERS

2019 Overall Record: 3-4

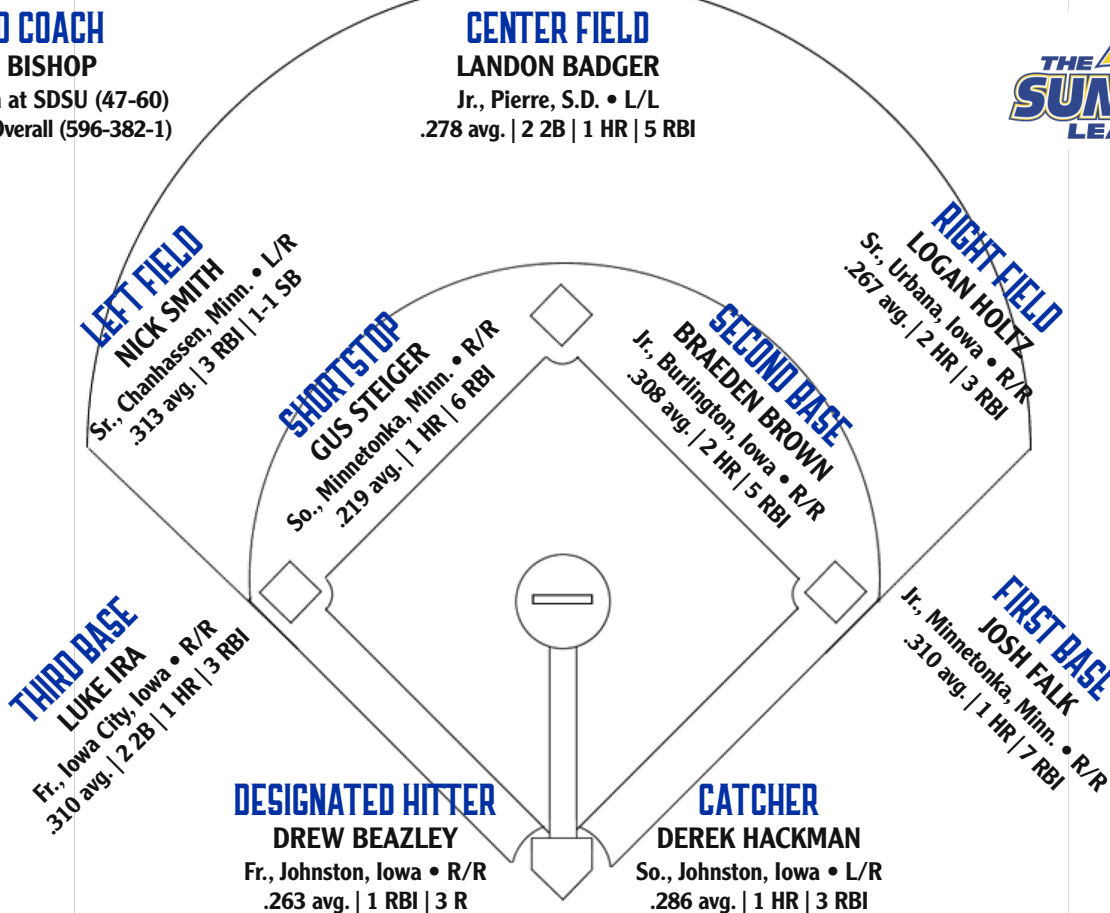
2018 Summit Record: 14-13 (4th)

HEAD COACH

ROB BISHOP

Third Season at SDSU (47-60)

20th Season Overall (596-382-1)



PROBABLE STARTING PITCHERS

GAME 1

AT CENTRAL ARKANSAS
FRIDAY, MARCH 1 • 3 P.M.



**BRADY
STOVER**

6-1 | 190 | Jr.
LHP
Huxley, Iowa
• 1-1 record
• 0.90 ERA
• 12 K's in 10 IP

GAME 2

VS. MISSOURI
SATURDAY, MARCH 2 • 3 P.M.



**RYAN
FROOM**

6-1 | 210 | Sr.
RHP
Crystal, Minn.
• 0-1 record
• 4.50 ERA
• 7 K's in 8 IP

GAME 3

AT CENTRAL ARKANSAS
SATURDAY, MARCH 2 • 6:30 P.M.



**TYLER
OLMSTEAD**

6-2 | 220 | Jr.
RHP
Sioux Falls, S.D.
• 0-1 record
• 3.00 ERA
• 14 K's in 9 IP

GAME 4

AT CENTRAL ARKANSAS
SUNDAY, MARCH 3 • 1 P.M.



**NIC
McCAY**

6-1 | 190 | Fr.
RHP
Carlisle, Iowa
• 1-1 record
• 2.79 ERA
• 11 K's in 9.2 IP

2019 SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY

15	vs. UT Martin [at Russellville, Ark.]	W, 15-3
16	vs. UT Martin [at Russellville, Ark.]	L, 4-5
17	vs. UT Martin [at Russellville, Ark.]	W, 7-1
22-24	at Snowbird Invitational; Port Charlotte, Fla.	
22	vs. Florida International	L, 1-4
23	vs. Florida International	W, 4-3
	vs. Northeastern	L, 9-12
24	vs. Northeastern	L, 7-13

MARCH

1	at Central Arkansas	3 p.m.
2	vs. Missouri [at Conway, Ark.]	3 p.m.
	at Central Arkansas	6:30 p.m.
3	at Central Arkansas	1 p.m.
6	at Alabama	6 p.m.
8	at UA Little Rock	3 p.m.
9	at UA Little Rock [DH]	1/4 p.m.
10	at UA Little Rock	1 p.m.
15	*at Western Illinois	3 p.m.
16	*at Western Illinois	1 p.m.
17	*at Western Illinois	1 p.m.
20	at Creighton	6:30 p.m.
22	*at Oral Roberts	6 p.m.
23	*at Oral Roberts	2 p.m.
24	*at Oral Roberts	1 p.m.
29	*at Purdue Fort Wayne	3 p.m. ET
30	*at Purdue Fort Wayne	2 p.m. ET
31	*at Purdue Fort Wayne	1 p.m. ET

APRIL

3	DAKOTA STATE	3 p.m.
5	*OMAHA	3 p.m.
6	*OMAHA	1 p.m.
7	*OMAHA	1 p.m.
9	DAKOTA WESLEYAN	3 p.m.
12	*NORTH DAKOTA STATE	3 p.m.
13	*NORTH DAKOTA STATE	1 p.m.
14	*NORTH DAKOTA STATE	1 p.m.
16	at Minnesota [at Siebert Field]	6 p.m.
19	*WESTERN ILLINOIS	3 p.m.
20	*WESTERN ILLINOIS	1 p.m.
21	*WESTERN ILLINOIS	1 p.m.
23	SIOUX FALLS	3 p.m.
26	*at Omaha	4 p.m.
27	*at Omaha	2 p.m.
28	*at Omaha	noon

MAY

3	*PURDUE FORT WAYNE	3 p.m.
4	*PURDUE FORT WAYNE	1 p.m.
5	*PURDUE FORT WAYNE	1 p.m.
7	at Minnesota	6 p.m.
10	*ORAL ROBERTS	3 p.m.
11	*ORAL ROBERTS	1 p.m.
12	*ORAL ROBERTS	1 p.m.
16	*at North Dakota State	6:30 p.m.
17	*at North Dakota State	6:30 p.m.
18	*at North Dakota State	1 p.m.
22-25	at Summit League Baseball Championship (Tulsa, Okla. — if qualified)	

*Summit League game

Home games in CAPS

DH denotes doubleheader

All start times Central Time unless noted otherwise

JACKRABBITS HEAD BACK TO ARKANSAS

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February 28, 2019

BROOKINGS, S.D. — The South Dakota State University baseball team will embark on its annual Spring Break road trip, playing the first leg of its nine-game, 10-day journey with four games this weekend in Conway, Arkansas.

The Jackrabbits, 3-4 overall, are slated to play three games against host Central Arkansas, while also playing a neutral-site contest against Missouri. Video coverage of SDSU's three games against UCA and live stats for all four games will be available through UCASports.com.

The weekend schedule is as follows:

Friday, March 1

- SDSU at Central Arkansas, 3 p.m.

Saturday, March 2

- SDSU vs. Missouri, 3 p.m.
- SDSU at Central Arkansas, 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 3

- SDSU at Central Arkansas, 1 p.m.

All games will be played at Bear Stadium in Conway, Arkansas.

Central Arkansas enters the weekend with a 3-6 overall record. The Bears split a four-game home series against Illinois State last weekend before dropping two mid-week games at Missouri State to open this week.

Missouri has compiled a 5-4 record so far this season in advance of a Friday night game against Central Arkansas. The Tigers are on a three-game winning streak after winning the final two games of a three-game series against Rhode Island last weekend in Fort Myers, Florida, followed by winning their home opener Tuesday against Alabama A&M by a 13-5 score.

The trip will be the second of the season to the state of Arkansas for the Jackrabbits, who opened the 2019 campaign with a three-game series against UT Martin that was moved to Russellville, Arkansas, due to the threat of inclement weather.

THE SERIES: The Jackrabbits hold a 1-9 combined all-time record against their two opponents this weekend.

vs. Central Arkansas (1-6)

UCA has won six of seven games against SDSU in a series that dates back to the 2008 campaign. The two programs met in a season-opening four-game series in 2008, with the Bears winning three times. The Jackrabbits' lone win came in the second game of the series — and first of a doubleheader — by posting a 3-2 victory.

SDSU tied the game at 2-all in the top of the sixth on a solo home run by Craig Parry, his third homer of the series, and scored what would be the winning run on an RBI double by Nick Adams in the top of the seventh. Caleb Thielbar started on the mound for the Jackrabbits, but did not factor in the decision.

The Jackrabbits and UCA met again for a three-game series during the 2009 season. The Bears recorded a sweep on their home field, including winning one-run games (8-7, 5-4) in the final two contests.

vs. Missouri (0-3)

The Jackrabbits are in search of its first win against Missouri as they will be meeting the Tigers for the first time since 2008. The two squads first played in 1982, with Missouri notching a 14-3 victory in a game played in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Missouri hosted SDSU for a two-game series March 18-19, 2008, winning by scores of 13-1 and 9-4.

LAST WEEK: The Jackrabbits escaped the cold and wintry weather by traveling to Port Charlotte, Florida, for the Snowbird Baseball Classic Feb. 22-24. SDSU won one of four games, splitting a pair of contests against Florida International before dropping two against returning NCAA postseason qualifier Northeastern.

2019 TEAM GAME HIGHS

TEAM – BATTING

AT-BATS: 44, vs. UT Martin, 2-15-2019
RUNS SCORED: 15, vs. UT Martin, 2-15-2019
HITS: 16, vs. UT Martin, 2-15-2019
RUNS BATTED IN: 12, vs. UT Martin, 2-15-2019
DOUBLES: 3, vs. UT Martin, 2-15-2019, and vs. Northeastern, 2-23-2019
TRIPLES: 1, vs. UT Martin, 2-15-2019
HOME RUNS: 3, vs. UT Martin, 2-15-2019
TOTAL BASES: 30, vs. UT Martin, 2-15-2019
BASES ON BALLS: 7, vs. UT Martin, 2-15-2019, and vs. UT Martin, 2-17-2019
STRIKEOUTS: 16, vs. UT Martin, 2-15-2019
SACRIFICE BUNTS: 1, vs. Northeastern, 2-24-2019
SACRIFICE FLIES: 1, vs. Florida International, 2-23-2019
STOLEN BASES: 3, vs. Northeastern, 2-24-2019
HIT BY PITCH: 2, three times (last: vs. Northeastern, 2-24-2019)
RUNNERS LEFT ON BASE: 11, vs. UT Martin, 2-15-2019, and vs. Northeastern, 2-24-2019
HIT INTO DOUBLE PLAY: 4, vs. UT Martin, 2-17-2019

TEAM – FIELDING

PUTOUTS: 27, three times (last: vs. Northeastern, 2-23-2019)
ASSISTS: 14, vs. Florida International, 2-23-2019
ERRORS: 6, vs. Northeastern, 2-24-2019
DOUBLE PLAYS: 1, five times (last: vs. Northeastern, 2-24-2019)

TEAM – PITCHING

INNINGS PITCHED: 9.0, four times (last: vs. Northeastern, 2-23-2019)
MOST RUNS ALLOWED: 13, vs. Northeastern, 2-24-2019
FEWEST RUNS ALLOWED: 1, vs. UT Martin, 2-17-2019
MOST EARNED RUNS ALLOWED: 10, vs. Northeastern, 2-24-2019
MOST WALKS ALLOWED: 5, three times (last: vs. Northeastern, 2-24-2019)
FEWEST WALKS ALLOWED: 2, vs. Northeastern, 2-23-2019
STRIKEOUTS: 14, vs. UT Martin, 2-15-2019
MOST HITS ALLOWED: 13, vs. Northeastern, 2-24-2019
FEWEST HITS ALLOWED: 4, vs. Florida International, 2-23-2019
DOUBLES ALLOWED: 2, vs. Northeastern, 2-24-2019
TRIPLES ALLOWED: 2, vs. Northeastern, 2-24-2019
HOME RUNS ALLOWED: 1, vs. Florida International, 2-23-2019
WILD PITCHES: 2, vs. UT Martin, 2-15-2019
HIT BATTERS: 4, vs. Northeastern, 2-23-2019

Game 1: Florida International 4, SDSU 1

Logan Allen struck out 10 over six scoreless innings to lead a Florida International pitching staff that carried a shutout into the ninth inning, finishing with a 4-1 victory over South Dakota State Feb. 22 at North Charlotte Regional Park.

FIU broke a scoreless deadlock in the bottom of the fourth, scoring the first run allowed by Jackrabbit starter Brady Stover this season. Lorenzo Hampton Jr. tripled to left field and later scored on a base hit by Adan Fernandez.

The Panthers added to their lead with a pair of runs in the sixth, aided by an SDSU error. Jose Garcia and Hampton opened the inning with back-to-back singles off reliever Cody Carlson. On the next play, the lone Jackrabbit error of the game allowed Garcia to score and Hampton to move to third. Hampton later crossed home plate on a sacrifice fly by Seth Cannady.

FIU added an insurance run in the bottom of the eighth as Cannady delivered a run-scoring single down the left-field line to plate Hampton with his third run of the game.

The Jackrabbits' lone run of the game came in their last at-bat and without the benefit of a hit. With two outs, Braeden Brown drew his third walk of the game and Josh Falk reached on an error. Pinch-runner Chase Kortan later scampered home on the Panthers' second wild pitch of the inning.

Angel Tiburico came on to record the final out of the game to secure the save.

FIU held an 8-2 advantage in hits. Brown reached all four times he stepped to the plate for the Jackrabbits, notching a single in the sixth. Falk tallied SDSU's other hit, a single in the fourth inning as the Jackrabbits put two men on, but failed to score.

Stover took the loss for the Jackrabbits despite allowing only one run over five innings. He struck out three, walked four and hit a batter. Carlson fanned two batters and walked one while tossing the final three frames.

FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL 4, SOUTH DAKOTA STATE 1

SDSU	000	000	001	1-2-1
FIU	000	102	01X	4-8-1

SDSU: Brady Stover, Cody Carlson (6) and Ryan McDonald. FIU: Logan Allen, Jan Figueroa (7), Will Saxton (8), Gio Soto (9), Angel Tiburcio (9) and Jose Garcia.

W-Allen (1-1). L-Stover (1-1). Save-Tiburcio (1).

Game 2: SDSU 4, Florida International 3

Logan Holtz and Braeden Brown each hit their second home runs of the season as the Jackrabbits overcame an early 2-0 lead to earn a split of their two-game set against FIU with a 4-3 victory Feb. 23.

The Panther grabbed the lead in the top of the third on a two-out, two-run double by Derek Cartaya that plated Juan Teixeira and John Rodriguez, who both reached on free passes. Tyler Olmstead would hold FIU scoreless the remainder of his six-inning outing, striking out nine, walking only two and allowing only one hit in his first start of the season.

SDSU broke through against Panther starter Nick MacDonald with an unearned run in the home half of the third. Josh Kutzke led off with a double, took third on a single by Derek Hackman and later scored on an error.

Holtz's blast to left field with two outs in the bottom of the fourth knotted the game at 2-2 and set up the contest to be decided by the bullpens.

Jackrabbit left-hander Bret Barnett held FIU off the board in the seventh and eighth innings, while SDSU touched up Panther reliever Christian Santana with single runs in both frames. Holtz reached on a walk to open the seventh, moved to second on a fielders choice and took third on an error. He scored the go-ahead run on a sacrifice fly by Hackman.

Brown added an insurance run in the eighth with a solo home run to center.

That proved to be a crucial run for the Jackrabbits, who surrendered a solo home run to Adan Fernandez with one out in the top of the ninth. However, freshman closer Drew Beazley converted his first collegiate save opportunity by retiring two of the next three hitters.

Each team finished with four hits, with no player tallying more than one.

SOUTH DAKOTA STATE 4, FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL 3

FIU	002	000	001	3-4-3
SDSU	001	100	11X	4-4-0

FIU: Nick MacDonald, Christian Santana (7) and Luis Chavez. SDSU: Tyler Olmstead, Bret Barnett (7), Drew Beazley (9) and Derek Hackman.

W-Barnett (1-0). L-Santana (0-1). Save-Beazley (1).

HR: FIU-Adan Fernandez (1); SDSU-Braeden Brown (2), Logan Holtz (2).

MISCELLANEOUS STATS

MULTI-HIT GAMES

Gus Steiger	2
Josh Falk	3
Luke Ira	3
Landon Badger	2
Drew Beazley	2
Gus Steiger	2

LONGEST HIT STREAK

Braeden Brown	4
Derek Hackman	4
Six players tied	2

LONGEST REACHED

BASE STREAK

Derek Hackman	*13
Braeden Brown	7
Logan Holtz	6
Derek Hackman	4
Six players tied	2

MULTI-RBI GAMES

Josh Falk	2
Gus Steiger	2
Landon Badger	1
Braeden Brown	1
Derek Hackman	1
Luke Ira	1
Nick Smith	1

* streak dates back to 2018 season

2018 AWARDS

ALL-SUMMIT LEAGUE FIRST TEAM

Tony Kjolsing	Sr.	Shortstop
Anthony Schneider	Sr.	Designated Hitter
Nick Smith	Jr.	Utility

ALL-SUMMIT LEAGUE SECOND TEAM

Newt Johnson	Sr.	Third Baseman
Tyler Olmstead	So.	Starting Pitcher
Gus Steiger	Fr.	Second Baseman

SUMMIT LEAGUE PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Phil Velez	OF	April 9
Josh Falk	1B	April 16
Tony Kjolsing	SS	May 7
Anthony Schneider	DH	May 14

Game 3: Northeastern 12, South Dakota State 9

Three Jackrabbit errors proved costly as Northeastern scored seven unearned runs in a 12-9 victory Feb. 23 at North Charlotte Regional Park.

SDSU took a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the first inning as Braeden Brown singled, moved to second on a walk and scored on a base hit by Logan Holtz.

Jackrabbit starter Ryan Froom ran into trouble in the third, when Northeastern sent eight men to the plate and scored four times. The first SDSU error of the game set up Cam Walsh's run-scoring single and Corey DiLoreto followed three batters later with a two-run double. The fourth and final run of the frame scored on a groundout.

Northeastern upped its lead to 6-1 with two more unearned runs in the top of the fourth as the Huskies scored on a two-out error and ensuing passed ball.

SDSU began to chip away at the deficit, scoring three times in the bottom of the fourth. Landon Badger opened the inning with a double and later scored on a groundout off the bat of Jamie Berg. The next four Jackrabbit batters all reached safely with Gus Steiger delivering an RBI double and Brown adding a run-scoring single to plate Steiger.

However, Northeastern again took advantage of an SDSU miscue in the fifth, scoring on an RBI single by Ryan Solomon and two-run single by Walsh.

The Huskies added a run in the sixth to push their lead to 10-4 before SDSU answered with a two-run homer by Ira. Northeastern put another run on the board in the seventh via a balk, but the Jackrabbits again cut into the deficit on a three-run home run by Badger to make the score 11-9.

Northeastern tallied its final run in the top of the eighth as Jared Depere hit a leadoff triple and scored on a sacrifice fly by Jeff Costello.

Husky closer Andrew Misiaszek retired all four batters he faced to earn his third save of the season. Northeastern starter Brandon Dufault was credited with the victory after striking out four and walking two in four frames.

Froom took the loss after allowing five runs – two earned – in three-plus innings. He struck out two and walked one.

SDSU out-hit the Huskies, 14-12, and was led by Brown's 3-for-5 effort at the plate. Ira, Falk and Badger each tallied two hits. Walsh was 3-for-5 to lead Northeastern.

NORTHEASTERN 12, SOUTH DAKOTA STATE 9

NU 004 231 110 12-12-0

SDSU 100 302 300 9-14-3

NU: Brandon Dufault, Brian Rodriguez (5), Kyle Murphy (7), Andrew Misiaszek (8) and John Mazza. SDSU: Ryan Froom, Bryce Johnson (4), Brett Mogen (6), Riley McSherry (9) and Ryan McDonald, Ian Cote.

W-Dufault (1-0). L-Froom (0-1). Save-Misiaszek (3).

HR: SDSU-Luke Ira (1), Landon Badger (1).

Game 4: Northeastern 13, South Dakota State 7

Northeastern put together three big innings in the mid and late innings to defeat South Dakota State, 13-7, in a back-and-forth game Feb. 24 that was the finale for both teams at the Snowbird Baseball Classic.

SDSU tallied the first runs of the game in the third inning on a two-run single by Josh Falk that plated both Gus Steiger and Braeden Brown, who both walked.

Northeastern answered with a run in the home half of the third inning before taking a 5-2 lead with a four-run fifth inning that was aided by three Jackrabbit errors.

Falk delivered his third run batted in of the game with a single in the seventh that brought the Jackrabbits to within 5-3.

However, Northeastern responded with a three-run bottom of the seventh, which was highlighted by Corey DiLoreto's RBI double.

The Jackrabbits made it a one-run game in their half of the eighth, scoring four times. Steiger plated the first two runs with a single, while Brown drove in another with a base hit. Luke Ira also scored on a passed ball.

Once again, Northeastern had an answer as they hung a five-spot on the board in the bottom of the eighth. DiLoreto delivered the big blow with a two-run triple to right center.

Jake Farrell recorded three of Northeastern's 13 hits. Falk and Drew Beazley were each 2-for-5 to pace SDSU's 10-hit effort.

David Stiehl, who allowed only one run over three innings of relief, picked up the win for the Huskies. Freshman Nic McCay took the loss for SDSU after striking out three, walking three and allowing four runs and three hits in 4 2/3 innings.

QUICK FACTS

NAME OF SCHOOL: South Dakota State University
CITY/ZIP: Brookings, SD 57007
FOUNDED: February 21, 1881
ENROLLMENT: 12,107 (fall 2018)
COLORS: Yellow and Blue
HOME STADIUM: Erv Huether Field (600 capacity)
PRESIDENT: Dr. Barry H. Dunn
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR: Justin Sell
2018 OVERALL RECORD: 18-32
2018 SUMMIT LEAGUE RECORD: 14-13 (fourth place in regular season; second place at Summit League Baseball Championship)
HOME RECORD: 4-2
AWAY/NEUTRAL RECORD: 6-22/8-8
LETTERWINNERS RETURNING/LOST: 20/9
POSITION STARTERS RETURNING/LOST: 5/4
ALL-TIME RECORD: 1,319-1,163-5
FIRST YEAR OF BASEBALL: 1947
NCAA DIVISION I POSTSEASON APPEARANCES: One/2013
NCAA DIVISION II POSTSEASON APPEARANCES: Nine (last in 1995)

THE SUMMIT LEAGUE

2019 PRESEASON POLL

1. Oral Roberts (5)	26
2. South Dakota State (1)	21
3. North Dakota State	17
4. Western Illinois	12
5. Omaha	9
6. Fort Wayne	6

Notes: First-place votes in parentheses

2019 STANDINGS

SCHOOL	OVERALL	CONF.
Fort Wayne	4-3	0-0
Oral Roberts	3-3	0-0
Omaha	3-4	0-0
South Dakota State	3-4	0-0
Western Illinois	2-4	0-0
North Dakota State	1-6	0-0



NORTHEASTERN 13, SOUTH DAKOTA STATE 7

SDSU	002	000	140	7-10-6
NU	001	040	35X	13-13-0

SDSU: Nic McCay, Alex Marro (5), Korey Kuhlmann (5), Quinn Reimers (8), Riley McSherry (8) and Derek Hackman, Ryan McDonald. NU: Sean Mellen, David Stiehl (5), Henry Ennen (8), Josh Winkler (8), Rick Burroni (9) and Teddy Beaudet.
W-Stiehl (1-1). L-McCay (1-1). Save-none.

STOVER HONORED: South Dakota State University left-hander Brady Stover was honored Feb. 18 as the first Summit League Pitcher of the Week for the 2019 season.

A junior from Huxley, Iowa, Stover pitched five shutout innings en route to the win in the Jackrabbits' 15-3 season-opening victory over UT Martin on Feb. 15. He racked up nine strikeouts — fanning at least one batter in every inning — while walking two and surrendering only two hits.

A CALL TO ARMS: South Dakota State pitchers combined to strike out 34 UT Martin batters in 26 innings and post a 2.42 team earned run average during their season-opening three-game series.

Brady Stover led the way with nine strikeouts over five innings in the Feb. 15 season opener, while freshman Nic McCay posted eight strikeouts in five innings during his collegiate debut Feb. 17.

Tyler Olmstead matched the team season high of nine strikeouts in six innings of a Feb. 23 start against Florida International that resulted in a no-decision. Olmstead has fanned a team-best 14 batters in nine innings so far this season.

SDSU has received at least five innings from its starting pitchers in five of seven games so far this season.

FROOM MAKES COMEBACK: Ryan Froom completed the long road back from injury by making his first appearance in nearly two years in the Feb. 16 game against UT Martin.

A sixth-year senior, Froom struck out five, walked four and surrendered three hits over five innings in finishing with a no-decision. Froom's last appearance was March 25, 2017, at Oral Roberts, when he suffered an arm injury. He missed the remainder of the 2017 season and was granted an injury hardship. Froom also sat out the entire 2018 campaign before rejoining the team this past fall.

The Crystal, Minnesota, native was a mainstay in the Jackrabbit rotation starting with his sophomore season in 2015. He currently ranks sixth in program history with 36 games started and also enters the weekend tied for eighth on the SDSU career charts with Chad Coley (1990-93) with 201 2/3 innings pitched.

POWER SURGE: The Jackrabbits rank in the top 20 among NCAA Division I baseball programs for home runs with an average of 1.43 round-trippers per game. SDSU has out-homered the opposition, 10-1, highlighted by a three-home run performance in the Feb. 15 opener against UT Martin.

Eight different players have accounted for the Jackrabbit home runs, with Braeden Brown and Logan Holtz leading the squad with two each.

Holtz and Ryan McDonald connected on back-to-back homers in the fifth inning of a Feb. 16 game against UT Martin. It was the first career home run for each and marked the second time in five games dating back to last season that the Jackrabbits hit consecutive home runs. Anthony Schneider and Tony Kjolsing led off a May 24 Summit League Baseball Championship game against Western Illinois with back-to-back homers.

SDSU has hit at least one home run in five of seven games so far this season.

YOUTH MOVEMENT: Four first-year players filled spots in the starting lineup in the Jackrabbits' Feb. 16 game against UT Martin. Drew Beazley batted out of the leadoff spot as the designated hitter, while Luke Ira (third base), Ryan McDonald (catcher) and Jamie Berg (center field) also were on the lineup card. McDonald led SDSU at the plate by going 2-for-4 with a home run.

Ira, who has started all seven games, currently leads the team with four extra base hits, while posting a .310 batting average and .552 slugging percentage.

PRESEASON POLL: South Dakota State has been picked to finish second in the upcoming Summit League baseball race, according to a poll conducted among conference coaches that was announced Feb. 7 by league officials.

COACH BISHOP

AT HURON UNIVERSITY

- 38-18 record in one season (2000)

AT MILES CITY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

- 377-151 in 10 seasons (2001-10)

AT MONTANA STATE-BILLINGS

- 134-153-1 in six seasons (2011-16)

AT SOUTH DAKOTA STATE

- 47-60 in two seasons (2017-18)

* 26-24 in 2017

* 18-32 in 2018

* 3-4 in 2019

CAREER TOTALS

- 596-382-1 in 20 seasons (2000-present)

The Jackrabbits received one first-place vote, finishing with 21 points. Defending league champion Oral Roberts again paced the six-team race with five first-place votes and 25 points. North Dakota State completed the upper half of the poll with 17 points.

Rounding out the poll were: Western Illinois, 12 points; Omaha, 9 points, and Purdue Fort Wayne, 6 points.

In addition, the Jackrabbits' Nick Smith and Brady Stover were recognized among the Summit League's top players to watch.

A two-time all-Summit League honoree, Smith has posted a batting average of better than .300 each of the past two seasons. Smith, a senior from Chanhassen, Minnesota, hit at a .303 clip with 18 runs batted in en route to first-team honors as a utility player during the 2018 campaign.

Stover, a junior from Huxley, Iowa, posted a 3-2 record in 2018 with a 4.57 earned run average in 10 appearances, including nine starts. The left-hander struck out 63 batters in only 43.1 innings, setting an SDSU single-season record with an average of 13.09 strikeouts per nine innings. He also limited the opposition to a .203 batting average.

Summit League play is slated to begin March 15, when SDSU opens a three-game series at Western Illinois.

The top four teams during the regular season will advance to the 2019 Summit League Baseball Championship, which is scheduled for May 22-25 in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

COACH BISHOP: Rob Bishop, who has guided college baseball teams to nearly 600 victories, was named head baseball coach at South Dakota State University on Aug. 1, 2016. Bishop is the ninth head coach in program history and the fourth in the Division I era of Jackrabbit baseball.

Now in his third season with the Jackrabbits, Bishop holds a 47-60 record at SDSU. In his first season, Bishop's 2017 squad returned to the winning side of the ledger with a 26-24 overall mark, including an 18-12 record for a third-place finish in The Summit League standings. SDSU won its opening-round game in the Summit League Baseball Championship, 6-5, over second-seeded North Dakota State.

In 2018, SDSU overcame a slow start to post a winning record in Summit League play at 14-13 and went on to reach the title game of the Summit League Baseball Championship. The Jackrabbits finished with an 18-32 overall record during a campaign in which they played only six home games.

Overall, Bishop holds a 596-382-1 record (.609 winning percentage) as a collegiate head coach.

Individually, Jackrabbit players have been honored as all-Summit League performers 10 times during his brief tenure, including six all-league selections in 2018. Utility player Nick Smith and third baseman Newt Johnson received all-Summit League recognition in both 2017 and 2018.

Prior to becoming head coach at SDSU, Bishop spent six years at NCAA Division II member Montana State University-Billings, where he led the Yellowjackets to back-to-back Great Northwest Athletic Conference regular season titles in 2015 and 2016, attaining the program's first-ever 30-win season with a 30-20 record in 2016. His squads also were honored as the top academic team in the GNAC each of his last three seasons.

Previously, Bishop spent 10 years at Miles City Community College in Montana, where his teams won MonDak conference championships every year. His squads also claimed five consecutive junior college region titles and a Northwest District championship in 2007 to advance to the NJCAA Division II College World Series. Bishop's teams won at least 30 games each of his 10 seasons, including four 40-win seasons. He ended his tenure at Miles City with a 377-151 overall record. He also served as athletic director his last five years at Miles City.

Bishop served as a graduate assistant at SDSU under head coach Mark Ekeland during the 1998 and 1999 seasons. In his first season as a head coach, Bishop led Huron University to the South Dakota Intercollegiate Conference title in 2000 with a 38-18 record.

A 1994 graduate of Jamestown College, Bishop earned NAIA All-America honors during the 1992 and 1994 seasons as an infielder.

THE ROSTER: The 2019 SDSU baseball roster features 33 players from seven different states and one Canadian province. Of the 33 players, 11 are from Iowa, nine are from South Dakota and eight hail from Minnesota. Arizona, Nebraska, Washington and Wisconsin are represented by one player each, as is Manitoba.

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Beazley	BEES-lee
Cote	CO-tee
Froom	FRAHM
Grunzke	GRUNZ-key
Kortan	core-TAHN
Kuhlmann	COOL-man
Kutzke	CUTS-key
Marro	MAHR-oh
Mogen	MOE-gun
Moxham	MOCKS-ham
Oehme	OH-me
Olmstead	OHLM-sted
Reimers	RYE-mers
Roby	ROE-bee
Steiger	STY-gurr
Suhr	SOOR

By class, 10 are seniors, nine are juniors, five are sophomores, two are redshirt freshmen and seven are incoming freshmen.

No.	PLAYER	Pos.	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	HOMETOWN (PREVIOUS SCHOOL)
1	Luke Ira	IF	R/R	6-0	180	Fr.	Iowa City, Iowa (Solon H.S.)
2	Nick Smith***	OF/IF	L/R	5-11	185	Sr.	Chanhasen, Minn./Chanhasen H.S.
3	Gus Steiger*	IF	R/R	5-11	180	So.	Minnetonka, Minn./Minnetonka H.S.
4	Ian Cote***	C	R/R	5-8	190	Sr.	Minnetonka, Minn./Minnetonka H.S.
5	Bryce Johnson*	P	L/L	6-0	160	Sr.	Glendale, Ariz./Phoenix College (Ariz.)
6	Logan Holtz*	OF	R/R	5-11	185	Sr.	Urbana, Iowa/Marshalltown CC (Iowa)
7	Bret Barnett*	P	L/L	6-2	185	So.	Indianola, Iowa/Martensdale-St. Mary's H.S.
8	Ryan McDonald	C	R/R	5-11	195	Fr.	Prior Lake, Minn./Prior Lake H.S.
9	Derek Hackman*	C	L/R	6-0	210	So.	Johnston, Iowa/Johnston H.S.
11	Landon Badger**	OF	L/L	6-0	190	Jr.	Pierre, S.D./T.F. Riggs H.S.
14	Colton Cox	OF	R/R	6-1	190	R-Fr.	Aberdeen, S.D./Roncalli H.S.
13	Brady Moxham*	P	R/R	6-3	200	Jr.	Oakville, Manitoba/Midland College (Texas)
14	Drew Beazley	IF/P	R/R	6-1	175	Fr.	Johnston, Iowa/Johnston H.S.
15	Otis Roby*	P	R/R	6-1	210	Sr.	Knoxville, Iowa/Southeastern CC (Iowa)
17	Brett Mogen**	P	R/R	6-2	210	Jr.	Dell Rapids, S.D./Dell Rapids H.S.
18	Alex Marro*	P	R/R	6-1	205	Sr.	Janesville, Wis./McHenry County College (Ill.)
19	Josh Falk*	IF	R/R	6-2	235	Jr.	Minnetonka, Minn./Gulf Coast State (Fla.)
20	Brady Stover**	P	L/L	6-2	190	Jr.	Huxley, Iowa/Collins-Maxwell-Baxter H.S.
21	Mitchell Oehme*	P	R/R	6-5	205	So.	Minnetonka, Minn./Minnetonka H.S.
22	Korey Kuhlmann*	P	L/L	6-1	220	Sr.	Ute, Iowa/Iowa Western CC
23	Matthew Krambeck	IF/C	R/R	6-2	215	Jr.	Omaha, Neb./Des Moines Area CC (Iowa)
24	Jamie Berg	OF	L/L	5-10	150	Fr.	Mahtomedi, Minn./Mahtomedi H.S.
25	Josh Kutzke*	IF	R/R	5-10	235	Sr.	Kennewick, Wash./Walla Walla CC (Wash.)
27	Austin Suhr*	P	R/R	6-0	215	Sr.	Bettendorf, Iowa/Iowa Central CC
28	Tyler Olmstead**	P	R/R	6-2	220	Jr.	Sioux Falls, S.D./Washington H.S.
29	Cody Carlson	P	L/L	5-10	205	So.	Rapid City, S.D./Northeastern JC (Colo.)
31	Quinn Reimers**	P	R/R	6-4	235	Jr.	Pierre, S.D./T.F. Riggs H.S.
32	Braeden Brown	IF	R/R	5-9	180	Jr.	Burlington, Iowa/Southeastern CC (Iowa)
34	Nic McCay	P	R/R	6-0	190	Fr.	Carlisle, Iowa/Carlisle H.S.
35	Ryan Froom***	P	R/R	6-1	210	Sr.	Crystal, Minn./St. Louis Park H.S.
37	Chase Kortan	OF	R/R	5-11	180	R-Fr.	Tabor, S.D./Bon Homme H.S.
39	Riley McSherry	P	R/R	5-10	160	Fr.	Rapid City, S.D./Rapid City Central H.S.
	Alex Bertram	P	R/R	6-1	175	Fr.	Sioux Falls, S.D./Washington H.S.

* indicates number of varsity letters earned

COACHING STAFF

Rob Bishop	Head Coach
Brian Grunzke	Assistant Coach
Mitch Mormann	Pitching Coach
Danny Higginbotham	Volunteer Assistant
Bryce Hanson	Student Manager

A LOOK AHEAD: The Jackrabbits have added a game against Alabama to their Spring Break schedule, meeting the Crimson Tide for the first time ever on March 6.

Game time is set for 6 p.m. at Sewell-Thomas Stadium in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. The matchup with Alabama will be the second against a Southeastern Conference opponent in a week for the Jackrabbits and replaces a game originally scheduled for March 5 at Arkansas-Pine Bluff. That contest has been canceled due to construction delays at UAPB's ballpark.

SDSU will wrap up the trip with four games at UA Little Rock March 8-10.

Wednesday, March 6

- SDSU at Alabama, 6 p.m.

Friday, March 8

- SDSU at UA Little Rock, 3 p.m.

Saturday, March 9

- SDSU at UA Little Rock (DH), 1/4 p.m.

Sunday, March 10

- SDSU at UA Little Rock, 1 p.m.

The Automated ScoreBook
Overall Statistics for South Dakota State (as of Feb 26, 2019)
(All games Sorted by Batting avg)

Record: 3-4 Home: 0-0 Away: 0-0 Neutral: 3-4 Conference: 0-0

Player	avg	gp-gs	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	tb	slg%	bb	hp	so	gdp	ob%	sf	sh	sb-att	po	a	e	fld%
Nick Smith	.313	4-4	16	3	5	0	0	0	3	5	.313	1	0	2	0	.353	0	0	1-1	7	2	0	1.000
Josh Falk	.310	7-7	29	3	9	0	0	1	7	12	.414	5	0	6	0	.412	0	0	0-0	37	1	3	.927
Luke Ira	.310	7-7	29	6	9	2	1	1	3	16	.552	2	0	8	0	.355	0	0	0-0	4	7	1	.917
Braeden Brown	.308	7-7	26	7	8	0	0	2	5	14	.538	7	1	3	2	.471	0	0	2-3	10	9	0	1.000
Derek Hackman	.286	4-4	14	2	4	0	0	1	3	7	.500	0	1	7	0	.313	1	0	0-0	37	0	1	.974
Josh Kutzke	.286	3-2	7	1	2	1	0	0	0	3	.429	2	0	4	0	.444	0	0	0-0	11	0	0	1.000
Landon Badger	.278	5-5	18	4	5	2	0	1	5	10	.556	3	1	9	0	.409	0	0	0-0	16	0	1	.941
Logan Holtz	.267	6-6	15	3	4	0	0	2	3	10	.667	5	3	1	1	.522	0	0	0-0	12	0	0	1.000
Drew Beazley	.263	5-5	19	3	5	1	0	0	1	6	.316	2	1	11	0	.364	0	0	0-0	2	2	0	1.000
Gus Steiger	.219	7-7	32	6	7	1	0	1	6	11	.344	2	0	8	2	.265	0	0	2-2	9	20	2	.935
Ryan McDonald	.154	5-3	13	3	2	0	0	1	1	5	.385	1	0	4	0	.214	0	0	0-0	22	5	0	1.000
Matthew Krambeck	.125	2-2	8	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	.125	0	0	3	0	.125	0	0	0-0	1	3	0	1.000
Colton Cox	.125	5-2	8	1	1	1	0	0	0	2	.250	2	0	5	0	.300	0	1	0-0	6	0	1	.857
Jamie Berg	.083	5-2	12	3	1	0	0	0	1	1	.083	2	0	3	0	.214	0	0	0-0	3	1	2	.667
Totals	.255	7	247	47	63	8	1	10	38	103	.417	34	7	75	5	.360	1	1	5-6	179	60	13	.948
Opponents	.261	7	226	41	59	6	4	1	31	76	.336	28	10	61	3	.359	6	2	18-21	186	63	10	.961

LOB - Team (57), Opp (51). DPs turned - Team (5), Opp (6). IBB - Team (1), Falk 1.

(All games Sorted by Earned run avg)

Player	era	w-l	app	gs	cg	sho	sv	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	2b	3b	hr	b/avg	wp	hp	bks	sfa	sha
Bret Barnett	0.00	1-0	2	0	0	0/0	0	4.0	2	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	.154	0	0	0	0	0
Alex Marro	0.00	0-0	2	0	0	0/0	0	1.0	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	.333	1	0	0	0	0
Brady Stover	0.90	1-1	2	2	0	0/0	0	10.0	5	1	1	6	12	0	1	0	.161	0	2	0	0	1
Nic McCay	2.79	1-1	2	2	0	0/0	0	9.2	7	4	3	5	11	2	0	0	.194	0	0	0	1	0
Tyler Olmstead	3.00	0-1	2	1	0	0/0	0	9.0	5	4	3	2	14	1	0	0	.167	1	3	0	1	1
Cody Carlson	3.00	0-0	2	0	0	0/0	0	6.0	6	3	2	1	6	0	0	0	.261	0	0	0	1	0
Riley McSherry	3.38	0-0	3	0	0	0/0	0	2.2	4	1	1	0	2	0	1	0	.333	1	0	0	0	0
Bryce Johnson	3.86	0-0	1	0	0	0/0	0	2.1	4	5	1	1	3	0	1	0	.308	0	2	0	0	0
Ryan Froom	4.50	0-1	2	2	0	0/0	0	8.0	10	8	4	5	7	2	0	0	.313	1	2	0	1	0
Brett Mogen	6.75	0-0	1	0	0	0/0	0	2.2	4	2	2	0	2	0	1	0	.400	0	0	1	2	0
Korey Kuhlmann	7.71	0-0	1	0	0	0/0	0	2.1	5	3	2	0	1	1	0	0	.455	0	0	0	0	0
Drew Beazley	9.00	0-0	1	0	0	0/0	1	1.0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	.250	0	0	0	0	0
Quinn Reimers	33.75	0-0	2	0	0	0/0	0	1.1	5	5	5	1	0	0	0	0	.625	1	1	0	0	0
Mitchell Oehme	99.00	0-0	1	0	0	0/0	0	0.0	0	3	3	3	0	0	0	0		1	0	0	0	0
Totals	4.20	3-4	7	7	0	0/0	1	60.0	59	41	28	28	61	6	4	1	.261	6	10	1	6	2
Opponents	5.37	4-3	7	7	0	0/0	3	62.0	63	47	37	34	75	8	1	10	.255	12	7	0	1	1

PB - Team (2), McDonald 1, Hackman 1, Opp (3). Pickoffs - Team (1), Froom 1. SBA/ATT - McDonald (12-15), Froom (5-6), Hackman (4-4), Johnson (3-3), Cote (2-2), Stover (1-2), Reimers (2-2), Oehme (2-2), Carlson (1-2), Barnett (1-1), Marro (1-1), Mogen (1-1), McCay (1-1).

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(All games Sorted by Fielding pct)

Player	c	po	a	e	fld%	dp	sba	csb	sba%	pb	ci
Ryan McDonald	27	22	5	0	1.000	0	12	3	.800	1	0
Braeden Brown	19	10	9	0	1.000	3	0	0	---	0	0
Logan Holtz	12	12	0	0	1.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
Josh Kutzke	11	11	0	0	1.000	1	0	0	---	0	0
Nick Smith	9	7	2	0	1.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
Nic McCay	5	1	4	0	1.000	0	1	0	1.000	0	0
Drew Beazley	4	2	2	0	1.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
Matthew Krambeck	4	1	3	0	1.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
Tyler Olmstead	3	0	3	0	1.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
Ryan Froom	2	0	2	0	1.000	0	5	1	.833	0	0
Ian Cote	1	1	0	0	1.000	0	2	0	1.000	0	0
Brady Stover	1	0	1	0	1.000	0	1	1	.500	0	0
Derek Hackman	38	37	0	1	.974	0	4	0	1.000	1	0
Landon Badger	17	16	0	1	.941	0	0	0	---	0	0
Gus Steiger	31	9	20	2	.935	4	0	0	---	0	0
Josh Falk	41	37	1	3	.927	3	0	0	---	0	0
Luke Ira	12	4	7	1	.917	2	0	0	---	0	0
Colton Cox	7	6	0	1	.857	0	0	0	---	0	0
Jamie Berg	6	3	1	2	.667	0	0	0	---	0	0
Quinn Reimers	1	0	0	1	.000	0	2	0	1.000	0	0
Cody Carlson	1	0	0	1	.000	0	1	1	.500	0	0
Korey Kuhlmann	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
Chase Kortan	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
Mitchell Oehme	0	0	0	0	.000	0	2	0	1.000	0	0
Bryce Johnson	0	0	0	0	.000	0	3	0	1.000	0	0
Riley McSherry	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
Bret Barnett	0	0	0	0	.000	0	1	0	1.000	0	0
Alex Marro	0	0	0	0	.000	0	1	0	1.000	0	0
Brett Mogen	0	0	0	0	.000	0	1	0	1.000	0	0
Totals	252	179	60	13	.948	5	18	3	.857	2	0
Opponents	259	186	63	10	.961	6	5	1	.833	3	0

Hitting minimums - 1 Games 1 AB 0.2 AB/Game 1 TPA 0.2 TPA/Game
Pitching minimums - 1 Games