



JACKRABBIT BASEBALL

SOUTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY ATHLETICS

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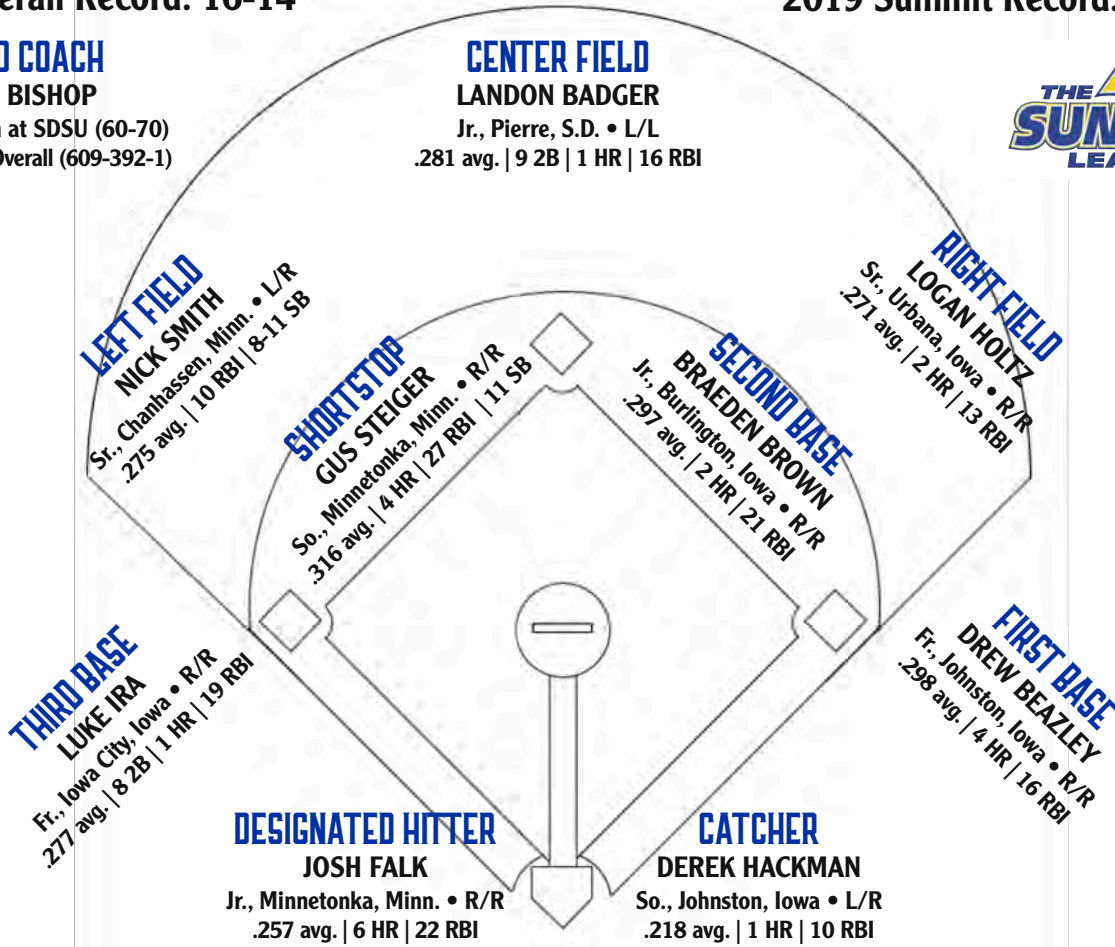
2019 Overall Record: 16-14

2019 Summit Record: 9-6 (2nd)

HEAD COACH

ROB BISHOP

Third Season at SDSU (60-70)
 20th Season Overall (609-392-1)



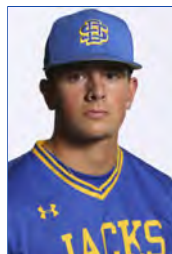
PITCHING LEADERS

STARTER



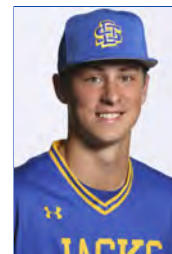
TYLER OLMSTEAD
 6-2 | 220 | Jr. | RHP
 Sioux Falls, S.D.
 • 2-2 record
 • 3.50 ERA
 • 53 K, 20 BB in 54 IP
 • .244 opponent batting avg.

STARTER



NIC McCAY
 6-1 | 190 | Fr. | RHP
 Carlisle, Iowa
 • 4-1 record (1 SHO)
 • 4.70 ERA
 • 55 K, 17 BB in 51.2 IP
 • .248 opponent batting avg.

RELIEVER



BRET BARNETT
 6-2 | 185 | So. | LHP
 Indianola, Iowa
 • 4-1 record
 • 4 saves
 • 1.89 ERA
 • 21 K, 8 BB in 19 IP
 • .152 opponent batting avg.

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	L, 3-8
2	vs. Missouri [at Conway, Ark.]	W, 6-3
	at Central Arkansas	W, 7-5
3	at Central Arkansas	Canceled
6	at Alabama	[14 inn.] L, 4-5
8	at UA Little Rock	L, 6-7
9	at UA Little Rock (DH)	W, 9-4/L, 3-10
10	at UA Little Rock	W, 8-6
16	*vs. Western Illinois (DH)	W, 7-6/L, 6-10
17	*vs. Western Illinois [series at Springfield, Ill.]	W, 7-4
20	at Creighton	PPD
22	*at Oral Roberts	L, 0-1
23	*at Oral Roberts	W, 2-1
24	*at Oral Roberts	W, 9-8
29	*at Purdue Fort Wayne (DH)	W, 5-4, W, 12-2
31	*vs. Purdue Fort Wayne [at Notre Dame, Ind.]	W, 8-0

APRIL

3	DAKOTA STATE	PPD
5	*vs. OMAHA [at Sioux Falls]	L, 10-12
6	*vs. OMAHA [DH-at Sioux Falls]	L, 4-9/L, 7-11
9	DAKOTA WESLEYAN	PPD
13	*vs. N. DAKOTA ST. [DH-at Omaha]	W, 5-2/L, 2-6
14	*vs. N. DAKOTA ST. [at Omaha]	[14 inn.] W, 10-9
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

JACKS HEAD TO MINNEAPOLIS FOR MIDWEEK GAME

Sports Information Contact: Jason Hove

April 15, 2019

BROOKINGS, S.D. — The South Dakota State University baseball team is scheduled to play a rare midweek game Tuesday night, traveling to Minnesota in nonconference action.

First pitch is set for 6 p.m. at Siebert Field on the University of Minnesota campus in Minneapolis. An audio broadcast of the game, with Tyler Merriam calling the play-by-play, will be available through GoJacks.com/watch starting at 5:45 p.m. Video coverage (subscription required) will be online through Big Ten Network Plus.

The Jackrabbits, who last played a game in the middle of the week March 6 at Alabama, enter the week with a 16-14 overall record. SDSU, which has yet to play a true home game this season, retained sole possession of second place in the Summit League standings by winning two of three games against archrival North Dakota State in a weekend series that was moved to Omaha, Nebraska, due to adverse weather and field conditions. The Jackrabbits are 9-6 at the halfway mark of Summit League play.

Minnesota, meanwhile, salvaged the final game of a three-game Big Ten Conference series against Illinois that ended Monday. The Golden Gophers will enter Tuesday's matchup with a 15-18 overall record and a 7-5 mark in conference play.

THE SERIES: Tuesday's game against Minnesota will mark the 47th time the Jackrabbits and Golden Gophers have met on the baseball diamond. Minnesota leads the all-time series, which dates back to 1947, by a 34-12 count, including winning both matchups last season and the last four meetings. SDSU's last win in the series was a 7-6, 10-inning victory at Erv Huether Field on May 17, 2016.

In their Feb. 28, 2018, contest at U.S. Bank Stadium, three Minnesota pitchers combined to limit South Dakota State to two hits, shutting out the Jackrabbits, 1-0.

Minnesota scored what would be the only run of the game in bottom of the first as Luke Pettersen led off with a single, stole second, moved to third on a balk and scored on a groundout off the bat of Terrin Vavra. Pettersen, who was 3-for-4 and stole two bases, was the only Golden Gopher to record a hit in the game.

Minnesota starter Joshua Culliver struck out three walked two in five no-hit innings to earn the victory.

The Jackrabbits finally cracked the hit column with two outs in the seventh, when Josh Falk singled to left field. Phil Velez added a single to left in the eighth for the other SDSU hit.

SDSU pitchers were equal to the task the rest of the way. Starter Korey Kuhlmann finished with one strikeout and did not walk a batter in his three innings of work. Brett Mogen, Austin Suhr and Alex Marro followed with one scoreless inning each, while Bryce Johnson finished on the mound with two shutout frames.

In the second matchup, April 25, 2018, at Siebert Field, Minnesota scored three times in the sixth inning to pull away for a 6-2 victory.

The Jackrabbits opened the scoring with a run in the top of the second. Phil Velez singled with one out, advanced to third on Landon Badger's opposite-field double and scored on a groundout off the bat of Gus Steiger.

After Minnesota grabbed a 2-1 lead on RBIs by Toby Hanson and Cole McDevitt in the fourth inning, Steiger scored on the second of two wild pitches to knot the game at 2-all.

Minnesota recorded half of its eight hits in the game in the decisive sixth inning. Riley Smith singled, moved to third on a single by Terrin Vavra and gave the Golden Gophers a 3-2 lead when he scored on a base hit by Hanson. After Hanson stole second to give Minnesota runners at second and third, McDevitt delivered a two-run single to right-center field.

2019 TEAM GAME HIGHS

TEAM – BATTING

AT-BATS: 53, at Alabama, 3-6-2019
RUNS SCORED: 15, vs. UT Martin, 2-15-2019
HITS: 16, three times (last: vs. North Dakota State, 4-14-19)
RUNS BATTED IN: 12, vs. UT Martin, 2-15-2019
DOUBLES: 4, at UA Little Rock, 3-9-2019 [Game 1], and at Oral Roberts, 3-24-2019
TRIPLES: 3, vs. Purdue Fort Wayne, 3-31-2019
HOME RUNS: 3, vs. UT Martin, 2-15-2019, and vs. Western Illinois, 3-16-19 [Game 2]
TOTAL BASES: 30, vs. UT Martin, 2-15-2019
BASES ON BALLS: 11, vs. Purdue Fort Wayne, 3-31-2019
STRIKEOUTS: 16, vs. UT Martin, 2-15-2019
SACRIFICE BUNTS: 3, at Central Arkansas, 3-2-2019
SACRIFICE FLIES: 2, at UA Little Rock, 3-10-2019
STOLEN BASES: 6, vs. Western Illinois, 3-17-2019
HIT BY PITCH: 3, at UA Little Rock, 3-9-2019 [Game 2]
RUNNERS LEFT ON BASE: 14, vs. Purdue Fort Wayne, 3-31-2019
HIT INTO DOUBLE PLAY: 4, vs. UT Martin, 2-17-2019

TEAM – FIELDING

PUTOUTS: 40, at Alabama, 3-6-2019
ASSISTS: 17, at Oral Roberts, 3-22-2019, and at Oral Roberts, 3-23-2019
ERRORS: 6, vs. Northeastern, 2-24-2019
DOUBLE PLAYS: 2, at Alabama, 3-6-2019, and vs. Western Illinois, 3-16-2019 [Game 1]

TEAM – PITCHING

INNINGS PITCHED: 13.1, at Alabama, 3-6-2019
MOST RUNS ALLOWED: 13, vs. Northeastern, 2-24-2019
FEWEST RUNS ALLOWED: 1, vs. UT Martin, 2-17-2019
MOST EARNED RUNS ALLOWED: 11, vs. Omaha, 4-6-2019 [Game 2]
MOST WALKS ALLOWED: 8, at Central Arkansas, 3-1-2019
FEWEST WALKS ALLOWED: 2, vs. Northeastern, 2-23-2019
STRIKEOUTS: 14, vs. UT Martin, 2-15-2019, and vs. Western Illinois, 3-17-2019
MOST HITS ALLOWED: 16, at UA Little Rock, 3-9-2019 [Game 2], and vs. Omaha, 4-6-2019 [Game 2]
FEWEST HITS ALLOWED: 4, vs. Florida International, 2-23-2019
DOUBLES ALLOWED: 5, vs. Omaha, 4-6-2019 [Game 2]
TRIPLES ALLOWED: 2, vs. Northeastern, 2-24-2019
HOME RUNS ALLOWED: 3, at Oral Roberts, 3-24-2019
WILD PITCHES: 4, four times (last: vs. North Dakota State, 4-14-19)
HIT BATTERS: 4, vs. Northeastern, 2-23-2019

Golden Gopher starter Nick Lackney struck out seven and did not walk a batter over six innings to earn the win. Jeff Fasching followed with two scoreless innings in which he struck out two. Fred Manke fired a scoreless ninth inning that included a pair of strikeouts.

For SDSU, Kuhlmann allowed two runs on three hits over four innings, striking out two and walking one.

Bryce Johnson suffered the loss in relief as he was charged with all three sixth-inning runs. Freshman left-hander Bret Barnett pitched 1 1/3 innings of scoreless relief, while Brett Mogen and Quinn Reimers each tossed one scoreless inning.

SDSU and the Golden Gophers have a rematch slated for May 7 at Siebert Field.

LAST WEEK: Following are some highlights from last week's series against NDSU:

- The Jackrabbits improved to 11-1 this season when leading after six innings.
- SDSU evened its record in extra-inning games this season at 1-1 with a 10-9, 10-inning victory in the April 14 series finale.
- The Jackrabbits upped their record in one-run games to 6-4 in the series finale and have won four games in a row decided by a single run.
- Austin Suhr made his season debut in the March 14 series finale against NDSU and was credited with the win after recording the final out in the top of the 10th inning.
- SDSU notched double figures in hits for the 12th time this season in the series finale, tallying a season-best 16 hits for the third time in 2019.
- Braeden Brown went 4-for-6 in the series finale to join Gus Steiger as the only Jackrabbits with four-hit games this season.

FRESHMEN MAKE IMPACT: Two first-year freshmen rank among the team's top hitters so far this season.

Drew Beazley, who was named Summit League Player of the Week on March 25, ranks second on the team with a .298 batting average and shares the second spot on the squad with four home runs. The Johnston, Iowa, native has seen action both in the field and on the mound for the Jackrabbits, splitting time at designated hitter and first base in addition to his pitching duties. He is batting a team-best .340 in league play, going 16-for-47 with five doubles, all four of his home runs and 13 runs batted in, while posting a .702 slugging percentage.

Beazley also has made eight appearances out of the bullpen and ranks second on the team with three saves.

Fellow freshman Luke Ira has started all 30 games this season, mostly at third base. He leads the team with 13 multi-hit games while batting .277 overall and ranking fourth on the squad with 19 runs batted in. Ira delivered the game-winning RBI double in the top of the ninth inning as part of a two-hit performance in the March 24 series finale at Oral Roberts.

STEADY STEIGER: Sophomore Gus Steiger has made a seamless transition to the short-stop position in 2019. A native of Minnetonka, Minnesota, Steiger took over the starting role at second base early in the 2018 campaign and led the team with a .311 batting average. He also was nearly flawless in the field, committing only one error in 195 defensive chances for a .995 fielding percentage.

So far this season, Steiger again leads the team in batting with leads the team with a .316 average, 11 stolen bases and 27 runs batted in, and has reached base safely in 25 games in a row. With hits in 21 games during his current streak, Steiger is batting .339 (38-for-112) with nine doubles, four home runs and 24 runs batted in. He has collected two or more hits in 10 of the 25 games, including four-hit performances March 8 at UA Little Rock and March 24 at Oral Roberts.

Steiger also has handled the move across the diamond defensively, turning in a team-high 97 assists in compiling a .960 fielding percentage.

BROWN BREAKS THROUGH: Rounding out the starting infield is another newcomer, Braeden Brown. A junior college transfer from Burlington, Iowa, Brown moved into third place on the team with a .297 batting average after posting his first four-hit game as a Jackrabbit in the April 15 series finale against North Dakota State. He delivered the game-winning single in the bottom of the 10th to finish with a season-high three runs batted in.

The team's starting second baseman, Brown has hit a pair of home runs and tallied 21 runs batted in. He has notched at least one hit in six of the last seven games, three of which have been multi-hit performances.

2018 AWARDS

SUMMIT LEAGUE PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Logan Holtz	OF	March 4
Gus Steiger	SS	March 11
Drew Beazley	IF/P	March 25

SUMMIT LEAGUE PITCHER OF THE WEEK

Brady Stover	LHP	Feb. 18
Nic McCay	RHP	April 1

MISCELLANEOUS STATS

MULTI-HIT GAMES		MULTI-RBI GAMES	
Luke Ira	13	Gus Steiger	8
Gus Steiger	12	Braeden Brown	6
Drew Beazley	9	Josh Falk	6
Braeden Brown	9	Landon Badger	4
Josh Falk	9	Drew Beazley	4
Landon Badger	7	Logan Holtz	4
Logan Holtz	7	Luke Ira	4
Nick Smith	6		
LONGEST ACTIVE HIT STREAK		LONGEST ACTIVE REACHED BASE STREAK	
Nick Smith	5	Gus Steiger	25
Braeden Brown	2	Derek Hackman	6
Derek Hackman	2	Logan Holtz	4
		Nick Smith	3

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

Nicks: First-place votes in parentheses

2019 STANDINGS

SCHOOL	OVERALL	CONF.
Omaha	21-9-1	13-2
South Dakota State	16-15	9-6
Oral Roberts	16-17	8-7
Western Illinois	14-19	8-7
North Dakota State	9-17	7-8
Fort Wayne	5-28	0-15

Standings through games played April 14



MARATHON GAMES

Mar. 10, 2009	at Missouri State (W, 7-6)	12 inn.
Mar. 29, 2011	at Iowa (W, 7-4)	14 inn.
Apr. 9, 2011	at Western Illinois (W, 9-6)	12 inn.
May 8, 2011	vs. North Dakota State (L, 7-8)	15 inn.
May 19, 2011	vs. Fort Wayne (W, 4-3)	14 inn.
June 1, 2013	*vs. San Francisco (L, 3-4)	13 inn.
Mar. 21, 2014	at Chicago State (L, 1-2)	14 inn.
Mar. 28, 2014	at Western Illinois (W, 5-2)	12 inn.
Mar. 21, 2015	at Western Illinois (L, 1-2)	14 inn.
May 1, 2015	vs. Western Illinois (L, 4-9)	12 inn.
Mar. 18, 2016	at Oral Roberts (W, 3-2)	12 inn.
Mar. 24, 2017	at Oral Roberts (L, 6-7)	13 inn.
Mar. 23, 2018	at Western Illinois (W, 6-3)	12 inn.
May 12, 2018	vs. Western Illinois (L, 3-4)	14 inn.
Mar. 6, 2019	at Alabama (L, 4-5)	14 inn.

* NCAA Tournament game at Eugene, Ore.

SDSU has a 7-8 record in games of 12 or more innings at the Division I level (since 2005)

BADGER COMING ON STRONG: After a slow start at the plate in league play, center fielder Landon Badger has been one of the Jackrabbits' top hitters in recent weeks.

Badger began the Summit League season mired in an 0-for-22 slump, but has since hit safely in seven of the last eight games, including three three-hit games. His most recent three-hit game was a 3-for-5 effort against North Dakota State in the April 15 series finale.

During his current hot streak, Badger is batting 13-for-30 (.433 batting average) to raise his overall season average from .212 to .281. He has driven in seven runs and also scored eight times.

A CALL TO ARMS: South Dakota State starting pitchers have thrown at least five innings in 21 of the team's 30 games so far this season, including each of the team's first 10 Summit League contests.

Junior Tyler Olmstead has taken over the No. 1 starter's role in recent weeks and has tallied 53 strikeouts in 54 innings. A second-team all-Summit League selection in 2018, Olmstead has pitched five-plus innings in seven of his eight starts, including taking a shutout into the ninth inning of his March 16 outing against Western Illinois.

Freshman Nic McCay has hurled at least seven innings in four of his last six outings, highlighted by a nine-inning, 11-strikeout shutout performance in the March 31 series finale against Purdue Fort Wayne in which he ran his record to 4-1. McCay's 11 strikeouts are the most by a Jackrabbit pitcher this season. He also fanned 10 Western Illinois batters over seven innings on March 17 and leads the team with 55 strikeouts in 51 2/3 innings.

McCay was the starting pitcher in the Jackrabbits' March 6 game at Alabama. He pitched the first two innings of the midweek game before turning the game over to the bullpen. In all, SDSU used 10 pitchers in the 6-5, 14-inning loss to the Crimson Tide, tying the mark for the most pitchers used in a Division I game this season.

Out of the bullpen, sophomore left-hander Bret Barnett has emerged as the top reliever on the staff. The Indianola, Iowa, native holds a 4-1 record with a 1.89 earned run average. He allowed only one run in his first 16 innings of the season over 10 appearances before suffering the loss in the April 5 series opener against Omaha. In leading the team with four saves, Barnett has struck out 21 batters — in 19 innings — and has limited the opposition to a .152 batting average (10-for-66).

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. It marked Froom's appearance since 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.

Froom got back into the win column March 2 as the Jackrabbits knocked off Missouri, 6-3. After giving up a run in the bottom of the first, Froom pitched four consecutive shutout frames before tiring in the sixth. He finished with a season-high six strikeouts, while allowing three runs on four hits with five walks in 5 2/3 innings.

Froom again recorded the victory in the second game of a March 9 doubleheader at UA Little Rock, going seven innings. He allowed three runs on seven hits while striking out five and walking four.

Froom has logged five or more innings in six of his nine starts this season to enter the week with a 3-3 record. He has notched 32 strikeouts in 43 2/3 innings.

The Crystal, Minnesota, native became a mainstay in the Jackrabbit rotation starting with his sophomore season in 2015. He currently ranks in fourth place in program history with 43 games started and 237 1/3 innings pitched, while moving into ninth place in career strikeouts with 158.

GOING DEEP: Through the first 30 games of the 2019 season, the Jackrabbits are even in the home run department with their opponents with 23 home runs, starting with a three-homer performance in the Feb. 15 season opener against UT Martin.

Nine different players have accounted for the Jackrabbit home runs, with Josh Falk taking over the team lead with six after hitting a game-tying two-run shot in the bottom of the ninth inning of the April 14 series finale against North Dakota State. It was the lone home run by the Jackrabbits in the three-game series.

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

- 60-70 in four seasons (2017-present)
- * 26-24 in 2017
- * 18-32 in 2018
- * 16-14 in 2019

CAREER TOTALS

- 609-392-1 in 20 seasons (2000-present)

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: 1,332-1,170-5

FIRST YEAR OF BASEBALL: 1947

NCAA DIVISION I POSTSEASON APPEARANCES: One/2013

NCAA DIVISION II POSTSEASON APPEARANCES: Nine (last in 1995)

Gus Steiger and Drew Beazley have each hit four, while Braeden Brown, Logan Holtz and Ryan McDonald have each hit two.

Holtz and 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 hit a total of 10 home runs in its first six contests. The Jackrabbits then went 10 full games without a long ball until hitting three in the first three innings of the second game of a March 16 doubleheader against Western Illinois. Freshman Drew Beazley notched his first career home run, while Steiger and Falk each hit their second round-trippers of the season.

PRESEASON POLL: South Dakota State was picked to finish second in the 2019 Summit League baseball race, according to a poll conducted among conference coaches that was announced Feb. 7 by league officials.

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.

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.

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 in 2018.

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.

Stover began the year by striking out nine in five innings in the Feb. 15 season opener at UT Martin en route to Summit League Pitcher of the Week honors. He made his first pitching appearance since a March 1 start at Central Arkansas by pitching an inning-plus out of the bullpen in the April 14 series finale against North Dakota State.

SCHEDULE CHANGES GALORE: South Dakota State has yet to play a true home game this season due to adverse weather and field conditions at Erv Huether Field. The Jackrabbits' scheduled home opener April 3 against Dakota State was called off, as well as an April 9 home contest against Dakota Wesleyan. No makeup dates have been determined.

The Jackrabbits also had their March 20 game at Creighton called off.

COACH BISHOP: Rob Bishop, who has guided college baseball teams to more than 600 career 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.

Now in his third season with the Jackrabbits, Bishop holds a 60-70 record at SDSU, including a 38-28 mark in Summit League play.

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 609-392-1 record (.608 winning percentage) as a collegiate head coach. He recorded career win No. 600 March 10 at UA Little Rock and coached in his 1,000th collegiate game in the April 13 series opener versus North Dakota State.

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

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
Roby	ROE-bee
Steiger	STY-gurr
Suhr	SOOR

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 31 players from seven different states and one Canadian province. Of the 31 players, 11 are from Iowa, eight are from Minnesota and seven hail from South Dakota. Arizona, Nebraska, Washington and Wisconsin are represented by one player each, as is Manitoba.

By class, 10 are seniors, eight are juniors, four 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.
12	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.
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 open the second half of the Summit League season by taking on Western Illinois in a three-game series tentatively scheduled for April 19-21. Exact schedule and location are to be determined due to concerns over weather and field conditions at Erv Huether Field in Brookings.

The Automated ScoreBook
Overall Statistics for South Dakota State (as of Apr 14, 2019)
(All games Sorted by Batting avg)

Record: 16-14 Home: 0-0 Away: 8-5 Neutral: 8-9 Conference: 9-6

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%
Gus Steiger	.316	30-30	136	29	43	9	0	4	27	64	.471	12	1	28	3	.371	2	0	11-13	46	97	6	.960
Drew Beazley	.298	23-23	84	17	25	7	1	4	16	46	.548	14	5	35	0	.427	0	2	1-1	149	11	2	.988
Braeden Brown	.297	30-30	118	18	35	2	1	2	21	45	.381	17	6	21	4	.406	2	2	6-7	42	59	3	.971
Landon Badger	.281	26-26	96	15	27	9	1	1	16	41	.427	13	1	31	0	.373	0	4	5-5	59	1	2	.968
Luke Ira	.277	30-30	130	20	36	8	2	1	19	51	.392	7	1	24	2	.317	1	3	2-3	23	46	5	.932
Nick Smith	.275	26-26	102	23	28	0	2	0	10	32	.314	25	0	15	0	.414	1	1	8-11	47	4	2	.962
Logan Holtz	.271	29-29	107	13	29	1	2	2	13	40	.374	13	8	14	3	.388	1	1	1-2	61	0	1	.984
Josh Falk	.257	28-27	109	18	28	2	0	6	22	48	.440	12	7	26	4	.364	1	0	1-1	103	6	3	.973
Derek Hackman	.218	20-19	55	11	12	2	0	1	10	17	.309	12	2	22	3	.371	1	1	0-0	147	14	1	.994
Ryan McDonald	.208	20-12	53	10	11	0	0	2	6	17	.321	6	2	13	0	.311	0	0	0-0	77	11	1	.989
Josh Kutzke	.200	7-4	15	1	3	1	0	0	0	4	.267	2	0	7	0	.294	0	0	0-0	12	0	0	1.000
Matthew Krambeck	.167	11-7	24	2	4	0	0	0	3	4	.167	5	1	12	0	.333	0	1	0-0	5	6	0	1.000
Colton Cox	.125	14-4	16	3	2	2	0	0	1	4	.250	3	0	11	0	.263	0	1	0-0	13	0	1	.929
Jamie Berg	.111	14-3	18	5	2	0	0	0	1	2	.111	2	0	4	0	.200	0	0	0-0	3	1	2	.667
Chase Kortan	.000	3-0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
Ian Cote	.000	4-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0	.000	0	0	0-0	2	0	0	1.000
Riley McSherry	.000	1-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0	3	0	1.000
Totals	.267	30	1066	187	285	43	9	23	165	415	.389	143	34	265	19	.369	9	16	35-43	796	309	33	.971
Opponents	.268	30	1031	174	276	35	5	23	154	390	.378	118	37	232	12	.360	11	13	37-49	814	289	42	.963

LOB - Team (267), Opp (239). DPs turned - Team (15), Opp (23). IBB - Team (3), Badger 1, Falk 1, Holtz 1, Opp (3). Picked off - Smith 2, Ira 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	bk	sfa	sha
Austin Suhr	0.00	1-0	1	0	0	0/0	0	0.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0
Bret Barnett	1.89	4-1	12	0	0	0/0	4	19.0	10	4	4	8	21	0	0	1	.152	4	0	0	0	0
Riley McSherry	2.70	0-1	7	0	0	0/0	0	10.0	12	3	3	3	6	1	1	0	.308	1	2	2	0	1
Brett Mogen	2.93	0-0	8	0	0	0/0	0	15.1	18	8	5	4	7	2	1	1	.300	2	2	1	2	0
Tyler Olmstead	3.50	2-2	9	8	0	0/0	0	54.0	50	30	21	20	53	6	0	1	.244	7	10	3	1	3
Nic McCay	4.70	4-1	9	9	1	1/0	0	51.2	50	29	27	17	55	9	0	8	.248	3	4	0	1	0
Ryan Froom	4.95	3-3	9	9	0	0/0	0	43.2	48	33	24	29	32	9	0	3	.281	8	9	0	1	1
Cody Carlson	5.91	0-3	10	0	0	0/0	1	21.1	28	15	14	5	19	2	0	3	.301	0	1	1	1	0
Bryce Johnson	6.00	0-0	3	0	0	0/0	0	3.0	8	6	2	1	4	0	1	0	.421	0	2	0	0	0
Brady Stover	6.08	1-2	4	3	0	0/0	0	13.1	11	9	9	12	14	1	1	1	.244	3	3	1	1	2
Alex Marro	6.23	0-0	7	0	0	0/0	0	8.2	7	7	6	2	7	2	0	1	.226	4	1	0	1	2
Korey Kuhlmann	7.15	0-1	6	1	0	0/0	0	11.1	18	10	9	2	7	2	1	2	.400	1	1	0	1	3
Drew Beazley	7.84	1-0	8	0	0	0/0	3	10.1	8	9	9	8	7	1	0	2	.222	3	1	0	2	1
Quinn Reimers	19.64	0-0	5	0	0	0/0	0	3.2	8	8	8	4	0	0	0	0	.444	2	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	4.78	16-14	30	30	1	1/0	8	265.2	276	174	141	118	232	35	5	23	.268	39	37	8	11	13
Opponents	5.14	14-16	30	30	0	1/1	8	271.1	285	187	155	143	265	43	9	23	.267	36	34	5	9	16

PB - Team (6), Hackman 3, McDonald 3, Opp (7). Pickoffs - Team (4), McCay 2, Hackman 1, Froom 1, Opp (3). SBA/ATT - McDonald (21-27), Hackman (14-18), Froom (10-13), Olmstead (6-8), Carlson (4-5), McCay (3-4), Johnson (3-3), Mogen (1-3), Stover (1-3), Oehme (2-2), Reimers (2-2), Cote (2-2), Marro (2-2), Barnett (1-1), Suhr (1-1), Beazley (1-1), Kuhlmann (0-1).

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Player	c	po	a	e	fld%	dp	sba	csb	sba%	pb	ci
Ryan Froom	14	2	12	0	1.000	0	10	3	.769	0	0
Josh Kutzke	12	12	0	0	1.000	1	0	0	---	0	0
Nic McCay	11	2	9	0	1.000	0	3	1	.750	0	0
Matthew Krambeck	11	5	6	0	1.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
Korey Kuhlmann	5	0	5	0	1.000	0	0	1	.000	0	0
Brett Mogen	4	1	3	0	1.000	1	1	2	.333	0	0
Bret Barnett	4	1	3	0	1.000	0	1	0	1.000	0	0
Riley McSherry	3	0	3	0	1.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
Ian Cote	2	2	0	0	1.000	0	2	0	1.000	0	0
Brady Stover	2	0	2	0	1.000	0	1	2	.333	0	0
Alex Marro	2	0	2	0	1.000	0	2	0	1.000	0	0
Austin Suhr	1	0	1	0	1.000	0	1	0	1.000	0	0
Bryce Johnson	1	0	1	0	1.000	0	3	0	1.000	0	0
Derek Hackman	162	147	14	1	.994	0	14	4	.778	3	0
Ryan McDonald	89	77	11	1	.989	0	21	6	.778	3	0
Drew Beazley	162	149	11	2	.988	5	1	0	1.000	0	0
Logan Holtz	62	61	0	1	.984	0	0	0	---	0	0
Josh Falk	112	103	6	3	.973	8	0	0	---	0	0
Braeden Brown	104	42	59	3	.971	10	0	0	---	0	0
Landon Badger	62	59	1	2	.968	0	0	0	---	0	0
Nick Smith	53	47	4	2	.962	0	0	0	---	0	0
Gus Steiger	149	46	97	6	.960	12	0	0	---	0	0
Luke Ira	74	23	46	5	.932	4	0	0	---	0	0
Colton Cox	14	13	0	1	.929	0	0	0	---	0	0
Tyler Olmstead	13	1	10	2	.846	0	6	2	.750	0	0
Jamie Berg	6	3	1	2	.667	0	0	0	---	0	0
Cody Carlson	3	0	2	1	.667	0	4	1	.800	0	0
Quinn Reimers	1	0	0	1	.000	0	2	0	1.000	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
Totals	1138	796	309	33	.971	15	37	12	.755	6	0
Opponents	1145	814	289	42	.963	23	35	8	.814	7	0