



SOUTH DAKOTA STATE

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2019 FOOTBALL INFORMATION

Jacks open at Minnesota

JACKRABBIT GAME NOTES — AUG. 29

#3/4 [FCS] SOUTH DAKOTA STATE (0-0) at MINNESOTA (0-0)

8 p.m. Thursday

TCF Bank Stadium; Minneapolis, Minnesota



SERIES NOTES

- Eighth Meeting (Minnesota leads, 7-0)
- Minnesota won the last meeting, 16-13, on Nov. 14, 2009

MEDIA INFORMATION

- Game will be televised on FOX Sports 1 with broadcast team of Joe Davis (play-by-play), Brock Huard (color) and Bruce Feldman (sidelines)
- Pre-game radio show begins at 7 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: P.J. Fleck
 (Northern Illinois, 2004)
 • 42-35 record in six seasons as a collegiate head coach — 12-13 in two seasons at Minnesota

STARTERS RETURNING: 17
 (9 Off., 7 Def., 1 ST)

HEAD COACH: John Stiegelmeier (SDSU, 1979)
 • 158-100 record in 22 seasons — all at South Dakota State
STARTERS RETURNING: 17
 (8 Off., 7 Def., 2 ST)

2019 SCHEDULE

AUGUST		
29	at Minnesota	8 p.m.
SEPTEMBER		
7	LONG ISLAND [Dairy Drive]	6 p.m.
14	DRAKE	1 p.m.
21	SOUTHERN UTAH [Beef Bowl]	6 p.m.
OCTOBER		
5	*SOUTHERN ILLINOIS [Hobo Day]	2 p.m.
12	*at Youngstown State	5 p.m.
19	*at Indiana State	noon
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 — 2018 STATISTICS

MINNESOTA	CATEGORY	SOUTH DAKOTA STATE
28.9	Points Per Game	42.5
26.5	Points Allowed Per Game	22.3
170.8	Rushing Yardage Per Game	230.1
173.4	Rush Yardage Allowed/Game	188.2
208.8	Passing Yardage Per Game	250.5
14.3	Average Per Catch	15.8
212.4	Pass Yardage Allowed/Game	197.5
379.6	Total Offense Per Game	480.5
385.8	Total Offense Allowed/Game	385.8
23.4	Kick Return Average	22.5
22.2	Punt Return Average	5.3
11-88	Interception Returns	17-147
20-11	Fumbles-Lost	11-2
51-508	Penalties-Yards	90-732
32:09	Time of Possession/Game	30:13
66/166 (40%)	Third-Down Conversions	67/163 (41%)

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2018 RESULTS

SEPTEMBER

1	at Iowa State	canceled
8	MONTANA STATE	W, 45-14
15	ARKANSAS-PINE BLUFF	W, 90-6
29	*at North Dakota State	L, 17-21

OCTOBER

6	*INDIANA STATE	[OT] W, 54-51
13	*YOUNGSTOWN STATE	W, 36-7
20	*at Northern Iowa	L, 9-24
27	*at Illinois State	W, 38-28

NOVEMBER

3	*MISSOURI STATE	W, 59-7
10	*at Southern Illinois	W, 57-38
17	*SOUTH DAKOTA	W, 49-27

DECEMBER

1	^DUQUESNE	W, 51-6
8	^at Kennesaw State	W, 27-17
14	^at North Dakota State	L, 21-44

*Denotes Missouri Valley Football Conference game

^ FCS playoff game

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Aug. 26, 2019

BROOKINGS, S.D. — The South Dakota State University football team kicks off the 2019 season with a trip to regional Football Bowl Subdivision opponent Minnesota.

Start time is set for 8 p.m. Thursday at TCF Bank Stadium in Minneapolis. The game will be televised on FOX Sports 1 and also will be available for viewing through the FOX Sports Go app (subscription required).

The Jackrabbits, who are ranked third in the STATS FCS preseason media poll and fourth by the Football Championship Subdivision coaches, are coming off a 2018 season in which they posted a 10-3 overall record and made their second consecutive appearance in the FCS playoff semifinals. SDSU earned a berth in the FCS playoffs for the seventh consecutive year.

Minnesota, meanwhile, finished the 2018 campaign with a 7-6 overall record, culminating with a 34-10 victory over Georgia Tech in the Quick Lane Bowl. The Golden Gophers, who posted a 3-6 mark in the Big Ten Conference a year ago, are receiving votes in both the Associated Press and coaches' preseason polls.

THE SERIES: Thursday's game will mark the eighth meeting on the gridiron between South Dakota State and Minnesota, a series that dates back more than a century.

Minnesota has won all seven previous matchups, starting with an 81-0 Golden Gopher victory in 1905. Minnesota has recorded a shutout in four of the previous seven meetings.

The series was dormant from 1933 until the two programs renewed the series during the 2009 season. In the first-ever meeting between the two squads played at TCF Bank Stadium, Minnesota pulled out a 16-13 victory.

Previous series scores:

1905: Minnesota 81, South Dakota State 0
1916: Minnesota 41, South Dakota State 7
1917: Minnesota 64, South Dakota State 0
1930: Minnesota 48, South Dakota State 0
1932: Minnesota 12, South Dakota State 0
1933: Minnesota 19, South Dakota State 6
2009: Minnesota 16, South Dakota State 13

Note: South Dakota State recorded a 31-0 victory over Minnesota's "B-team" in 1928.

FOR OPENERS: Now in his 23rd year as head coach, John Stiegelmeier has led SDSU to a 14-8 record in season openers. The Jackrabbits won each of their first seven season openers under Coach Stig, starting with a 17-7 victory at UC Davis in 1997.

Of SDSU's eight losses in season openers under Coach Stig, four have come against Football Bowl Subdivision opponents.

PLAYING UP: South Dakota State will face a Football Bowl Subdivision opponent for the 10th time since moving to the Division I ranks. The Jackrabbits have compiled a 1-8 record against FBS foes, starting with a 44-17 setback at Iowa State in the 2008 season opener.

The Jackrabbits last played an FBS foe in the 2016 season opener at TCU, falling to the Horned Frogs, 59-41.

SDSU's lone win against an FBS opponent was a 41-38 win at Kansas in the 2015 season opener.

Previous FBS games:

2008: Iowa State 44, SDSU 17	2013: Nebraska 59, SDSU 20
2009: Minnesota 16, SDSU 13	2014: Missouri 38, SDSU 18
2010: Nebraska 17, SDSU 3	2015: SDSU 41, Kansas 38
2011: Illinois 56, SDSU 3	2016: TCU 59, SDSU 41
2012: Kansas 31, SDSU 17	

Note: SDSU's 2018 game at Iowa State was canceled due to inclement weather

SEASON OPENERS DURING THE JOHN STIEGELMEIER ERA

1997: SDSU 17, UC Davis 7
1998: SDSU 56, Wisconsin-Stout 13
1999: SDSU 35, Grand Valley State (Mich.) 20
2000: SDSU 36, Grand Valley State (Mich.) 27
2001: SDSU 34, Ferris State (Mich.) 24
2002: SDSU 28, Chadron State (Neb.) 15
2003: SDSU 20, Northwest Missouri State 0
2004: UC Davis 52, SDSU 0
2005: SDSU 42, Wisconsin-La Crosse 13
2006: Wisconsin-La Crosse 17, SDSU 3
2007: Western Illinois 29, SDSU 26 (4 OT)
2008: Iowa State 44, SDSU 17
2009: SDSU 44, Georgia Southern 6
2010: Delaware 26, SDSU 3
2011: SDSU 29, Southern Utah 28
2012: Kansas 31, SDSU 17
2013: SDSU 55, Butler (Ind.) 14
2014: Missouri 38, SDSU 18
2015: SDSU 41, Kansas 38
2016: TCU 59, SDSU 41
2017: SDSU 51, Duquesne 13
2018: SDSU 45, Montana State 14

Note: 2018 original season opener at Iowa State was canceled due to inclement weather

GAME NOTES — SOUTH DAKOTA STATE AT MINNESOTA

2018 GAME HIGHS

TEAM GAME HIGHS

RUSHING ATTEMPTS: 49, vs. Indiana State, 10-6-18
RUSHING YARDS: 369, vs. Arkansas-Pine Bluff, 9-15-18
YARDS PER RUSH: 10.4, vs. South Dakota, 11-17-18
RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS: 5, three times (last: vs. Duquesne, 12-1-18)
PASS ATTEMPTS: 50, at Northern Iowa, 10-20-18
PASS COMPLETIONS: 25, at Northern Iowa, 10-20-18
YARDS PASSING: *557, vs. Arkansas-Pine Bluff, 9-15-18
YARDS PER PASS: 26.5, vs. Arkansas-Pine Bluff, 9-15-18
PASSING TOUCHDOWNS: *8, vs. Arkansas-Pine Bluff, 9-15-18
TOTAL PLAYS: 80, vs. Indiana State, 10-6-18
TOTAL OFFENSE: *926, vs. Arkansas-Pine Bluff, 9-15-18
YARDS PER PLAY: 16.2, vs. Arkansas-Pine Bluff, 9-15-18
POINTS: *90, vs. Arkansas-Pine Bluff, 9-15-18
FIRST DOWNS: 31, vs. Indiana State, 10-6-18
SACKS BY: 4, vs. Missouri State, 11-3-18
PENALTIES: 14, vs. South Dakota, 11-17-18
PENALTY YARDS: 145, vs. South Dakota, 11-17-18
TURNOVERS BY: 2, at Northern Iowa, 10-20-18, and vs. Missouri State, 11-3-18
TURNOVERS FORCED: 4, vs. Arkansas-Pine Bluff, 9-15-18, and vs. Missouri State, 11-3-18
INTERCEPTIONS: 4, vs. Missouri State, 11-3-18
FUMBLES RECOVERED: 2, vs. Arkansas-Pine Bluff, 9-15-18
* Single-game school record

SDSU'S 2018 RECORD WHEN...

Jackrabbits score first	10-2
Opponent scores first	0-1
Jackrabbits lead after one quarter	7-2
Opponent leads after one quarter	1-0
Game is tied after one quarter	2-1
Jackrabbits lead at halftime	10-0
Opponent leads at halftime	0-3
Game is tied at halftime	0-0
Jackrabbits lead after three quarters	10-1
Opponent leads after three quarters	0-2
Game is tied after three quarters	0-0
Game is decided in overtime	1-0
Jackrabbits play at home	7-0
SDSU plays on the the road	3-3
Jackrabbits commit fewer turnovers than opponent	9-0
Opponent commits fewer turnovers than SDSU	0-2
Turnover margin is equal	1-1
Jackrabbits commit fewer penalties than opponent	2-2
Opponent commits fewer penalties than SDSU	7-1
Teams commit same number of penalties	1-0
Jackrabbits have time of possession advantage	7-1
Opponent has time of possession advantage	3-2
Game is played on artificial surface	9-3
Game is played on natural grass/hybrid surface	1-0
Game is played during the day	7-2
Game is played at night (6 p.m. or later kickoff)	3-1

RARE THURSDAY NIGHT: South Dakota State will be opening a season on a Thursday night for the fifth time in recorded program history, and the second time in three years. The Jackrabbits are 2-2 under the lights in Thursday openers, with three of the games played on the road.

Previous Thursday night openers include:

Sept. 2, 1999: SDSU 35, Grand Valley State 20 (game played at Grand Rapids, Mich.)
 Aug. 30, 2007: Western Illinois 29, SDSU 26 [4 OT] (game at Macomb, Ill.)
 Aug. 28, 2008: Iowa State 44, SDSU 17 (game at Ames, Iowa)
 Aug. 31, 2017: SDSU 51, Duquesne 13 (game at Dana J. Dykhous Stadium)

Thursday's game also will mark only the sixth time the Jackrabbits have played a game in the month of August:

Aug. 30, 2007: Western Illinois 29, SDSU 26 [4 OT] (game at Macomb, Ill.)
 Aug. 28, 2008: Iowa State 44, SDSU 17 (game at Ames, Iowa)
 Aug. 31, 2013: SDSU 55, Butler 14 (game at Coughlin-Alumni Stadium)
 Aug. 30, 2014: Missouri 38, SDSU 18 (game at Columbia, Mo.)
 Aug. 31, 2017: SDSU 51, Duquesne 13 (game at Dana J. Dykhous Stadium)

ELITE COMPANY: South Dakota State is one of only two Football Championship Subdivision programs to reach the playoffs each of the last seven seasons. North Dakota State holds the longest active streak with nine consecutive trips to the playoffs.

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

The Jackrabbits received one first-place vote and finished with 3,631 points to finish third in the poll for the second year in a row. SDSU completed the 2018 season with a 10-3 overall record and made its second consecutive semifinal appearance in the Football Championship Subdivision playoffs.

Defending national champion North Dakota State collected 142 of 160 first-place votes to top the poll with 3,971 points. James Madison received 14 first-place votes and 3,635 points to finish second.

Rounding out the top five were Big Sky Conference members Eastern Washington (3,594 points with three first-place votes) and UC Davis (3,210 points).

SDSU has now appeared in the top 25 of 93 consecutive media polls dating back to October 2012.

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

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.

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 116-67 overall record (.634 winning percentage).

SDSU has turned in a winning record in 13 of 15 full seasons and has compiled a 61-27 mark (.688 winning percentage) in Missouri Valley Football Conference games.

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2018 GAME HIGHS

INDIVIDUAL GAME HIGHS

RUSHING ATTEMPTS: 21, by Isaac Wallace, vs. Indiana State, 10-6-18
RUSHING YARDS: 253, by Pierre Strong Jr., vs. South Dakota, 11-17-18
RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS: 3, by Pierre Strong Jr., at Southern Illinois, 11-10-18, and vs. South Dakota, 11-17-18
LONG RUSH: 79 yards (for TD), by Isaac Wallace, vs. Arkansas-Pine Bluff, 9-15-18
PASS ATTEMPTS: 50, by Taryn Christion, at Northern Iowa, 10-20-18
PASS COMPLETIONS: 25, by Taryn Christion, at Northern Iowa, 10-20-18
YARDS PASSING: 341, by Taryn Christion, at Southern Illinois, 11-10-18
TOUCHDOWN PASSES: 5, by Taryn Christion, vs. Arkansas-Pine Bluff, 9-15-18, and vs. Indiana State, 10-6-18
RECEPTIONS: 9, by Cade Johnson, vs. Montana State, 9-8-18
YARDS RECEIVING: 188 by Cade Johnson, at Southern Illinois, 11-10-18
RECEIVING TOUCHDOWNS: 4, by Cade Johnson, vs. Montana State, 9-8-18 [tied school record]
LONG RECEPTION: 81 yards (for TD), by Cade Johnson (from Taryn Christion), at Illinois State, 10-27-18
FIELD GOALS: 3, by Chase Vinatieri, at Northern Iowa, 10-20-18
LONG FIELD GOAL: 57 yards, by Chase Vinatieri, at Northern Iowa, 10-20-18 [tied school record]
PUNTS: 7, by Brady Hale, vs. Youngstown State, 10-13-18, and at Illinois State, 10-27-2018
PUNTING AVERAGE: 48.0 yards (4 punts), by Brady Hale, vs. Montana State, 9-8-18
LONG PUNT: 57 yards, by Brady Hale, three times (last: vs. Duquesne, 12-1-18)
LONG PUNT RETURN: 29 yards, by Marquise Lewis, vs. Arkansas-Pine Bluff, 9-15-18
LONG KICKOFF RETURN: 48 yards, by Cade Johnson, at Kennesaw State, 12-8-18
TACKLES: 14, by Christian Rozeboom, at Kennesaw State, 12-8-18
TACKLES FOR LOSS: 3.0, by Christian Rozeboom, at Kennesaw State, 12-8-18
SACKS: 1.5, four times by three different players (last: by Ryan Earith and Elijah Wilson, vs. Missouri State, 11-3-18)
INTERCEPTIONS: 2, by Zy Mosley, vs. Arkansas-Pine Bluff, 9-15-18
PASS BREAKUPS: 3, by Jordan Brown, at Southern Illinois, 11-10-18
FUMBLES FORCED: 1, 13 times by 10 different players (last: by Christian Rozeboom, at North Dakota State, 12-14-18)
BLOCKED KICKS: 2 (both punts), by Seven Wilson, vs. Duquesne, 12-1-18

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. The Jackrabbits have qualified for the FCS playoffs each of the last seven seasons.

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 recognition. 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 MVFC Freshman of the Year last season.

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 Greenaway at offensive tackle, Luke Sellers at fullback and Chase Vinatieri at kicker. All three are entering their senior seasons.

PRESEASON ALL-AMERICANS: A Football Championship Subdivision-best five players from South Dakota State 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

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JACKRABBITS IN THE 2018 NCAA STATISTICS

TEAM (top 25)

- 3rd in blocked kicks, 8
- 4th in blocked punts, 4
- 4th in team passing efficiency, 164.96
- 5th in fewest fumbles lost, 2
- 5th in scoring offense, 42.5 points/game
- 6th in fewest turnovers lost, 10
- 6th in turnover margin, +1.15/game
- 7th in net punting, 39.14 yards/attempt
- 7th in punt return defense, 3.07 yards/return
- 9th in passing yards per completion, 15.81
- 10th in kickoff return defense, 16.75 yards/return
- 10th in total offense, 480.5 yards/game
- 12th in first downs, 268
- 15th in fewest sacks allowed, 1.00 sacks/game
- 15th in red-zone offense, .880
- 18th in rushing offense, 230.1 yards/game
- 18th in turnovers gained, 25
- 21st in fewest tackles for loss allowed, 5.15 TFL/game
- 23rd in third-down conversion percentage, .411
- 25th in scoring defense, 22.3 points/game

INDIVIDUAL (top 30)

JORDAN BROWN

- 27th in passes defended, 1.2 per game

TARYN CHRISTION

- 3rd in passing touchdowns, 32
- 5th in passing yards per completion, 15.33
- 6th in passing efficiency, 158.9
- 6th in yards per pass attempt, 8.88
- 7th in points responsible for, 228
- 11th in passing yards, 3,020
- 11th in points responsible for per game, 17.5
- 25th in passing yards per game, 232.3
- 28th in total offense, 257.9 yards/game

CADE JOHNSON

- T-1st in touchdown receptions, 17
- 4th in total touchdowns, 17
- 5th in receiving yards, 1,332
- 11th in yards per reception, 19.88
- 13th in receiving yards per game, 102.5
- 14th in kickoff returns, 27.2 yards/attempt
- 15th in all-purpose yardage, 139.85 yards/game
- 22nd in scoring, 7.8 points/game

KROCKETT KROLIKOWSKI

- T-12th in blocked kicks, 2

PIERRE STRONG, JR.

- 21st in rushing yards, 1,116
- 29th in rushing touchdowns, 11

CHASE VINATIERI

- 9th in scoring, 8.8 points/game

SEVEN WILSON

- T-12th in blocked kicks, 2

Notes: Strong would have led the nation in rushing yards per carry (9.54), but did not have enough attempts (min. 10 att. per game) to qualify

Rankings based on all games among 124 FCS teams

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 Sept. 8 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 the season to finish with team bests of 1,116 rushing yards and 11 rushing touchdowns. He averaged 9.5 yards per, 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 in 2018.

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 TO MAKE FIRST CAREER START: For the first time since 2015, South Dakota State will have someone other than Taryn Christion start a game at quarterback. Redshirt freshman J'Bore Gibbs has been tabbed to start the Aug. 29 season opener at Minnesota, in what will be his first collegiate action.

Christion started 41 consecutive games at quarterback at SDSU, a streak that began in the Jackrabbits' 2015 playoff game at Montana.

JOHNSON NEARS RECEIVING TOP 10: Junior wide receiver Cade Johnson is poised to move into the SDSU top 10 for career receiving yards early in the 2019 season. Johnson comes into the Aug. 29 season opener with 1,650 career receiving yards, 183 away from passing Glen Fox (1,832 yards from 2006-09) for 10th place in program history.

Johnson already ranks in a tie with Jason Schneider (2011-14) for sixth place in career touchdown receptions with 20. Johnson set a new Jackrabbit single-season record with 17 touchdown receptions in 2018.

VINATIERI APPROACHES SCORING RECORD: Senior Chase Vinatieri begins the 2019 season 28 points away from setting a new Jackrabbit career standard for most points via kicking. Vinatieri enters the 2019 season opener with 294 kicking points, trailing the record of 321 set by Parker Douglass from 2004-07. Vinatieri made 38 field goals his first three seasons and has tallied 180 extra-points.

Vinatieri's career scoring total is actually 306 points as he has scored a pair of rushing touchdowns on fake field goal attempts. He put together consecutive 100-point seasons as a sophomore and junior 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 195 points from 1991-94. Adam Vinatieri has since gone on to set the NFL career scoring record with 2,600 points while playing for the New England Patriots (1996-2005) and Indianapolis Colts (2006-present).

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PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

COACHES

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

PLAYERS

Jake Aanderud	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-ee
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

BLOCK THAT KICK: The Jackrabbits were strong on special teams throughout the 2018 season, ranking third in the Football Championship Subdivision 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. Krockett Krolikowski was credited with a pair of blocked kicks.

JACKRABBIT BLOODLINES: Several South Dakota State football players have 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), and enters the 2019 season with 38 career field goals. He also 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 is currently playing for the Cincinnati Bengals.

- Identical twins Jadon and Jaxon Janke are redshirt freshman wide receivers for the Jackrabbits this season.

JACKS IN THE PROS: Entering the final week of the preseason, six former South Dakota State University football standouts were on National Football League rosters, 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 582-of-690 on field goal attempts, 84.3 percent, and 2,600 career points. He also holds the career field goals record and ranks second in extra points with 852.

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.

Preparing for his fifth season with the Detroit Lions is former Jackrabbit standout running back Zach Zenner. During a highly decorated career 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 Lions following the 2015 NFL Draft and has 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.

Also returning to an NFL team this summer is veteran offensive lineman Bryan Witzmann. A standout for the Jackrabbits from 2010-13, Witzmann is currently 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.

In his second year with the Philadelphia Eagles is tight end Dallas Goedert. A two-time All-American, Goedert 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.

Making his professional debut in 2019 is cornerback Jordan Brown, who was 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.

GAME NOTES — SOUTH DAKOTA STATE AT MINNESOTA

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. Dykhhouse Stadium)
SDSU 54, Indiana State 51 [OT]
(Oct. 6, 2018 — at Dana J. Dykhhouse Stadium)
Overall, SDSU is 5-5 in overtime games

Signing a rookie free agent contract shortly before the start of training camp was quarterback Taryn Christion with the Dallas Cowboys.

Offensive lineman Tiano Pupungatoa began training camp with the Minnesota Vikings, but was released.

DANA J. DYKHOUSE STADIUM: Jackrabbit football moved into a new home in September of 2016 with the completion of Dana J. Dykhhouse 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 Dykhhouse 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 20-2 record at Dana J. Dykhhouse Stadium during its first three 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.

Dana J. Dykhhouse 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 open the home season Sept. 7 by hosting Long Island University in the Sixth Annual Dairy Drive. Kickoff is slated for 6 p.m. at Dana J. Dykhhouse Stadium.

Long Island University will be playing its first game as an FCS program after its Post campus previously competed in NCAA Division II.

DEPTH CHART vs. MINNESOTA

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, 310, So., Brookings, S.D.
	79	Grant Schmidt, 6-6, 310, Sr., Sioux Falls, S.D.
C	70	Matt Clark, 6-5, 340, Sr., Syracuse, Neb.
	63	Jack Domandle, 6-4, 315, Jr., Omaha, Neb.
RG	56	EAGAN LICKISS, 6-4, 310, Jr., Indianola, Iowa
	60	Mason McCormick, 6-4, 290, R-Fr., Sioux Falls, S.D.
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, 200, Sr., Orlando, Fla.
	1	JACOB BROWN, 5-11, 200, 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, 225, R-Fr., Chicago, Ill
	12	Kanin Nelson, 6-4, 200, Jr., Mitchell, S.D.
FB or	26	MIKEY DANIEL, 6-0, 225, Sr., Brookings, S.D.
	36	Luke Sellers, 6-1, 245, Sr., Papillion, Neb.
RB	20	Pierre Strong, Jr., 5-11, 200, So., Little Rock, Ark.
	8	C.J. Wilson, 5-10, 195, So., Daytona Beach, Fla.

* Returning starters indicated in CAPS

DEFENSE

DE	97	Reece Winkelman, 6-4, 250, So., Marshall, Minn.
	22	Tolu Ogunrinde, 6-1, 265, Jr., Cottage Grove, Minn.
DT	91	XAVIER WARD, 6-2, 290, Jr., Freeman, S.D.
	99	Caleb Sanders, 6-1, 280, So., Glenwood, Iowa
NT	96	Spencer Hildahl, 6-3, 290, Sr., Montevideo, Minn.
	55	Thomas Stacker, 6-4, 285, Jr., Chicago, Ill.
	69	KROCKETT KROLIKOWSKI, 6-2, 280, So., Winner, S.D.
DE	90	RYAN EARITH, 6-4, 260, Sr., Papillion, Neb.
	94	Cade Terveer, 6-3, 245, R-Fr., Brandon, S.D.
or	34	AUSTIN SMENDA, 6-2, 260, Sr., Fleming Island, Fla.
LB or (Will)	7	Seven Wilson, 5-9, 205, Jr., Kansas City, Mo.
	12	LOGAN BACKHAUS, 6-4, 205, Jr., Spirit Lake, Iowa
	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 or (Sam)	16	Levi Brown, 6-4, 215, So., Roseville, Minn.
	12	LOGAN BACKHAUS, 6-4, 205, Jr., Spirit Lake, Iowa
	50	Graham Spalding, 6-1, 200, Fr., Oviedo, Fla.
LCB	21	Don Gardner, 6-1, 185, Jr., Chicago, Ill.
	19	Ti'Jaih Davis, 6-1, 180, R-Fr., Baltimore, Md.
	28	Jordan Gandy, 5-10, 175, Fr., DeKalb, Ill.
FS	6	Michael Griffin II, 6-0, 215, Jr., Cottage Grove, Minn.
	38	Tyler DeMartra, 6-2, 210, So., Homewood, Ill.
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	13	DyShawn Gales, 5-11, 180, R-Fr., North Chicago, Ill.
	17	Diamond Evans, 5-10, 195, Fr., Chicago, Ill.
	1	Malik Lofton, 5-10, 185, So., Crystal, Minn.

SPECIAL TEAMS

Long Snaps	52	BRADLEY 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	4	CHASE VINATIERI, 6-1, 215, Sr., Sioux Falls, S.D.
	97	Cole Frahm, 6-5, 220, So., Omaha, Neb.
KOR	15	CADE JOHNSON, 5-10, 180, Jr., Papillion, Neb.
	8	C.J. Wilson, 5-10, 195, So., Daytona Beach, Fla.
or	24	Deyon Campbell, 5-9, 195, So., Minneapolis, Minn.
KOR	26	Mikey Daniel, 6-0, 235, Jr., Brookings, S.D.
	10	Jaxon Janke, 6-2, 210, R-Fr., Madison, S.D.
PR or	10	Jaxon Janke, 6-2, 210, R-Fr., Madison, S.D.
	8	C.J. Wilson, 5-10, 195, So., Daytona Beach, Fla.

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.	47	Payton Madison	FB	6-3	245	Fr.	Spicer, Minn.
1	Malik Lofton	CB	5-10	185	So.	Crystal, Minn.	48	Quinton Hicks	DE	6-3	235	Fr.	Wichita, Kan.
2	Christian Rozeboom	LB	6-2	230	Sr.	Sioux Center, Iowa	49	Ben Dinkel	P	5-10	215	So.	Kearney, Neb.
2	J'Bore Gibbs	QB	6-3	230	R-Fr.	Chicago, Ill.	50	Graham Spalding	LB	6-1	200	Fr.	Oviedo, Fla.
3	Josh Manchigiah	S	6-0	210	Jr.	Papillion, Neb.	51	Andrew Mueller	DT	6-0	260	Sr.	Lake Elmo, Minn.
3	Devin Blakley	RB	5-10	175	Fr.	Broadview, Ill.	52	Bradey Sorenson	LS	6-2	230	Jr.	Yankton, S.D.
4	Chase Vinatieri	K	6-1	215	Sr.	Sioux Falls, S.D.	52	Jarod DePriest	DT	6-5	265	Fr.	Trivoli, Ill.
4	Canyon Bauer	WR	6-0	195	Fr.	Sioux Falls, S.D.	53	Caden Johnson	DE	6-3	240	Fr.	Wahoo, Neb.
5	Blair Mulholland	RB	5-10	195	Jr.	Appleton, Wis.	54	Eddie Miller	OL	6-5	315	Jr.	Brookings, S.D.
6	Michael Griffin II	S	6-0	215	Jr.	Cottage Grove, Minn.	55	Thomas Stackner	DT	6-4	285	Jr.	Chicago, Ill.
7	Seven Wilson	LB	5-9	205	Jr.	Kansas City, Mo.	56	Eagan Lickiss	OL	6-4	325	Jr.	Indianola, Iowa
7	Karst Hunter	QB	6-4	205	Fr.	Miller, S.D.	57	Kinser Madison	LB	6-2	210	R-Fr.	Higginsville, Mo.
8	C.J. Wilson	RB	5-10	195	So.	Daytona Beach, Fla.	58	Alex Westendorf	OL	6-5	290	Fr.	South Elgin, Ill.
9	Jadon Janke	WR	6-3	210	R-Fr.	Madison, S.D.	60	Mason McCormick	OL	6-4	300	R-Fr.	Sioux Falls, S.D.
10	Jaxon Janke	WR	6-2	210	R-Fr.	Madison, S.D.	61	Evan Beertsen	OL	6-4	280	Fr.	De Pere, Wis.
11	Matt Barnett	LB	6-3	200	Fr.	Cedar Rapids, Iowa	62	Tyson Strohbeen	OL	6-2	290	Fr.	Sioux City, Iowa
12	Logan Backhaus	LB	6-4	205	Jr.	Spirit Lake, Iowa	63	Jack Domandle	OL	6-4	315	Jr.	Omaha, Neb.
12	Kanin Nelson	QB	6-4	200	Jr.	Mitchell, S.D.	64	Ethan Vibert	OL	6-4	300	Fr.	Regina, Saskatchewan
13	DyShawn Gales	CB	5-11	180	R-Fr.	North Chicago, Ill.	65	Matthew Borowicz	DT	6-4	270	R-Fr.	Lakeville, Minn.
13	Keaton Heide	QB	6-3	195	Fr.	Wayzata, Minn.	66	Elijah Wilson	DE	6-4	260	Jr.	Omaha, Neb.
14	Jarek Berg	S	6-0	200	Jr.	Oconomowoc, Wis.	67	Brady Beck	OL	6-8	275	Fr.	Sioux Falls, S.D.
14	Matt Connors	QB	6-4	200	R-Fr.	Collierville, Tenn.	68	Ian Bass	OL	6-4	280	R-Fr.	Rosemount, Minn.
15	Cade Johnson	WR	5-10	180	Jr.	Papillion, Neb.	69	Krockett Krolikowski	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.
32	Kyle Tuttle	LB	6-2	215	Jr.	Jupiter, Fla.	88	Blake Kunz	TE	6-5	255	So.	Germantown, Wis.
33	Thomas Motzko	LB	6-0	225	Fr.	Highland Park, Ill.	89	Jhareth Bloomenrader	TE	6-6	250	Fr.	Highmore, S.D.
34	Austin Smenda	DE	6-2	260	Sr.	Fleming Island, Fla.	90	Ryan Earith	DE	6-4	260	Sr.	Papillion, Neb.
34	Torren Union	CB	6-2	185	Fr.	Mesa, Ariz.	91	Xavier Ward	DT	6-2	290	Jr.	Freeman, S.D.
35	Chase Norblade	S	6-1	185	Fr.	Papillion, Neb.	92	Kevin Brenner	DE	6-3	230	Fr.	Silver Lake, Wis.
36	Luke Sellers	FB	6-1	245	Sr.	Papillion, Neb.	93	Malachi Johnson	DE	6-7	230	So.	Minneapolis, Minn.
37	Jefferson Lee, V	RB	5-9	185	R-Fr.	Marshall, Minn.	94	Cade Terveer	DE	6-3	245	R-Fr.	Brandon, S.D.
38	Tyler DeMartra	S	6-2	210	So.	Homewood, Ill.	94	Jake Wolfe	K	5-8	150	So.	Omaha, Neb.
40	Turner Blasius	FB	6-1	240	Sr.	Kimball, S.D.	95	Zac Wilson	DE	6-3	220	Fr.	Chippley, Fla.
42	Mason Leighton	WR	5-9	175	So.	Madison, S.D.	96	Spencer Hildahl	DT	6-3	290	Sr.	Montevideo, Minn.
43	Mike Morgan	FB	6-3	235	R-Fr.	New Lenox, Ill.	97	Reece Winkelman	DE	6-4	250	So.	Marshall, Minn.
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JOHN STIEGELMEIER

Head Coach

23rd Season (158-100 record — all at SDSU)

Alma Mater: South Dakota State, 1979

FOOTBALL HONORS AND RECORDS:

- Ranks first on SDSU career football coaching victories list with 158-100 record (.612 winning percentage) in 22 full 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 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 116-67 overall record (.634 winning percentage)
- His 61 victories in Missouri Valley Football Conference play rank third in league history, while his 90 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 101-29 (.777) home record in Coach Stig's 22 seasons as head coach
- SDSU has a 214-139 (.606) 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 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

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	9-4	5-3
2015	8-4	5-3
2016	9-4	7-1
2017	11-3	6-2
2018	10-3	6-2
TOTALS	90-49	61-27
OVERALL TOTALS	158-100	103-62

JACKRABBITS TO WATCH



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)
- Has recorded double figures for tackles in 18 of 39 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. T.J. Lally, 2012-15.....415
3. *J.D. Alexander, 1971-74393
4. **Christian Rozeboom, 2016-present ..364**
5. *Darrin Thurston, 1984-87340
6. *Mark Huelskamp, 1972-75328
7. *Sterne Akin, 1995-98325
8. *Doug Miller, 1989-92322
9. Chris Coquette, 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
Career	40	178	186	364	23.0-65	4.0-16	6	6-141	1	4-0	5

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

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



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 28 of 40 career games
- Third in career field goals at SDSU with 38

SDSU CAREER FIELD GOALS

1. Parker Douglas, 2004-07	62
2. Justin Syrovatka, 2011-14	55
3. Chase Vinatieri, 2016-present	38
4. Brett Gorden, 1995-98	36
5. Peter Reifenhath, 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
Career	38	52	.731	&57	0-0	9-12	15-15	11-18	3-7	0	180-189	306

& tied school record; Note: Point total includes two rushing touchdowns

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

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

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 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

JACKRABBITS TO WATCH



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 Jackrabbit single-season record with 16 touchdown receptions
- Tied SDSU single-game record with four touchdown receptions, versus Montana State on Sept. 8, 2018
- Caught two touchdown passes in four other games this season
- Topped the 100-yard mark for receiving six times in 2018
- 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

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
Career	90	1,650	18.3	20	*81	4	33	0	24	47	1,301	27.7	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

JACKRABBITS TO WATCH

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. JaRon Harris, 2005-08	2,241
7. Rusty Lenners, 1993-96	1,942
8. Aaron Rollin, 2009-12	1,878
9. J.D. Berreth, 1986-88	1,868
10. Glen Fox, 2006-09	1,832

Cade Johnson, 2017-present.....1,650

SDSU CAREER RECEIVING TOUCHDOWNS

1. Jake Wieneke, 2014-17	59
2. Jeff Tiefenthaler, 1983-86	32
3. Josh Davis, 2002-05	26
4. JaRon Harris, 2005-08	24
5. Dallas Goedert, 2014-17	21
6. Jason Schneider, 2011-14	20
Cade Johnson, 2017-present	20
8. Rusty Lenners, 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

JACKRABBITS TO WATCH



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
- 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

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
Career	117	1,116	9.5	11	*73	6	84	1	*66	2	38	19.0	0	24

* 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

SEASON PREVIEW

The more things change, the more they stay the same.

That old adage could very well be the mantra for the South Dakota State University football team as it prepares for the 2019 season.

As one of only two programs to reach the Football Championship Subdivision playoffs each of the last seven seasons, South Dakota State faces the challenge of replacing both of its coordinators and some key contributors if an eighth playoff berth in a row is to become a reality.

Jason Eck takes over as offensive coordinator and will retain his offensive line duties after serving in that role for his first three seasons at SDSU. In addition, tight ends coach Luke Schleusner has added passing game coordinator to his coaching duties.

On defense, linebackers coach Jimmy Rogers and safeties coach Brian Bergstrom will share the defensive coordinator responsibilities.

Although all the new coordinators helped create a winning formula that led to the Jackrabbits advancing to the FCS semifinals each of the past two seasons, including winning 11 games in 2017 and 10 more in 2018, Stiegelmeier expects some different looks on both sides of the ball.

"With Coach Eck, we'll see a lot more motions and shifts with fewer plays," said head coach John Stiegelmeier, who enters his 23rd season at the helm of the Jackrabbit program with a 158-100 career record. "The goal is to master the plays and make the defense handle the movement and shifts, and then defend the simplicity of the offense. That fits with me."

Defensively, Stiegelmeier said the Jackrabbits will be more aggressive.

"We're going to move more, both with the front and blitz more. That's not my nature, but new blood allows for a new approach."

Following is a more in-depth look at the 2019 Jackrabbits heading into fall camp.

OFFENSE

The biggest question mark facing the Jackrabbits' offense as they enter the 2019 campaign is who will replace career passing leader Taryn Christian at quarterback.

"This is the most wide-open quarterback battle we've ever had at South Dakota State," Stiegelmeier said.

Junior Kanin Nelson is the lone signal-caller in camp who has attempted a collegiate pass, completing 6-of-8 passes for 145 yards and two touchdowns in limited action last season.

Other returning quarterbacks are redshirt freshmen J'Bore Gibbs and Matt Connors.

Whoever earns the starting nod at quarterback will have a number of offensive weapons at his disposal.

The Jackrabbits return their top six pass catchers from a year ago, including the Missouri Valley Football Conference's top receiving tandem in junior Cade Johnson and senior Adam Anderson. The duo combined for 114 receptions, 2,050 receiving yards and 24 touchdown catches. A first-team all-MVFC

pick, Johnson was named to a pair of All-America teams (STATS, HERO Sports) after tallying 67 catches for 1,332 yards and a school-record 17 touchdowns. His 17 touchdown receptions also tied for the most among FCS receivers.

Anderson received honorable mention all-MVFC accolades on the strength of 47 receptions for 718 yards and seven scores.

"Our quarterback situation will be aided by their maturity and their ability to run routes, and then make the play when the ball is thrown to them," Stiegelmeier said of his two top receivers.

Also returning at wide receiver are senior Jacob Brown (11-147-3), sophomores Deyon Campbell (5-40) and Michael Wandmaker, (1-76-1) and redshirt freshmen Jaxon and Jadon Janke, the latter two of whom took advantage of a new rule last season that allowed players to compete in up to four games without losing a season of eligibility.

Further factoring into the passing game are tight ends Kallan Hart (11-147) and Blake Kunz (20-343-3). Stiegelmeier also expects Skyler Cavanaugh, who made an impact as a true freshman in 2017, to play a larger role either as a receiver or blocker this year.

Depth both in terms of quality and quantity continues at running back, where the Jackrabbits have the luxury of welcoming back three rushers who gained 100 or more yards in a game last season.

Sophomore Pierre Strong, Jr. leads the running back contingent after becoming the first SDSU back to gain 1,000 yards in a season since current Detroit Lion Zach Zenner in 2014.

The MVFC Freshman of the Year in 2018, Strong emerged as the featured back in the second half of the season, gaining 1,116 yards on only 117 carries — an average of 9.5 yards per attempt. He scored a team-high 11 rushing touchdowns, including three in each of the Jackrabbits' final two regular season games, victories at Southern Illinois and over South Dakota.

Fellow sophomore C.J. Wilson also displayed big-play ability last season, averaging 6.5 yards per carry as he finished with 281 rushing yards on 43 attempts.

Senior Mikey Daniel has been the squad's top option in short-yardage situations the past two seasons, but managed to rank second on the team with 630 rushing yards and 10 touchdowns in 2018.

Junior Blair Mulholland also returns to the mix at running back.

"We're really blessed with our running back situation," Stiegelmeier said. "We'll play a lot of running backs, we'll play a lot of different formations and ideally those playmakers will continue to perform for us."

The Jackrabbits are expected to open fall camp down to two starters on the offensive line as senior center Wes Genant has opted to redshirt while healing from injury. Matt Clark, who saw extensive action at guard in 2015 and 2016 but sat out the last two seasons, has returned to the team for his senior campaign and is expected to contend for the starting role at center along with junior Jack Domandle.



Senior wide receiver Adam Anderson ranked second on the team with 47 receptions for 718 yards and 7 TDs in 2018.

Senior Evan Greeneway held the starting spot at left tackle throughout the 2018 season in helping pave the way for the Jackrabbits to rush for a Division I-era best 230.1 rushing yards per game.

The other returning starter is junior guard Eagan Lickiss, who shared starting duties last season with fellow junior Eddie Miller. Lickiss is listed as the preseason favorite to start at left guard this season, with Miller taking over at right guard.

Sophomore Aron Johnson, who started three games at right tackle in 2018, has the early hold on that spot after spring practice. Junior Grant Schmidt, sophomores Jon Gruetzmacher and Jason Titus, along with redshirt freshmen Mason McCormick and Garret Greenfield will provide additional depth up front.

DEFENSE

The Jackrabbits figure to be stout in the front seven as six starters return in the first two tiers of the SDSU defense.

The defensive line remains intact and is led by senior defensive end Ryan Earith. A second-team all-MVFC selection in 2018, Earith led the team with 5.5 sacks and ranked second with nine tackles for loss. He also forced and recovered a fumble.

The other defensive end position is likely to be a battle between sophomore Reece Winkelman and incumbent starter Austin Smenda.

Pass-rushing specialist Tolu Ogunrinde, who notched three sacks in limited play last season, also returns, as do fellow junior Elijah Wilson, who registered 1.5 sacks in 2018, and redshirt freshman Cade Terveer.

Stiegelmeier said generating more of a pass rush was an emphasis in the spring after SDSU tallied 20 sacks in 2018.

"They surely got better," Stiegelmeier said. "With some new techniques, some new excitement, I think our energy is great at the defensive line and the relationships are great. Those things pay off and translate into making plays."

SEASON PREVIEW

The interior of the defensive line is anchored by returning starters Krockett Krolkowski and Xavier Ward. A sophomore from Winner, Krolkowski earned a starting spot in 2018 and was named to a pair of freshman All-America teams after ranking second on the team with four sacks. Of his 28 total tackles, 7.5 resulted in lost yards.

Ward, a junior from Freeman, contributed 24 tackles and 2.5 tackles for loss in his first season as a starter.

Other returners at defensive tackle include senior Spencer Hildahl (8 tackles), junior Thomas Stacker (6 tackles) and sophomore Caleb Sanders, who registered seven tackles for loss and a sack among his 15 total stops.

A pair of redshirt freshmen — Trajan Walhof and Ryan Van Marel — also are in line to contribute this season after strong showings on the practice field in 2018.

"We really have good numbers, good ability there and they're young," Stiegelmeier said. "They want to be on the field so they're battling every day."

The heart and soul of the Jackrabbit defense is senior middle linebacker Christian Rozeboom. The Sioux Center, Iowa, native hit the century mark for tackles for the third year in a row in 2018, posting team bests of 105 tackles and 10.5 tackles for loss. Rozeboom also forced three fumbles and intercepted a pair of passes en route to receiving All-America honors for the second year in a row.

Rozeboom enters the 2019 season ranked fourth in career tackles at SDSU with 364, putting him 72 away from passing Greg Osmundson (435 tackles from 1986-89) for the Jackrabbits' all-time lead.

"I think the biggest thing is people would talk about his play-making ability, but I think that doesn't necessarily affect everybody," Stiegelmeier said of Rozeboom. "I think the way he carries himself, the way he leads — a very silent and humble leader — with all the accolades he has, that will impact our team."



Chase Vinatieri enters his senior season with 38 career field goals and 306 points.

The other two starting linebacker positions are likely to be held by juniors Logan Backhaus and Seven Wilson. A two-year starter, Backhaus ranked third on the team with 61 tackles a year ago and added a pair of interceptions. Wilson notched 36 tackles and also was a force on special teams by blocking three kicks.

Junior Preston Tetzlaff and sophomore Levi Brown are the leading candidates to back up at the linebacker spots.

The secondary will undergo extensive retooling after losing three starters to graduation and two other key contributors to injury.

Juniors Michael Griffin II and Josh Manchigiah are slated to fill the starting roles at strong and free safety, respectively. Griffin sat out last season while fulfilling transfer requirements, but impressed the Jackrabbit coaching staff week in and week out with his efforts on the practice field both on defense and special teams.

Manchigiah saw his playing time increase as the 2018 season went along, finishing sixth on the team with 53 tackles. He also intercepted a pass and broke up five other pass attempts.

With key reserve Lorenzo Williams likely sidelined for the 2019 season by injury, the Jackrabbits will likely count on senior Lance Eide, junior Jarek Berg and sophomore Tyler DeMartra for additional leadership at the safety spots.

The lone 2018 starter in the secondary expected to be back was senior cornerback Marshon Harris. However, Harris suffered an injury in offseason workouts that will likely force him to redshirt this season.

Contending for starting roles at cornerback will be junior Don Gardner and Malik Lofton, along with redshirt freshmen Ti'Jaih Davis and DyShawn Gales.

SPECIAL TEAMS

Two players who have earned All-America honors during their Jackrabbit careers — long snapper Bradey Sorenson and kicker Chase Vinatieri — anchor a special teams unit that has consistently put up big numbers.

"We have a great attitude as a team for special teams and that's one of the reasons we've had success," Stiegelmeier said. "We have the wide receivers, the running backs, the fullbacks who are willing to serve and get reps to help our team win football games."

A junior, Sorenson was perfect on snaps that helped lead to the Jackrabbits ranking seventh in net punting (39.14 yards per attempt) last season.

Vinatieri enters his senior season only 27 points away from setting the school record for points by a kicker. The Sioux Falls native has turned in back-to-back 100-point seasons, tallying 103 in 2017 and 114 last year. He broke his own school record with 66 extra points in 2018, while going 14-of-21 on field goals, including tying a school record with a 57-yarder at Northern Iowa.

The punting position is expected to be turned over to Ben Dinkel, who has been a part of the

RETURNING STATISTICAL LEADERS

PASSING - YARDS

2. Kanin Nelson145

RUSHING - YARDS

1. Pierre Strong, Jr.1,116
2. Mikey Daniel630
5. C.J. Wilson281

RECEPTIONS

1. Cade Johnson67
2. Adam Anderson47
3. Blake Kunz20
T4. Kallan Hart11
T4. Jacob Brown11
6. Mikey Daniel10

RECEIVING YARDS

1. Cade Johnson1,332
2. Adam Anderson718
3. Blake Kunz343
T4. Jacob Brown147
T4. Kallan Hart147

TACKLES

1. Christian Rozeboom105
3. Logan Backhaus61

TACKLES FOR LOSS

1. Christian Rozeboom10.5
2. Ryan Earith9.0
T3. Krockett Krolkowski7.5
5. Caleb Sanders7.0

SACKS

1. Ryan Earith5.5
2. Krockett Krolkowski4.0
3. Tolu Ogunrinde3.0
4. Elijah Wilson1.5

INTERCEPTIONS

T3. Logan Backhaus2
T3. Christian Rozeboom2

program for a few seasons, but has yet to see any game action. Sophomore Cole Frahm, a transfer from Nebraska, is expected to back up at both punter and kicker.

SCHEDULE

The Jackrabbits are scheduled to open their 12-game regular season schedule with an Aug. 29 matchup at regional Football Bowl Subdivision opponent Minnesota. The rest of the nonconference schedule consists of three consecutive September home games, giving SDSU seven home games in 2019.

"I think if you look at our schedule as a whole, it is a great schedule," Stiegelmeier said. "I really appreciate our administration for the number of home games and with the Missouri Valley tough again nationally and internally, I'm looking forward to every one of those games."

The eight-game league slate kicks off Oct. 5, when the Jackrabbits host Southern Illinois on Hobo Day. Other home games against MVFC foes include Oct. 26 versus North Dakota State, Nov. 9 against Illinois State and Nov. 16 versus Northern Iowa.

FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP SUBDIVISION POLLS

STATS FCS POLL — PRESEASON

PL.	SCHOOL	2018 RECORD	POINTS	PR
1.	North Dakota State [142]	15-0	3,971	1
2.	James Madison [14]	9-4	3,635	10
3.	South Dakota State [1]	10-3	3,631	3
4.	Eastern Washington [3]	12-3	3,594	2
5.	UC Davis	10-3	3,210	8
6.	Jacksonville State	9-4	3,004	13
7.	Maine	10-4	2,891	5
8.	Weber State	10-3	2,827	6
9.	Wofford	9-4	2,522	12
10.	Kennesaw State	11-2	2,361	4
11.	Nicholls	9-4	2,330	14
12.	Towson	7-5	2,156	22
13.	Colgate	10-2	1,892	7
14.	Montana State	8-5	1,866	17
15.	Illinois State	6-5	1,432	NR
16.	Indiana State	7-4	1,192	25
17.	Southeast Missouri State	9-4	1,166	16
18.	Northern Iowa	7-6	1,136	NR
19.	Furman	6-4	1,074	NR
20.	North Carolina A&T	10-2	885	11
21.	Elon	6-5	870	19
22.	Delaware	7-5	798	23
23.	Sam Houston State	6-5	564	NR
24.	Princeton	10-0	432	9
25.	Montana	6-5	413	NR

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

Teams Receiving Votes: East Tennessee State 257; Duquesne 235; San Diego 209; Eastern Kentucky 175; Dartmouth 149; Central Arkansas 125; McNeese 110; Monmouth (N.J.) 110; Incarnate Word 108; Alcorn State 85; Yale 52; New Hampshire 42; Chattanooga 38; **South Dakota 27**; Northern Arizona 16; Villanova 14; Lamar 14; Richmond 8; The Citadel 7; Rhode Island 7; Mercer 7; Abilene Christian 6; Southeastern Louisiana 6; Idaho State 5; **Youngstown State 4**; Southern 3; Samford 2; **Western Illinois 1**; Wagner 1; Sacred Heart 1; North Dakota 1.

AFCA FCS COACHES' POLL — PRESEASON

PL.	SCHOOL	2018 RECORD	POINTS	PR
1.	North Dakota State [23]	15-0	644	1
2.	James Madison [1]	9-4	597	10
3.	Eastern Washington [2]	12-3	588	2
4.	South Dakota State	10-3	579	3
5.	UC Davis	10-3	537	8
6.	Jacksonville State	9-4	500	13
7.	Maine	10-4	473	5
8.	Wofford	9-4	437	12
9.	Weber State	10-3	432	6
10.	Kennesaw State	11-2	404	4
11.	Nicholls	9-4	385	14
12.	Towson	7-5	349	22
13.	Illinois State	6-5	290	NR
14.	Colgate	10-2	272	7
15.	Montana State	8-5	271	17
16.	Indiana State	7-4	192	25
17.	Furman	6-4	183	NR
18.	Southeast Missouri State	9-4	178	16
19.	North Carolina A&T	10-2	158	11
20.	Northern Iowa	7-6	157	NR
21.	Elon	6-5	155	19
22.	Sam Houston State	6-5	117	NR
23.	Delaware	7-5	87	23
24.	Princeton	10-0	85	9
25.	Central Arkansas	6-5	66	NR

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

Teams Receiving Votes: Montana 52; Yale 41; Incarnate Word 31; East Tennessee State 23; Tennessee-Chattanooga 23; Northern Arizona 20; Idaho 18; North Dakota 17; Alcorn State 16; Monmouth (N.J.) 13; Eastern Kentucky 12; Dartmouth 11; **South Dakota 9**; Duquesne 7; Stony Brook 7; McNeese 4; San Diego 3; New Hampshire 2; Southern 2; The Citadel 2; Lamar 1.

MISSOURI VALLEY FOOTBALL CONFERENCE

2018 MVFC FINAL STANDINGS

SCHOOL	CONFERENCE	PF	PA	OVERALL	PF	PA
North Dakota St.	8-0	328	114	15-0	622	189
South Dakota St.	6-2	319	203	10-3	553	290
Indiana State	5-3	238	238	7-4	349	310
Northern Iowa	5-3	220	177	7-6	333	277
Western Illinois	4-4	195	199	5-6	263	286
Illinois State	3-5	221	191	6-5	350	220
South Dakota	3-5	217	294	4-7	294	376
Youngstown State	3-5	174	217	4-7	254	299
Missouri State	2-6	144	306	4-7	253	396
Southern Illinois	1-7	197	314	2-9	331	448

SCHEDULE AND RESULTS

SATURDAY, AUG. 24

Youngstown State 45, Samford 22
(at Montgomery, Ala.)

THURSDAY, AUG. 29

Southern Illinois at Southeast Missouri, 6:30 p.m.
Western Illinois at North Alabama, 7 p.m.
Missouri State at Northern Arizona, 7 p.m.
South Dakota State at Minnesota, 8 p.m.

SATURDAY, AUG. 31

Indiana State at Kansas, 11 a.m.
Northern Iowa at Iowa State, 11 a.m.
Montana at South Dakota, 2 p.m.
Butler vs. North Dakota State
(at Minneapolis, Minn.; 3 p.m.)
Illinois State at Northern Illinois, 6 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



LAST MEETING WITH MINNESOTA — NOV. 14, 2009

MINNESOTA 16, SDSU 13

Nov. 14, 2009 • TCF Bank Stadium (Att.: 50,805)

MINNEAPOLIS — Eric Ellestad's third field goal of the game, a 25-yarder with 2 minutes and 22 seconds remaining in the fourth quarter, gave Minnesota a 16-13 victory over visiting South Dakota State at TCF Bank Stadium.

Minnesota improved to 6-5 overall and became bowl-eligible with the victory. SDSU, ranked 12th in the Football Championship Subdivision, dropped to 7-3 overall.

South Dakota State turned the ball over a season-high four times, including a botched snap deep in its own territory that set up the Gophers for the winning score.

Neither team scored an offensive touchdown in the defensive struggle. The Jackrabbits grabbed a 10-6 lead early in the second quarter as line-backer Derek Domino recorded his team-leading fifth interception of the season and returned the pick 22 yards for a touchdown.

Minnesota returned the favor on the Jackrabbits' next offensive possession. Redshirt quarterback Thomas O'Brien was sacked and stripped of the ball by defensive back Michael Carter and D.L. Wilhite picked the ball out of mid-air for a 3-yard touchdown return.

The Golden Gophers took an early 6-0 lead with field goals on consecutive first-quarter possessions. Minnesota's best drive of the day, a 13-play, 78-yard march ended with a 23-yard field goal by Ellestad.

An interception by Traye Simmons on the next Jackrabbit drive gave Minnesota the ball at the SDSU 40. The Jackrabbits fended off first-and-goal from the 8 before Ellestad booted a 26-yard field goal.

SDSU appeared on the verge of cracking the scoring column as Tyrel Kool broke off a season-best 84-yard kickoff return coupled with a face-mask penalty that gave SDSU the ball at the Minnesota 6-yard line. However, O'Brien was picked off for the second time in the game on the second play of the drive.

The Jackrabbits again used a long return on special teams to get on the board early in the second quarter. Saunders Montague returned a punt 49 yards to the Minnesota 11, but the Jackrabbits could only get to the 3 before settling for a 20-yard field goal by Peter Reifenrath.

SDSU struggled offensively throughout much of the first half and did not record a first down until their sixth drive of the game.

The Jackrabbits missed on a couple chances in the kicking game in the middle quarters. Kyle Harris missed wide left on a 49-yard attempt to end the first half and Reifenrath couldn't convert a 25-yarder midway through the third quarter.

Reifenrath came back to tie the game at 13-all in at the 8:27 mark of the fourth quarter with a 34-yard attempt.

With under five minutes remaining, SDSU took over at its own 18-yard line. On second down, O'Brien couldn't corral a low snap and defensive end Cedric McKinley fell on the loose football for the Golden Gophers at the Jackrabbit 11.

The Jackrabbit defense again held firm, holding Minnesota to three yards before Ellestad's game-winning field goal.

Total yardage was nearly identical as Minnesota held a 231-229 advantage. The Golden Gophers gained 137 yards on the ground, led by Kevin Whaley's 56 yards on 16 carries. Adam Weber was 10-for-21 passing for 94 yards, with Nick Tow-Arnett leading the receiving corps with four catches for 39 yards.

SDSU gained 183 of its yards through the air as O'Brien finished the game 15-of-39 with the two interceptions. Glen Fox posted a team-best five



Derek Domino returned an interception 22 yards for the lone Jackrabbit touchdown in South Dakota State's last meeting against Minnesota, in 2009.

receptions for 95 yards, including a 51-yard reception late in the second quarter. Kyle Minett gained 79 yards on 19 carries as he topped the 1,000 mark for the second consecutive season.

Danny Batten paced the Jackrabbit defense with a career-high 12 tackles and collected one of the team's four sacks. Conrad Kjerstad added eight stops.

Lee Campbell and Kim Royston each registered six tackles to lead Minnesota.

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	FINAL
South Dakota State (7-3)	0	10	0	3	13
Minnesota (6-5)	6	7	0	3	16

SCORING SUMMARY

1st	6:26	MINN	— Eric Ellestad 23 yd field goal
	3:43	MINN	— Ellestad 26 yd field goal
2nd	14:20	SDSU	— Peter Reifenrath 20 yd field goal
	13:25	SDSU	— Derek Domino 22 yd interception return (Reifenrath kick)
	9:04	MINN	— D.L. Wilhite 3 yd fumble recovery (Ellestad kick)
4th	8:27	MINN	— Reifenrath 34 yd field goal
	2:22	SDSU	— Ellestad 25 yd field goal

TEAM STATISTICS

	SDSU	MINN
FIRST DOWNS	12	16
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	27-46	48-137
PASSING YDS (NET)	183	94
Passes Att-Comp-Int	39-15-2	22-10-1
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	66-229	70-231
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	1-3
Punt Returns-Yards	5-68	1-0
Kickoff Returns-Yards	4-146	3-27
Interception Returns-Yards	1-22	2-37
Punts (Number-Avg)	5-35.4	8-43.9
Fumbles-Lost	5-2	2-1
Penalties-Yards	5-34	7-46
Possession Time	25:52	34:08
Third-Down Conversions	3 of 16	3 of 16
Fourth-Down Conversions	1 of 2	0 of 0
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	2-4	3-3
Sacks By: Number-Yards	4-28	2-14

RUSHING LEADERS: SDSU - Kyle Minett 19-79; Tyler Duffy 3-6. MINN - Kevin Whaley 16-56; MarQueis Gray 6-47; Jon Hoese 9-32; Duane Bennett 6-14. **PASSING LEADERS:** SDSU - Thomas O'Brien 15-39-1 183. MINN - Adam Weber 10-21-1 94; MarQueis Gray 0-1-0 0. **RECEIVING LEADERS:** SDSU - Glen Fox 5-95; Saunders Montague 3-30; Colin Cochart 2-28; Mike Steffen 2-26. MINN - Nick Tow-Arnett 4-39; Tony Stoudemire 2-30. **INTERCEPTIONS:** SDSU - Derek Domino 1-22. MINN - Simoni Lawrence 1-29; Traye Simmons 1-8. **SACKS:** SDSU - Isaiah Jackson 1-10; Danny Batten 1-8; Derek Domino 1-6; Antonio Thompson 1-4. MINN - Michael Carter 1-11; Garrett Brown 1-3. **TACKLE LEADERS (UA-A-TOT):** SDSU - Danny Batten 7-5-12; Conrad Kjerstad 2-6-8; Isaiah Jackson 6-1-7; Derek Domino 5-2-7. MINN - Lee Campbell 6-0-6; Kim Royston 3-3-6.

2018 STATISTICS

2018 TEAM STATISTICS

	SDSU	OPP
SCORING	553	290
Points Per Game	42.5	22.3
Points off Turnovers	104	24
FIRST DOWNS	268	238
Rushing	129	112
Passing	119	104
Penalty	20	22
RUSHING YARDAGE	2,991	2,447
Yards gained rushing	3,220	2,733
Yards lost rushing	229	286
Rushing Attempts	466	514
Average Per Rush	6.4	4.8
Average Per Game	230.1	188.2
TDs Rushing	37	20
PASSING YARDAGE	3,256	2,568
Comp-Att-Int	206-351-8	204-370-17
Average Per Pass	9.3	6.9
Average Per Catch	15.8	12.6
Average Per Game	250.5	197.5
TDs Passing	35	17
TOTAL OFFENSE	6,247	5,015
Total Plays	817	884
Average Per Play	7.6	5.7
Average Per Game	480.5	385.8
KICK RETURNS	36-809	44-737
PUNT RETURNS	35-185	15-46
INTERCEPTION RETURNS	17-147	8-100
KICK RETURN AVERAGE	22.5	16.8
PUNT RETURN AVERAGE	5.3	3.1
INT RETURN AVERAGE	8.6	12.5
FUMBLES-LOST	11-2	23-8
PENALTIES-YARDS	90-732	79-731
Average Per Game	56.3	56.2
PUNTS-YARDS	56-2,378	78-3,101
Average Per Punt	42.5	39.8
Net punt average	39.1	36.1
KICKOFFS-YARDS	100-5,636	56-3,216
Average Per Kick	56.4	57.4
Net kick average	39.1	36.1
POSSESSION TIME/GAME	30:13	29:47
3RD-DOWN ATTEMPTS	67/163	67/187
3rd-Down Pct	41%	36%
4TH-DOWN ATTEMPTS	4/10	10/19
4th-Down Pct	40%	53%
SACKS BY-YARDS	20-119	13-73
MISC. YARDS	51	0
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED	74	38
FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS	14-21	9-14
PAT-ATTEMPTS	58-62	40-43
ON-SIDE KICKS	0-0	0-2
RED-ZONE SCORES	44-50	31-38
Red-Zone Pct	88%	82%
RED-ZONE TOUCHDOWNS	37-50	24-38
Red-Zone TD Pct	74%	63%
ATTENDANCE	71243	68,694
Games/Avg Per Game	7/10,178	6/11,494

2018 SCORES

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE	OVERALL	CONF	TIME	ATTEND
Sept. 8	MONTANA STATE	W, 45-15	1-0	0-0	2:59	14,614
Sept. 15	ARKANSAS-PINE BLUFF	W, 90-6	2-0	0-0	3:10	14,526
Sept. 29	*at #1 North Dakota State	L, 17-21	2-1	0-1	2:54	18,846
Oct. 6	*INDIANA STATE	[OT] W, 54-51	3-1	1-1	3:36	10,318
Oct. 13	*YOUNGSTOWN STATE	W, 36-7	4-1	2-1	3:20	14,357
Oct. 20	*at #25 Northern Iowa	L, 9-24	4-2	2-2	3:09	12,013
Oct. 27	*at #9 Illinois State	W, 38-28	5-2	3-2	3:25	12,144
Nov. 3	MISSOURI STATE	W, 59-7	6-2	4-2	3:11	5,869
Nov. 10	*at Southern Illinois	W, 57-38	7-2	5-2	3:24	4,433
Nov. 17	*SOUTH DAKOTA	W, 49-27	8-2	6-2	3:20	8,517
Dec. 1	^DUQUESNE	W, 51-6	9-2	6-2	3:10	3,042
Dec. 8	*at #2 Kennesaw State	W, 27-17	10-2	6-2	2:47	3,242
Dec. 14	*at #1 North Dakota State	L, 21-44	10-3	6-2	3:04	18,286

* indicates Missouri Valley Football Conference game

^ Football Championship Subdivision playoff game

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1ST	2ND	3RD	4TH	OT	TOT
South Dakota State	130	169	151	97	6	553
Opponents	50	56	77	104	3	290

GAME SUPERLATIVES

TEAM GAME HIGHS

RUSHING ATTEMPTS: 49, vs. Indiana State, 10-6-18
RUSHING YARDS: 369, vs. Arkansas-Pine Bluff, 9-15-18
YARDS PER RUSH: 10.4, vs. South Dakota, 11-17-18
RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS: 5, three times (last: vs. Duquesne, 12-1-18)
PASS ATTEMPTS: 50, at Northern Iowa, 10-20-18
PASS COMPLETIONS: 25, at Northern Iowa, 10-20-18
YARDS PASSING: *557, vs. Arkansas-Pine Bluff, 9-15-18
YARDS PER PASS: 26.5, vs. Arkansas-Pine Bluff, 9-15-18
PASSING TOUCHDOWNS: *8, vs. Arkansas-Pine Bluff, 9-15-18
TOTAL PLAYS: 80, vs. Indiana State, 10-6-18

INDIVIDUAL GAME HIGHS

RUSHING ATTEMPTS: 21, by Isaac Wallace, vs. Indiana State, 10-6-18
RUSHING YARDS: 253, by Pierre Strong, Jr., vs. South Dakota, 11-17-18
RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS: 3, by Pierre Strong, Jr., at Southern Illinois, 11-10-18, and vs. South Dakota, 11-17-18
LONG RUSH: 79 yards (for TD), by Isaac Wallace, vs. Arkansas-Pine Bluff, 9-15-18
PASS ATTEMPTS: 50, by Taryn Christion, at Northern Iowa, 10-20-18
PASS COMPLETIONS: 25, by Taryn Christion, at Northern Iowa, 10-20-18
YARDS PASSING: 341, by Taryn Christion, at Southern Illinois, 11-10-18
TOUCHDOWN PASSES: 5, by Taryn Christion, vs. Ark.-Pine Bluff, 9-15-18, and vs. Indiana State, 10-6-18
RECEPTIONS: 9, by Cade Johnson, vs. Montana State, 9-8-18
YARDS RECEIVING: 198, by Cade Johnson, at Southern Illinois, 11-10-18
RECEIVING TOUCHDOWNS: 4, by Cade Johnson, vs. Montana State, 9-8-18 [tied school record]
LONG RECEPTION: 81 yards (for TD), by Cade Johnson (from Taryn Christion), at Illinois State, 10-27-18
FIELD GOALS: 3, by Chase Vinatieri, at Northern Iowa, 10-20-18

TOTAL OFFENSE: *926, vs. Arkansas-Pine Bluff, 9-15-18
YARDS PER PLAY: 16.2, vs. Arkansas-Pine Bluff, 9-15-18
POINTS: *90, vs. Arkansas-Pine Bluff, 9-15-18
FIRST DOWNS: 31, vs. Indiana State, 10-6-18
SACKS BY: 4, vs. Missouri State, 11-3-18
PENALTIES: 14, vs. South Dakota, 11-17-18
PENALTY YARDS: 145, vs. South Dakota, 11-17-18
TURNOVERS BY: 2, at Northern Iowa, 10-20-18, and vs. Missouri State, 11-3-18
TURNOVERS FORCED: 4, vs. Arkansas-Pine Bluff, 9-15-18, and vs. Missouri State, 11-3-18
INTERCEPTIONS: 4, vs. Missouri State, 11-3-18
FUMBLES RECOVERED: 2, vs. Arkansas-Pine Bluff,

LONG FIELD GOAL: 57 yards, by Chase Vinatieri, at Northern Iowa, 10-20-18 [tied school record]
PUNTS: 7, by Brady Hale, vs. Youngstown State, 10-13-18, and at Illinois State, 10-27-2018
PUNTING AVERAGE: 48.0 yards (4 punts), by Brady Hale, vs. Montana State, 9-8-18
LONG PUNT: 57 yards, by Brady Hale, three times (last: vs. Duquesne, 12-1-18)
LONG PUNT RETURN: 29 yards, by Marquise Lewis, vs. Arkansas-Pine Bluff, 9-15-18
LONG KICKOFF RETURN: 48 yards, by Cade Johnson, at Kennesaw State, 12-8-18
TACKLES: 14, by Christian Rozeboom, at Kennesaw State, 12-8-18
TACKLES FOR LOSS: 3.0, by Christian Rozeboom, at Kennesaw State, 12-8-18
SACKS: 1.5, four times by three different players (last: by Ryan Earith and Elijah Wilson, vs. Missouri State, 11-3-18)
INTERCEPTIONS: 2, by Zy Mosley, vs. Arkansas-Pine Bluff, 9-15-18
PASS BREAKUPS: 3, by Jordan Borwn, at Southern Illinois, 11-10-18
FUMBLES FORCED: 1, 13 times by 10 different players (last: by Christian Rozeboom, at North Dakota State, 12-14-18)
BLOCKED KICKS: 2 (both punts), by Seven Wilson, vs. Duquesne, 12-1-18

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RUSHING	GP	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	YPC	TD	LG	YPG
Pierre Strong, Jr.	13	117	1,149	33	1,116	9.5	11	*73	85.8
Mikey Daniel	12	139	647	17	630	4.5	10	*27	52.5
Isaac Wallace	5	44	430	17	413	9.4	4	*79	82.6
Taryn Christion	13	74	428	95	333	4.5	6	*49	25.6
C.J. Wilson	7	43	301	20	281	6.5	1	*48	40.1
Kanin Nelson	8	6	68	2	66	11.0	0	22	8.2
Deyon Campbell	9	2	39	0	39	19.5	0	32	4.3
Isaiah Hill	11	2	38	0	38	19.0	2	*23	3.5
Blair Mulholland	10	12	37	2	35	2.9	2	*14	3.5
Jefferson Lee, V	1	10	40	9	31	.31	0	21	31.0
Cade Johnson	13	1	24	0	24	24.0	0	24	1.8
Chase Vinatieri	13	1	15	0	15	15.0	1	*15	1.2
Adam Anderson	13	0	2	0	2	0.0	0	0	0.2
Justin Roberts	1	2	2	1	1	0.5	0	2	1.0
Team	6	13	0	33	-33	-2.5	0	0	-5.5
Total	13	466	3,220	229	2,991	6.4	37	*79	230.1
Opponents	13	514	2,733	286	2,447	4.8	20	78	188.2

*denotes touchdown

PASSING	GP	EFFIC.	COMP-ATT-INT	PCT.	Yds	TD	LG	YPG
Taryn Christion	13	158.9	197-340-8	57.9	3,020	32	*81	232.3
Kanin Nelson	8	309.8	6-8-0	75.0	145	2	*66	18.1
Justin Roberts	1	638.8	2-2-0	100.0	89	1	*76	89.0
Cade Johnson	1	116.8	1-1-0	100.0	2	0	2	0.2
Total	13	165.0	206-351-8	58.7	3,256	35	*81	250.5
Opponents	13	119.4	204-370-17	55.1	2,568	17	*81	197.5

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SCORING	TD	FG	Kick	RUSH	Rcv	PASS	DXP	SAF	PTS
Chase Vinatieri	1	14-21	66-71	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	114
Cade Johnson	17	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	102
Pierre Strong, Jr.	12	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	72
Mikey Daniel	11	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	66
Adam Anderson	7	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	42
Taryn Christion	6	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-1	0	0	36
Isaac Wallace	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	30
Jacob Brown	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	18
Blake Kunz	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	18
Isaiah Hill	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12
Blair Mulholland	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12
C.J. Wilson	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12
Jadon Janke	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Zy Mosley	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Michael Wandmaker	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Jake Wolfe	0	0-0	1-1	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	1
Total	74	14-21	67-72	0-0	0	0-1	0	0	553
Opponents	38	9-14	33-37	1-1	0	0-0	0	0	290

FIELD GOALS	FGM-FGA	Pct.	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	LG	Blk
Chase Vinatieri	14-21	66.7	0-0	4-6	5-5	4-8	1-2	*57	0
Total	14-21	66.7	0-0	4-6	5-5	4-8	1-2	*57	0
Opponents	10-13	76.9	0-0	5-5	2-3	3-4	0-1	49	1

^ denotes tied school record

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate attempt was made in field goal sequence

TOP PERFORMANCES

100-YARD RUSHING GAMES (9)

Isaac Wallace • vs. Arkansas-Pine Bluff, 9-15-18
 • 5 carries, 192 yards, 2 TD
 Isaac Wallace • at North Dakota State, 9-29-18
 • 9 carries, 110 yards, 1 TD
 C.J. Wilson • vs. Youngstown State, 10-13-18
 • 16 carries, 119 yards, 1 TD
 Pierre Strong, Jr. • vs. Missouri State, 11-3-18
 • 9 carries, 136 yards, 2 TD
 Pierre Strong, Jr. • at Southern Illinois, 11-10-18
 • 14 carries, 188 yards, 3 TD
 Pierre Strong, Jr. • vs. South Dakota, 11-17-18
 • 17 carries, 253 yards, 3 TD
 Mikey Daniel • vs. Duquesne, 12-1-18
 • 10 carries, 100 yards, 2 TD
 Pierre Strong, Jr. • at Kennesaw State, 12-8-18
 • 18 carries, 112 yards, 1 TD
 Pierre Strong, Jr. • at North Dakota State, 12-14-18
 • 20 carries, 135 yards, 1 TD

100-YARD RECEIVING GAMES (8)

Cade Johnson • vs. Montana State, 9-8-18
 • 9 receptions, 138 yards, 4 TD
 Cade Johnson • vs. Arkansas-Pine Bluff, 9-15-18
 • 5 receptions, 162 yards, 2 TD
 Adam Anderson • vs. Arkansas-Pine Bluff, 9-15-18
 • 4 receptions, 128 yards, 1 TD
 Adam Anderson • at North Dakota State, 9-29-18
 • 8 receptions, 102 yards
 Cade Johnson • at Northern Iowa, 10-20-18
 • 7 receptions, 121 yards
 Cade Johnson • at Illinois State, 10-27-18
 • 8 receptions, 131 yards, 1 TD
 Cade Johnson • vs. Missouri State, 11-3-18
 • 5 receptions, 130 yards, 2 TD
 Cade Johnson • at Southern Illinois, 11-10-18
 • 7 receptions, 198 yards, 2 TD

300-YARD PASSING GAMES (4)

Taryn Christion • vs. Montana State, 9-8-18
 • 21-of-29, 319 yards, 4 TD
 Taryn Christion • vs. Arkansas-Pine Bluff, 9-15-18
 • 13-of-14, 332 yards, 5 TD
 Taryn Christion • at Northern Iowa, 10-20-18
 • 25-of-50, 325 yards
 Taryn Christion • at Southern Illinois, 11-10-18
 • 13-of-23, 341 yards, 2 TD

FG SEQUENCE	SDSU	OPP
Montana State	49, (42)	-
Arkansas-Pine Bluff	-	(47), (20)
North Dakota State	(39), 48	48
Indiana State	(30), (27)	(33), (25), (20)
Youngstown State	(31)	41, 38
Northern Iowa	(37), 48, (47), (57)	(32)
Illinois State	(48)	35
Missouri State	(45), 53, 27	-
Southern Illinois	(21), 48, 28	(50)
South Dakota	-	-
Duquesne	(39)	-
Kennesaw State	(24), (23)	(20)
North Dakota State	-	48, (32)

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RECEIVING	GP	No.	Yds	YPC	TD	LG	YPG
Cade Johnson	13	67	1,332	19.9	17	81	102.5
Adam Anderson	13	47	718	15.3	7	66	55.2
Blake Kunz	13	20	343	17.1	3	64	26.4
Kallan Hart	13	11	147	13.4	0	40	11.3
Jacob Brown	13	11	147	13.4	3	27	11.3
Mikey Daniel	12	10	54	5.4	1	23	4.5
Isaac Wallace	5	9	91	10.1	1	27	18.2
C.J. Wilson	7	7	49	7.0	1	37	7.0
Pierre Strong	13	6	84	14.0	1	66	6.5
Deyon Campbell	9	5	40	8.0	0	20	4.4
Alex Wilde	3	4	66	16.5	0	29	22.0
Isaiah Hill	11	3	56	18.7	0	47	5.1
Marquise Lewis	2	2	46	23.0	0	29	23.0
Blair Mulholland	10	2	5	2.5	0	7	0.5
Michael Wandmaker	8	1	76	76.0	1	76	9.5
Taryn Christion	13	1	2	2.0	0	2	0.2
Total	13	206	3,256	15.8	35	81	250.5
Opponents	13	204	2,568	12.6	17	81	197.5

TOTAL OFFENSE	GP	PLAYS	RUSH	PASS	TOTAL	YPG
Taryn Christion	13	414	333	3,020	3,353	257.9
Pierre Strong	13	117	1,116	0	1,116	85.8
Mikey Daniel	12	139	630	0	630	52.5
Isaac Wallace	5	44	413	0	413	82.6
C.J. Wilson	7	43	281	0	281	40.1
Kanin Nelson	8	14	66	145	211	26.4
Justin Roberts	1	4	1	89	90	90.0
Deyon Campbell	9	2	39	0	39	4.3
Isaiah Hill	11	2	38	0	38	3.5
Blair Mulholland	10	12	35	0	35	3.5
Jefferson Lee	1	10	31	0	31	31.0
Cade Johnson	13	2	24	2	26	2.0
Chase Vinatieri	13	1	15	0	15	1.2
Adam Anderson	13	0	2	0	2	0.2
Team	6	13	-33	0	-33	-5.5
Total	13	817	2,991	3,256	6,247	480.5
Opponents	13	884	2,447	2,568	5,015	385.8

ALL-PURPOSE	GP	RUSH	REC	PR	KR	IR	TOTAL	YPG
Cade Johnson	13	24	1,332	0	462	0	1,818	139.8
Pierre Strong, Jr.	13	1,116	84	0	38	0	1,238	95.2
Mikey Daniel	12	630	54	0	41	0	725	60.4
Adam Anderson	13	2	718	0	0	0	720	55.4
Isaac Wallace	5	413	91	0	0	0	504	100.8
C.J. Wilson	7	281	49	0	130	0	460	65.7
Blake Kunz	13	0	343	0	0	0	343	26.4
Taryn Christion	13	333	2	0	0	0	335	25.8
Isaiah Hill	11	38	56	0	109	0	203	18.5
Kallan Hart	13	0	147	0	0	0	147	11.3
Jacob Brown	13	0	147	0	0	0	147	11.3
Marshon Harris	12	0	0	93	0	13	106	8.8
Deyon Campbell	9	39	40	0	0	0	79	8.8
M. Wandmaker	8	0	76	0	0	0	76	9.5
Marquise Lewis	2	0	46	27	0	0	73	36.5
Alex Wilde	3	0	66	0	0	0	66	22.0
Kanin Nelson	8	66	0	0	0	0	66	8.2
Zy Mosley	12	0	0	0	0	43	43	3.6

ALL-PURPOSE (CONT.)	GP	RUSH	REC	PR	KR	IR	TOTAL	YPG
Blair Mulholland	10	35	5	0	0	0	40	4.0
Jarek Berg	13	0	0	0	0	37	37	2.8
Jaxon Janke	4	0	0	34	0	0	34	8.5
Jefferson Lee, V	1	31	0	0	0	0	31	31.0
Donald Gardner	13	0	0	22	0	0	22	1.7
Lorenzo Williams	13	0	0	0	0	22	22	1.7
Josh Manchigiah	13	0	0	0	0	19	19	1.5
Austin Smenda	12	0	0	0	17	0	17	1.4
Chase Vinatieri	13	15	0	0	0	0	15	1.2
Christian Rozeboom	13	0	0	0	0	13	13	1.0
Luke Sellers	13	0	0	0	12	0	12	0.9
Preston Tetzlaff	13	0	0	9	0	0	9	0.7
Justin Roberts	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1.0
TEAM	6	-33	0	0	0	0	-33	-5.5
Total	13	2,991	3,256	185	809	147	7,388	568.3
Opponents	13	2,447	2,568	46	737	100	5,898	453.7

PUNT RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	LG
Marshon Harris	27	93	3.4	0	19
Marquise Lewis	4	27	6.8	0	29
Jaxon Janke	2	34	17.0	0	18
Donald Gardner	1	22	22.0	0	0
Preston Tetzlaff	1	9	9.0	0	0
Jadon Janke	0	0	0.0	1	0
Total	35	185	5.3	1	29
Opponents	15	46	3.1	0	16

KICKOFF RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	LG
Cade Johnson	17	462	27.2	0	48
C.J. Wilson	7	130	18.6	0	28
Isaiah Hill	5	109	21.8	0	31
Pierre Strong	2	38	19.0	0	24
Austin Smenda	2	17	8.5	0	11
Mikey Daniel	2	41	20.5	0	23
Luke Sellers	1	12	12.0	0	12
Total	36	809	22.5	0	48
Opponents	44	737	16.8	0	39

PUNTING	No.	Yds	Avg.	LONG	TB	FC	I20	50+	BLK
Brady Hale	56	2,378	42.5	57	7	20	24	8	0
Total	56	2,378	42.5	57	7	20	24	8	0
Opponents	78	3,101	39.8	71	5	8	19	12	5

INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	LG
Zy Mosley	4	43	10.8	1	43
Jordan Brown	3	0	0.0	0	0
Christian Rozeboom	2	13	6.5	0	10
Logan Backhaus	2	0	0.0	0	0
Brandon Snyder	2	0	0.0	0	0
Jarek Berg	1	37	37.0	0	37
Lorenzo Williams	1	22	22.0	0	22
Josh Manchigiah	1	19	19.0	0	19
Marshon Harris	1	13	13.0	0	13
Total	17	147	8.6	1	43
Opponents	8	100	12.5	1	33

FUMBLE RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	LG
None					

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DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

No.	PLAYER	TACKLES				TFL-Yds	SACKS		PASS DEF			FUMBLES		BLKD
		GP	SOLO	ASST	TOT		No.-Yds	INT-Yds	PBU	QBH	Rcv-Yds	FF	KICK	
2	C. Rozeboom	13	53	52	105	10.5-25	.	2-13	2	.	1-0	3	.	.
53	Dalton Cox	13	36	32	68	7.5-22	1.0-8	.	.	.	1-0	1	.	.
12	Logan Backhaus	13	40	21	61	4.0-14	1.0-5	2-0	3	2	1-0	.	1	.
27	Brandon Snyder	13	36	22	58	3.5-8	1.0-6	2-0	2	.	1-0	1	.	.
31	Eric Kleinschmit	13	28	28	56	3.0-9	.	.	1	.	1-0	1	.	.
3	Josh Manchigiah	13	36	17	53	0.5-1	.	1-19	5	.	.	.	.	.
90	Ryan Earith	13	20	23	43	9.0-48	5.5-43	.	1	9	1-0	1	.	.
6	Makiah Slade	13	25	17	42	1.0-3	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.
18	Marshon Harris	12	34	6	40	1.0-2	.	1-13	6	.	.	1	.	.
7	Seven Wilson	11	18	18	36	1.5-7	1.0-6	.	.	.	1-0	.	3	.
9	Jordan Brown	13	22	7	29	1.0-3	.	3-0	12	.	.	1	.	.
69	Krockett Krolikowski	11	12	16	28	7.5-26	4.0-18	.	.	3	.	1	2	.
34	Austin Smenda	12	16	12	28	3.0-6	.	.	.	3	.	.	.	.
66	Elijah Wilson	11	15	9	24	4.5-21	1.5-14	.	.	3	.	.	.	.
91	Xavier Ward	13	12	12	24	2.5-15	.	.	.	4	1-0	2	1	.
23	Zy Mosley	12	16	7	23	0.5-0	.	4-43	1	.	.	.	.	.
46	Preston Tetzlaff	13	8	9	17	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	1	.
99	Caleb Sanders	13	12	3	15	7.0-19	1.0-4	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
37	Lorenzo Williams	13	11	4	15	0.5-1	.	1-22	.	.	.	.	.	.
13	Malik Lofton	11	10	3	13	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	1
21	Donald Gardner	13	9	4	13	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
14	Jarek Berg	13	4	6	10	.	.	1-37	.	.	.	.	.	.
97	Reece Winkelman	12	7	3	10	4.0-17	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
16	Levi Brown	12	7	2	9	1.0-5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
96	Spencer Hildahl	13	4	4	8	1.0-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
55	Thomas Stacker	13	3	3	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
22	Tolu Ogunrinde	9	5	1	6	4.0-16	3.0-13	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
29	Lance Eide	13	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
48	Jeremy Christner	5	3	.	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
19	Ti'Jai Davis	3	2	1	3	1.0-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
25	Bryce Banks	1	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1	Jacob Brown	13	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
59	Zach Dorgan	12	2	.	2	2.0-3	1.0-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
38	Tyler DeMartra	13	.	2	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
4	Chase Vinatieri	13	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
24	DyShawn Gales	3	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
28	Tylen Small	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
39	Jake Aanderud	6	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
27	Jaxon Janke	4	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
5	Blair Mulholland	10	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
24	Deyon Campbell	9	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
52	Bradey Sorenson	13	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
20	Pierre Strong	13	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
15	Cade Johnson	13	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Total		13	518	350	868	81-274	20-119	17-147	37	28	8-0	13	9	
Opponents		13	489	276	765	67-206	13-73	8-100	33	24	2-0	7	1	

TOP DEFENSIVE PERFORMANCES

DOUBLE-DIGIT TACKLES (7)

Christian Rozeboom • at North Dakota State, 9-29-18

• 12 tackles (4 solos, 8 assists, 0.5 TFL)

Dalton Cox • vs. Indiana State, 10-6-18

• 10 tackles (7 solos, 3 assists, 1.5 TFL)

Christian Rozeboom • at Southern Illinois, 11-10-18

• 12 tackles (4 solos, 8 assists)

Christian Rozeboom • vs. South Dakota, 11-17-18

• 13 tackles (8 solos, 5 assists, 1.5 TFL)

Christian Rozeboom • vs. Kennesaw State, 12-8-18

• 14 tackles (10 solos, 4 assists, 3.0 TFL)

Christian Rozeboom • at North Dakota State, 12-14-18

• 11 tackles (8 solos, 3 assists, 1.0 TFL)

Josh Manchigiah • at North Dakota State, 12-14-18

• 10 tackles (6 solos, 4 assists)

MULTIPLE INTERCEPTIONS (1)

Zy Mosley • vs. Arkansas-Pine Bluff, 9-15-18

• 2 interceptions

GAME-BY-GAME COMPARISON

OPPONENT	SCORE	FIRST DOWNS				NUMBER-YARDS	COMP-ATT-INT	YARDS	PLAYS-YARDS	RETURN Yds	TURNOVERS
		TOTAL	RUSH	PASS	PEN						
Montana State	45-14	23/6	9/2	12/4	2/0	42-193 / 23-29	21-29-0 / 13-25-2	319/164	71-512 / 48-193	55/47	0/2
Arkansas-Pine Bluff	90-6	29/11	14/5	14/4	1/2	36-369 / 44-179	19-21-0 / 9-22-2	557/131	57-926 / 66-310	64/113	0/4
North Dakota State	17-21	16/21	9/13	7/8	0/0	27-155 / 47-207	19-29-1 / 9-20-1	202/182	56-357 / 67-389	72/102	1/1
Indiana State	54-51	31/24	16/11	12/11	3/2	49-293 / 42-293	20-31-0 / 19-29-0	229/276	80-522 / 71-569	131/77	1/1
Youngstown State	36-7	15/17	10/7	4/10	1/0	40-253 / 41-136	7-16-0 / 14-27-2	78/208	56-331 / 68-344	17/69	0/2
Northern Iowa	9-24	16/15	1/8	14/5	1/2	20-51 / 35-154	25-50-2 / 13-22-0	325/172	70-376 / 57-326	78/32	2/0
Illinois State	38-28	16/20	7/4	9/14	0/2	38-96 / 29-81	19-29-1 / 26-41-1	294/364	67-390 / 70-445	74/68	1/3
Missouri State	59-7	27/12	8/5	14/5	5/2	37-281 / 31-30	16-30-2 / 18-39-4	266/153	67-547 / 70-183	76/21	2/4
Southern Illinois	57-38	22/23	11/14	10/7	1/2	39-315 / 46-353	13-23-0 / 17-36-1	341/188	62-656 / 82-541	157/83	0/1
South Dakota	49-27	18/31	10/10	6/16	2/5	31-323 / 40-150	12-22-0 / 34-58-1	172/295	53-495 / 98-445	117/46	0/2
Duquesne	51-6	24/10	15/2	7/5	2/3	40-326 / 35-84	12-26-0 / 14-24-2	144/160	66-470 / 59-244	111/48	1/3
Kennesaw State	27-17	14/23	9/16	4/5	1/2	36-161 / 52-312	12-18-1 / 6-12-1	147/106	54-308 / 64-418	114/88	1/2
North Dakota State	21-44	17/25	10/15	6/10	1/0	31-175 / 49-439	11-27-1 / 12-15-0	182/169	58-357 / 64-608	75/89	1/0
Totals	553-290	268/238	129/112	119/104	20/22	466-2,991 / 514-2,447	206-351-8 / 204-370-17	3,256/2,568	817-6,247 / 884-5,015	1,141/883	10/25

THIRD-DOWN CONVERSIONS TIME OF POSSESSION

TIME OF POSSESSION

OPPONENT	OVERALL	1ST QTR	2ND QTR	3RD QTR	4TH QTR
Montana State	37:42	8:10	9:25	9:36	10:31
Arkansas-Pine Bluff	29:03	6:36	3:58	8:45	9:44
North Dakota State	26:33	10:15	5:24	5:00	5:54
Indiana State	32:25	5:46	8:06	8:22	10:11
Youngstown State	28:29	5:46	6:11	7:43	8:49
Northern Iowa	30:53	10:39	7:06	4:20	8:48
Illinois State	33:01	9:09	8:07	8:02	7:43
Missouri State	30:01	6:43	7:34	7:38	8:06
Southern Illinois	30:10	6:38	4:18	8:08	11:06
South Dakota	26:58	7:00	5:15	8:07	6:36
Duquesne	31:39	11:04	4:10	7:22	9:03
Kennesaw State	30:39	7:04	7:17	6:55	9:23
North Dakota State	25:16	7:53	7:04	7:40	2:39
Totals	392:49	102:43	83:55	97:38	108:33
Avg.	30:13	7:54	6:27	7:30	8:21
Opponents	387:11	92:17	111:05	97:22	86:27
Avg.	29:47	7:05	8:32	7:29	6:39

PENALTIES

OPPONENT	SDSU	OPP
Montana State	8-55	7-70
Arkansas-Pine Bluff	9-87	4-41
North Dakota State	2-10	4-40
Indiana State	6-43	5-32
Youngstown State	2--10	8-65
Northern Iowa	8-59	4-35
Illinois State	7-60	6-60
Missouri State	9-66	7-66
Southern Illinois	4-36	4-50
South Dakota	14-145	6-71
Duquesne	8-65	6-60
Kennesaw State	8-64	9-71
North Dakota State	5-32	9-70
Totals	90-732	79-731

OFFENSE

S. Wilson	Jo. Brown	B. Snyder	Slade
Backhaus	Jo. Brown	B. Snyder	Slade
Backhaus	Jo. Brown	B. Snyder	Slade
Backhaus	Jo. Brown	B. Snyder	Slade
Backhaus	Jo. Brown	B. Snyder	Slade
Backhaus	Jo. Brown	B. Snyder	Slade
Backhaus	Jo. Brown	B. Snyder	Slade
Backhaus	Jo. Brown	B. Snyder	Slade

WR	WR	QB	RB
Anderson	Ja. Brown	Christian	Wallace
Anderson	C. Johnson	Christian	Daniel
Anderson	Ja. Brown	Christian	Daniel
Anderson	C. Johnson	Christian	Wallace
Anderson	C. Johnson	Christian	Daniel
Anderson	C. Johnson	Christian	Campbell
Anderson	C. Johnson	Christian	Daniel
Anderson	C. Johnson	Christian	Daniel
Anderson	C. Johnson	Christian	Strong
Anderson	C. Johnson	Christian	Daniel
Ja. Brown	C. Johnson	Christian	Strong
Anderson	C. Johnson	Christian	Strong

Opponent

Opponent	DE	DT	NT	DE	WLB	MLB	(WR)
Montana State	Smenda	Ward	Krolkowski	Earith	Cox	Rozeboom	Ja. Brown
Ark.-Pine Bluff	Winkelman	Ward	Krolkowski	Earith	Cox	Rozeboom	(WR)
N. Dakota St.	Smenda	Ward	Krolkowski	Earith	Cox	Rozeboom	Ja. Brown
Indiana State	Smenda	Ward	Krolkowski	Earith	Cox	Rozeboom	(WR)
Youngstown St.	Smenda	Ward	Hildahl	Earith	S. Wilson	Rozeboom	Sellers (FB)
Northern Iowa	Smenda	Ward	Krolkowski	Earith	Cox	Rozeboom	Sellers (FB)
Illinois State	Smenda	Ward	Krolkowski	Earith	Cox	Rozeboom	
Missouri State	Smenda	Ward	Krolkowski	Earith	Cox	Rozeboom	SLB
Southern Illinois	Smenda	Ward	Krolkowski	Earith	Cox	Rozeboom	Backhaus
South Dakota	Smenda	Ward	Krolkowski	Earith	Cox	Rozeboom	Backhaus
Duquesne	Smenda	Ward	Krolkowski	Earith	Cox	Rozeboom	Backhaus
Kennesaw St.	Smenda	Ward	Hildahl	Earith	Cox	Rozeboom	Backhaus
N. Dakota St.	Smenda	Ward	Hildahl	Earith	Kleinschmit	Rozeboom	Backhaus