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JACKRABBIT BASEBALL

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PROBABLE OPENING DAY LINEUP

2019 Overall Record: 28-22

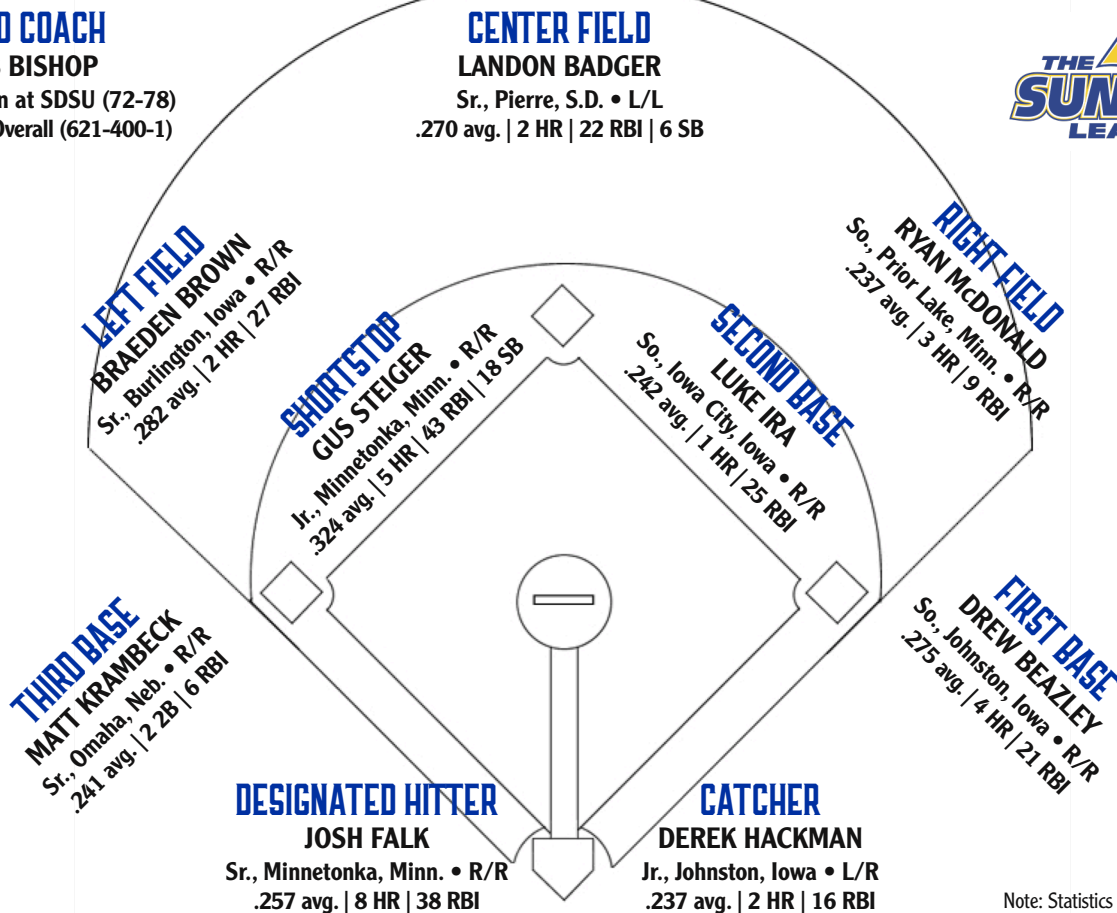
2019 Summit Record: 19-10 (2nd)

HEAD COACH

ROB BISHOP

Fourth Season at SDSU (72-78)

21st Season Overall (621-400-1)



Note: Statistics from 2019 season

PROBABLE STARTING PITCHERS

GAME 1

AT DALLAS BAPTIST
FRIDAY, FEB. 14 • 6:30 P.M.



ADAM MAZUR

6-2, 170, Fr., RHP
Woodbury, Minn.
• First season at
SDSU

GAME 2

AT DALLAS BAPTIST
SATURDAY, FEB. 15 • 2 P.M.



RICK ATKINS

6-1, 185, Fr., LHP
Marion, Iowa
• First season at
SDSU

GAME 3

AT DALLAS BAPTIST
SUNDAY, FEB. 16 • 1 P.M.



BRADY STOVER

6-2, 190, Sr., LHP
Huxley, Iowa
• First season at
SDSU

2020 SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY

14	at Dallas Baptist	6:30 p.m.
15	at Dallas Baptist	2 p.m.
16	at Dallas Baptist	1 p.m.
21	at Pacific (Calif.)	6 p.m. PT
22	at Pacific (Calif.)	1 p.m. PT
23	at Pacific (Calif.)	noon PT
26	at Minnesota [at U.S. Bank Stadium]	6 p.m.
28	at Texas Rio Grande Valley	7 p.m.
29	at Texas Rio Grande Valley [DH]	3 p.m./6 p.m.

MARCH

1	at Texas Rio Grande Valley	noon
4	at Minnesota [at U.S. Bank Stadium]	6 p.m.
6	at Air Force	2 p.m. MT
7	at Air Force	1 p.m. MT
8	at Air Force	noon MT
10	at Kansas State	6 p.m.
11	at Kansas State	6 p.m.
13	*at Oral Roberts	6 p.m.
14	*at Oral Roberts	2 p.m.
15	*at Oral Roberts	1 p.m.
20	*at Western Illinois	3 p.m.
21	*at Western Illinois	2 p.m.
22	*at Western Illinois	1 p.m.
27	*OMAHA	3 p.m.
28	*OMAHA	1 p.m.
29	*OMAHA	1 p.m.

APRIL

1	at Creighton	6:30 p.m.
3	*ORAL ROBERTS	3 p.m.
4	*ORAL ROBERTS	1 p.m.
5	*ORAL ROBERTS	1 p.m.
8	at Iowa	6 p.m.
10	*at Purdue Fort Wayne	3 p.m. ET
11	*at Purdue Fort Wayne	1 p.m. ET
12	*at Purdue Fort Wayne	noon ET
15	at Minnesota [at Siebert Field]	6 p.m.
17	*at North Dakota State	6:30 p.m.
18	*at North Dakota State	2 p.m.
19	*at North Dakota State	1 p.m.
21	SIOUX FALLS	3 p.m.
24	*at Omaha	4 p.m.
25	*at Omaha	2 p.m.
26	*at Omaha	noon
28	DAKOTA WESLEYAN	3 p.m.

MAY

1	*WESTERN ILLINOIS	3 p.m.
2	*WESTERN ILLINOIS	1 p.m.
3	*WESTERN ILLINOIS	1 p.m.
8	*NORTH DAKOTA STATE	3 p.m.
9	*NORTH DAKOTA STATE	1 p.m.
10	*NORTH DAKOTA STATE	1 p.m.
14	*PURDUE FORT WAYNE	3 p.m.
15	*PURDUE FORT WAYNE	3 p.m.
16	*PURDUE FORT WAYNE	1 p.m.
20-23	at Summit League Baseball Championship (Omaha, Neb. — if qualified)	

*Summit League game

Home games in CAPS

DH denotes doubleheader

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JACKRABBITS OPEN 2020 IN TEXAS

Sports Information Contact: Jason Hove

February 12, 2020

BROOKINGS, S.D. — The South Dakota State University baseball team opens the 2020 season this weekend with a three-game series at returning NCAA Tournament qualifier Dallas Baptist.

The series opener is set for 6:30 p.m. Friday at Horner Ballpark on the DBU campus in Dallas, Texas. Games Saturday and Sunday are set for respective starts of 2 p.m. and 1 p.m. All three games are scheduled to be broadcast online at patriotbroadcastingnetwork.com.

SDSU completed the 2019 season with a 28-22 overall record that included a second-place mark of 19-10 in Summit League regular season play. The Jackrabbits posted a 1-2 record in the league postseason tournament in making their 10th appearance in the four-team field in 11 years.

Dallas Baptist shared the 2019 Missouri Valley Conference regular season title with Illinois State and advanced to the conference tournament championship en route to a 43-20 overall record. The Patriots earned an at-large berth to the NCAA Tournament and posted a 2-2 record at the Lubbock Regional, defeating Florida twice and dropping a pair of games to host Texas Tech.

DBU has made six consecutive trips to the NCAA Tournament and has reached a regional final each of the last five years.

THE SERIES: The Jackrabbits and Dallas Baptist will meet for the fifth time in Friday's series opener. DBU holds a 3-1 advantage in the series that dates back to the 2010 season, with all four previous games played in the state of Texas.

The lone SDSU victory in the series came in the middle game of a three-game series played April 2-3, 2010, on the Patriots' home field, with the Jackrabbits winning the first game of a doubleheader, 23-8, behind a Division I-era best nine home runs. Eric Cain, Zach Rhodes and Jesse Sawyer each homered twice for SDSU, with Joel Blake, John Lee and Zach Briggs also going deep for the Jackrabbits.

The two teams combined for 78 runs and 22 home runs (11 home runs by each team) in the three-game series as DBU won by scores of 12-9 in the opener and 21-5 in the finale.

The squads last met on Feb. 26, 2011, with Dallas Baptist winning a 5-2 decision in a game played in Arlington, Texas.

FOR OPENERS: The Jackrabbits are 5-10 in Opening Day games during the Division I era, which began with the start of the 2005 season. SDSU has won two out of three season openers under head coach Rob Bishop, both of which were played at neutral sites.

The Jackrabbits claimed the 2017 season opener against Northern Illinois, 7-2, in a game played in Glendale, Arizona, and scored a 15-3 victory over UT Martin in the 2019 opener played at Russellville, Arkansas.

PRESEASON POLL: South Dakota State has been picked to finish third in the upcoming Summit League baseball race, according to a poll conducted among conference coaches that was announced Feb. 6 by league officials.

The Jackrabbits received two of the six first-place votes, finishing with 18 points. Oral Roberts received three first-place votes and topped the poll with 23 points, followed by defending league champion Omaha with one first-place vote and 19 points.

Rounding out the poll were: North Dakota State, 16 points; Western Illinois, 9 points, and Purdue Fort Wayne, 5 points.

Among the Jackrabbit returners, juniors Gus Steiger and Bret Barnett were recognized among the Summit League's top players to watch.

A two-time all-Summit League honoree, Steiger paced the Jackrabbits offensively in 2019 with team highs in batting average (.324), hits (73) runs scored (45), runs batted in (43), doubles (13) and stolen bases (18). He also ranked second on the squad with five home runs in starting all 50 games.

2019 RESULTS

FEBRUARY

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

MARCH

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

APRIL

5	*vs. OMAHA [at Sioux Falls]	L, 10-12
6	*vs. OMAHA (DH-at Sioux Falls)	L, 4-9/L, 7-11
13	*vs. N. DAKOTA ST. (DH-at Omaha)	W, 5-2/L, 2-6
14	*vs. N. DAKOTA ST. [at Omaha]	[10 inn.] W, 10-9
16	at Minnesota [at Siebert Field]	L, 1-5
19	*WESTERN ILLINOIS [at Sioux Falls]	W, 11-3
20	*WESTERN ILLINOIS (DH-at Sioux Falls)	W, 11-9
		[10 inn.] L, 6-7
23	SIoux FALLS	W, 11-7
26	*at Omaha	L, 2-5
27	*at Omaha	W, 3-0
28	*at Omaha	[13 inn.] W, 6-4

MAY

3	*PURDUE FORT WAYNE	W, 8-0
4	*PURDUE FORT WAYNE	W, 7-4
5	*PURDUE FORT WAYNE	[7 inn.] W, 12-2
7	at Minnesota	L, 0-5
10	*ORAL ROBERTS	W, 5-4
11	*ORAL ROBERTS	[5 inn.] L, 3-5
16	*at North Dakota State	L, 2-3
17	*at North Dakota State (DH)	W, 2-1/W, 8-1
22-25 at Summit League Baseball Championship (Tulsa, Okla.)		
23	at Oral Roberts	L, 2-5
	vs. Western Illinois	W, 9-5
24	at Oral Roberts	L, 0-4

*Summit League game

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Steiger, a native of Minnetonka, Minnesota, was a first-team all-Summit selection at short-stop in 2019, after earning second-team recognition as a second baseman his freshman year.

Barnett emerged as the top relief pitcher in the Summit League during the 2019 season, earning first-team honors after posting a 5-1 record with seven saves. The left-hander from Indianola, Iowa, registered a 1.31 earned run average, struck out 47 batters in 34 1/3 innings and limited opposing hitters to a .138 batting average.

Summit League play is slated to begin March 13, when SDSU opens a three-game set at Oral Roberts.

The top four teams during the regular season will advance to the 2020 Summit League Baseball Championship, which is scheduled for May 20-23 in Omaha, Nebraska.

SEASON PREVIEW: The Jackrabbits will rely on a group of veteran position players and a revamped pitching staff in order to maintain its standing among the top teams in The Summit League during the upcoming 2020 season.

"I like our makeup and I like our experience," said fourth-year head coach Rob Bishop. "I really do think it's just going to come down to us playing level — not getting too high when things are good and too low when things are bad — and giving our young guys on the mound a chance to develop."

While pitching and defense are often the areas stressed when talking about championship aspirations, Bishop expects the Jackrabbits to achieve balance throughout the program with a solid offensive lineup.

"Our offense should be one that is opportunistic," Bishop said. "We have two or three guys who are capable of being player-of-the-year type of offensive threats, but I still think our strength is that we're going to put nine guys out there that there's no easy out, there's no break for the other team's pitchers."

Following is a look at the 2020 prospects by position group:

Infield

SDSU returns three starters on the infield, highlighted by shortstop Gus Steiger. The junior from Minnetonka, Minnesota, made a seamless transition across the diamond from second base a year ago, earning first-team all-Summit League recognition after leading the team in a number of offensive categories.

In starting all 50 games, Steiger batted a team-best .324, drove in 43 runs and added five home runs and 18 stolen bases. Steiger led the team in both hits and batting average each of his first two seasons.

"He can do a little bit of everything, but he brings a lot more to our team in just how he approaches the game," Bishop said. "He's the guy who always wants extra work and is always doing something on his own to get better. He has high aspirations in baseball; he's just a great competitor and to me is the guy, day in and day out, that we're counting on to be a stabilizing piece of our lineup."

Sophomores Drew Beazley and Luke Ira are expected to man the right side of the infield. Beazley was a second-team all-Summit League performer as a first baseman and also was honored on the *Collegiate Baseball* Freshman All-America Team after batting .275 with four home runs, 11 doubles and 21 runs batted in. He ended the season by reaching base safely in each of the Jackrabbits' final 21 games.

Ira held the starting spot at third base for most of his freshman campaign, but is moving over to second base in 2020. He ranked second on the team with 15 multi-hit games, ending the 2019 season with a .242 average, one home run and 25 RBIs.

At third base, senior Matt Krambeck will begin the season as the starter, although freshmen Wyatt Andersen and Garrett Ries will also likely split time at the hot corner early in the year. Krambeck hit .241 and drove in six runs in limited action during his first season at SDSU in 2019.

At catcher, Derek Hackman returns after starting 31 games a year ago. The left-handed-hitting junior batted .237 with two home runs and 16 RBIs, while contributing solid defense behind the plate. Hackman ended the 2019 season on a high note, earning a spot on the all-tournament team at the Summit League Baseball Championship.

Senior Josh Falk, who also has seen extensive action at first base during his Jackrabbit career, returns as the team's primary designated hitter. A first-team all-league performer in 2019, Falk hit a team-high eight home runs last season and ranked second on the squad with 38 RBIs while hitting .257.

2019 MISC. STATS

MULTI-HIT GAMES

*Gus Steiger	23
*Luke Ira	15
*Josh Falk	14
Nick Smith	13
*Braeden Brown	12
Logan Holtz	12
*Drew Beazley	11
*Landon Badger	11

LONGEST HIT STREAK

*Gus Steiger	11
Logan Holtz	10
Nick Smith	10
*Luke Ira	8
*Drew Beazley	7
*Josh Falk	7

LONGEST REACHED BASE STREAK

*Gus Steiger	36
*Drew Beazley	^21
Logan Holtz	15
*Josh Falk	13
Nick Smith	13
*Braeden Brown	9
*Derek Hackman	9

MULTI-RBI GAMES

*Gus Steiger	14
*Josh Falk	10
*Braeden Brown	7
Logan Holtz	7
*Landon Badger	6
*Drew Beazley	6
*Luke Ira	6

* denotes returning player

^ denotes active streak

2019 AWARDS

ALL-SUMMIT LEAGUE FIRST TEAM

Bret Barnett	So.	Relief Pitcher
Josh Falk	Jr.	Designated Hitter
Gus Steiger	So.	Shortstop
Nick Smith	Sr.	Outfielder

ALL-SUMMIT LEAGUE SECOND TEAM

Drew Beazley	Fr.	First Baseman
Braeden Brown	Jr.	Second Baseman
Nic McCay	Fr.	Starting Pitcher
Tyler Olmstead	Jr.	Starting Pitcher

SUMMIT LEAGUE PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

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

SUMMIT LEAGUE PITCHERS OF THE WEEK

Brady Stover	LHP	Feb. 18
Nic McCay	RHP	April 1
Tyler Olmstead	RHP	April 22
Nic McCay	RHP	April 29
Ryan Froom	RHP	May 20

Outfield

Three-year starting center fielder Landon Badger leads a new-look Jackrabbit outfield. Already one of the top defensive players in The Summit League, Badger put together a consistent year at the plate in 2019, batting .270 and ranking second on the team with 12 doubles to go along with a pair of home runs and 22 runs driven in.

Flanking Badger at the corner outfield spots will be a pair of returning players who are changing positions.

Braeden Brown is expected to move to left field after serving as the team's second baseman for much of the 2019 season. A senior, Brown ranked third on the squad with a .282 batting average, en route to earning second-team all-Summit League recognition. He also contributed two home runs, 27 RBIs and seven stolen bases.

The right-field spot is expected to be filled by converted catcher Ryan McDonald. A sophomore, McDonald's hit three home runs and drove in nine runs in limited action last season.

Also vying for playing time at the corner infield positions are sophomores Jamie Berg and Colton Cox, as well as freshman Carson Max. Berg was primarily used in pinch-running situations a year ago, while Cox saw most of his action as a late-innings defensive replacement.

Adding additional depth at the outfield spots are incoming freshmen Reece Anderson, Drake Frazier and Nate Steenblock.

Starting Pitching

Heading into the 2020 season, the Jackrabbits figured to have two-thirds of their regular starting rotation return. However, SDSU will begin the 2020 season in a state of flux on the pitching side as injuries have sidelined right-handers Tyler Olmstead and Nic McCay to begin the campaign.

Olmstead, who served as the team's No. 1 starter throughout Summit League play in 2019, is likely to miss the entire season. The senior from Sioux Falls repeated on the all-Summit League Second Team in 2019 and was the staff workhorse as he logged a team-high 95 1/3 innings. The right-hander posted a 4-4 record with a 3.30 earned run average and struck out a team-best 92 batters.

McCay, who is expected to return to the rotation by March, was a reliable No. 3 starter for the Jackrabbits last season and was named to the Freshman All-America Team by *Collegiate Baseball*. Also a second-team all-Summit League pick, McCay finished his inaugural collegiate season with a 6-1 record and 4.08 ERA. He fanned 83 batters in 79 1/3 innings as was twice honored as the league's pitcher of the week.

In the interim, true freshmen Adam Mazur and Rick Atkins are expected to fill the top two spots in the rotation. A right-hander, Mazur was a finalist for the Mr. Baseball award in Minnesota during his senior season, while the left-handed Atkins was a Super State all-state honoree in the state of Iowa in 2019.

Senior southpaw Brady Stover has been tabbed as the No. 3 starter to begin the season. Stover has shown glimpses of being one a dominant pitcher during his Jackrabbit career as evidenced by his 63 strikeouts in only 43 1/3 innings during the 2018 season; however, the Huxley, Iowa, native has battled some injuries and has struggled to maintain consistency.

In 2019, Stover earned the first Summit League Pitcher of the Week award after a nine-strikeout performance in the season opener against UT Martin, but managed only three more starts and five relief appearances the remainder of the season in finishing with a 1-4 record. Nonetheless, Stover was selected in the 31st round of the 2019 Major League Baseball Draft, but opted to return to SDSU for his senior seasons.

"I thought going into the season that pitching would be our strength," Bishop said. "It still may be, but I think it's going to take four, five weekends to really determine who those guys are going to be, and in what roles they're going to be."

Relief Pitching

Preseason All-American Bret Barnett anchors a Jackrabbit bullpen for a squad that went 20-1 when leading after seven innings a season ago.

A junior left-hander, Barnett took over the closer's role early in the 2019 season and turned in one of the most dominant seasons ever by an SDSU hurler. He posted a 5-1 record with seven saves in a team-high 20 appearances and limited the opposition to a miniscule .138 batting average. He also struck out 47 batters in 34 1/3 innings and allowed only five runs for a 1.31 ERA.

THE SUMMIT LEAGUE

2020 PRESEASON POLL

1. Oral Roberts (3)	23
2. Omaha (1)	19
3. South Dakota State (2)	18
4. North Dakota State	16
5. Western Illinois	9
6. Purdue Fort Wayne	5

Notes: First-place votes in parentheses

2019 STANDINGS

SCHOOL	OVERALL	CONF.
Omaha	31-24-1	20-10
South Dakota State	28-22	19-10
Oral Roberts	29-26	17-12
Western Illinois	22-31	16-14
North Dakota State	19-24	15-15
Purdue Fort Wayne	7-45	2-28



Bishop said the coaching staff considered moving Barnett into the starting rotation this season given the team's injury situation, but determined he is best suited to remain a reliever. "Between his saves and wins last year, Bret had an impact in 13 or 14 positive outcomes for us — more than he could have had as a starter," Bishop said. "In my opinion, he was the best bullpen guy in the league as far as consistency and just his dominance."

Brett Mogen, who served as the team's primary setup man a year ago, also returns. A senior from nearby Dell Rapids, Mogen put together his best season in a Jackrabbit uniform in 2019 with a 1-1 record and 1.67 ERA in 20 appearances. His ERA ranked as the sixth lowest in a season by an SDSU pitcher with more than 30 innings pitched.

Also returning to the pitching staff is sophomore Riley McSherry. The Rapid City native made 11 relief appearances a year ago.

In addition, Beazley could be called on to pitch out of the bullpen. He appeared in 12 games a year ago, turning in a 1-0 record with three saves.

Bishop also expects to get valuable contributions out of the pen from a trio of newcomers — junior college transfer Nate Holliday and freshmen Jon Baker and Eli Sundquist. Both Holliday and Baker are expected to be ready to contribute in March after finishing rehabbing from arm surgeries.

All three of those guys have electric stuff," Bishop said, adding "they still have to prove they can pitch."

Rounding out the pitching staff are incoming freshmen Brock Anderson, Nate Steenblock and Jack Sullivan. Steenblock is a two-way player who also could see time in the outfield.

Schedule

While injuries to the pitching staff may have altered the short-term outlook for the team, Bishop said the long view for the 2020 season remains the same.

"The expectation hasn't changed for us as far as what we're trying to do with our preseason schedule," Bishop said. "The preseason, to me, is really just about trying to prepare our team for Summit League play. We have a really challenging early season schedule."

The Jackrabbits open the 2020 season with a three-game series Feb. 14-16 at 2019 NCAA qualifier Dallas Baptist, followed by series at Pacific (Calif.) and Texas Rio Grande Valley to close out February.

The March slate includes series at Air Force and Kansas State before opening the 30-game Summit League slate March 13 at perennial league favorite Oral Roberts. SDSU's home opener is slated for March 27 versus defending Summit League champion Omaha.

"I feel like there's going to be a lot more parity in the league," Bishop said. "I expect the top and the bottom of the league to be a lot closer together instead of it being so lopsided. At the end of the day, the teams that are consistent week in and week out are the ones that will end up in the tournament."

Mid-week games at regional Division I programs Minnesota, Creighton and Iowa, along with home contests against in-state programs Sioux Falls and Dakota Wesleyan, close out the nonconference portion of the schedule.

BARNETT EARNS PRESEASON HONORS: South Dakota State University relief pitcher Bret Barnett was named in December to the Preseason All-America Second Team by *Collegiate Baseball*.

A native of Indianola, Iowa, Barnett enters his junior season after turning in one of the best seasons ever by a Jackrabbit hurler during the 2019 campaign. The left-hander posted a 5-1 record with a team-high seven saves in 20 appearances. His 1.31 earned run average was the third-lowest single-season mark by a Jackrabbit with more than 30 innings pitched.

Barnett also struck out 47 batters in 34.1 innings and held the opposition to a .138 batting average en route to first-team all-Summit League honors. He did not allow a run over his last seven appearances, bringing a scoreless streak of 13.1 innings into the 2020 season.

Barnett was the lone Summit League player honored on the preseason All-America squad.

In addition, Barnett was recently named to the 2020 Stopper of the Year Preseason Watch List selected by the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association.

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

COACH BISHOP

At HURON UNIVERSITY

- 38-18 record in one season (2000)

At MILES CITY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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

At MONTANA STATE-BILLINGS

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

At SOUTH DAKOTA STATE

- 72-78 in three seasons (2017-present)
- * 26-24 in 2017
- * 18-32 in 2018
- * 28-22 in 2019

CAREER TOTALS

- 621-400-1 in 20 seasons (2000-present)

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Beazley	BEES-lee
Grunzke	GRUNZ-key
Kuhlmann	COOL-man
Mazur	MAY-zer
Mogen	MOE-gun
Olmstead	OHLM-sted
Ries	REESE
Steiger	STY-gurr
Wishon	wish-ON

Entering his fourth season with the Jackrabbits, Bishop holds a 72-78 record at SDSU.

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

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

SDSU bounced back in 2019, posting a 28-22 overall record that included a second-place mark of 19-10 in Summit League play. The Jackrabbits won or split nine of the 10 league series in regular season play en route to making an appearance in the four-team Summit League Baseball Championship for the 10th time in 11 years.

Overall, Bishop holds a 621-400-1 record (.611 winning percentage) as a collegiate head coach. He earned his 600th career victory in the Jackrabbits' 8-6 victory at UA Little Rock on March 10, 2019.

Individually, Jackrabbit players have been honored as all-Summit League performers 18 times during his brief tenure, including eight all-league selections in 2019. Utility player Nick Smith was honored for the third consecutive season, while shortstop Gus Steiger and starting pitcher Tyler Olmstead were repeat selections in 2019.

In addition, catcher Luke Ringhofer was selected in the 22nd round of the 2017 Major League Baseball Draft by the Baltimore Orioles and relief pitcher Chris Halbur was offered a free agent contract by the Los Angeles Dodgers after Bishop's first season in Brookings. In 2019, left-handed pitcher Brady Stover was a 31st-round pick of the Washington Nationals, but opted to return to the Jackrabbits for his senior season.

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

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

He also served as athletic director the last five years of his tenure at Miles City.

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

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

THE ROSTER: The 2020 SDSU baseball roster features 31 players from four different states. Of the 31 players, 14 are from Iowa, eight are from South Dakota, seven hail from Minnesota and two are Nebraska natives.

By class, seven are seniors, three are juniors, eight are sophomores and 13 are incoming freshmen.

No.	PLAYER	Pos.	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	HOMETOWN (PREVIOUS SCHOOL)
1	Matthew Krambeck*	IF/C	R/R	6-2	215	Sr.	Omaha, Neb./Des Moines Area CC (Iowa)
2	Carson Max	OF	L/R	5-11	195	Fr.	Mitchell, S.D./Mitchell H.S.
3	Gus Steiger**	IF	R/R	5-11	180	Jr.	Minnetonka, Minn./Minnetonka H.S.
4	Rick Atkins	P	L/L	6-1	185	Fr.	Marion, Iowa/Marion H.S.
5	Riley McSherry*	P	R/R	5-10	160	So.	Rapid City, S.D./Rapid City Central H.S.
6	Wyatt Andersen	IF	R/R	5-11	180	Fr.	Minden, Iowa/Tri-Center H.S.
7	Bret Barnett**	P	L/L	6-4	180	Jr.	Indianola, Iowa/Martensdale-St. Mary's H.S.
8	Ryan McDonald*	OF/C	R/R	5-11	195	So.	Prior Lake, Minn./Prior Lake H.S.
9	Derek Hackman**	C	L/R	6-0	210	Jr.	Johnston, Iowa/Johnston H.S.
11	Landon Badger***	OF	L/L	6-0	190	Sr.	Pierre, S.D./T.F. Riggs H.S.
12	Colton Cox*	OF	R/R	6-1	190	So.	Aberdeen, S.D./Roncalli H.S.
13	Nate Steenblock	OF/P	R/L	6-0	180	Fr.	Des Moines, Iowa/Dowling Catholic H.S.
14	Drew Beazley*	IF/P	R/R	6-1	175	So.	Johnston, Iowa/Johnston H.S.
15	Braeden Brown*	IF	R/R	5-9	180	Sr.	Burlington, Iowa/Southeastern CC (Iowa)

QUICK FACTS

NAME OF SCHOOL: South Dakota State University
CITY/ZIP: Brookings, SD 57007
FOUNDED: February 21, 1881
ENROLLMENT: 11,518 (fall 2019)
COLORS: Yellow and Blue
HOME STADIUM: Erv Huether Field (600 capacity)
PRESIDENT: Dr. Barry H. Dunn
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR: Justin Sell
2019 OVERALL RECORD: 28-22
2019 SUMMIT LEAGUE RECORD: 19-10 (second place in regular season; third place at Summit League Baseball Championship)
HOME RECORD: 7-2
AWAY/NEUTRAL RECORD: 12-11 / 9-9
LETTERWINNERS RETURNING/LOST: 14/11
POSITION STARTERS RETURNING/LOST: 6/3
ALL-TIME RECORD: 1,344-1,181-5
FIRST YEAR OF BASEBALL: 1947
NCAA DIVISION I POSTSEASON APPEARANCES: One/2013
NCAA DIVISION II POSTSEASON APPEARANCES: Nine (last in 1995)

17	Brett Mogen***	P	R/R	6-2	210	Sr.	Dell Rapids, S.D./Dell Rapids H.S.
18	Reece Anderson	OF	R/R	6-1	180	Fr.	Johnston, Iowa/Johnston H.S.
19	Josh Falk**	IF	R/R	6-2	235	Sr.	Minnetonka, Minn./Gulf Coast State (Fla.)
20	Brady Stover***	P	L/L	6-2	190	Sr.	Huxley, Iowa/Collins-Maxwell-Baxter H.S.
21	Nate Holliday	P	R/R	6-1	210	So.	Muscatine, Iowa/Des Moines Area CC (Iowa)
22	Luke Ira*	IF	R/R	6-0	180	So.	Iowa City, Iowa/Solon H.S.
23	Garrett Ries	C/IF	L/R	6-0	185	Fr.	Robins, Iowa/Cedar Rapids Xavier H.S.
24	Jamie Berg*	OF	L/L	5-10	165	So.	Mahtomedi, Minn./Mahtomedi H.S.
25	Jack Sullivan	P	R/R	6-1	180	Fr.	Bellevue, Neb./Bellevue West H.S.
27	Jon Baker	P	R/R	5-11	190	Fr.	Cloquet, Minn./Cloquet H.S.
28	Tyler Olmstead***	P	R/R	6-2	220	Sr.	Sioux Falls, S.D./Washington H.S.
29	Adam Mazur	P	R/R	6-2	170	Fr.	Woodbury, Minn./Woodbury H.S.
31	Brock Anderson	P	R/R	6-3	210	Fr.	Lennox, S.D./Lennox H.S.
32	Eli Sundquist	P	R/R	6-1	180	Fr.	Chisholm, Minn./Chisholm H.S.
33	Drake Frazier	OF	R/L	5-11	180	Fr.	Cedar Rapids, Iowa/Jefferson H.S.
34	Nic McCay*	P	R/R	6-0	190	So.	Carlisle, Iowa/Carlisle H.S.
35	Ethan Wishon	UT	R/R	6-0	190	Fr.	Yankton, S.D./Yankton H.S.

* indicates number of varsity letters earned

COACHING STAFF

Rob Bishop	Head Coach
Brian Grunzke	Assistant Coach
Alex Miklos	Volunteer Assistant
Korey Kuhlmann	Student Manager

A LOOK AHEAD: The Jackrabbits will make a trip to the West Coast for a three-game weekend series at Pacific (Calif.). The Feb. 21 series opener is slated for 6 p.m. Pacific Time (8 p.m. Central) at Klein Family Field in Stockton, California. Games Feb. 22 and 23 are set for 1 p.m. PT (3 p.m. Central) and noon PT (2 p.m. Central), respectively.

2019 JACKRABBIT BASEBALL STATISTICS

2019 JACKRABBIT BATTING STATISTICS

NAME	AVG	GP-GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG	BB	HBP	SO	GDP	OBP	SF	SH	SB
3-Gus Steiger	.324	50-50	225	45	73	13	0	5	43	101	.449	18	1	43	4	.372	3	0	18-21
2-Nick Smith	.324	46-46	176	43	57	4	3	1	24	70	.398	44	1	17	1	.453	4	2	8-13
32-Braeden Brown	.282	50-49	188	28	53	4	1	2	27	65	.346	27	6	37	4	.384	3	3	7-9
6-Logan Holtz	.278	46-46	162	21	45	2	2	4	22	63	.389	19	11	21	4	.387	2	2	1-2
14-Drew Beazley	.275	42-42	149	29	41	11	1	4	21	66	.443	27	11	57	0	.420	1	10	2-2
11-Landon Badger	.270	43-43	152	27	41	12	2	2	22	63	.414	23	3	54	1	.376	0	4	6-6
19-Josh Falk	.257	47-46	175	26	45	9	0	8	38	78	.446	26	9	45	6	.379	1	0	2-2
1-Luke Ira	.242	49-46	194	24	47	11	2	1	25	65	.335	10	2	42	5	.284	2	6	3-4
23-Matt Krambeck	.241	23-16	58	8	14	2	0	0	6	16	.276	7	2	22	0	.343	0	2	1-1
9-Derek Hackman	.237	36-31	97	16	23	4	0	2	16	33	.340	22	2	31	5	.385	1	2	0-0
8-Ryan McDonald	.237	32-21	76	16	18	1	0	3	9	28	.368	11	6	21	0	.376	0	0	1-1
25-Josh Kutzke	.190	16-4	21	1	4	1	0	0	0	5	.238	3	0	10	0	.292	0	0	0-0
12-Colton Cox	.138	27-6	29	3	4	2	0	0	2	6	.207	4	0	17	0	.242	0	3	0-0
24-Jamie Berg	.091	21-4	22	7	2	0	0	0	1	2	.091	2	0	4	0	.167	0	2	0-0
4-Ian Cote	.000	7-0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	2	0	.000	0	0	0-0
37-Chase Kortan	.000	3-0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0	.000	0	0	0-0
39-Riley McSherry	.000	1-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0
Totals	.270	50-50	1,728	296	467	76	11	32	256	661	.383	243	54	424	30	.374	17	36	49-61
Opponents	.253	50-50	1,684	253	426	62	7	37	221	613	.364	191	48	396	20	.342	20	24	54-72

2019 JACKRABBIT PITCHING STATISTICS

NAME	ERA	W-L	APP	GS	CG	SHO	CBO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	AVG	WP	HBP
13-Brady Moxham	0.00	1-0	5	0	0	0	0	0	3.2	1	0	0	3	4	0	0	0	.083	1	0
7-Bret Barnett	1.31	5-1	20	0	0	0	1	7	34.1	16	5	5	14	47	1	0	1	.138	7	0
27-Austin Suhr	1.42	2-0	7	0	0	0	0	0	6.1	4	2	1	2	6	0	0	1	.190	0	0
17-Brett Mogen	1.67	1-1	20	0	0	0	1	0	32.1	31	12	6	5	26	4	1	2	.261	4	4
28-Tyler Olmstead	3.30	4-4	15	14	1	1	0	0	95.1	83	47	35	31	92	13	2	4	.233	10	14
34-Nic McCay	4.08	6-1	14	14	2	1	0	0	79.1	69	39	36	30	83	11	0	10	.229	5	5
35-Ryan Froom	4.09	6-5	16	15	0	0	1	0	77.0	78	50	35	45	50	15	0	4	.259	10	10
22-Korey Kuhlmann	4.30	0-1	11	3	0	0	0	0	23.0	32	12	11	5	17	5	1	2	.348	1	2
29-Cody Carlson	5.91	0-3	10	0	0	0	0	1	21.1	28	15	14	5	19	2	0	3	.301	0	1
5-Bryce Johnson	6.00	0-0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3.0	8	6	2	1	4	0	1	0	.421	0	2
18-Alex Marro	6.32	1-1	15	0	0	0	0	1	15.2	19	12	11	5	12	5	0	2	.302	6	1
39-Riley McSherry	6.60	0-1	11	0	0	0	0	0	15.0	22	13	11	8	10	1	1	4	.344	2	3
14-Drew Beazley	6.91	1-0	12	0	0	0	0	3	14.1	11	11	11	9	10	2	0	3	.216	3	1
20-Brady Stover	8.82	1-4	9	4	0	0	0	0	16.1	16	18	16	21	16	3	1	1	.276	5	4
31-Quinn Reimers	19.64	0-0	5	0	0	0	0	0	3.2	8	8	8	4	0	0	0	0	.444	2	1
21-Mitchell Oehme	99.00	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	3	3	3	0	0	0	0	.000	1	0
Totals	4.13	28-22	50	50	3	3	1	12	440.2	426	253	202	191	396	62	7	37	.253	57	48
Opponents	5.05	22-28	50	50	1	3	2	12	443.1	467	296	249	243	424	76	11	32	.270	64	54

2019 JACKRABBIT FIELDING STATISTICS

NAME	TC	PO	A	E	Pct.	NAME	TC	PO	A	E	Pct.	NAME	TC	PO	A	E	Pct.
Josh Kutzke	16	16	0	0	1.000	Drew Beazley	327	302	18	7	.979	Brett Mogen	6	1	4	1	.833
Korey Kuhlmann	9	0	9	0	1.000	Nick Smith	93	86	5	2	.978	Tyler Olmstead	21	2	15	4	.810
Ian Cote	9	5	4	0	1.000	Ryan McDonald	134	116	15	3	.978	Jamie Berg	6	3	1	2	.667
Bret Barnett	4	1	3	0	1.000	Josh Falk	132	123	6	3	.977	Alex Marro	3	0	2	1	.667
Riley McSherry	4	0	4	0	1.000	Braeden Brown	172	73	94	5	.971	Cody Carlson	3	0	2	1	.667
Austin Suhr	3	1	2	0	1.000	Colton Cox	24	23	0	1	.958	Quinn Reimers	1	0	0	1	.000
Brady Stover	3	0	3	0	1.000	Ryan Froom	23	3	19	1	.957	Chase Kortan	0	0	0	0	.000
Bryce Johnson	1	0	1	0	1.000	Gus Steiger	234	71	151	12	.949	Brady Moxham	0	0	0	0	.000
Derek Hackman	289	258	28	3	.990	Luke Ira	132	37	87	8	.939	Mitchell Oehme	0	0	0	0	.000
Logan Holtz	87	86	0	1	.989	Nic McCay	16	4	11	1	.938	Totals	1,886	1,321	504	61	.968
Landon Badger	104	101	1	2	.981	Matt Krambeck	30	9	19	2	.933	Opponents	1,882	1,330	484	68	.964

2019 INNING-BY-INNING SCORING SUMMARY

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	EX	TOTAL
South Dakota State	31	32	39	29	32	35	37	32	22	7	296
Opponents	20	23	29	26	30	28	32	26	33	6	253