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2021 FOOTBALL INFORMATION

Jacks look to bounce back at WIU

JACKRABBIT GAME NOTES — OCT. 16

#7/8 SOUTH DAKOTA STATE (4-1, 1-1 MVFC)
at WESTERN ILLINOIS (1-5, 1-2 MVFC)

noon Saturday

Hanson Field; Macomb, Illinois



HEAD COACH: Jared Elliott (Miami (Ohio), 2007)
 • 8-27 in four seasons as a collegiate head coach — all at Western Illinois

SERIES NOTES

- 17th Meeting (SDSU leads series, 11-5)
- The Jackrabbits have won the last three matchups and 10 of the 11 meetings between the two squads as Missouri Valley Football Conference opponents

MEDIA INFORMATION

- Game will be televised on ESPN+
- Free radio broadcast available through Jackrabbits All-Access at GoJacks.com/watch
- Pre-game radio show begins at 11 a.m. Central on the Jackrabbit Sports Network, which includes flagship 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
- Radio crew of Tyler Merriam (play-by-play), Alex Parker (color) and Scotty Kwas (sidelines) will call the action



HEAD COACH: John Stiegelmeier (SDSU, 1979)
 • 178-108 record in 25 seasons — all at South Dakota State
STARTERS RETURNING: 22 (10 Off., 10 Def., 2 ST)

2021 SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER

3 at Colorado State W, 42-23
 11 LINDENWOOD [Dairy Drive/2020 Hall of Fame] W, 52-7
 25 *at Indiana State W, 44-0

OCTOBER

2 DIXIE STATE [Beef Bowl] W, 55-7
 9 *SOUTHERN ILLINOIS [OT] L, 41-42
 16 *at Western Illinois noon
 23 *NORTHERN IOWA [Hobo Day] 2 p.m.
 30 *at Youngstown State 1 p.m.

NOVEMBER

6 *NORTH DAKOTA STATE [Dakota Marker] 2 p.m.
 13 *at South Dakota [Showdown Series] 1 p.m.
 20 *NORTH DAKOTA [2021 Hall of Fame] 2 p.m.
 27 FCS Playoffs begin TBD

* Missouri Valley Football Conference game
 All times Central

TALE OF THE TAPE — 2021 SEASON STATS

| WESTERN ILLINOIS | CATEGORY | SOUTH DAKOTA STATE |
|------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|
| 29.8 | Points Per Game | 46.8 |
| 39.7 | Points Allowed Per Game | 15.8 |
| 80.2 | Rushing Yardage Per Game | 235.2 |
| 204.5 | Rush Yardage Allowed/Game | 95.0 |
| 324.7 | Passing Yardage Per Game | 265.6 |
| 11.2 | Average Per Catch | 15.4 |
| 259.0 | Pass Yardage Allowed/Game | 241.6 |
| 404.8 | Total Offense Per Game | 500.8 |
| 463.5 | Total Offense Allowed/Game | 336.6 |
| 18.4 | Kick Return Average | 16.7 |
| 3.8 | Punt Return Average | 3.2 |
| 6-104 | Interception Returns | 7-53 |
| 7-3 | Fumbles-Lost | 3-1 |
| 50-459 | Penalties-Yards | 32-280 |
| 31:11 | Time of Possession/Game | 31:15 |
| 30/84 (36%) | Third-Down Conversions | 23/56 (41%) |

GAME NOTES — SOUTH DAKOTA STATE AT WESTERN ILLINOIS

SERIES SCORES

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|--------------------------------------|--|
| 1976: | Western Illinois 28, South Dakota State 21 (Sept. 11, 1976, at Coughlin-Alumni Stadium) |
| 1977: | South Dakota State 23, Western Illinois 6 (Sept. 10, 1977, at Macomb, Ill.) |
| 1980: | Western Illinois 33, South Dakota State 27 (Sept. 13, 1980, at Coughlin-Alumni Stadium) |
| 1981: | Western Illinois 17, South Dakota State 13 (Sept. 12, 1981, at Macomb, Ill.) |
| 2007: | Western Illinois 29, South Dakota St. 26 [4 OT] (Aug. 30, 2007, at Macomb, Ill.) |
| 2008: | South Dakota State 24, Western Illinois 22 (Sept. 13, 2008, at Coughlin-Alumni Stadium) |
| 2009: | South Dakota State 27, Western Illinois 7 (Nov. 21, 2009, at Macomb, Ill.) |
| 2010: | South Dakota State 33, Western Illinois 29 (Oct. 9, 2010, at Coughlin-Alumni Stadium) |
| 2011: | South Dakota State 27, Western Illinois 7 (Nov. 12, 2011, at Macomb, Ill.) |
| 2012: | South Dakota State 31, Western Illinois 10 (Oct. 13, 2012, at Coughlin-Alumni Stadium) |
| 2013: | South Dakota State 38, Western Illinois 14 (Oct. 12, 2013, at Macomb, Ill.) |
| 2014: | South Dakota State 59, Western Illinois 24 (Nov. 15, 2014, at Coughlin-Alumni Stadium) |
| 2015: | Western Illinois 30, South Dakota St. 24 [2 OT] (Nov. 21, 2015, at Macomb, Ill.) |
| 2016: | South Dakota State 52, Western Illinois 14 (Oct. 1, 2016, at Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium) |
| 2017: | South Dakota State 52, Western Illinois 24 (Oct. 28, 2017, at Macomb, Ill.) |
| 2020-21: | South Dakota State 45, Western Illinois 10 (Mar. 6, 2021, at Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium) |
| Overall, SDSU leads the series, 11-5 | |

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BROOKINGS, S.D. — After suffering its first loss of the 2021 season, the South Dakota State University football team will aim to rebound Saturday as it travels to Western Illinois for a Missouri Valley Football Conference matchup.

Kickoff is set for noon at Hanson Field on the WIU campus in Macomb, Illinois. The game is scheduled to be broadcast through ESPN+.

South Dakota State enters the matchup with a 4-1 overall record and 1-1 mark in league play after a 42-41 home overtime loss to Southern Illinois on Oct. 9. The Jackrabbits dropped five spots in this week's polls to No. 7 in the Stats Perform media rankings and eighth in the Football Championship Subdivision coaches' poll.

Western Illinois holds a 1-5 overall record and is 1-2 in MVFC play. After opening the league slate with a 38-35 win over Youngstown State on Sept. 25, the Leathernecks have dropped back-to-back games to Southern Illinois (31-30, OT) and Indiana State (37-27).

THE SERIES: Saturday's game will mark the 17th meeting on the gridiron between the Jackrabbits and Western Illinois. The series dates back to a 28-21 Fighting Leatherneck victory at SDSU's Coughlin-Alumni Stadium in 1976.

Overall, SDSU leads the all-time series by an 11-5 count on the strength of winning 10 of the last 11 matchups, including a seven-game winning streak from 2008-14.

Since moving to the Football Championship Subdivision, SDSU holds a 10-2 series advantage. Both of Western Illinois' victories since 2007 have been in overtime games on its home field. The Leathernecks claimed a 29-26, four-overtime victory in the 2007 season opener, adding a 30-24 double-overtime win in the 2015 regular season finale.

In last season's matchup, March 6, 2021, at Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium, South Dakota State scored four touchdowns of 20-plus yards in the first half en route to a 45-10 victory over Western Illinois. The Jackrabbits scored 28 points in the second quarter alone, highlighted by an 80-yard touchdown run by quarterback Mark Gronowski.

CAPTAINS: Leading the Jackrabbit football team are six captains:

- Logan Backhaus, Sr., linebacker, Spirit Lake, Iowa;
- Wes Genant, Sr., offensive lineman, Parkston;
- Michael Griffin II, Sr., safety, Cottage Grove, Minnesota;
- Mason McCormick, Jr., offensive lineman, Sioux Falls;
- Pierre Strong, Jr.; Sr.; running back, Little Rock, Arkansas, and
- Xavier Ward, Sr., defensive tackle, Freeman.

Backhaus is in his third season as a team captain, while Genant, Griffin and Strong are in their second seasons in the leadership position. McCormick and Ward are first-time team captains.

SEASON 14 IN THE MVFC: The 2021 season marks South Dakota State's 14th as a member of the Missouri Valley Football Conference. Since joining the league in 2008, SDSU is the only program in that span to not have a losing season in conference play.

The Jackrabbits hold a 72-32 record in MVFC games and have won six or more league games six times. SDSU earned a share of league titles in 2016 and during the 2020-21 spring season.

With their 44-0 shutout win at Indiana State on Sept. 25, the Jackrabbits improved to 7-7 in MVFC openers.

ELITE COMPANY: South Dakota State is one of only two Football Championship Subdivision programs to reach the playoffs each of the last nine seasons, including making consecutive national semifinal appearances in 2017 and 2018.

North Dakota State holds the longest active streak with 11 consecutive trips to the playoffs after the Bison earned an at-large bid to the 2020-21 16-team field.

SDSU'S 2021 RECORD WHEN...

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

RANKINGS STREAK: By being ranked seventh in this week's Stats Perform FCS poll, SDSU has now appeared in the top 25 of 124 consecutive media polls dating back to October 2012.

The Jackrabbits' third-place preseason showing matched the highest in program history (2018, 2019).

Following is a week-by-week listing of South Dakota State's national rankings:

| Date | Stats Perform | AFCA |
|-----------|---------------|------|
| Preseason | 3rd | 4th |
| Sept. 6 | 2nd | 3rd |
| Sept. 13 | 2nd | 3rd |
| Sept. 20 | 2nd | 3rd |
| Sept. 27 | 2nd | 3rd |
| Oct. 4 | 2nd | 3rd |
| Oct. 11 | 7th | 8th |

AWARD WATCH LISTS: South Dakota State running back Pierre Strong, Jr. and linebacker Logan Backhaus have been selected for the initial watch lists for two of the top awards in the Football Championship Subdivision.

Strong is under consideration for the the 2021 Stats Perform Walter Payton Award, which is given annually to the top offensive player in the Football Championship Subdivision.

A senior from Little Rock, Arkansas, Strong tied for eighth in the balloting for the Payton Award during an abbreviated 2020-21 season. He hit the century mark for the fourth time in five games this season Oct. 9 against Southern Illinois, rushing for a season-high 162 yards on 20 carries with touchdown runs of 20 and a career-long 85 yards. Strong also recorded the fourth passing touchdown of his career in the game against the Salukis, tossing a 19-yard scoring strike to Jadon Janke in the first quarter.

Strong is averaging FCS bests of 129.6 yards per game and 8.6 yards per carry, while also leading the team with seven touchdowns.

Backhaus, meanwhile, is among the early candidates for the 2021 Stats Perform Buck Buchanan Award, which is presented annually to the top defensive player in the Football Championship Subdivision.

In his final season with the Jackrabbits, Backhaus is coming off a 2020-21 season in which he led the team with 9.5 tackles for loss and ranked second with 72 tackles in 10 games. The Spirit Lake, Iowa, native also intercepted a pass and forced a fumble in helping lead SDSU to the FCS national title game.

A multi-year starter, Backhaus' career totals include 287 tackles, 25 tackles for loss, 5 sacks and 9 interceptions. He posted a season-high eight tackles Sept. 25 at Indiana State.

Both watch lists will be updated periodically throughout the 2021 season. A media panel will select the recipients, who will be announced prior to the FCS national championship game in January.

Backhaus (first team) and Strong (second team) were also among the four members of the South Dakota State University football team were honored recently on the Stats Perform FCS Preseason All-America Team.

Also tabbed as a first-team preseason All-America was offensive lineman Garret Greenfield. A junior from Rock Valley, Iowa, was a consensus All-America pick at right tackle after helping pave the way for the Jackrabbits to rush for a Division I-era best 231.7 yards per game this past spring.

Joining Strong from the Jackrabbit backfield was Isaiah Davis, who earned third-team recognition as an all-purpose back. A sophomore from Joplin, Missouri, Davis finished the 2020-21 campaign as the team's leading rusher with 818 yards while adding a team-high 10 touchdowns. He averaged a team-best 115.3 all-purpose yards per game, adding seven receptions for 107 yards and returning seven kickoffs for 228 yards (32.6 ypr).

2021 MVFC AWARDS

WEEKLY AWARDS

OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

- Pierre Strong, Jr. (Sept. 25)
- 20 carries, 150 yards at Indiana State
- 2 receptions, 23 yards
- 1-for-1 passing, 22 yards, TD

OFFENSIVE LINEMAN OF THE WEEK

- Garret Greenfield (Sept. 25)
- 92 percent grade with six knockdown blocks at Indiana State
- no quarterback pressures, hits or sacks
- team racked up 517 yards of total offense (8.8 yards per play)

NEWCOMER OF THE WEEK

- Chris Oladokun (Sept. 3)
- 18-of-28 passing for 224 yards and 2 TDs at Colorado State
- 2 carries, 19 yards, TD

Davis came on strong in the Jackrabbits' run to the FCS title game, tallying 663 all-purpose yards in four playoff games, including 305 in the championship tilt against Sam Houston.

JACKS PICKED TO WIN VALLEY: South Dakota State has been picked to win the 2021 Missouri Valley Football Conference title, according to a poll conducted among the league's coaches, sports information directors and a media panel that was announced in late July.

The Jackrabbits received 24 of the 43 first-place votes to finish with 454 points, edging North Dakota State with 435 points and 18 first-place votes. North Dakota (357), Southern Illinois (345) and Northern Iowa (311) rounded out the top five, with UNI claiming the final first-place vote.

It marks the first time since joining the MVFC in 2008 that the Jackrabbits, who return 10 starters on both sides of the ball, have been tabbed as the preseason favorite, after finishing second in the annual forecast six times.

The remainder of the poll included: Missouri State, sixth, 256; Illinois State, seventh, 196; South Dakota, eighth, 163; Youngstown State, ninth, 126; Indiana State, 10th, 112, and Western Illinois, 11th, 83.

SDSU shared the MVFC title with Missouri State, finishing with a 5-1 conference mark during an abbreviated 2020-21 season that was moved to the spring due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Jackrabbits were awarded the league's automatic bid to the Football Championship Subdivision playoffs and later advanced to the national championship game for the first time, ending the season with an 8-2 overall record following a 23-21 loss to Sam Houston.

In addition, 12 Jackrabbit players were honored on the MVFC Preseason Team, including six first-team selections. Running back Pierre Strong, Jr., tight end Zach Heins and offensive lineman Garret Greenfield represent the Jackrabbit offense, while defensive tackle Caleb Sanders, linebacker Logan Backhaus and cornerback Don Gardner were the defensive honorees. All were first-team all-MVFC picks in the spring.

Strong, a senior from Little Rock, Arkansas, rushed for 707 yards (78.6 yards per game) and three touchdowns during the 2020-21 spring season. He also ranked third on the team with 20 catches for 178 yards and a touchdown.

A junior from Sioux Falls, Heins tallied 12 receptions for 200 yards during the 2020-21 spring season.

Greenfield, a junior from Rock Valley, Iowa, helped pave the way for an offensive unit that averaged 29.2 points and 403.1 yards of total offense per game. He went on to be a consensus All-America selection at right tackle.

Sanders led the Jackrabbits with five sacks among his seven tackles for loss last season. The senior from Glenwood, Iowa, posted 26 total tackles.

Backhaus, a senior from Spirit Lake, Iowa, paced the Jackrabbits with 9.5 tackles for loss and ranked second on the squad with 72 total tackles en route to earning All-America honors from several media outlets.

Gardner, a senior from Chicago, led the team with seven pass breakups and added an interception during the spring season. He also ranked fifth on the squad with 44 tackles, including three for loss.

Four more members of the Jackrabbit offense were recognized as second-team selections to the preseason honor squad: Offensive linemen Mason McCormick and Wes Genant, wide receiver Jaxon Janke and running back Isaiah Davis.

McCormick, a junior from Sioux Falls, was a second-team all-MVFC pick this past spring, while Genant, a senior from Parkston, earned honorable mention recognition.

A junior from Madison, Janke earned second-team all-MVFC honors after leading SDSU in nearly every receiving category, posting 32 receptions for 473 yards and six touchdowns.

2021 GAME HIGHS

INDIVIDUAL GAME HIGHS

RUSHING ATTEMPTS: 20, by Pierre Strong, Jr.; at Indiana State, 9-25-2021, and vs. Southern Illinois, 10-9-2021
RUSHING YARDS: 162, by Pierre Strong, Jr.; vs. Southern Illinois, 10-9-2021
RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS: 2, three times by Pierre Strong, Jr.; (last: vs. Southern Illinois, 10-9-2021)
LONG RUSH: 85 yards (for TD), by Pierre Strong, Jr.; vs. Southern Illinois, 10-9-2021
PASS ATTEMPTS: 31, by Chris Oladokun, vs. Southern Illinois, 10-9-2021
PASS COMPLETIONS: 23, by Chris Oladokun, vs. Southern Illinois, 10-9-2021
YARDS PASSING: 358, by Chris Oladokun, vs. Southern Illinois, 10-9-2021
TOUCHDOWN PASSES: 4, by Chris Oladokun, vs. Lindenwood, 9-11-2021
RECEPTIONS: 10, by Tucker Kraft, vs. Southern Illinois, 10-9-2021
YARDS RECEIVING: 124, by Tucker Kraft, vs. Southern Illinois, 10-9-2021
RECEIVING TOUCHDOWNS: 2, four times (last: by Mike Morgan, vs. Dixie State, 10-2-2021)
LONG RECEPTION: 55 yards, by Jaxon Janke (from Chris Oladokun), vs. Lindenwood, 9-11-2021, and by Mike Morgan (for TD from Keaton Heide), vs. Dixie State, 10-2-2021
FIELD GOALS: 3, by Cole Frahm, at Indiana State, 9-25-2021
LONG FIELD GOAL: 54 yards, by Cole Frahm, vs. Lindenwood, 9-11-2021
PUNTS: 4, by Hunter Dusman, vs. Dixie State, 10-2-2021
PUNTING AVERAGE: 49.5 yards (4 punts), by Hunter Dustman, vs. Dixie State, 10-2-2021
LONG PUNT: 52 yards, by Hunter Dustman, vs. Dixie State, 10-2-2021
LONG PUNT RETURN: 14 yards, by Tyler Feldkamp, vs. Dixie State, 10-2-2021
LONG KICKOFF RETURN: 28 yards, by Jadon Janke, vs. Dixie State, 10-2-2021
TACKLES: 17, by Adam Bock, vs. Southern Illinois, 10-9-2021
TACKLES FOR LOSS: 2.0, by Adam Bock, at Colorado State, 9-3-2021; by Payton Shafer, vs. Lindenwood, 9-11-2021, and by Reece Winkelman, vs. Dixie State, 10-2-2021
SACKS: 1.5, by Caleb Sanders, at Indiana State, 9-25-2021
INTERCEPTIONS: 1, seven times (twice by Daeton Mcgaughy)
PASS BREAKUPS: 2, by Adam Bock, at Colorado State, 9-3-2021
FUMBLES FORCED: 1, five times (last: by Adam Bock, vs. Southern Illinois, 10-9-2021)
FUMBLES RECOVERED: 1, four times (last: by Malik Lofton, vs. Southern Illinois, 10-9-2021)
BLOCKED KICKS: N/A

Davis, from Joplin, Missouri, finished as the team's leading rusher with 818 yards (81.8 ypg) and 10 touchdowns as a freshman. A second-team all-league performer and a member of the MVFC All-Newcomer Team, Davis topped the 100-yard mark in rushing four times while also seeing action as a kick returner.

Also a second-team selection was senior long snapper Bradey Sorenson. The Yankton native sat out the spring season, but previously has been honored on the all-MVFC squad.

Rounding out the list of preseason award recipients for the Jackrabbits was honorable mention selection Reece Winkelman. A senior defensive end from Marshall, Minnesota, Winkelman tied for second on the team with three sacks and finished with 25 tackles last spring.

OLADOKUN UNDER CENTER: Graduate transfer Chris Oladokun has taken the reins of the Jackrabbit offense at quarterback and has responded with several impressive performances to open the season.

Named the co-Missouri Valley Football Conference Newcomer of the Week following the Jackrabbits' 42-23 season-opening win at Colorado State, Oladokun accounted for three touchdowns – two passing and one rushing — in his Jackrabbit debut. He completed 18-of-28 passes for 224 yards and also rushed two times for 19 yards, including an 11-yard touchdown that capped the scoring for SDSU. Both of Oladokun's touchdown passes went to Jadon Janke, covering 10 and 17 yards.

In the Jackrabbits' Sept. 11 home opener against Lindenwood, Oladokun led SDSU on touchdown-scoring drives on each of the team's first five possessions, which was highlighted by him throwing four touchdown passes. Oladokun, who exited the game midway through the second quarter with the Jackrabbits leading 35-0, completed 12-of-13 passes for 171 yards and the four scores — two each to tight ends Zach Heins and Tucker Kraft.

For the season, Oladokun has completed 73-of-111 passes (65.8 percent) for 1,079 yards and 12 touchdowns against two interceptions. He threw for a season-high 358 yards Oct. 9 against Southern Illinois.

Oladokun became the fourth Jackrabbit in as many seasons to start the opener at quarterback. In 2018, Taryn Christion made his third consecutive start in the first game of a season, while J'Bore Gibbs inherited the starting role in 2019. True freshman Mark Gronowski won the starting quarterback battle for the 2020-21 opener and went on to lead the Jackrabbits to the FCS national title game before suffering an injury in that game that will sideline him for the fall campaign.

A native of Tampa, Florida, Oladokun began his collegiate career at South Florida, where he started two games in 2018 and completed 22-of-44 passes for 285 yards and three touchdowns.

He then transferred to Samford and played in 19 games with nine starts over the next two seasons. Oladokun passed for 2,064 yards and 18 touchdowns in 2019, while also rushing 127 times for 493 yards and eight touchdowns. He was Samford's starter at quarterback for the 2020-21 season opener and saw action in seven games.

STRONG TOPS 3,000: Senior Pierre Strong, Jr., became the seventh running back in South Dakota State history to reach the 3,000-yard mark for his career, reaching the milestone Sept. 11 versus Lindenwood.

A native of Little Rock, Arkansas, Strong enters the week with 3,489 career rushing yards after running for a season-high 162 yards against Southern Illinois on Oct. 9. He moved into fifth on the all-time Jackrabbit charts after passing Dan Sonnek (3,304 yards from 1984-87) in the Oct. 2 game against Dixie State.

Strong posted back-to-back 1,000-yard seasons to lead the Jackrabbits during the 2018 (1,116 yards) and 2019 (1,018 yards) campaigns. He ranked second on the squad with 707 yards during the pandemic-altered 2020-21 season.

GAME NOTES — SOUTH DAKOTA STATE AT WESTERN ILLINOIS

2021 GAME HIGHS

TEAM GAME HIGHS

RUSHING ATTEMPTS: 44, vs. Dixie State, 10-2-2021
RUSHING YARDS: 330, vs. Lindenwood, 9-11-2021
YARDS PER RUSH: 8.0, vs. Lindenwood, 9-11-2021
RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS: 4, at Colorado State, 9-3-2021
PASS ATTEMPTS: 32, vs. Southern Illinois, 10-9-2021
PASS COMPLETIONS: 24, vs. Southern Illinois, 10-9-2021
YARDS PASSING: 377, vs. Southern Illinois, 10-9-2021
YARDS PER PASS: 12.1, vs. Lindenwood, 9-11-2021
PASSING TOUCHDOWNS: 5, vs. Lindenwood, 9-11-2021
TOTAL PLAYS: 69, vs. Dixie State, 10-2-2021
TOTAL OFFENSE: 560, vs. Lindenwood, 9-11-2021
YARDS PER PLAY: 9.3, vs. Lindenwood, 9-11-2021
POINTS: 55, vs. Dixie State, 10-2-2021
FIRST DOWNS: 25, vs. Lindenwood, 9-11-2021
SACKS BY: 4, vs. Dixie State, 10-2-2021
PENALTIES: 10, vs. Dixie State, 10-2-2021
PENALTY YARDS: 110, vs. Dixie State, 10-2-2021
TURNOVERS BY: 3, vs. Southern Illinois, 10-9-2021
TURNOVERS FORCED: 5, vs. Dixie State, 10-2-2021
INTERCEPTIONS: 4, vs. Dixie State, 10-2-2021
FUMBLES RECOVERED: 2, vs. Southern Illinois, 10-9-2021

BIG PLAYS — 20 OR MORE YARDS

| PLAYER | 20-29 | 30-39 | 40-49 | 50+ | TOT |
|------------------------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| Pierre Strong, Jr. (4) | 4 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 10 |
| Jadon Janke (1) | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 5 |
| Jaxon Janke (1) | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| Tucker Kraft (1) | 3 | . | . | . | 3 |
| Amar Johnson | 2 | 1 | . | . | 3 |
| Isaiah Davis | 1 | 1 | . | . | 2 |
| Zach Heins | 2 | . | . | . | 2 |
| Tyler Feldkamp | 1 | . | . | . | 1 |
| Mason Leighton | 1 | . | . | . | 1 |
| Mike Morgan (1) | . | . | . | 1 | 1 |
| Chris Oladokun (1) | 1 | . | . | . | 1 |
| Rudy Voss | 1 | . | . | . | 1 |
| Team Totals | 19 | 7 | 4 | 5 | 35 |

Number in parentheses indicates number of touchdowns covering 20 or more yards

JANKES SCORE IN TANDEM: Twin brothers Jaxon and Jadon Janke each tallied receiving touchdowns in the Jackrabbit victory at Indiana State on Sept. 25, marking the second time the wide receivers from Madison, South Dakota, have scored in the same game. Jadon's touchdown reception covered 33 yards in the first quarter, while Jaxon scored from 42 yards out in the second stanza.

The other time the tandem scored in the same game was against Holy Cross in the opening round of the Football Championship Subdivision playoffs this past spring. In that April 24 contest, Jadon scored twice on pass plays of 13 and 45 yards, while Jaxon opened the scoring with an 11-yard TD reception.

TWO RECEIVERS TOP 100: For the first time this season, two South Dakota State receivers top the 100-yard mark in the same game. In the Oct. 9 contest against Southern Illinois, sophomore tight end Tucker Kraft set career highs with 10 catches and 124 yards, while junior wide receiver Jadon Janke added 117 receiving yards. Janke's yardage total came on only three catches as he logged receptions of 52, 46 and 19 yards — all in the first half.

Jadon Janke also had a part in the last time the Jackrabbits had a pair of receivers top the century mark, teaming with his twin brother, Jaxon, in the second game of the 2020-21 spring season — also in a losing effort — at North Dakota. In that contest, Jaxon caught seven passes for 161 yards, while Jadon hauled in five receptions for 109 yards.

TIGHT ENDS CATCHING ON: South Dakota State's stable of tight ends has played a key role in the passing game for the Jackrabbits this season. Combined, the trio of Tucker Kraft (4), Zach Heins (3) and Mike Morgan (2) have combined for nine of the Jackrabbits' 16 touchdown catches so far this season.

Each of the three has a two-touchdown game this season, with Morgan recording the first two scores of his career on plays of 11 and 55 yards Oct. 2 against Dixie State.

Kraft also leads the team in total receptions with 26.

BIG-PLAY JACKS: Through its first five games this season, the South Dakota State offense has averaged 8.1 yards per play. The Jackrabbits averaged at least 7.5 yards per play in each of their first three games, highlighted by an average of 9.3 yards per play in their Sept. 11 home opener against Lindenwood.

The Jackrabbits have 35 plays of 20 or more yards from scrimmage through five games, the longest of which was an 85-yard touchdown run by Pierre Strong, Jr. Oct. 9 versus Southern Illinois.

Conversely, SDSU is limiting the opposition to 4.6 yards per play, including 2.8 yards per rushing attempt.

LONGEST OF THE LONG: Malik Lofton's 97-yard fumble return for touchdown in the third quarter of the Jackrabbits' Oct. 9 game against Southern Illinois is the longest such return on record in program history.

SDSU's Pierre Strong, Jr., also scored on an 85-yard run in the fourth quarter for the longest run of his career.

It marked the first time since a 2014 game at Indiana State that SDSU had two scoring plays of 85 or more yards in the same contest. That previous feat was accomplished in a 2014 game at Indiana State, when Jake Wieneke scored on a 91-yard pass from Austin Sumner in the third quarter and Zach Zenner tallied a 94-yard touchdown run later in the second half.

SECOND-QUARTER OUTBURSTS: South Dakota State set a program Division I-era record when it scored 35 points in the second quarter of its Oct. 2 Beef Bowl game against Dixie State. It marked the most points in any quarter by a Jackrabbit squad since moving to the Football Championship Subdivision in 2004, surpassing the previous record of 31 in the second quarter of a 2005 game against Valparaiso.

JACKRABBITS IN THE 2021 NCAA STATISTICS

TEAM (top 25)

- 1st in team passing efficiency, 189.50
- 1st in fewest sacks allowed, 0.40 per game
- 3rd in tackles for loss allowed, 3.20 TFLs/game
- 3rd in scoring offense, 46.8 points/game
- 3rd in passing yards per completion, 15.44
- 4th in total offense, 501.2 yards/game
- 4th in red-zone defense, .600
- T-5th in fewest turnovers lost, 3
- 6th in turnover margin, +1.40/game
- 8th in rushing offense, 235.6 yards/game
- 10th in net punting, 40.67 yards/attempt
- T-10th in fewest passes had intercepted, 2
- T-10th in fewest fumbles lost, 1
- T-10th in defensive touchdowns, 2
- 11th in completion percentage, .662
- 12th in red-zone offense, .923
- 13th in scoring defense, 15.8 points/game
- 14th in rushing defense, 95.0 yards/game
- 15th in team sacks, 3.00 sacks/game
- 18th in passes intercepted, 7
- 24th in team tackles for loss, 7.2 TFLs/game

INDIVIDUAL (top 40)

COLE FRAHM

- 8th in scoring, 10.0 points/game
- 12th in field goals per game, 1.60

JADON JANKE

- 17th in yards per reception, 20.67
- T-24th in receiving touchdowns, 4

JAXON JANKE

- 14th in yards per reception, 21.25

TUCKER KRAFT

- T-24th in receiving touchdowns, 4

DAETON MCGAUGHY

- 31st in interceptions, 0.4 per game

CHRIS OLADOKUN

- 2nd in passing efficiency, 179.5
- 3rd in yards per pass attempt, 9.63
- 4th in passing yards per completion, 14.78
- 13th in points responsible for per game, 17.2
- 15th in passing touchdowns, 12
- 16th in points responsible for, 86
- 18th in completion percentage, .658
- 38th in passing yards per game, 215.8
- 40th in passing yards, 1,079
- 40th in total offense, 227.4 yards/game

CALEB SANDERS

- 40th in sacks, 0.70 per game

PIERRE STRONG, JR.

- 1st in rushing yards per carry, 8.64
- 1st in rushing yards per game, 129.6
- 3rd in rushing yards, 648
- 3rd in all-purpose yards, 146.0 per game
- 6th in rushing touchdowns, 7
- 8th in total touchdowns, 7

Through five games this season, the Jackrabbits have outscored the opposition by a 103-24 margin in the second quarter. SDSU has scored at least 13 points in the second quarter of each of its games.

NOTES ON A SHUTOUT: South Dakota State recorded its first shutout since the 2015 season when it blanked Indiana State, 44-0, on Sept. 25. The Jacks' previous shutout also came on the road against a league opponent as SDSU downed Missouri State, 39-0, in a game played on Oct. 31, 2015, in Springfield, Missouri.

The shutout also was the ninth by a Jackrabbit squad under head coach John Stiegelmeier.

SDSU had its bid for back-to-back shutouts for the first time since 1962 come to an end with six seconds remaining in its Oct. 2 Beef Bowl game against Dixie State, when the Trailblazers scored on a 16-yard pass play.

TURNOVER BATTLE: The Jackrabbits hadn't turned the ball over this season until committing three costly mistakes — two interceptions and a fumble — in an overtime loss to Southern Illinois on Oct. 9.

Up until that point, the Jackrabbits had a long stretch of taking care of the football that dated back to their run to the national championship game in the spring.

Starting with their April 17 win at North Dakota State, South Dakota State had committed only one turnover in its last nine games, with the lone miscue an interception in the national title game against Sam Houston.

Conversely, the SDSU defense has forced 15 turnovers in that span, including five in last in an Oct. 2 victory over Dixie State. The Jackrabbits are plus-8 in turnover margin so far this year.

PICKING OFF THE COMPETITION: SDSU has intercepted a pass in 29 of its last 35 games dating back to the 2018 season, adding to that statistic with a season-high four interceptions Oct. 2 against Dixie State.

As a team, the Jackrabbits have ranked in the top 10 among Football Championship Subdivision teams each of the last two seasons, tallying 18 interceptions in 2019 to rank sixth and recording 12 interceptions last season — a total that ranked third. SDSU's seven interceptions thus far in 2021 currently rank 18th.

The Jackrabbits' seven interceptions have been spread among six players, with backup safety Daeton Mcgaughy leading the squad with two.

BOCK SETS CAREER HIGH: South Dakota State middle linebacker Adam Bock established a new career high with 17 tackles, including a half-sack, in the Jackrabbits' overtime loss to Southern Illinois on Oct. 9. Bock's previous high was 13 tackles last season against North Dakota State and matched versus Southern Illinois in their last matchup, an FCS playoff quarterfinal this past May.

Bock's 17 tackles are tied for sixth-most in a game by a Jackrabbit since tackles became an official NCAA statistic in 2000, and are the most by an SDSU player since Christian Rozeboom tallied 18 stops in a 2017 game at Missouri State. Bock currently leads the team with 41 tackles after the fifth double-digit-tackle performance of his career.

SACK RABBITS: The Jackrabbit defense made life miserable for opposing teams' quarterbacks during its 2020-21 postseason run, collecting 15 sacks in their four playoff games.

SDSU has picked up where it left off by tallying 15 sacks through the first five games of the 2021 campaign. The 15 sacks are spread among 12 different players, with defensive tackle Caleb Sanders leading the squad with 3.5 sacks.

On the flip side, the Jackrabbits have allowed only two sacks this season — both of which came in the Oct. 2 matchup against Dixie State.

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

AT COLORADO STATE

OFFENSE: Chris Oladokun, Garret Greenfield

DEFENSE: Xavier Ward

SPECIAL TEAMS: Cole Frahm

SCOUT OFFENSE: Alex Westendorf

SCOUT DEFENSE: Tucker Large

SCOUT SPECIAL TEAMS: Michael Paulson

EFFORT: Daeton Mcgaughy

VS. LINDENWOOD

OFFENSE: Pierre Strong, Jr.; Mason McCormick

DEFENSE: Adam Bock

SPECIAL TEAMS: Cole Frahm

SCOUT OFFENSE: Abraham Hoskins III

SCOUT DEFENSE: Matthew Durrance

SCOUT SPECIAL TEAMS: Abraham Hoskins III

EFFORT: Isaiah Stalbird

AT INDIANA STATE

OFFENSE: Tucker Kraft, Garret Greenfield

DEFENSE: Adam Bock, Caleb Sanders

SPECIAL TEAMS: Caleb Franci

SCOUT OFFENSE: Colby Christensen

SCOUT DEFENSE: Thomas Motzko

SCOUT SPECIAL TEAMS: Graham Goering

EFFORT: Caleb Sanders

VS. DIXIE STATE

OFFENSE: Mike Morgan

DEFENSE: Steven Arrell, DyShawn Gales

SPECIAL TEAMS: Hunter Dustman, Ben Dinkel

SCOUT OFFENSE: Abraham Hoskins III

SCOUT DEFENSE: Colby Huerter

SCOUT SPECIAL TEAMS: Aydan Dautermann

EFFORT: Jaxon Janke

VS. SOUTHERN ILLINOIS

OFFENSE: Pierre Strong, Jr., Aron Johnson

DEFENSE: Reece Winkelman

SPECIAL TEAMS: Caleb Franci

SCOUT OFFENSE: N/A

SCOUT DEFENSE: Colby Huerter

SCOUT SPECIAL TEAMS: Daxon Lindholm

EFFORT: Caleb Franci

SDSU CAREER FIELD GOALS

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|------------------------------------|----|
| 1. Parker Douglass, 2004-07 | 62 |
| 2. Justin Syrovatka, 2011-14 | 55 |
| 3. Chase Vinatieri, 2016-19 | 47 |
| 4. Brett Gorden, 1995-98 | 36 |
| 5. Peter Reifenth, 2008-10 | 34 |
| 6. Adam Vinatieri, 1991-94 | 27 |
| 7. Tony Harris, 1977-80 | 23 |
| K.C. Johnson, 1984-86 | 23 |
| Keith Witt, 2002-03 | 23 |
| 10. Cole Frahm, 2019-present | 22 |

50-PLUS CLUB: Cole Frahm made his second career field goal of more than 50 yards in the Sept. 11 game against Lindenwood, connecting on a career-long 54-yarder in the second quarter. His previous career best was a 52-yarder this past March against Youngstown State.

Frahm's 54-yarder is tied for the fourth-longest field goal in program history and is the 14th field goal of 50-plus yards by a Jackrabbit. Parker Douglass (2007) and Chase Vinatieri (2018) hold the school record with 57-yard field goals and Douglass connected on five field goals of 50-plus yards in his All-America career.

Following is a listing of the longest field goals in SDSU history:

57-Parker Douglass, vs. Stephen F. Austin, 2007

57-Chase Vinatieri, at Northern Iowa, 2018

55-Chase Vinatieri, vs. Northern Iowa, 2017 (FCS playoff game)

54-Parker Douglass, vs. UC Davis, 2005 (at Sioux Falls)

54-Cole Frahm, vs. Lindenwood, 2021

53-Parker Douglass, at Southern Utah 2006

52-Brett Gorden, vs. St. Cloud State, 1997

52-Parker Douglass, vs. Cal Poly, 2005

52-Parker Douglass, vs. UC Davis, 2006

52-Cole Frahm, vs. Youngstown State, 2020-21

51-Adam Vinatieri, vs. North Dakota, 1992

51-Adam Vinatieri, at Augustana, 1994

51-Chase Vinatieri, vs. Drake, 2017

50-Brett Gorden, at UC Davis, 1997

By Player: Parker Douglass (5); Chase Vinatieri (3); Cole Frahm (2); Brett Gorden (2); Adam Vinatieri (2).

In addition, Frahm has moved into 10th place on the SDSU career charts for field goals made with 20 after booting five over the last two games. He took over the 10th spot from Dan DeLaHunt, who made 17 field goals from 1974-76.

For his career, Frahm is 22-for-31 on field goal tries.

SHARING THE LOAD: A total of 29 different Jackrabbit defenders recorded at least one tackle in South Dakota State's 52-7 victory over Lindenwood on Sept. 11. Reserve safety Daeton Mcgaughy led the way with five tackles, followed by four tackles from Kinser Madison and Caleb Sanders. SDSU tallied 10 tackles for loss with three sacks in the contest, led by backup linebacker Payton Shafer's two TFLs.

The Jackrabbits matched that output with 29 different defenders also notching at least one tackle in the Oct. 2 Beef Bowl game versus Dixie State. In that contest, reserve cornerback Steven Arrell led SDSU with a career-high seven stops, followed by six from DyShawn Gales.

BALANCED ATTACK: South Dakota State achieved nearly an equal 50-50 split between rushing and passing in the season-opening win at Colorado State, posting 242 yards on the ground and 224 through the air for a narrow 466-462 advantage in total offense.

For the season, the Jackrabbits have continued that balance, averaging 248.5 yards per game rushing and 237.8 yards per game passing.

SEEING DOUBLE: The 2021 edition of the South Dakota State football team features two sets of twin brothers.

Returning for their junior seasons are wide receivers and Madison natives Jadon and Jaxon Janke. Jaxon Janke was the team's top receiver a season ago, catching 32 passes for 473 yards and six touchdowns. He also returned punts, averaging 13.2 yards on eight attempts.

Jadon Janke was right behind in the receiving categories, hauling in 21 receptions for 425 yards and five touchdowns. His 20.2 yards per reception led the squad and four of his touchdown receptions came in postseason action.

QUICK FACTS

SDSU INFORMATION

LOCATION: Brookings, S.D.
ENROLLMENT: 11,465 (fall 2021)
COLORS: Yellow and Blue
NICKNAME: Jackrabbits
AFFILIATION: NCAA Division I Football Championship Subdivision
CONFERENCE: Missouri Valley Football Conference
STADIUM: Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium (19,340 capacity - AstroTurf surface)

2020-21 RECAP

OVERALL RECORD: 8-2
CONFERENCE RECORD: 5-1 (tied for first place in Missouri Valley Football Conference)
POSTSEASON: Reached Football Championship Subdivision national title game (seeded first)
HOME RECORD: 5-0
AWAY/NEUTRAL RECORD: 3-1/0-1
FINAL RANKINGS: 2nd (Stats Perform media)/2nd (FCS Coaches)

TEAM INFORMATION

LETTERMEN RETURNING: 54 **LETTERMEN LOST:** 5
 • Offense: 22 • Offense: 3
 • Defense: 22 • Defense: 2
 • Special Teams: 3

STARTERS RETURNING: 22
 • Offense: 10 • Defense: 10 • Special Teams: 2

OFFENSIVE STARTERS RETURNING (10): Canyon Bauer, WR; Wes Genant, C; Garret Greenfield, OT; Zach Heins, TE; Jadon Janke, WR; Jaxon Janke, WR; Aron Johnson, OT; Eagan Lickiss, OG; Mason McCormick, OG; Pierre Strong, Jr., RB.

DEFENSIVE STARTERS RETURNING (10): Logan Backhaus, LB; Adam Bock, LB; Don Gardner, CB; Michael Griffin II, S; Quinton Hicks, DE; Malik Lofton, CB; Joshua Manchigiah, S; Caleb Sanders, NT; Xavier Ward, DT; Reece Winkelman, DE..

SPECIAL TEAMS STARTERS RETURNING (2): Cole Frahm, K; Ben Dinkel, P.

OTHER RETURNING LETTERMEN (32): Matt Barnett, LB; Ian Bass, OL; Dalys Benum, CB; Skyler Cavanaugh, TE; Isaiah Davis, RB; Jarod DePriest, DT; Caleb Franci, LB; DyShawn Gales, CB; Jon Gruetzmacher, OL; Keaton Heide, QB; Caden Johnson, DE; Tucker Kraft, TE; Krocket Krolikowski, DT; Mason Leighton, WR; Kinser Madison, LB; Daeton Mcgaughy, S; Edward Miller, OL; Mike Morgan, FB/TE; Thomas Motzko, LS/LB; Chase Norblade, S; Tolu Ogunrinde, DE; Cale Reeder, S; Caleb Schauf, TE; Payton Shafer, LB; Bradey Sorenson, LS; Graham Spalding, LB; Thomas Stacker, DT; Isaiah Stalbird, LB/S; Cade Terveer, DE; Jason Titus, OL; Ryan Van Marel, DT; Saiveon Williamson, LB.

Joining the Jackrabbits last fall were twins Aaron and Adam Kusler. The Sioux Falls tandem, who excelled at Roosevelt High School, are both redshirt freshman linebackers on this year's squad.

SDSU has another set of brothers on the team in Brookings natives and offensive linemen Eddie and Gus Miller. Eddie is a senior on this year's team, while Gus is an redshirt freshman.

ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICANS: South Dakota State University offensive lineman Wes Genant earned his third career selection to the CoSIDA Academic All-America Division I Football Team and linebacker Logan Backhaus also earned a spot on the honor squad as announced in July.

Genant, a senior from Parkston, was honored on the first team with a 3.89 grade-point average as a biochemistry and pre-medicine major. The Jackrabbits' starting center in all 10 games in the team's run to the Football Championship Subdivision national championship game during the 2020-21 campaign, Genant also was a first-team selection in 2018 after earning second-team recognition in 2017. He redshirted during the 2019 season while recovering from injury.

Backhaus, a senior from Spirit Lake, Iowa, holds a 3.65 grade-point average in human biology and ranked second on the team with 72 tackles during the 2020-21 spring season. He posted a team-high 9.5 tackles for loss, also contributing two sacks, an interception and a forced fumble.

Genant is the fourth Jackrabbit football student-athlete to earn CoSIDA Academic All-America honors three times, joining Paul Kippley (1978-80), Kyle Minett (2008-10) and Zach Zenner (2012-14). SDSU has placed at least one player on the squad in 14 of the last 16 seasons, including multiple selections 12 times. Overall, SDSU football student-athletes have received Academic All-America recognition from CoSIDA 42 times since 1974.

The Academic All-America program recognizes the nation's top student-athletes for their combined performances on the field and in the classroom. Candidates, who are first nominated and honored at the district level, must be at least a sophomore in athletic and academic standing, a starter or key reserve, and carry at least a 3.3 GPA.

Genant and Backhaus were joined on the Academic All-District Team by cornerback DyShawn Gales, linebacker Preston Tetzlaff and defensive end Reece Winkelman.

JACKS IN THE PROS: During the summer of 2021, six former South Dakota State standouts were in training camp with National Football League teams, continuing the Jackrabbits' long tradition of developing players into pro prospects.

Headlining the list is tight end Dallas Goedert of the Philadelphia Eagles. After being drafted in the second round of the 2018 NFL Draft, Goedert has gone on to record 152 receptions for 1,681 yards and 14 touchdowns in four seasons.

While Goedert was the lone former Jackrabbit on an opening day active roster, two other recent defensive standouts were assigned to practice squads. Linebacker Christian Rozeboom recently joined the Kansas City Chiefs after being released by Los Angeles Rams and cornerback Jordan Brown returned to the Las Vegas Raiders.

Rozeboom finished his Jackrabbit career as the program's all-time leading tackler and then signed as a free agent following the 2020 NFL Draft. He spent the 2020 season as a member of the Rams' practice squad.

Brown was a seventh-round choice of the Cincinnati Bengals in 2019 and also spent time on the practice squad for Jacksonville during his rookie campaign before entering 2020 training camp with the Las Vegas Raiders. He spent the latter part of the 2020 season as a practice squad player with the Washington Football Team.

The most recent former Jackrabbit with professional aspirations is wide receiver Cade Johnson, who signed as a free agent with the Seattle Seahawks following the conclusion of the 2021 NFL Draft. He has since been assigned to Seattle's practice squad.

YEAR-BY-YEAR RECORDS AT DANA J. DYKHOUSE STADIUM

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| 2016 | 6-1 |
| 2017 | 7-1 |
| 2018 | 7-0 |
| 2019 | 5-3 |
| 2020-21 | 5-0 |
| 2021 | 2-1 |
| TOTALS | 32-6 |

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

COACHES

| | |
|-------------------|----------------|
| John Stiegelmeier | STIG-el-mey-er |
| Zach Lujan | LOO-honn |
| Luke Schleusner | SHLICE-ner |

PLAYERS

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|---------------------|---------------------|
| Steven Arrell | ah-RELL |
| Logan Backhaus | BACK-huss |
| Max Baloun | bah-LOON |
| Evan Beerntsen | BEARNT-sen |
| Matthew Borowicz | BORE-oh-wits |
| Josh Buri | burr-EYE |
| Matthew Durrance | durr-ANTS |
| Mitch Eichacker | EYE-ah-kerr |
| Cole Frahm | fromm |
| Caleb Franci | FRANCE-ill |
| Wes Genant | juh-NANT |
| J'Bore Gibbs | juh-BORE-ay |
| Grahm Goering | GORE-ing |
| Jon Gruetzmacher | GRITS-mock-er |
| Keaton Heide | HY-dee |
| Zach Heins | HINES |
| Colby Huerter | HURT-er |
| Jadon/Jaxon Janke | YON-key |
| Amar Johnson | ah-MARR |
| Randy Keumogne | key-MOAN-yay |
| Krockett Krolkowski | crow-lah-COW-ski |
| Aaron/Adam Kusler | COOSE-ler |
| Mason Leighton | LAY-ton |
| Joshua Manchigiah | manch-ah-GUY-ah |
| Daeton Mcgaughy | mc-GOY |
| Tolu Ogunrinde | TOE-loo oh-GURN-day |
| Chris Oladokun | oh-la-DOE-kun |
| Isaiah Stalbird | STALL-bird |
| Ryan Van Marel | van-MARR-ill |
| Xavier Ward | EX-zay-vee-ir |
| Saiveon Williamson | SAY-vee-on |

Johnson set a pair of single-season school records as a member of the Jackrabbits from 2017-19. As a redshirt freshman in 2017, the Papillion, Nebraska, native established a new Jackrabbit standard with 839 kickoff return yards, returning two kickoffs for touchdowns. The following season, his first as a starting receiver, he set the SDSU single-season record with 17 touchdown catches, totaling 67 receptions for 1,332 yards.

In 2019, Johnson also posted his second consecutive 1,000-yard season, tallying 1,222 yards on 72 receptions. In only three seasons, he ranked third in program history for touchdown receptions (28), fifth in receiving yards (2,872) and sixth in total receptions (162).

He was a two-time first-team all-Missouri Valley Football Conference honoree and was selected to multiple Football Championship Subdivision All-America squads in both 2018 and 2019. Johnson was selected to play in the 2020 Reese's Senior Bowl after deciding to opt out of his senior season.

Veteran offensive lineman Bryan Witzmann is once again a free agent after being among the last cuts by the Kansas City Chiefs this summer. Witzmann returned to the Kansas City Chiefs in 2020, an organization for which he earned a starting role in 2017. He played in one game in 2020, but was assigned to the team's practice squad for much of the year, including the postseason.

Also awaiting his next opportunity is fullback and Brookings native Mikey Daniel, who spent this summer with the Carolina Panthers following a stint with the Atlanta Falcons in 2020.

In addition, wide receiver Jake Wieneke caught on with the Montreal Alouettes of the Canadian Football League in 2019 and finished the year with 41 catches for 569 yards with eight touchdowns. The CFL did not compete in 2020 due to the pandemic, but Wieneke has nearly equaled his 2019 totals with 37 receptions for 591 yards and seven touchdowns thus far during the 2021 campaign.

Also in the CFL is Wieneke's former teammate Taryn Christion. A Sioux Falls native, Christion is a member of the Ottawa Redblacks. He has played in three games this season, but has yet to register any passing statistics.

Recently announcing his retirement was former Jackrabbit standout Adam Vinatieri, who became the NFL career scoring leader in 2018 with the Indianapolis Colts.

Over Vinatieri's 24 seasons, his totals include NFL bests of 599-of-715 on field goal attempts, 83.8 percent, and 2,673 career points. He also ranks second in career extra points with 874. In all, Vinatieri set 15 NFL records, including 21 100-point seasons.

Several other former Jackrabbit players and coaches have had ties to the professional game, including:

- Steve Heiden (player from 1995-98), tight ends coach for the Arizona Cardinals;
- Reed Burkhardt (player from 2004-07), director of pro scouting for the Minnesota Vikings;
- Glen Fox (player from 2006-09), pro scout with the Arizona Cardinals;
- Shawn Mennenga (assistant coach from 2009-10), former special teams coordinator for the Cleveland Browns and Green Bay Packers;
- Trent Baalke (assistant coach from 1991-95), general manager of the Jacksonville Jaguars and formerly the GM for the San Francisco 49ers;
- Brad Seely, longtime special teams coordinator with numerous NFL teams.

DANA J. DYKHOUSE STADIUM: Jackrabbit football moved into a new home in September of 2016 with the completion of Dana J. Dykhouse 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 former Jackrabbit football player and Sioux Falls banker Dana Dykhouse and philanthropist T. Denny Sanford were announced in October 2013.

OVERTIME GAMES

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| 1998: | SDSU 30, Nebraska-Omaha [2 OT] (Oct. 17, 1998, at Coughlin-Alumni Stadium) |
| 2002: | Augustana 39, SDSU 33 [3 OT] (Oct. 19, 2002, at Sioux Falls) |
| 2004: | Southern Utah 23, SDSU 17 [2 OT] (Nov. 13, 2004, at Cedar City, Utah) |
| 2007: | Western Illinois 29, SDSU 26 [4 OT] (Aug. 30, 2007, at Macomb, Ill.) |
| 2008: | McNeese State 46, SDSU 44 [3 OT] (Oct. 4, 2008, at Coughlin-Alumni Stadium) |
| 2011: | SDSU 43, Missouri State 36 [2 OT] (Oct. 29, 2011, at Springfield, Mo.) |
| 2013: | SDSU 37, Northern Iowa 34 [2 OT] (Oct. 26, 2013, at Coughlin-Alumni Stadium) |
| 2015: | Western Illinois 30, SDSU 24 [2 OT] (Nov. 21, 2015, at Macomb, Ill.) |
| 2017: | SDSU 27, Illinois State 24 [OT] (Nov. 11, 2017, at Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium) |
| 2018: | SDSU 54, Indiana State 51 [OT] (Oct. 6, 2018, at Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium) |
| 2021: | Southern Illinois 42, SDSU 41 [OT] (Oct. 9, 2021, at Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium) |
| Overall, South Dakota State is 5-6 in overtime games | |

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.

Jacks Bash 2 was held this past Sept. 8 and included a musical lineup of Zac Brown Band, Fall Out Boy and Gabby Barrett.

SDSU has gone on to post a 32-6 record at Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium during its first five-plus seasons of operation, including a 7-1 mark in FCS playoff games.

The Jackrabbits went undefeated at home in 2018 at 7-0 and again during the 2020-21 spring season with a 5-0 mark. SDSU has won its last six games at the stadium.

Dana J. Dykhouse 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 Monday nights throughout the 2021 season.

The weekly, hour-long show begins at 6 p.m. Central Time and originates in front of a live audience once again at Cubby's Sports Bar and Grill in downtown Brookings. Hosted by Tyler Merriam, the show airs along the Jackrabbit Sports Network, including flagship station WNAX 570 AM, and can be heard through the Jackrabbit app and online at GoJacks.com.

Weekly segments include interviews with Jackrabbit head coach John Stiegelmeier, student-athletes and others associated with SDSU football. Fans can submit questions through social media platforms and fans in attendance can register for weekly prizes.

A LOOK AHEAD: The Jackrabbits head back to home action Oct. 23, when South Dakota State welcomes Northern Iowa to Brookings for Hobo Day. Kickoff for that contest is slated for 2 p.m.

LAST MEETING WITH WESTERN ILLINOIS

#8 SDSU 45, WESTERN ILLINOIS 10

March 6, 2021 • Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium (Att.: 2,522)

South Dakota State scored on big play after big play in the first half to roll past Western Illinois, 45-10, in the Jackrabbits' home football opener at Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium.

With their win in the annual Dairy Drive game, the Jackrabbits improved to 2-1 both overall and in the Missouri Valley Football Conference. WIU dropped to 0-2.

Freshman quarterback Mark Gronowski led the Jackrabbits on touch-down drives on each of their first two offensive series, scoring on a 22-yard run to open the scoring and then taking advantage of a short field after an interception as Pierre Strong, Jr. scored from a yard out.

Western Illinois executed a fake punt to extend a drive and pull within 14-3 late in the first quarter on a 26-yard field goal by Mason Laramie.

SDSU, however, tacked on four more touchdowns in the second quarter with each of the first three scores covering at least 40 yards. The Jackrabbits first went to the air as Gronowski hooked up with Jadon Janke on a 44-yard touchdown pass deep over the middle.

Then the Jackrabbits turned to the ground as freshman running back Isaiah Davis broke through the line for a 40-yard touchdown and Gronowski followed three minutes later with an 80-yard touchdown run. Gronowski led the Jackrabbits with 120 yards on only four carries with the two touchdowns, while Davis tallied 118 yards on nine carries.

As a team, SDSU finished with 328 yards on the ground and 531 yards of total offense after Gronowski completed 13-of-20 passes for 197 yards and two touchdowns. His second touchdown pass of the game was a 12-yarder to Mason Leighton with 41 seconds remaining in the first half and answered WIU's lone touchdown, a 3-yard pass from Connor Sampson to Dallas Daniels.

The only scoring in the second half came on a 39-yard field goal into the wind by Cole Frahm on SDSU's opening drive.

The Jackrabbit defense came away with interceptions by Cade Terveer, DyShawn Gales and Joshua Manchigiah. Adam Bock led SDSU with eight tackles.

Sampson completed 29-of-48 passes for 278 yards, with Daniel posting 111 yards on six receptions.

Jaxon Janke led SDSU with four catches for 68 yards, with twin brother Jadon adding three catches for 70 yards.



Eagan Lickiss was part of a Jackrabbit offensive line that helped pave the way for SDSU to gain 347 rushing yards and 531 yards of total offense in a 45-10 victory over Western Illinois on March 6.

| SCORE BY QUARTERS | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | FINAL |
|-------------------------------|----|----|---|---|-------|
| Western Illinois (0-2, 0-2) | 3 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 10 |
| South Dakota State (2-1, 2-1) | 14 | 28 | 3 | 0 | 45 |

SCORING SUMMARY

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| 1st | 10:16 | SDSU – Mark Gronowski 22 yd run (Cole Frahm kick) |
| 1st | 6:51 | SDSU – Pierre Strong, Jr. 1 yd run (Frahm kick) |
| 1st | 2:13 | WIU – Mason Laramie 26 yd field goal |
| 2nd | 13:20 | SDSU – Jadon Janke 44 yd pass from Gronowski (Frahm kick) |
| 2nd | 8:06 | SDSU – Isaiah Davis 40 yd run (Frahm kick) |
| 2nd | 4:55 | SDSU – Mark Gronowski 80 yd run (Frahm kick) |
| 2nd | 00:41 | SDSU – Mason Leighton 12 yd pass from Gronowski (Frahm kick) |
| 3rd | 10:35 | SDSU – Frahm 39 yd field goal |

| TEAM STATISTICS | WIU | SDSU |
|----------------------------|---------|---------|
| FIRST DOWNS | 19 | 24 |
| RUSHES-YARDS (NET) | 24-87 | 44-347 |
| PASSING YDS (NET) | 295 | 184 |
| Passes Att-Comp-Int | 53-31-3 | 22-13-0 |
| TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS | 77-382 | 66-531 |
| Fumble Returns-Yards | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| Punt Returns-Yards | 1-0 | 1-5 |
| Kickoff Returns-Yards | 3-15 | 1-28 |
| Interception Returns-Yards | 0-0 | 3-9 |
| Punts (Number-Avg) | 5-33.8 | 4-38.2 |
| Fumbles-Lost | 0-0 | 1-1 |
| Penalties-Yards | 5-15 | 6-57 |
| Possession Time | 24:34 | 35:26 |
| Third-Down Conversions | 2 of 15 | 7 of 13 |
| Fourth-Down Conversions | 3 of 5 | 0 of 0 |
| Red-Zone Scores-Chances | 2-5 | 2-2 |
| Sacks By: Number-Yards | 0-0 | 1-6 |

RUSHING LEADERS: SDSU - Mark Gronowski 4-120; Isaiah Davis 9-118; Jefferson Lee V 11-48; Pierre Strong, Jr. 9-48; Jordan Meachum 6-12; J'Bore Gibbs 2-8. WIU - Iosefa Pua'auli 14-44; Tony Tate 5-36; Connor Sampson 3-4; Hunter Mason 1-4. **PASSING LEADERS:** SDSU - Mark Gronowski 12-19-0 178; J'Bore Gibbs 1-3-0 6. WIU - Connor Sampson 29-48-3 278; Henry Ogala 2-5-0 17. **RECEIVING LEADERS:** SDSU - Jaxon Janke 4-68; Jadon Janke 3-70; Jordan Meachum 3-14; Mason Leighton 2-26; Canyon Bauer 1-6. WIU - Dennis Houston 9-74; Tony Tate 7-54; Dallas Daniels 6-111; Nathan Karsjens 4-24. **INTERCEPTIONS:** SDSU - Cade Terveer 1-9; DyShawn Gales 1-0; Joshua Manchigiah 1-0. WIU - none. **SACKS:** SDSU - Caden Johnson 1.0-6. WIU - none. **TACKLE LEADERS (UA-A-TOT):** SDSU - Adam Bock 3-5-8; Michael Griffin II 3-4-7; Chase Norblade 6-0-6; Logan Backhaus 4-2-6; Saiveon Williamson 3-2-5. WIU - Herschel Blankenship 9-0-9; Greg Benton Jr. 5-4-9; Justin Nutof 5-4-9; Keontae Jones 1-3-4.

DEPTH CHART vs. WESTERN ILLINOIS

OFFENSE

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| LT | 71 | ARON JOHNSON, 6-6, 300, *Sr., Chisago City, Minn. |
| | 72 | Jason Titus, 6-5, 295, *Sr., Andover, Minn. |
| LG | 60 | MASON McCORMICK, 6-4, 310, Jr., Sioux Falls, S.D. |
| | 59 | Jalen Lee, 6-2, 305, R-Fr., Robbins, Ill. |
| C | 77 | WES GENANT, 6-4, 300, Sr., Parkston, S.D. |
| | 78 | Adam White, 6-4, 275, R-Fr., DeForest, Wis. |
| RG | 56 | EAGAN LICKISS, 6-4, 310, Sr., Indianola, Iowa |
| | 50 | Gus Miller, 6-3, 280, R-Fr., Brookings, S.D. |
| | 54 | Eddie Miller, 6-5, 315, Sr., Brookings, S.D. |
| RT | 74 | GARRET GREENFIELD, 6-6, 295, Jr., Rock Valley, Iowa |
| | 76 | Bo Donald, 6-6, 295, So., Kimball, S.D. |
| TE | 87 | ZACH HEINS, 6-7, 250, Jr., Sioux Falls, S.D. |
| | 89 | Wyatt Seagren, 6-7, 245, R-Fr., Oakland, Neb. |
| TE | 85 | Tucker Kraft, 6-5, 255, So., Timber Lake, S.D. |
| | 34 | Mike Morgan, 6-3, 235, Sr., Jr., New Lenox, Ill. |
| WR (Z-Back) | 4 | CANYON BAUER, 6-0, 195, So., Sioux Falls, S.D. |
| | 8 | Tyler Feldkamp, 6-0, 185, Fr., Sioux Falls, S.D. |
| WR (X-Back) or | 9 | JADON JANKE, 6-3, 205, Jr., Madison, S.D. |
| | 83 | A.J. Coons, 6-4, 210, R-Fr., Solon, Iowa |
| | 86 | Devon Cole Jr., 5-9, 165, R-Fr., Clermont, Fla. |
| WR (W-Back) | 10 | JAXON JANKE, 6-3, 210, Jr. Madison, S.D. |
| | 19 | Mason Leighton, 5-9, 175, *Sr., Madison, S.D. |
| QB | 6 | Chris Oladokun, 6-2, 195, Grad., Tampa, Fla. |
| | 13 | Keaton Heide, 6-3, 200, Jr., Wayzata, Minn. |
| | 1 | Rudy Voss, 6-3, 205, R-Fr., Lakefield, Minn. |
| RB | 20 | PIERRE STRONG, JR., 5-11, 205, Sr., Little Rock, Ark. |
| | 3 | Amar Johnson, 5-11, 180, Fr., O'Fallon, Mo. |

DEFENSE

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| DE | 97 | REECE WINKELMAN, 6-4, 245, *Sr., Marshall, Minn. |
| | 94 | Cade Terveer, 6-3, 250, Jr., Brandon, S.D. |
| | 92 | Kevin Brenner, 6-3, 240, So., Silver Lake, Wis. |
| NT or | 99 | CALEB SANDERS, 6-1, 270, *Sr., Glenwood, Iowa |
| | 55 | Thomas Stacker, 6-4, 275, Sr., Chicago, Ill. |
| | 98 | Ryan Van Marel, 6-4, 280, Jr., Sheldon, Iowa |
| DT | 91 | XAVIER WARD, 6-2, 275, Sr., Freeman, S.D. |
| | 69 | Krockett Krolikowski, 6-2, 285, *Sr., Winner, S.D. |
| | 52 | Jarod DePriest, 6-5, 270, So., Trivoli, Ill. |
| DE | 48 | QUINTON HICKS, 6-3, 245, Jr., Wichita, Kan. |
| | 22 | Tolu Ogunrinde, 6-1, 265, Sr., Cottage Grove, Minn. |
| | 53 | Caden Johnson, 6-3, 235, So., Wahoo, Neb. |
| LB or (Will) | 12 | LOGAN BACKHAUS, 6-4, 210, Sr., Spirit Lake, Iowa |
| | 29 | Graham Spalding, 6-1, 205, So., Oviedo, Fla. |
| | 57 | Kinser Madison, 6-2, 210, Jr., Higginsville, Mo. |
| LB (Mike) or | 32 | ADAM BOCK, 6-1, 215, So., Solon, Iowa |
| | 30 | Payton Shafer, 6-0, 210, Jr., Cottage Grove, Minn. |
| | 43 | Adam Kusler, 6-3, 215, R-Fr., Sioux Falls, S.D. |
| LB (Sam) | 2 | Isaiah Stalbird, 6-1, 200, Jr., Kearney, Neb. |
| | 16 | Caleb Franci, 6-0, 185, So., Grand Island, Neb. |
| | 11 | Matt Barnett, 6-3, 200, So., Cedar Rapids, Iowa |
| LCB | 1 | MALIK LOFTON, 5-10, 190, *Sr., Crystal, Minn. |
| | 7 | Dalys Beanum, 6-1, 185, So., Omaha, Neb. |
| FS | 3 | JOSHUA MANCHIGIAH, 6-0, 205, *Sr., Papillion, Neb. |
| | 25 | Cale Reeder, 6-0, 180, So., Yorkville, Ill. |
| SS | 6 | MICHAEL GRIFFIN II, 6-0, 215, Sr., Cottage Grove, Minn. |
| | 0 | Daeton Mcgaughy, 6-0, 210, So., Elwood, Kan. |
| RCB | 5 | DyShawn Gales, 5-11, 190, Jr., North Chicago, Ill. |
| | 26 | Steven Arrell, 6-2, 190, R-Fr., Brooklyn Park, Minn. |

Returning starters indicated in CAPS

* Denotes student-athlete has additional year of eligibility remaining past 2021 season

SPECIAL TEAMS

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| Long | 45 | Bradey Sorenson, 6-2, 235, Sr., Yankton, S.D. |
| Snaps | 33 | Thomas Motzko, 6-0, 230, So., Highland Park, Ill. |
| Holder | 13 | Keaton Heide, 6-3, 200, Jr., Wayzata, Minn. |
| | 49 | Ben Dinkel, 5-10, 220, *Sr., Kearney, Neb. |
| PK | 97 | Cole Frahm, 6-5, 230, *Sr., Omaha, Neb. |
| | 10 | Hunter Dustman, 6-3, 230, So., East Bethel, Minn. |
| P | 10 | Hunter Dustman, 6-3, 230, So., East Bethel, Minn. |
| | 49 | BEN DINKEL, 5-10, 220, *Sr., Kearney, Neb. |
| KO | 97 | Cole Frahm, 6-5, 230, *Sr., Omaha, Neb. |
| | 10 | Hunter Dustman, 6-3, 230, So., East Bethel, Minn. |
| KOR | 9 | Jadon Janke, 6-3, 205, Jr., Madison, S.D. |
| | 86 | Devon Cole Jr., 5-9, 165, R-Fr., Clermont, Fla. |
| KOR | 3 | Amar Johnson, 5-11, 180, Fr., O'Fallon, Mo. |
| | 20 | Pierre Strong, Jr., 5-11, 205, *Sr., Little Rock, Ark. |
| PR | 8 | Tyler Feldkamp, 6-0, 185, Fr., Sioux Falls, S.D. |
| | 10 | JAXON JANKE, 6-3, 210, Jr., Madison, S.D. |

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach: John Stiegelmeier [F]
 Assistant Head Coach/Co-Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers: Jimmy Rogers [F]
 Co-Defensive Coordinator/Safeties: Brian Bergstrom [B]
 Offensive Coordinator/Offensive Line: Jason Eck [B]
 Passing Game Coordinator/Wide Receivers: Luke Schleusner [B]
 Special Teams Coordinator/Cornerbacks: Rob Erickson [F]

Running Backs: Andre Crenshaw [F]
 Quarterbacks: Zach Lujan [B]
 Tight Ends: Ryan Olson [F]
 Defensive Line: Christian Smith [F]
 Assistant Defensive Line: Spencer Erickson [B]
 Graduate Assistants/Quality Control: Luke Munsterteiger, C.J. Butt, Derik Dillon



South Dakota State University JACKRABBITS

2021 Football Roster

| No. | NAME | Pos | Ht | Wt | Yr | HOMETOWN | No. | NAME | Pos | Ht | Wt | Yr | HOMETOWN |
|-----|---------------------|-------|------|-----|-------|----------------------|-----|------------------------|-----|------|-----|-------|-----------------------|
| 1 | Malik Lofton | CB | 5-10 | 190 | *Sr. | Crystal, Minn. | 45 | Bradey Sorenson | LS | 6-2 | 235 | Sr. | Yankton, S.D. |
| 1 | Rudy Voss | QB | 6-3 | 205 | R-Fr. | Lakefield, Minn. | 47 | Michael Drotzmann | P | 6-3 | 210 | So. | Yankton, S.D. |
| 2 | J'Bore Gibbs | QB | 6-3 | 215 | Jr. | Chicago, Ill. | 48 | Quinton Hicks | DE | 6-3 | 245 | Jr. | Wichita, Kan. |
| 2 | Isaiah Stalbird | LB/S | 6-1 | 200 | Jr. | Kearney, Neb. | 48 | Jaden Mueller | LS | 6-1 | 205 | So. | Johnston, Iowa |
| 3 | Joshua Manchigiah | S | 6-0 | 205 | *Sr. | Papillion, Neb. | 49 | Ben Dinkel | P | 5-10 | 220 | *Sr. | Kearney, Neb. |
| 3 | Amar Johnson | RB | 5-11 | 180 | Fr. | O'Fallon, Mo. | 50 | Noah Jessup | DE | 6-5 | 225 | Fr. | Franklin, Wis. |
| 4 | Canyon Bauer | WR | 6-0 | 195 | So. | Sioux Falls, S.D. | 50 | Gus Miller | OL | 6-3 | 280 | R-Fr. | Brookings, S.D. |
| 5 | DyShawn Gales | CB | 5-11 | 190 | So. | North Chicago, Ill. | 52 | Jarod DePriest | DT | 6-5 | 270 | So. | Trivoli, Ill. |
| 5 | Landon Wolf | WR | 5-11 | 175 | Grad. | Tulsa, Okla. | 53 | Caden Johnson | DE | 6-3 | 235 | So. | Wahoo, Neb. |
| 6 | Michael Griffin II | S | 6-0 | 215 | Sr. | Cottage Grove, Minn. | 54 | Eddie Miller | OL | 6-5 | 315 | Sr. | Brookings, S.D. |
| 6 | Chris Oladokun | QB | 6-2 | 195 | Grad. | Tampa, Fla. | 54 | Chandler Carter | DE | 6-5 | 245 | Fr. | Chandler, Ariz. |
| 7 | Dalys Beanum | CB | 6-1 | 185 | So. | Omaha, Neb. | 55 | Thomas Stacker | DT | 6-4 | 275 | Sr. | Chicago, Ill. |
| 8 | Daeton Mcgaughy | S | 6-0 | 210 | So. | Elwood, Kan. | 56 | Eagan Lickiss | OL | 6-4 | 310 | Sr. | Indianola, Iowa |
| 8 | Tyler Feldkamp | WR | 6-0 | 185 | Fr. | Sioux Falls, S.D. | 56 | Levi Vanden Bos | DE | 6-3 | 225 | Fr. | Rock Valley, Iowa |
| 9 | Jadon Janke | WR | 6-3 | 205 | Jr. | Madison, S.D. | 57 | Kinser Madison | LB | 6-2 | 210 | Jr. | Higginsville, Mo. |
| 10 | Jaxon Janke | WR | 6-3 | 210 | Jr. | Madison, S.D. | 58 | Alex Westendorf | OL | 6-5 | 290 | So. | South Elgin, Ill. |
| 10 | Hunter Dustman | K/P | 6-3 | 230 | So. | East Bethel, Minn. | 59 | Jalen Lee | OL | 6-2 | 305 | R-Fr. | Robbins, Ill. |
| 11 | Matt Barnett | LB | 6-3 | 200 | So. | Cedar Rapids, Iowa | 60 | Mason McCormick | OL | 6-4 | 310 | Jr. | Sioux Falls, S.D. |
| 11 | Mark Gronowski | QB | 6-3 | 220 | So. | Naperville, Ill. | 61 | Evan Beerntsen | OL | 6-4 | 285 | So. | De Pere, Wis. |
| 12 | Logan Backhaus | LB | 6-4 | 210 | Sr. | Spirit Lake, Iowa | 62 | Derrick Brown | OL | 6-5 | 295 | Fr. | Mesa, Ariz. |
| 12 | Regan Bollweg | TE | 6-3 | 220 | Fr. | Highmore, S.D. | 63 | Ethan Eilers | OL | 6-5 | 265 | Fr. | West Burlington, Iowa |
| 13 | Keaton Heide | QB | 6-3 | 200 | Jr. | Wayzata, Minn. | 64 | Ethan Vibert | OL | 6-4 | 290 | So. | Regina, Saskatchewan |
| 13 | Chris Rhodes | CB | 6-0 | 170 | Fr. | Independence, Mo. | 65 | Matthew Borowicz | DT | 6-4 | 285 | Jr. | Lakeville, Minn. |
| 14 | Colby Huerter | S | 6-1 | 195 | Fr. | Katy, Texas | 66 | Brady Beck | OL | 6-8 | 290 | So. | Sioux Falls, S.D. |
| 15 | Timothy Croskey | CB | 6-0 | 170 | Fr. | Buckeye, Ariz. | 67 | Ethan Headlee | OL | 6-5 | 295 | Fr. | Sioux Falls, S.D. |
| 16 | Jon Bell | QB | 6-3 | 185 | Fr. | Naperville, Ill. | 69 | Krockett Krolikowski | DT | 6-2 | 285 | *Sr. | Winner, S.D. |
| 16 | Caleb Franci | LB | 6-0 | 185 | So. | Grand Island, Neb. | 70 | Colby Christensen | OL | 6-8 | 260 | R-Fr. | West Des Moines, Iowa |
| 17 | Cade Rice | QB | 6-3 | 210 | Fr. | Springfield, Ohio | 71 | Aron Johnson | OL | 6-6 | 300 | *Sr. | Chisago City, Minn. |
| 17 | Abraham Hoskins III | CB | 6-2 | 185 | R-Fr. | Omaha, Neb. | 72 | Jason Titus | OL | 6-5 | 295 | *Sr. | Andover, Minn. |
| 18 | Graham Goering | WR | 6-2 | 190 | Fr. | Iowa City, Iowa | 73 | Coby Maeschen | DT | 6-3 | 225 | Fr. | Dell Rapids, S.D. |
| 19 | Mason Leighton | WR | 5-9 | 180 | *Sr. | Madison, S.D. | 74 | Garret Greenfield | OL | 6-6 | 295 | Jr. | Rock Valley, Iowa |
| 19 | Jaden Crockett | S | 6-0 | 170 | Fr. | Laveen, Ariz. | 75 | Jon Gruetzmacher | OL | 6-8 | 315 | *Sr. | Merrill, Wis. |
| 20 | Pierre Strong, Jr. | RB | 5-11 | 205 | *Sr. | Little Rock, Ark. | 76 | Bo Donald | OL | 6-6 | 295 | So. | Kimball, S.D. |
| 20 | Myles Taylor | CB | 6-1 | 180 | Fr. | Gilbert, Ariz. | 77 | Wes Genant | OL | 6-4 | 300 | Sr. | Parkston, S.D. |
| 21 | Don Gardner | CB | 6-1 | 180 | Sr. | Chicago, Ill. | 77 | Aaron Wolfcale-Holsten | DT | 6-2 | 285 | Fr. | Gilbert, Ariz. |
| 21 | Angel Johnson | WR | 5-10 | 185 | Fr. | Irene, S.D. | 78 | Adam White | OL | 6-4 | 275 | R-Fr. | DeForest, Wis. |
| 22 | Tolu Ogunrinde | DE | 6-1 | 265 | Sr. | Cottage Grove, Minn. | 79 | Jhareth Bloomerader | OL | 6-6 | 285 | So. | Highmore, S.D. |
| 22 | Isaiah Davis | RB | 6-1 | 220 | So. | Joplin, Mo. | 80 | Nate Sullivan Jr. | WR | 6-2 | 210 | R-Fr. | Bellevue, Neb. |
| 23 | Matthew Durrance | S | 6-2 | 195 | Fr. | Lutz, Fla. | 81 | Skyler Cavanaugh | TE | 6-5 | 240 | Sr. | Vail, Ariz. |
| 24 | Cade Reynolds | LB | 6-2 | 205 | Fr. | Daphne, Ala. | 82 | Caleb Schauf | TE | 6-5 | 245 | *Sr. | Sparta, Wis. |
| 25 | Cale Reeder | S | 6-0 | 180 | So. | Yorkville, Ill. | 83 | A.J. Coons | WR | 6-4 | 210 | R-Fr. | Solon, Iowa |
| 26 | Steven Arrell | CB | 6-2 | 190 | R-Fr. | Brooklyn Park, Minn. | 84 | Reece Burckhard | TE | 6-8 | 235 | Fr. | Aberdeen, S.D. |
| 27 | Corben Mahaffy | K | 5-11 | 175 | R-Fr. | Piedmont, S.D. | 85 | Tucker Kraft | TE | 6-5 | 255 | So. | Timber Lake, S.D. |
| 28 | Daxon Lindholm | RB | 5-11 | 175 | Fr. | Glendale, Ariz. | 86 | Devon Cole Jr. | WR | 5-9 | 165 | R-Fr. | Clermont, Fla. |
| 29 | Graham Spalding | LB | 6-1 | 205 | So. | Oviedo, Fla. | 87 | Zach Heins | TE | 6-7 | 250 | Jr. | Sioux Falls, S.D. |
| 30 | Payton Shafer | LB | 6-0 | 210 | Jr. | Cottage Grove, Minn. | 88 | Brandon Lane Jr. | DT | 6-2 | 290 | R-Fr. | Kansas City, Mo. |
| 31 | Patrick Hoffmann | WR | 6-1 | 200 | R-Fr. | Naperville, Ill. | 89 | Wyatt Seagren | TE | 6-7 | 245 | R-Fr. | Oakland, Neb. |
| 32 | Adam Bock | LB | 6-1 | 215 | So. | Solon, Iowa | 90 | Randy Keumogne | DE | 6-3 | 230 | So. | Oakdale, Minn. |
| 33 | Thomas Motzko | LB | 6-0 | 230 | So. | Highland Park, Ill. | 91 | Xavier Ward | DT | 6-2 | 275 | Sr. | Freeman, S.D. |
| 34 | Mike Morgan | TE/FB | 6-3 | 235 | Jr. | New Lenox, Ill. | 92 | Kevin Brenner | DE | 6-3 | 240 | So. | Silver Lake, Wis. |
| 34 | Ryan Swoger | S | 6-2 | 175 | Fr. | Tucson, Ariz. | 93 | Max Baloun | DE | 6-6 | 245 | R-Fr. | Redfield, S.D. |
| 35 | Chase Norblade | S | 6-1 | 185 | Jr. | Papillion, Neb. | 94 | Cade Terveer | DE | 6-3 | 250 | Jr. | Brandon, S.D. |
| 36 | Michael Paulson | WR | 6-3 | 185 | Fr. | Sioux Falls, S.D. | 95 | Zac Wilson | DE | 6-3 | 235 | So. | ChIPLEY, Fla. |
| 37 | Tucker Large | S | 5-11 | 170 | Fr. | Sioux Falls, S.D. | 96 | Mitch Eichacker | DE | 6-4 | 235 | R-Fr. | Sioux Falls, S.D. |
| 38 | Josh Buri | RB | 5-11 | 210 | Fr. | Stewartville, Minn. | 97 | Reece Winkelman | DE | 6-4 | 245 | *Sr. | Marshall, Minn. |
| 39 | Aydan Dautermann | CB | 6-2 | 185 | Fr. | Hartford, Wis. | 97 | Cole Frahm | K | 6-5 | 230 | *Sr. | Omaha, Neb. |
| 40 | Aaron Kusler | LB | 6-2 | 220 | R-Fr. | Sioux Falls, S.D. | 98 | Ryan Van Marel | DT | 6-4 | 280 | Jr. | Sheldon, Iowa |
| 42 | Davion Sterner | LB | 6-0 | 190 | R-Fr. | Alvord, Iowa | 99 | Caleb Sanders | DT | 6-1 | 270 | *Sr. | Glenwood, Iowa |
| 43 | Adam Kusler | LB | 6-3 | 215 | R-Fr. | Sioux Falls, S.D. | 99 | Jack Green | K | 6-1 | 190 | Fr. | Rapid City, S.D. |
| 44 | Saiveon Williamson | LB | 6-1 | 205 | Jr. | Waseca, Minn. | | | | | | | |

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JOHN STIEGELMEIER

Head Coach

25th Season (178-108 record — all at SDSU)

Alma Mater: South Dakota State, 1979

FOOTBALL HONORS AND RECORDS:

- Ranks first on SDSU career football coaching victories list with 178-108 record (.622 winning percentage) in 24 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 20 of his 24 full seasons, including 15 of 17 at the Division I Football Championship Subdivision level
- Since moving to the Football Championship Subdivision in 2004, the Jackrabbits have a 136-75 overall record (.645 winning percentage)
- His 72 victories in Missouri Valley Football Conference play rank second in league history, while his 110 overall wins since joining the league in 2008 are third 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
- 2007 American Football Coaches Association FCS Region 5 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
- 2016 Bruce Craddock Missouri Valley Football Conference Coach of the Year after leading team to first MVFC title
- 2016 AFCA FCS Region 4 Coach of the Year
- Led SDSU to share of MVFC title during the 2020-21 spring season

PLAYOFF EXPERIENCE:

- Has led Jackrabbits to 10 FCS playoff appearances (2009, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020-21) and has an 11-10 playoff record
- SDSU hosted playoff games in 2012, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020-21
- The Jackrabbits reached the FCS semifinals in 2017, 2018 and 2020-21, and the national championship game in 2020-21
- SDSU has been a top-eight seed each of the last five seasons and was the No. 1 seed in 2020-21
- Served as a student assistant on SDSU's lone NCAA Division II playoff-qualifying team in 1979

OTHER NOTES:

- The Jackrabbits have compiled a 113-33 (.774) home record in Coach Stig's 25 seasons as head coach
- SDSU has a 234-147 (.614) overall record since Coach Stig joined the coaching staff as an full-time assistant in 1988 and has posted a winning record in 27 of 33 full seasons
- Served as secondary coach and recruiting coordinator from 1988-90 under Wayne Haensel
- Served as defensive coordinator from 1991-96 under Mike Daly
- Jackrabbit student-athletes have earned CoSIDA Academic All-America recognition 29 times during his tenure
- 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)
- No. 171 [clinch share of MVFC title]: SDSU 27, North Dakota State 17 (April 17, 2021, at Fargo, N.D.)
- No. 175: SDSU 42, Colorado State 23 (Sept. 3, 2021, at Fort Collins, Colo.)

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 CONF.

| YEAR | OVERALL | CONF |
|-----------------------|----------------|---------------|
| 2008 | 7-5 | 6-2 |
| 2009 | 8-4 | 7-1 |
| 2010 | 5-6 | 4-4 |
| 2011 | 5-6 | 4-4 |
| 2012 | 9-4 | 6-2 |
| 2013 | 9-5 | 5-3 |
| 2014 | 9-5 | 5-3 |
| 2015 | 8-4 | 5-3 |
| 2016 | 9-4 | 7-1 |
| 2017 | 11-3 | 6-2 |
| 2018 | 10-3 | 6-2 |
| 2019 | 8-5 | 5-3 |
| 2020-21 | 8-2 | 5-1 |
| 2021 | 4-1 | 1-1 |
| TOTALS | 110-57 | 72-32 |
| OVERALL TOTALS | 178-108 | 114-67 |



20-PIERRE STRONG, JR. 5-11, 205, Senior • Running Back Little Rock, Arkansas (McClellan H.S.)

FOOTBALL HONORS AND HIGHLIGHTS:

- Team Captain (2020-21, 2021)
- Stats Perform FCS Walter Payton Award Finalist (2020-21)
- AFCA FCS Coaches' All-America First Team (2020-21)
- Stats Perform FCS All-America Second Team (2020-21)
- HERO Sports All-America Second Team (2019)
- Associated Press All-America Third Team (2019)
- Phil Steele All-America First Team (2020-21)
- Phil Steele All-America Third Team (2019)
- HERO Sports FCS Freshman All-America First Team (2018)
- Phil Steele FCS Freshman All-America Second Team (2018)
- All-Missouri Valley Football Conference First Team (2019, 2020-21)
- MVFC Freshman of the Year (2018)
- MVFC All-Newcomer Team (2018)
- MVFC Offensive Player of the Week (Feb. 19, 2021; Sept. 25, 2021)
- MVFC Newcomer of the Week (Nov. 10, 2018; Nov. 17, 2018)
- Topped the 100-yard mark in five of the team's last six games in 2018 and 14 times in his career (two games with 200-plus yards)
- Scored a touchdown in final six games of the 2018 season, including three-touchdown performances at Southern Illinois (Nov. 10) and versus South Dakota (Nov. 17)
- Reached 1,000-yard mark on 100th carry of the 2018 season
- Posted 10th-best single-game rushing performance in school history with 253 yards on 17 carries in 2018 regular season finale versus South Dakota
- Moved into fifth place in career rushing at SDSU in Oct. 2 game against Dixie State
- His 27 career touchdown runs are eighth most in program history and have covered an average of 30.8 yards

SDSU CAREER RUSHING YARDS

| | |
|--|--------------|
| 1. Josh Ranek, 1997-2001 | 6,744 |
| 2. Zach Zenner, 2011-14 | 6,548 |
| 3. Kyle Minett, 2007-10 | 4,277 |
| 4. Anthony Watson, 2003-06 | 3,712 |
| 5. Pierre Strong, Jr., 2018-present | 3,489 |
| 6. Dan Sonnek, 1984-87 | 3,304 |
| 7. Les Tuma, 1970-73 | 3,018 |
| 8. Cory Koenig, 2004-07 | 2,990 |
| 9. Brady Mengarelli, 2014-17 | 2,677 |
| 10. Darwin Gonnerman, 1966-68 | 2,598 |

SDSU CAREER RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS

| | |
|---|-----------|
| 1. Josh Ranek, 1997-2001 | 62 |
| 2. Zach Zenner, 2011-14 | 61 |
| 3. Kyle Minett, 2007-10 | 47 |
| 4. Jerry Welch, 1951-54 | 34 |
| 5. Dan Sonnek, 1984-87 | 32 |
| 6. Scott Nedved, 1998-2002 | 30 |
| 7. Anthony Watson, 2003-06 | 29 |
| Pierre Strong, Jr., 2018-present | 29 |
| 9. Darwin Gonnerman, 1966-68 | 26 |
| Taryn Christion, 2015-18 | 26 |

PIERRE STRONG'S CAREER STATISTICS

| Year | Rush | Yds | Avg | TD | LG | Rec | Yds | TD | LG | KOR | Yds | Avg | TD | LG |
|---------------|------------|--------------|------------|-----------|------------|-----------|------------|----------|------------|----------|------------|-------------|----------|-----------|
| 2018 | 117 | 1,116 | 9.5 | 11 | *73 | 6 | 84 | 1 | *66 | 2 | 38 | 19.0 | 0 | 24 |
| 2019 | 143 | 1,018 | 7.1 | 8 | *64 | 14 | 169 | 1 | *45 | 2 | 69 | 34.5 | 0 | 47 |
| 2020-21 | 131 | 707 | 5.4 | 3 | *53 | 20 | 178 | 1 | 19 | 1 | 20 | 20.0 | 0 | 20 |
| 2021 | 75 | 648 | 8.6 | 7 | *85 | 9 | 82 | 0 | 32 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 |
| Career | 466 | 3,489 | 7.5 | 29 | *85 | 49 | 513 | 3 | *66 | 5 | 127 | 25.4 | 0 | 47 |

* denotes touchdown

PIERRE STRONG'S 2018 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

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

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SINGLE-GAME RUSHING YARDS

1. Zach Zenner33 carries, 295 yds.
• vs. Eastern Illinois, 11-24-2012 [FCS playoffs]
- Zach Zenner37 carries, 295 yds.
• at North Dakota, 9-7-2013
3. Josh Ranek41 carries, 291 yds.
• vs. St. Cloud State, 11-13-1999
4. Josh Ranek39 carries, 282 yds.
• at North Dakota State, 10-24-1998
5. Zach Zenner34 carries, 278 yds.
• at Southeastern Louisiana, 9-8-2012
6. Dan Sonnek41 carries, 268 yds.
• vs. Northern Colorado, 11-16-1985
7. Dan Sonnek40 carries, 266 yds.
• vs. Augustana, 10-26-1985
8. Cory Koenig21 carries, 259 yds.
• vs. Cal Poly, 10-20-2007
9. Josh Ranek26 carries, 254 yds.
• at North Dakota State, 10-20-2001
10. **Pierre Strong, Jr.17 carries, 253 yds.**
• vs. South Dakota, 11-17-2018

PIERRE STRONG'S 2019 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

| Game | Rush | Yds | TD | LG | Rec | Yds | TD | LG | KOR | Yds | TD | LG |
|----------------------|------------|--------------|----------|------------|-----------|------------|----------|------------|----------|-----------|----------|-----------|
| Minnesota | 12 | 53 | 0 | 13 | 2 | 59 | 0 | 39 | 1 | 47 | 0 | 47 |
| Long Island | 12 | 55 | 1 | 14 | 2 | 20 | 0 | 20 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Drake | 11 | 129 | 1 | *49 | 1 | -1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Southern Utah | 11 | 85 | 1 | 30 | 2 | 47 | 1 | *45 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Southern Illinois | 20 | 229 | 1 | *64 | 1 | -2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Youngstown State | 8 | 61 | 0 | 41 | 3 | 33 | 0 | 15 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Indiana State | 17 | 144 | 2 | 28 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| North Dakota State | 19 | 120 | 0 | 24 | 0 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Missouri State | 18 | 99 | 1 | 32 | 1 | -2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Illinois State | 12 | 29 | 1 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 22 | 0 | 22 |
| Northern Iowa | 3 | 14 | 0 | 8 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| South Dakota | DNP-Injury | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Northern Iowa | DNP-Injury | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Season Totals | 143 | 1,018 | 8 | *64 | 14 | 169 | 0 | *45 | 2 | 69 | 0 | 47 |

PIERRE STRONG'S 2020-21 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

| Game | Rush | Yds | TD | LG | Rec | Yds | TD | LG | KOR | Yds | TD | LG |
|----------------------|------------|------------|----------|------------|-----------|------------|----------|-----------|----------|-----------|----------|-----------|
| Northern Iowa | 22 | 91 | 0 | 32 | 6 | 31 | 1 | 11 | 1 | 20 | 0 | 20 |
| North Dakota | 17 | 95 | 0 | 29 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Western Illinois | 9 | 48 | 1 | 19 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Youngstown State | 21 | 124 | 0 | 30 | 2 | 7 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Southern Illinois | DNP-Injury | | | | | | | | | | | |
| North Dakota State | 11 | 95 | 1 | *53 | 4 | 50 | 0 | 16 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Holy Cross | 13 | 76 | 0 | 33 | 2 | 23 | 0 | 19 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Southern Illinois | 9 | 48 | 0 | 22 | 2 | 43 | 0 | 31 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Delaware | 14 | 73 | 1 | 11 | 2 | 13 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Sam Houston | 15 | 57 | 0 | 10 | 2 | 11 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Season Totals | 131 | 707 | 3 | *53 | 20 | 178 | 1 | 31 | 1 | 20 | 0 | 20 |

PIERRE STRONG'S 2021 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

| Game | Rush | Yds | TD | LG | Rec | Yds | TD | LG | KOR | Yds | TD | LG |
|----------------------|-----------|------------|----------|------------|----------|-----------|----------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Colorado State | 13 | 138 | 2 | *48 | 3 | 8 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Lindenwood | 7 | 110 | 1 | 68 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Indiana State | 20 | 150 | 0 | 27 | 2 | 23 | 0 | 15 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Dixie State | 15 | 88 | 2 | 30 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Southern Illinois | 20 | 162 | 2 | *85 | 4 | 51 | 0 | 32 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Season Totals | 75 | 648 | 7 | *85 | 9 | 82 | 0 | 32 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |



12-LOGAN BACKHAUS

6-4, 210, Senior • Linebacker

Spirit Lake, Iowa (Spirit Lake H.S.)

FOOTBALL HONORS AND HIGHLIGHTS:

- Team Captain (2019, 2020-21, 2021)
- Athlon Sports FCS All-America Team (2020-21)
- HERO Sports FCS All-America Team (2020-21)
- Stats Perform FCS All-America Second Team (2020-21)
- Phil Steele FCS All-America Third Team (2020-21)
- All-Missouri Valley Football Conference First Team (2020-21)
- MVFC Honorable Mention (2019)
- MVFC All-Newcomer Team (2017)
- CoSIDA Academic All-America Second Team (2020-21) while majoring in biotechnology and pre-medicine
- CoSIDA Academic All-District (2020-21)
- MVFC All-Academic First Team (2020-21)
- MVFC All-Academic Second Team (2019)
- MVFC Commissioner's Academic Excellence Award (2017, 2018, 2019, 2020-21)
- MVFC Honor Roll (2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020-21)

LOGAN BACKHAUS' CAREER STATISTICS

| YEAR | G | SOLO | AST | TOTAL | TFL-Yds | SACK-Yds | PBU | INT-Yds | BK | FR-Yds | FF |
|---------------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|----------------|---------------|-----------|------------|----------|------------|----------|
| 2017 | 12 | 42 | 13 | 55 | 5.0-8 | 1.0-3 | 2 | 2-5 | 0 | 0-0 | 2 |
| 2018 | 13 | 40 | 21 | 61 | 4.0-14 | 1.0-5 | 3 | 2-0 | 1 | 1-0 | 0 |
| 2019 | 13 | 45 | 34 | 79 | 5.5-13 | 1.0-3 | 5 | 4-0 | 1 | 0-0 | 3 |
| 2020-21 | 10 | 48 | 24 | 72 | 9.5-22 | 2.0-10 | 1 | 1-0 | 0 | 0-0 | 1 |
| 2021 | 5 | 11 | 9 | 20 | 1.0-1 | 0-0 | 2 | 0-0 | 0 | 0-0 | 0 |
| CAREER | 53 | 186 | 101 | 287 | 25.0-58 | 5.0-21 | 13 | 9-5 | 2 | 1-0 | 6 |

LOGAN BACKHAUS' 2017 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

| Game | Solo | Ast | Total | TFL-Yds | Sack-Yds | Int-Yds | FF | FR |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------------|--------------|------------|----------|----------|
| Duquesne | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1-0 | 0 | 0 |
| Montana State | 5 | 2 | 7 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |
| Drake | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1-5 | 0 | 0 |
| Youngstown St. | 4 | 2 | 6 | 1.0-1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |
| Southern Illinois | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |
| Northern Iowa | 6 | 1 | 7 | 1.0-3 | 1.0-3 | 0-0 | 1 | 0 |
| Missouri State | | DNP | | | | | | |
| Western Illinois | | DNP | | | | | | |
| North Dakota St. | 4 | 0 | 4 | 1.0-2 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |
| Illinois State | 4 | 1 | 5 | 1.0-1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |
| South Dakota | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |
| Northern Iowa | 8 | 0 | 8 | 1.0-1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1 | 0 |
| New Hampshire | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |
| James Madison | 5 | 3 | 8 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |
| Season Totals | 42 | 13 | 55 | 5.0-8 | 1.0-3 | 2-5 | 2 | 0 |

LOGAN BACKHAUS' 2018 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

| Game | Solo | Ast | Total | TFL-Yds | Sack-Yds | Int-Yds | FF | FR |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------------|--------------|------------|----------|----------|
| Montana State | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |
| Ark.-Pine Bluff | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 1 |
| North Dakota St. | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |
| Indiana State | 4 | 1 | 5 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |
| Youngstown St. | 3 | 3 | 6 | 1.0-4 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |
| Northern Iowa | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |
| Illinois State | 2 | 3 | 5 | 0.5-1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |
| Missouri State | 5 | 0 | 5 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1-0 | 0 | 0 |
| Southern Illinois | 3 | 4 | 7 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |
| South Dakota | 3 | 2 | 5 | 0.5-1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |
| Duquesne | 3 | 4 | 7 | 1.0-5 | 1.0-5 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |
| Kennesaw State | 6 | 0 | 6 | 1.0-3 | 0-0 | 1-0 | 0 | 0 |
| North Dakota St. | 3 | 2 | 5 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |
| Season Totals | 40 | 21 | 61 | 4.0-14 | 1.0-5 | 2-0 | 0 | 1 |

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LOGAN BACKHAUS' 2019 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

| Game | Solo | Ast | Total | TFL-Yds | Sack-Yds | Int-Yds | FF | FR |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------------|--------------|------------|----------|----------|
| Minnesota | 3 | 5 | 8 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |
| Long Island | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |
| Drake | 4 | 2 | 6 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1-0 | 0 | 0 |
| Southern Utah | 6 | 5 | 11 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |
| Southern Illinois | 5 | 6 | 11 | 1.5-5 | 1.0-3 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |
| Youngstown St. | 8 | 0 | 8 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1 | 0 |
| Indiana State | 2 | 3 | 5 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1 | 0 |
| North Dakota St. | 2 | 1 | 3 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |
| Missouri State | 4 | 2 | 6 | 1.0-2 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |
| Illinois State | 2 | 4 | 6 | 1.0-3 | 0-0 | 1-0 | 0 | 0 |
| Northern Iowa | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1-0 | 0 | 0 |
| South Dakota | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1-0 | 0 | 0 |
| Northern Iowa | 4 | 2 | 6 | 2.0-3 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1 | 0 |
| Season Totals | 45 | 34 | 79 | 5.5-13 | 1.0-3 | 4-0 | 3 | 0 |

LOGAN BACKHAUS' 2020-21 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

| Game | Solo | Ast | Total | TFL-Yds | Sack-Yds | Int-Yds | FF | FR |
|---------------|------|-----|-------|---------|----------|---------|----|----|
| Northern Iowa | 5 | 0 | 5 | 2.0-3 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |
| North Dakota | 5 | 6 | 11 | 1.0-2 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |

| | | | | | | | | |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------------|---------------|------------|----------|----------|
| Western Illinois | 4 | 2 | 6 | 1.0-1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |
| Youngstown St. | 3 | 2 | 5 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |
| Southern Illinois | 3 | 5 | 8 | 0.5-0 | 0-0 | 1-0 | 0 | 0 |
| North Dakota St. | 2 | 2 | 4 | 1.0-1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |
| Holy Cross | 4 | 0 | 4 | 2.0-10 | 2.0-10 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |
| Southern Illinois | 12 | 2 | 14 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |
| Delaware | 7 | 5 | 12 | 2.0-5 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |
| Sam Houston | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1 | 0 |
| Season Totals | 48 | 24 | 72 | 9.5-22 | 2.0-10 | 1-0 | 1 | 0 |

LOGAN BACKHAUS' 2021 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

| Game | Solo | Ast | Total | TFL-Yds | Sack-Yds | Int-Yds | FF | FR |
|----------------------|-----------|----------|-----------|--------------|------------|------------|----------|----------|
| Colorado State | 4 | 3 | 7 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |
| Lindenwood | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |
| Indiana State | 2 | 6 | 8 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |
| Dixie State | 3 | 0 | 3 | 1.0-1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |
| Southern Illinois | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |
| Season Totals | 11 | 9 | 20 | 1.0-1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |



32-ADAM BOCK

**6-1, 215, Sophomore • Linebacker
Solon, Iowa (Solon H.S.)**

FOOTBALL HONORS AND HIGHLIGHTS:

- HERO Sports FCS Freshman All-America Team (2020-21)
- Missouri Valley Football Conference All-Newcomer Team (2020-21)
- MVFC Defensive Player of the Week (April 17, 2021)
- MVFC Commissioner's Academic Excellence Award (2020-21)
- MVFC Honor Roll (2019, 2020-21)

ADAM BOCK'S CAREER STATISTICS

| YEAR | G | SOLO | AST | TOTAL | TFL-Yds | SACK-Yds | PBU | INT-Yds | BK | FR-Yds | FF |
|---------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|---------------|---------------|----------|-------------|----------|------------|----------|
| 2019 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0-0 | 0 |
| 2020-21 | 10 | 36 | 38 | 74 | 5.5-20 | 2.0-15 | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0-0 | 0 |
| 2021 | 5 | 21 | 20 | 41 | 3.0-5 | 0.5-2 | 3 | 1-16 | 0 | 0-0 | 1 |
| CAREER | 19 | 60 | 59 | 119 | 8.5-25 | 2.5-17 | 3 | 1-16 | 0 | 0-0 | 1 |

ADAM BOCK'S 2019 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

| Game | Solo | Ast | Total | TFL-Yds | Sack-Yds | Int-Yds | FF | FR |
|----------------------|----------|----------|----------|------------|------------|------------|----------|----------|
| Drake | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |
| North Dakota St. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |
| Illinois State | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |
| Northern Iowa | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |
| Season Totals | 3 | 1 | 4 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |

ADAM BOCK'S 2021 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

| Game | Solo | Ast | Total | TFL-Yds | Sack-Yds | Int-Yds | FF | FR |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------------|--------------|-------------|----------|----------|
| Colorado State | 7 | 1 | 8 | 2.0-3 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |
| Lindenwood | 2 | 1 | 3 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |
| Indiana State | 0 | 10 | 10 | 0.5-0 | 0-0 | 1-16 | 0 | 0 |
| Dixie State | 2 | 1 | 3 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |
| Southern Illinois | 10 | 7 | 17 | 0.5-2 | 0.5-2 | 0-0 | 1 | 0 |
| Season Totals | 21 | 20 | 41 | 3.0-5 | 0.5-2 | 1-16 | 1 | 0 |

ADAM BOCK'S 2020-21 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

| Game | Solo | Ast | Total | TFL-Yds | Sack-Yds | Int-Yds | FF | FR |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------------|---------------|------------|----------|----------|
| Northern Iowa | 4 | 1 | 5 | 1.0-7 | 1.0-7 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |
| North Dakota | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |
| Western Illinois | 3 | 5 | 8 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |
| Youngstown St. | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |
| Southern Illinois | 2 | 8 | 10 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |
| North Dakota St. | 8 | 5 | 13 | 2.5-4 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |
| Holy Cross | 3 | 6 | 9 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |
| Southern Illinois | 7 | 6 | 13 | 1.0-1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |
| Delaware | 4 | 2 | 6 | 1.0-8 | 1.0-8 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |
| Sam Houston | 4 | 4 | 8 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |
| Season Totals | 36 | 38 | 74 | 5.5-20 | 2.0-15 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |



6-CHRIS OLADOKUN

6-1 220, Graduate Transfer • Quarterback

Tampa, Florida (Sickles H.S./South Florida/Samford)

FOOTBALL HONORS AND HIGHLIGHTS:

- First season at South Dakota State
- Previously started games at South Florida and Samford
- Missouri Valley Football Conference Co-Newcomer of the Week (Sept. 3 at Colorado State)
- Currently leads the Football Championship Subdivision in passing efficiency (183.58)

CHRIS OLADOKUN'S CAREER STATISTICS

| Year | GP | Eff. | Comp | Att | Int | Pct. | Yds | TD | LG | Rush | Yds | TD | LG |
|-------------------------|-----------|---------------|------------|------------|-----------|-------------|--------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|
| 2017 (at South Florida) | 2 | 200.80 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 100.0 | 12 | 0 | 12 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| 2018 (at South Florida) | 6 | 122.36 | 22 | 44 | 1 | 50.0 | 285 | 3 | 72 | 25 | 19 | 0 | 22 |
| 2019 (at Samford) | 12 | 142.38 | 169 | 272 | 7 | 62.1 | 2,058 | 18 | 82 | 127 | 491 | 8 | 37 |
| 2020-21 (at Samford) | 7 | 97.97 | 37 | 56 | 2 | 67.1 | 221 | 1 | 23 | 22 | 26 | 2 | 33 |
| 2021 (at SDSU) | 5 | 179.49 | 73 | 111 | 2 | 65.8 | 1,079 | 12 | 55 | 14 | 58 | 1 | 18 |
| Career | 32 | 144.05 | 302 | 484 | 12 | 61.6 | 3,655 | 34 | 82 | 189 | 595 | 11 | 37 |

* denotes touchdown

CHRIS OLADOKUN'S 2021 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

| Game | Comp | Att | Int | Yds | TD | LG | Rush | Yds | TD | LG |
|----------------------|-----------|------------|----------|--------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|-----------|
| ^Colorado State | 18 | 28 | 0 | 224 | 2 | 46 | 2 | 19 | 1 | *11 |
| ^Lindenwood | 12 | 13 | 0 | 171 | 4 | 55 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| ^Indiana State+ | 12 | 21 | 0 | 216 | 3 | *42 | 3 | 30 | 0 | 18 |
| ^Dixie State | 8 | 18 | 0 | 110 | 2 | 39 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 9 |
| ^Southern Illinois | 23 | 31 | 2 | 358 | 1 | 52 | 5 | 8 | 0 | 9 |
| Season Totals | 73 | 111 | 2 | 1,079 | 12 | 55 | 14 | 58 | 1 | 18 |

+ caught 22-yard touchdown pass

FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP SUBDIVISION POLLS

STATS PERFORM FCS POLL – OCT. 11

| PL. | SCHOOL | 2021 RECORD | POINTS | PR |
|-----|-------------------------------|-------------|--------------|-----------|
| 1. | Sam Houston [39] | 5-0 | 1,229 | 1 |
| 2. | Eastern Washington [9] | 6-0 | 1,186 | 6 |
| 3. | North Dakota State [2] | 5-0 | 1,174 | 5 |
| 4. | Southern Illinois | 5-1 | 1,081 | 8 |
| 5. | Montana | 4-1 | 996 | 4 |
| 6. | Villanova | 4-1 | 977 | 12 |
| 7. | South Dakota State | 4-1 | 972 | 2 |
| 8. | James Madison | 4-1 | 906 | 3 |
| 9. | Montana State | 5-1 | 881 | 11 |
| 10. | East Tennessee State | 6-0 | 796 | 13 |
| 11. | Southeastern Louisiana | 4-1 | 741 | 14 |
| 12. | Rhode Island | 5-0 | 694 | 21 |
| 13. | UC Davis | 5-1 | 564 | 7 |
| 14. | Delaware | 3-2 | 559 | 9 |
| 15. | Kennesaw State | 4-1 | 543 | 20 |
| 16. | Northern Iowa | 3-2 | 410 | 15 |
| 17. | UT Martin | 4-1 | 409 | 23 |
| 18. | Incarnate Word | 4-1 | 344 | 24 |
| 19. | Weber State | 2-3 | 330 | 19 |
| 20. | Missouri State | 3-2 | 285 | 16 |
| 21. | South Dakota | 4-2 | 229 | NR |
| 22. | North Dakota | 2-3 | 216 | 10 |
| 23. | New Hampshire | 3-2 | 124 | 25 |
| 24. | Jacksonville State | 3-3 | 122 | 17 |
| 25. | Princeton | 4-0 | 88 | 25 |

Others receiving votes: Mercer 78; Jackson State 63; Virginia Military Institute 60; Duquesne 48; Harvard 36; William & Mary 28; Central Arkansas 21; **Youngstown State 20**; Stephen F. Austin 11; Nicholls 10; Eastern Kentucky 9; Prairie View A&M 8.

Notes: First-place votes in brackets; 2021 opponents listed in **bold**.

AFCA FCS COACHES' POLL – OCT. 11

| PL. | SCHOOL | 2021 RECORD | POINTS | PR |
|-----|---------------------------|-------------|------------|-----------|
| 1. | Sam Houston [27] | 5-0 | 698 | 1 |
| 2. | Eastern Washington [1] | 6-0 | 664 | 4 |
| 3. | North Dakota State | 5-0 | 639 | 5 |
| 4. | Southern Illinois | 5-1 | 588 | 7 |
| 5. | Villanova | 4-1 | 566 | 9 |
| 6. | Montana | 4-1 | 562 | 6 |
| 7. | James Madison | 4-1 | 508 | 2 |
| 8. | South Dakota State | 4-1 | 483 | 3 |
| 9. | Montana State | 5-1 | 475 | 11 |
| 10. | East Tennessee State | 6-0 | 467 | 13 |
| 11. | Southeastern Louisiana | 4-1 | 413 | 14 |
| 12. | UC Davis | 5-1 | 346 | 8 |
| 13. | Kennesaw State | 4-1 | 336 | 17 |
| 14. | Rhode Island | 5-0 | 334 | 20 |
| 15. | Delaware | 3-2 | 261 | 10 |
| 16. | UT Martin | 4-1 | 253 | 21 |
| 17. | Northern Iowa | 3-2 | 244 | 12 |
| 18. | Weber State | 2-3 | 207 | 18 |
| 19. | Harvard | 4-0 | 142 | 22 |
| 20. | Princeton | 4-0 | 125 | 24 |
| 21. | South Dakota | 4-2 | 104 | NR |
| 22. | Jacksonville State | 3-3 | 102 | 23 |
| 23. | Missouri State | 3-2 | 95 | 16 |
| 24. | North Dakota | 2-3 | 94 | 15 |
| 25. | Jackson State | 4-1 | 73 | NR |

Top Teams Receiving Votes: Mercer 66; Eastern Kentucky 50; New Hampshire 44; Virginia Military Institute 43; Incarnate Word 26; Duquesne 19; William & Mary 19; Florida A&M 10; Central Arkansas 9; Yale 8; North Carolina A&T 7; Stephen F. Austin 6; Chattanooga 5; Holy Cross 3; Dartmouth 2; Elon 2; Monmouth (N.J.) 1; Nicholls 1.

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

MISSOURI VALLEY FOOTBALL CONFERENCE

2021 MVFC STANDINGS

| SCHOOL | CONFERENCE | PF | PA | OVERALL | PF | PA |
|--------------------|------------|-----|-----|---------|-----|-----|
| Southern Illinois | 3-0 | 118 | 88 | 5-1 | 233 | 143 |
| North Dakota State | 2-0 | 50 | 30 | 5-0 | 177 | 43 |
| South Dakota | 2-1 | 81 | 54 | 4-2 | 177 | 92 |
| Missouri State | 2-1 | 105 | 84 | 3-2 | 164 | 141 |
| South Dakota State | 1-1 | 85 | 42 | 4-1 | 234 | 79 |
| Northern Iowa | 1-1 | 54 | 41 | 3-2 | 142 | 76 |
| Indiana State | 1-2 | 47 | 109 | 3-3 | 102 | 175 |
| Youngstown State | 1-2 | 83 | 105 | 2-3 | 141 | 188 |
| Western Illinois | 1-2 | 95 | 103 | 1-5 | 179 | 238 |
| North Dakota | 0-2 | 23 | 36 | 2-3 | 120 | 98 |
| Illinois State | 0-2 | 37 | 76 | 2-3 | 117 | 135 |

SCHEDULE AND RECENT RESULTS

SATURDAY, OCT. 9

*Indiana State 37, Western Illinois 27
 *North Dakota State 34, Northern Iowa 20
 *Youngstown State 41, Missouri State 33
 *Southern Illinois 42, SDSU 41 [OT]
 *South Dakota 20, North Dakota 13

SATURDAY, OCT. 16

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

All times Central

2021 PRESEASON POLL

| | | |
|-----|-------------------------|-----|
| 1. | South Dakota State [24] | 454 |
| 2. | North Dakota State [18] | 435 |
| 3. | North Dakota | 357 |
| 4. | Southern Illinois | 345 |
| 5. | Northern Iowa [1] | 311 |
| 6. | Missouri State | 256 |
| 7. | Illinois State | 196 |
| 8. | South Dakota | 163 |
| 9. | Youngstown State | 126 |
| 10. | Indiana State | 112 |
| 11. | Western Illinois | 83 |



#3/4 SDSU 42, COLORADO STATE 23

Sept. 3, 2021 • Canvas Stadium (Att.: 32,327)

FORT COLLINS, Colo. – Transfer quarterback Chris Oladokun threw two touchdown passes and ran for another in his Jackrabbit debut, helping lead a balanced South Dakota State team to an emphatic 42-23 victory over Colorado State in the season opener for both teams Sept. 3 at Canvas Stadium.

The Jackrabbits, ranked third in the Football Championship Subdivision media poll and fourth in the coaches' poll, never trailed in recording their second victory over a Football Bowl Subdivision opponent since moving to the Division I ranks in 2004.

SDSU running back Pierre Strong, Jr. opened the scoring with the first of his two touchdowns on the night, breaking through the left side of the line for a 48-yard scoring run.

Colorado State answered with a 17-play, 75-yard drive to knot the game at 7-all early in the second quarter. David Bailey capped the five-and-a-half-minute march with a 1-yard touchdown run.

The Jackrabbits sandwiched two 75-yard touchdown drives of their own around a Rams field goal late in the second quarter to build a 21-10 halftime advantage. Oladokun connected with Jadon Janke on a 10-yard pass for the first touchdown and Strong added a 12-yard touchdown run with 49 seconds remaining. The second Jackrabbit scoring drive took six plays and all of 38 seconds and was set up by a 46-yard pass from Oladokun to Janke.

The Oladokun-to-Jadon Janke connection continued to pay dividends in the third quarter as the duo hooked up on a 17-yard touchdown. That came two plays after the Jackrabbit defense, led by Joshua Manchigiah and Malik Lofton, stuffed Colorado State on a fourth-and-1 play.

The Jackrabbit lead grew to 35-10 late in the third quarter as Isaiah Davis plunged in from 2 yards out following a CSU fumble.

Oladokun tallied the final Jackrabbit touchdown an 11-yard run midway through the fourth quarter to complete another 75-yard scoring drive. The Tampa, Florida, native ended the night 18-of-28 passing for 224 yards. Jadon Janke recorded six catches for 92 yards and the two scores with Tucker Kraft adding a career-high five catches for 53 yards.

Colorado State scored a pair of fourth-quarter touchdowns against SDSU reserves, including Bailey's second touchdown of the game on an 11-yard pass from Todd Centeio.

SDSU finished with nearly a 50-50 split in offense, posting 242 yards on the ground and 224 through the air for a narrow 466-462 advantage in total offense. Strong gained 138 yards on 13 carries, with Davis contributing 84 yards on 15 attempts.

For CSU, Centeio completed 29-of-42 attempts for 304 yards, with Trey McBride hauling in a game-high 13 passes for 116 yards and Dante Wright adding six catches for 103 yards. Bailey gained 46 rushing yards on 19 carries.

Isaiah Stalbird paced the Jackrabbit defense with nine tackles, while Adam Bock registered eight tackles. Tywan Francis posted a game-high 11 tackles for CSU.



Chris Oladokun had a hand in three South Dakota State touchdowns — two passing and one rushing — as the Jackrabbits knocked off Colorado State in the season opener.

| SCORE BY QUARTERS | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | FINAL |
|--------------------------|---|----|----|----|-------|
| South Dakota State (1-0) | 7 | 14 | 14 | 7 | 42 |
| Colorado State (0-1) | 0 | 10 | 0 | 13 | 23 |

SCORING SUMMARY

| | | |
|-----|-------|--|
| 1st | 2:22 | SDSU – Pierre Strong, Jr. 48 yd run (Cole Frahm kick) |
| 2nd | 11:41 | CSU – David Bailey 1 yd run (Cayden Camper kick) |
| 2nd | 5:29 | SDSU – Jadon Janke 10 yd pass from Chris Oladokun (Frahm kick) |
| 2nd | 1:27 | CSU – Camper 35 yd field goal |
| 2nd | 00:49 | SDSU – Strong 12 yd run (Frahm kick) |
| 3rd | 10:56 | SDSU – Janke 17 pass from Oladokun (Frahm kick) |
| 3rd | 1:29 | SDSU – Isaiah Davis 2 yd run (Frahm kick) |
| 4th | 12:53 | CSU – Bailey 11 yd pass from Todd Centeio (pass failed) |
| 4th | 8:35 | SDSU – Oladokun 11 yd run (Frahm kick) |
| 4th | 6:33 | CSU – Jaylen Thomas 4 yd run (Camper kick) |

TEAM STATISTICS

| | SDSU | CSU |
|----------------------------|---------|----------|
| FIRST DOWNS | 22 | 28 |
| RUSHES-YARDS (NET) | 34-242 | 40-124 |
| PASSING YDS (NET) | 224 | 338 |
| Passes Att-Comp-Int | 28-18-0 | 49-33-1 |
| TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS | 62-466 | 89-462 |
| Fumble Returns-Yards | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| Punt Returns-Yards | 2-6 | 2-8 |
| Kickoff Returns-Yards | 1-(-2) | 0-0 |
| Interception Returns-Yards | 1-0 | 0-0 |
| Punts (Number-Avg) | 4-42.0 | 4-55.0 |
| Fumbles-Lost | 1-0 | 1-1 |
| Penalties-Yards | 6-42 | 5-50 |
| Possession Time | 30:27 | 29:33 |
| Third-Down Conversions | 5 of 11 | 10 of 19 |
| Fourth-Down Conversions | 1 of 1 | 2 of 4 |
| Red-Zone Scores-Chances | 5-5 | 4-5 |
| Sacks By: Number-Yards | 3-10 | 0-0 |

RUSHING LEADERS: SDSU - Pierre Strong, Jr. 13-138; Isaiah Davis 15-84; Chris Oladokun 2-19; Amar Johnson 3-4. CSU - David Bailey 19-46; Marcus McElroy, Jr. 2-35; Evan Olaes 6-16; A'Jon Vivens 3-11. **PASSING LEADERS:** SDSU - Chris Oladokun 18-28-0 224. CSU - Todd Centeio 29-42-0 304; Evan Olaes 3-6-1 22; Justice McCoy 1-1-0 12. **RECEIVING LEADERS:** SDSU - Jadon Janke 6-92-58; Tucker Kraft 5-53; Jaxon Janke 3-58; Pierre Strong, Jr. 3-8. CSU - Trey McBride 13-116; Dante Wright 6-103; Ty McCullough 3-36; David Bailey 3-23. **INTERCEPTIONS:** SDSU - Daeton Mcgaughy 1-0. CSU - none. **SACKS:** SDSU - Caleb Sanders 1.0-7; Kinser Madison 1.0-2; Graham Spalding 1.0-1. CSU - none. **TACKLE LEADERS (UA-A-TOT):** SDSU - Isaiah Stalbird 4-5-9; Adam Bock 7-1-8; Logan Backhaus 4-3-7; Graham Spalding 4-3-7. CSU - Tywan Francis 5-6-11; Henry Blackburn 4-6-10; Cam'Ron Carter 3-4-7.

#2/3 SDSU 52, LINDENWOOD 7

Sept. 11, 2021 • Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium (Att.: 15,162)

South Dakota State scored on all seven of its first-half drives, ending four of those drives on touchdown passes from Chris Oladokun, as the second-ranked Jackrabbits rolled past Lindenwood, 52-7, before a crowd of 15,162 at Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium.

With the win, SDSU improved to 2-0 on the season. Lindenwood, an NCAA Division II program, dropped to 0-2.

The Jackrabbits needed only three plays after the opening kickoff to crack the scoring column. On the first play from scrimmage, Oladokun hooked up with Jaxon Janke deep along the right hash for a 55-yard pass play to the Lion 20. Pierre Strong, Jr. did the rest, gaining 13 yards on his first carry of the night before scoring from 7 yards out a minute and 13 seconds into the contest.

Oladokun found tight end Zach Heins for touchdowns of 4 and 2 yards on the next two Jackrabbit possessions to put SDSU up 21-0 late in the first quarter.

The SDSU onslaught continued in the second quarter as the Jackrabbits put 24 more points on the board. Oladokun worked with another Jackrabbit tight end, Tucker Kraft, for a pair of scores four minutes apart, covering 5 and 13 yards to push the lead to 35-0.

All five of the Jackrabbits' touchdown drives to that point canvassed at least 71 yards.

Oladokun was an efficient 12-for-13 passing for 171 yards and the four touchdowns. Kraft caught a team-high four passes for 38 yards.

SDSU pulled its starters midway through the second quarter and backup quarterback Keaton Heide led the Jackrabbits on two more scoring drives in the opening half. The first drive ended with a career-long 54-yard field goal by Cole Frahm, with the second culminating on a 14-yard touchdown pass from Heide to Mason Leighton in the right corner of the end zone.

The Jackrabbits finished the first half with 426 yards of total offense and ended the night with a 560-196 advantage for the game. SDSU rushed for 330 yards and threw for 230 as Heide completed 3-of-5 passes for 54 yards and Rudy Voss completed his first collegiate pass attempt for five yards. Eight different Jackrabbits tallied at least one reception.

Third-string running back Amar Johnson capped the Jackrabbit scoring with a 1-yard touchdown run midway through the third quarter to finish off a seven-play, 71-yard drive.

Lindenwood ended SDSU's shutout bid on the first play of the fourth quarter as Payton Rose hauled in a 37-yard touchdown pass from Cade Brister.

The Jackrabbit defense limited Lindenwood to 84 net yards rushing with the help of three sacks. Nash Sutherlin tallied 33 yards on 11 carries, with Brister gaining 21 yards on the ground and throwing for 112 on 9-of-18 passing.

Both Strong and Johnson topped the century mark for SDSU. Strong gained 110 yards on only seven carries, while Johnson, filling in for an injured Isaiah Davis, collected 105 yards on 15 attempts.

Daeton Mcgaughy led the Jackrabbit defense with five tackles. Payton Shafer recorded two of SDSU's 10 tackles for loss, including a sack.



Zach Heins caught two first-quarter touchdown passes of 4 and 2 yards to help lift the Jackrabbits to a 52-7 nonconference win over Lindenwood.

| SCORE BY QUARTERS | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | FINAL |
|--------------------------|----|----|---|---|-------|
| Lindenwood (0-2) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 7 |
| South Dakota State (2-0) | 21 | 24 | 7 | 0 | 52 |

SCORING SUMMARY

| | | | |
|-----|-------|------|---|
| 1st | 13:47 | SDSU | - Pierre Strong, Jr. 7 yd run (Cole Frahm kick) |
| 1st | 7:20 | SDSU | - Zach Heins 4 yd pass from Chris Oladokun (Frahm kick) |
| 1st | 2:21 | SDSU | - Heins 2 yd pass from Oladokun (Frahm kick) |
| 2nd | 12:42 | SDSU | - Tucker Kraft 5 yd pass from Oladokun (Frahm kick) |
| 2nd | 8:36 | SDSU | - Kraft 13 yd pass from Oladokun (Frahm kick) |
| 2nd | 3:07 | SDSU | - Frahm 54 yd field goal |
| 2nd | 00:30 | SDSU | - Mason Leighton 14 yd pass from Keaton Heide (Frahm kick) |
| 3rd | 7:02 | SDSU | - Amar Johnson 1 yd run (Hunter Dustman kick) |
| 4th | 14:52 | LIN | - Payton Rose 37 yd pass from Cade Brister (Logan Seibert kick) |

TEAM STATISTICS

| | LIN | SDSU |
|----------------------------|---------|---------|
| FIRST DOWNS | 10 | 26 |
| RUSHES-YARDS (NET) | 31-84 | 41-330 |
| PASSING YDS (NET) | 112 | 230 |
| Passes Att-Comp-Int | 18-9-1 | 19-16-0 |
| TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS | 49-196 | 61-560 |
| Fumble Returns-Yards | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| Punt Returns-Yards | 1-37 | 1-0 |
| Kickoff Returns-Yards | 4-107 | 1-18 |
| Interception Returns-Yards | 0-0 | 1-0 |
| Punts (Number-Avg) | 7-35.1 | 2-44.0 |
| Fumbles-Lost | 1-0 | 0-0 |
| Penalties-Yards | 5-50 | 3-20 |
| Possession Time | 25:28 | 34:32 |
| Third-Down Conversions | 3 of 11 | 7 of 10 |
| Fourth-Down Conversions | 0 of 1 | 0 of 0 |
| Red-Zone Scores-Chances | 0-0 | 7-7 |
| Sacks By: Number-Yards | 0-0 | 3-23 |

RUSHING LEADERS: LIN - Nash Sutherlin 11-33; Cade Brister 13-21; Robert Giaimo 6-20; Spencer Redd 1-10. SDSU - Pierre Strong, Jr. 7-110; Amar Johnson 15-105; Isaiah Davis 3-41; Angel Johnson 6-29; Josh Buri 6-21; Rudy Voss 3-14; Keaton Heide 1-10. **PASSING LEADERS:** LIN - Cade Brister 9-18-1 112. SDSU - Chris Oladokun 12-13-0 171; Keaton Heide 3-5-0 54; Rudy Voss 1-1-0 5. **RECEIVING LEADERS:** LIN - Payton Rose 3-53; Nash Sutherlin 3-9. SDSU - Tucker Kraft 4-38; Jaxon Janke 3-41; Jaxon Janke 2-64; Mason Leighton 2-43; Zach Heins 2-6. **INTERCEPTIONS:** LIN - none. SDSU - Graham Spalding 1-0. **SACKS:** LIN - none. SDSU - Payton Shafer 1.0-11; Reece Winkelman 1.0-8; Thomas Stacker 0.5-2; Quinton Hicks 0.5-2. **TACKLE LEADERS (UA-A-TOT):** LIN - Andre Rodriguez 6-0-6; Drew Seers 5-1-6; Lloyd Lockett 2-3-5. SDSU - Daeton Mcgaughy 1-4-5; Kinser Madison 3-1-4; Caleb Sanders 2-2-4.

GAME 3 RECAP

#2/3 SDSU 44, INDIANA STATE 0

Sept. 25, 2021 • Memorial Stadium (Att.: 6,652)

TERRE HAUTE, Ind. – Big plays on offense and a stifling defense propelled South Dakota State to a 44-0 shutout victory over Indiana State in the Missouri Valley Football Conference opener for both teams Sept. 25 at Memorial Stadium.

The Jackrabbits, ranked second in the Stats Perform Football Championship Subdivision media poll and third in the coaches' rankings, improved to 3-0 overall. Indiana State dropped to 2-2 overall.

South Dakota State asserted itself early, taking the opening kickoff and digging deep into the playbook for the opening salvo. Running back Pierre Strong, Jr. took a handoff, rolled right and threw back across the field to quarterback Chris Oladokun for a 22-yard touchdown.

All four of the Jackrabbits' first-half touchdowns would come via the air as Oladokun connected with Jadon Janke on a 33-yard scoring strike later in the first quarter, then hooked up with Tucker Kraft for a 26-yard touchdown and a 42-yard catch and run by Jaxon Janke two minutes apart in the second quarter.

Strong topped the 100-yard mark for the third time in as many games this season, reaching the mark before halftime en route to 150 yards on 20 carries.

Cole Frahm added field goals of 45 and 32 yards in the first half to help give the Jackrabbits a 34-0 halftime lead, then booted his career-best third field goal, a 27-yarder in the third quarter to up the lead to 37-0.

The Jackrabbit defense, meanwhile, held Indiana State to 0-for-3 in red-zone opportunities and stopped the Sycamores on all four of their fourth-down attempts. Adam Bock led the effort with 10 tackles and an interception, followed by eight tackles from Logan Backhaus.

Backup running back Amar Johnson closed the scoring with a 22-yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter, capping a five-play, 92-yard drive in which he also had a 34-yard reception on the play preceding his score.

SDSU finished with a 517-226 advantage in total offense. Oladokun completed 12-of-21 passes for 216 yards, while Kraft led the receiving corps with five catches for 85 yards.

Peterson Kerlegrand accounted for the bulk of the Indiana State offense, gaining 76 yards on 21 carries and tallying 50 yards on two receptions. Kurtis Wilderman was 9-of-22 passing for 89 yards, with Anthony Thompson going 5-for-6 through the air for 59 yards.



The South Dakota State defense held Indiana State to 226 yards of total offense in a 44-0 shutout victory on Sept. 25. The shutout was the first by a Jackrabbit squad since 2015.

| SCORE BY QUARTERS | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | FINAL |
|-------------------------------|----|----|---|---|-------|
| South Dakota State (3-0, 1-0) | 17 | 17 | 3 | 7 | 44 |
| Indiana State (2-2, 0-1) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

SCORING SUMMARY

| | | | |
|-----|-------|------|---|
| 1st | 12:55 | SDSU | – Chris Oladokun 22 yd pass from Pierre Strong, Jr. (Cole Frahm kick) |
| 1st | 5:37 | SDSU | – Jadon Janke 33 yd pass from Oladokun (Frahm kick) |
| 1st | 2:42 | SDSU | – Frahm 45 yd field goal |
| 2nd | 10:14 | SDSU | – Tucker Kraft 26 yd pass from Oladokun (Frahm kick) |
| 2nd | 8:23 | SDSU | – Jaxon Janke 42 yd pass from Oladokun (Frahm kick) |
| 2nd | 1:56 | SDSU | – Frahm 32 yd field goal |
| 3rd | 2:52 | SDSU | – Frahm 27 yd field goal |
| 4th | 6:12 | SDSU | – Amar Johnson 22 yd run (Frahm kick) |

| TEAM STATISTICS | SDSU | INS |
|----------------------------|---------|---------|
| FIRST DOWNS | 22 | 16 |
| RUSHES-YARDS (NET) | 34-224 | 39-78 |
| PASSING YDS (NET) | 293 | 148 |
| Passes Att-Comp-Int | 25-16-0 | 29-14-1 |
| TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS | 59-517 | 68-226 |
| Fumble Returns-Yards | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| Punt Returns-Yards | 3-(-3) | 0-0 |
| Kickoff Returns-Yards | 0-0 | 4-71 |
| Interception Returns-Yards | 1-16 | 0-0 |
| Punts (Number-Avg) | 2-36.0 | 7-37.9 |
| Fumbles-Lost | 1-0 | 1-0 |
| Penalties-Yards | 6-60 | 4-45 |
| Possession Time | 28:43 | 31:17 |
| Third-Down Conversions | 4 of 11 | 5 of 16 |
| Fourth-Down Conversions | 0 of 0 | 0 of 4 |
| Red-Zone Scores-Chances | 2-2 | 0-3 |
| Sacks By: Number-Yards | 3-18 | 0-0 |

RUSHING LEADERS: SDSU - Pierre Strong, Jr. 20-150; Amar Johnson 9-44; Chris Oladokun 3-30. INS - Peterson Kerlegrand 21-76; Justin Dinka 3-8; Matt Sora 3-7. **PASSING LEADERS:** SDSU - Chris Oladokun 12-21-0 216; Keaton Heide 3-3-0 55; Pierre Strong, Jr. 1-1-0 22. INS - Kurtis Wilderman 9-22-1 89; Anthony Thompson 5-6-0 59. **RECEIVING LEADERS:** SDSU - Tucker Kraft 5-85; Jaxon Janke 2-47; Zach Heins 2-28; Pierre Strong, Jr. 2-23. INS - Zach Larkin 5-42; Rontrez Morgan 3-31; Phazione McClurge 3-24; Peterson Kerlegrand 2-50. **INTERCEPTIONS:** SDSU - Adam Bock 1-16. INS - none. **SACKS:** SDSU - Caleb Sanders 1.5-11; Cade Terveer 0.5-3; Jarod DePriest 0.5-3; Reece Winkelman 0.5-1. INS - none. **TACKLE LEADERS (JA-A-TOT):** SDSU - Adam Bock 0-10-10; Logan Backhaus 2-6-8; Isaiah Stalbird 3-2-5; Malik Lofton 3-2-5; Joshua Manchigiah 1-4-5; Xavier Ward 0-5-5. INS - Michael Thomas 3-7-10; Ethan Hoover 3-2-5; Johnathan Edwards 2-3-5.

#2/3 SDSU 55, DIXIE STATE 7

Oct. 2, 2021 • Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium (Att.: 14,473)

South Dakota State followed its worst offensive quarter of the season with a 35-point outburst in the second quarter to steamroll past Dixie State, 55-7, in the 54th Beef Bowl game at Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium.

The Jackrabbits ranked second in the Football Championship Subdivision media poll conducted by Stats Perform and third by the FCS coaches, remained undefeated for their first 4-0 start to a season since 2000.

The Jackrabbit offense sputtered in the early going, picking up only one first down and being forced to punt on each of its first four possession as it netted only two yards in 15 offensive plays.

As the game flipped to the second quarter, the floodgates opened. The Jacks' next 16 offensive plays yielded 106 yards and three touchdowns.

Pierre Strong, Jr., opened the scoring with a 21-yard touchdown run two plays into the second quarter and added a 30-yard run to open the next drive, kick-starting a six-play, 72-yard march that ended with an 11-yard touchdown pass from Chris Oladokun to tight end Mike Morgan with 7 minutes and 6 seconds remaining in the stanza.

A tick under a minute later, the Jackrabbit lead grew to 21-0 as backup cornerback Dalys BeNUM picked off a Kenyon Oblad pass and returned the interception 36 yards for a touchdown.

After Dixie State fumbled the ensuing kickoff at its own 38, SDSU cashed in on the short field with Strong scoring his second touchdown of the night, this one from 3 yards out one play after Jaxon Janke's catch and run on an Oladokun screen pass on third-and-14 went for 39 yards.

The final SDSU touchdown of the quarter was a 4-yard pass from Oladokun to another tight end, Zach Heins, from 4 yards out to cap a nine-play, 81-yard drive that was aided by a pair of Thunderbird penalties. The Jackrabbits' 35 points in the second quarter were the most in any quarter in program history in the Division I era, dating back to 2004.

Jackrabbit reserves played the entire second half on offense, but the Jackrabbits extended their lead to 42-0 in the third quarter as backup quarterback Keaton Heide hooked up with Morgan for a 55 yard-touchdown down the left sideline.

SDSU turned interceptions from Steven Arrell and Daeton Mcgaughy into points on fourth-quarter field goals of 26 and 37 yards from Cole Frahm before third-string quarterback Rudy Voss led the Jackrabbits on their final touchdown drive of the night in the closing minutes. After taking over on downs, Josh Buri closed out the Jackrabbit scoring with a 6-yard TD run.

SDSU's bid for back-to-back shutouts for the first time since 1962 was ended with six seconds remaining in the game as Dixie State put together its longest drive of the night. The Trailblazers' 13-play, 75-yard drive ended with a 16-yard touchdown pass from Kobe Tracy to Cade Veach.

The Jackrabbits finished with a 404-253 advantage in total offense in which the SDSU defense held Dixie State to six net rushing yards after recording four sacks, nine tackles for loss and four interceptions. Arrell paced the Jackrabbits with seven tackles, including one for loss, and DyShawn Gales added six more from his cornerback position.

Strong led SDSU's offensive effort with 88 rushing yards on 15 carries, while Morgan's two touchdowns went for 66 receiving yards. Janke also caught a pair of passes for 48 yards and Tucker Kraft added two receptions for 20 yards.

Oladokun started the night 1-for-9 in the passing department, but completed seven of his final nine attempts for an 8-for-18 effort for 110 yards. Heide was 4-for-5 passing for 94 yards.



Dalys BeNUM returned an interception 36 yards for a touchdown as part of a 35-point second quarter for the Jackrabbits in their Beef Bowl win over Dixie State.

For Dixie State, which dropped to 0-4 overall, Oblad was 14-of-25 passing for 126 yards, with Tracy ending the night 14-for-23 with 121 yards.

Jalen Powell tallied seven receptions for 32 yards.

The Trailblazers' Malaki Malaki was credited with a game-high nine stops.

| SCORE BY QUARTERS | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | FINAL |
|--------------------------|---|----|---|----|-------|
| Dixie State (0-4) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 7 |
| South Dakota State (4-0) | 0 | 35 | 7 | 13 | 55 |

SCORING SUMMARY

| | | |
|-----|-------|--|
| 2nd | 14:35 | SDSU – Pierre Strong, Jr. 21 yd run (Cole Frahm kick) |
| 2nd | 7:06 | SDSU – Mike Morgan 11 yd pass from Chris Oladokun (Frahm kick) |
| 2nd | 6:07 | SDSU – Dalys BeNUM 36 yd interception return (Frahm kick) |
| 2nd | 4:31 | SDSU – Strong 3 yd run (Frahm kick) |
| 2nd | 00:10 | SDSU – Zach Heins 4 yd pass from Oladokun (Frahm kick) |
| 3rd | 5:34 | SDSU – Morgan 55 yd pass from Keaton Heide (Frahm kick) |
| 4th | 11:55 | SDSU – Frahm 26 yd field goal |
| 4th | 6:45 | SDSU – Frahm 37 yd field goal |
| 4th | 2:53 | SDSU – Josh Buri 6 yd run (Corben Mahaffy kick) |
| 4th | 00:06 | DSU – Cade Veach 16 yd pass from Kobe Tracy (Connor Brooksby kick) |

TEAM STATISTICS

| | DSU | SDSU |
|----------------------------|---------|---------|
| FIRST DOWNS | 17 | 22 |
| RUSHES-YARDS (NET) | 24-6 | 44-200 |
| PASSING YDS (NET) | 247 | 204 |
| Passes Att-Comp-Int | 48-28-4 | 25-12-0 |
| TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS | 72-253 | 69-404 |
| Fumble Returns-Yards | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| Punt Returns-Yards | 2-(-3) | 2-26 |
| Kickoff Returns-Yards | 6-80 | 1-28 |
| Interception Returns-Yards | 0-0 | 4-37-1 |
| Punts (Number-Avg) | 8-37.5 | 6-49.0 |
| Fumbles-Lost | 4-1 | 0-0 |
| Penalties-Yards | 8-78 | 10-110 |
| Possession Time | 27:15 | 32:45 |
| Third-Down Conversions | 5 of 16 | 5 of 14 |
| Fourth-Down Conversions | 1 of 2 | 1 of 1 |
| Red-Zone Scores-Chances | 1-1 | 6-6 |
| Sacks By: Number-Yards | 2-19 | 4-31 |

RUSHING LEADERS: DSU - Drew Kannely-Robles 11-22; Quali Conley 7-18. SDSU - Pierre Strong, Jr. 15-88; Angel Johnson 6-37; Amar Johnson 9-33; Rudy Voss 2-23; Josh Buri 4-10.

PASSING LEADERS: DSU - Kenyon Oblad 14-25-2 126; Kobe Tracy 14-23-2 121. SDSU - Chris Oladokun 8-18-0 110; Keaton Heide 4-5-0 94; Rudy Voss 0-2-0 0.

RECEIVING LEADERS: DSU - Jalen Powell 7-32; Drew Kannely-Robles 5-45; David Fisher 4-37; Keith Davis 4-35; Cade Veach 3-55. SDSU - Mike Morgan 2-66; Jaxon Janke 2-48; Jadon Janke 2-27; Mason Leighton 2-26; Tucker Kraft 2-20.

INTERCEPTIONS: DSU - none. SDSU - Dalys BeNUM 1-36; Malik Lofton 1-1; Steven Arrell 1-0; Daeton Mcgaughy 1-0.

SACKS: DSU - Kaejin Smith-Bejgrowicz 1.0-12; Malaki Malaki 1.0-7. SDSU - Thomas Stacker 1.0-11; Reece Winkelman 1.0-9; Tolu Ogunrinde 1.0-6; Levi Vanden Bos 1.0-5.

TACKLE LEADERS (UA-A-TOT): DSU - Malaki Malaki 6-3-9; Tyrell Grayson 6-2-8; Syrus Webster 5-3-8; Kanoah Tanuvasa 4-2-6. SDSU - Steven Arrell 4-3-7; DyShawn Gales 5-1-6; Adam Kusler 2-3-5; Matt Barnett 3-1-4.

#7/8 SOUTHERN ILLINOIS 42, #2/3 SDSU 41 [OT]

Oct. 9, 2021 • Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium (Att.: 12,216)

Southern Illinois stormed back from an early 20-point deficit to defeat South Dakota State in overtime, 42-41, in a Missouri Valley Football Conference battle between top-10 teams at Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium.

The Salukis improved to 5-1 overall and 3-0 in league play, while SDSU fell to 4-1 overall and 1-1 in the MVFC.

The Jackrabbits dominated both sides of the ball in the first 21 minutes of the game in building a 20-0 advantage. SDSU took the opening kickoff and marched 75 yards on seven plays, with Walter Payton Award candidate Pierre Strong, Jr., tallying the first score of the game on a 20-yard run.

SDSU ran its lead to 17-0 in the opening minute of the second quarter with 10 points over the span of 15 seconds. After Cole Frahm kicked a 40-yard field goal, Jackrabbit linebacker Isaiah Stalbird forced a fumble and Xavier Ward recovered at the SIU 19. SDSU needed only one play to score as Strong lofted a halfback pass to Jadon Janke in the end zone.

Frahm's second field goal, one from 22 yards out with 9 minutes and 12 minutes remaining in the first half, pushed the SDSU advantage to 20-0.

However, the SDSU lead could have been even bigger by that point as SDSU fumbled – its first turnover of the season – in the red zone on its second possession of the game and the Jackrabbits were set up with first and goal at the SIU 8 before Frahm's second field goal.

SIU began to have the momentum turn in its favor midway through the second quarter. The Salukis got on the board on a 61-yard touchdown pass from Nic Baker to Jerron Rollins, then after an interception on the ensuing Jackrabbit possession, cashed in on a short field as Landon Lenoir hauled in an 18-yard touchdown pass from Baker.

The Salukis were poised to take their first lead of the game late in the third quarter, but the SDSU defense came up with what could have been the decisive play of the game. After taking a field goal off the board due to a penalty, SIU opted to go for it on fourth and goal from the SDSU 2. Saluki running back Javon Williams Jr. went airborne in an attempt to score, but Ryan Van Marel jarred the ball loose before Williams broke the plane of the goal line and Malik Lofton scooped up the football at the 3 and proceeded to roll down the left sideline for the longest fumble return on record in Jackrabbit program history.

The conversion was good as Chris Oladokun connected with Zach Heins.

The big plays would continue in the fourth quarter, with three touchdowns scored in the span of a minute. First, SIU scored on a 19-yard pass from Baker to Zach Gibson on a fourth-and-4 play. SDSU needed only one play to respond as Strong broke through an arm tackle and ran past the Saluki defense for a career-long 85-yard touchdown. The Salukis then drew back to within 35-28 on a 63-yard touchdown run by Donnavan Spencer.

Baker then led SIU on the game-tying drive, a 14-play, 70-yard march that included two fourth-down conversions. First, the Saluki quarterback scrambled for eight yards and a first down on fourth and six, then he hooked up with Izaiah Hartrup for 18 yards and a fresh set of downs on fourth and 11 from the SIU 41. Baker capped the drive by tossing his fourth touchdown pass of the game with 34 seconds remaining, a 19-yarder to Lenoir. SIU opted to kick the extra point and play for overtime.

SDSU won the overtime coin toss and opted to go on defense first, but SIU maintained its rhythm offensively with Baker picking up 14 yards to set up a 10-yard touchdown run by Spencer.

The Jackrabbits needed only two plays answer with a touchdown of their own as Oladokun found Tucker Kraft in the end zone for an 11-yard score.



Pierre Strong, Jr., ran for a season-high 162 yards and scored on touchdown runs of 20 and 85 yards Oct. 9 versus Southern Illinois.

Rather than play for another extra session, SDSU opted to try to go for the win with another two-point try. However, Oladokun's pass to Zach Heins was well defended and fell to the turf, giving SIU the 42-41 victory.

| SCORE BY QUARTERS | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | OT | FINAL |
|-------------------------------|---|----|---|----|----|-------|
| Southern Illinois (5-1, 3-0) | 0 | 14 | 0 | 21 | 7 | 42 |
| South Dakota State (4-1, 1-1) | 7 | 13 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 41 |

SCORING SUMMARY

| | | |
|-----|-------|---|
| 1st | 11:01 | SDSU – Pierre Strong, Jr. 20 yd run (Cole Frahm kick) |
| 2nd | 14:50 | SDSU – Frahm 40 yd field goal |
| 2nd | 14:35 | SDSU – Jadon Janke 19 yd pass from Strong (Frahm kick) |
| 2nd | 9:12 | SDSU – Frahm 22 yd field goal |
| 2nd | 7:54 | SIU – Jerron Rollins 61 yd pass from Nic Baker (Nico Gualdoni kick) |
| 2nd | 5:25 | SIU – Landon Lenoir 18 yd pass from Baker (Gualdoni kick) |
| 3rd | 3:38 | SDSU – Malik Lofton 97 yd fumble return (Zach Heins pass from Chris Oladokun) |
| 4th | 10:38 | SIU – Zach Gibson 19 yd pass from Baker (Gualdoni kick) |
| 4th | 10:18 | SDSU – Strong 85 yd run (Frahm kick) |
| 4th | 9:38 | SIU – Donnavan Spencer 63 yd run (Gualdoni kick) |
| 4th | 00:34 | SIU – Lenoir 19 yd pass from Baker (Gualdoni kick) |
| OT | | SIU – Spencer 10 yd run (Gualdoni kick) |
| OT | | SDSU – Tucker Kraft 11 yd pass from Oladokun (pass failed) |

| TEAM STATISTICS | SIU | SDSU |
|----------------------------|---------|---------|
| FIRST DOWNS | 26 | 23 |
| RUSHES-YARDS (NET) | 38-183 | 29-182 |
| PASSING YDS (NET) | 363 | 377 |
| Passes Att-Comp-Int | 47-29-0 | 32-24-2 |
| TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS | 85-546 | 61-559 |
| Fumble Returns-Yards | 1-6 | 1-97 |
| Punt Returns-Yards | 0-0 | 1-0 |
| Kickoff Returns-Yards | 2-33 | 4-71 |
| Interception Returns-Yards | 2-0 | 0-0 |
| Punts (Number-Avg) | 5-49.2 | 1-50.0 |
| Fumbles-Lost | 4-2 | 1-1 |
| Penalties-Yards | 5-25 | 7-48 |
| Possession Time | 30:11 | 29:49 |
| Third-Down Conversions | 7 of 17 | 2 of 10 |
| Fourth-Down Conversions | 3 of 5 | 0 of 0 |
| Red-Zone Scores-Chances | 4-6 | 4-6 |
| Sacks By: Number-Yards | 0-0 | 2-13 |

RUSHING LEADERS: SIU - Donnavan Spencer 10-103; Nic Baker 12-46; Javon Williams Jr. 9-29; Justin Strong 3-6. SDSU - Pierre Strong, Jr. 20-162; Chris Oladokun 5-8; Amar Johnson 1-8; Jaxon Janke 1-7. **PASSING LEADERS:** SIU - Nic Baker 28-45-0 359; Javon Williams Jr. 1-2-0 4. SDSU - Chris Oladokun 23-31-2 358; Pierre Strong, Jr. 1-1-0 19. **RECEIVING LEADERS:** SIU - Landon Lenoir 10-147; Javon Williams Jr. 7-31; Jerron Collins 4-104; Izaiah Hartrup 3-35. SDSU - Tucker Kraft 10-124; Pierre Strong, Jr. 4-51; Jadon Janke 3-117; Jaxon Janke 3-38; Zach Heins 2-28; Canyon Bauer 2-19. **INTERCEPTIONS:** SIU - Clayton Bush 1-0; Jakari Patterson 1-0. SDSU - none. **SACKS:** SIU - none. SDSU - Caleb Sanders 1-0-8; Tolu Ogunrinde 0.5-3; Adam Bock 0.5-2. **TACKLE LEADERS (UA-A-TOT):** SIU - Bryce Notree 8-2-10; David Miller 5-2-7; Qua Brown 6-0-6. SDSU - Adam Bock 10-7-17; Graham Spalding 4-2-6; DyShawn Gales 3-3-6; Joshua Manchigiah 2-4-6.

2021 STATISTICS

GAME-BY-GAME COMPARISON

| OPPONENT | SCORE | TOTAL | ----FIRST DOWNS---- | | | --RUSHING-- | --PASSING-- | YARDS | -TOTAL OFFENSE- | | RETURN Yds | TURNOVERS |
|-------------------|--------|--------|---------------------|-------|-----|---------------------|----------------------|---------------|-----------------------|-----------|------------|-----------|
| | | | RUSH | PASS | PEN | NUMBER-YARDS | COMP-ATT-INT | | PLAYS-YARDS | | | |
| Colorado State | 42-23 | 22/28 | 10/7 | 11/21 | 1/0 | 34-240 / 40-124 | 18-28-0 / 33-49-1 | 224 / 338 | 62-464 / 89-462 | 6 / 8 | 0 / 2 | |
| Lindenwood | 52-7 | 25/10 | 14/4 | 10/6 | 1/0 | 41-330 / 31-84 | 16-19-0 / 9-18-1 | 230 / 112 | 60-560 / 49-196 | 18 / 144 | 0 / 1 | |
| Indiana State | 44-0 | 22/16 | 8/6 | 13/7 | 1/3 | 34-224 / 39-78 | 16-25-0/ 14-29-1 | 293 / 148 | 59-517 / 68-226 | 13 / 71 | 0 / 1 | |
| Dixie State | 55-7 | 22/17 | 11/2 | 7/13 | 4/2 | 44-200 / 24-6 | 12-25-0 / 28-48-4 | 204 / 247 | 69-404 / 72-253 | 91 / 77 | 0 / 5 | |
| Southern Illinois | 41-42 | 23/26 | 7/11 | 15/13 | 1/2 | 29-182 / 38-183 | 24-32-2 / 29-47-0 | 377 / 363 | 61-559 / 85-546 | 168 / 39 | 3 / 2 | |
| Totals | 234-79 | 114/97 | 50/30 | 56/60 | 8/7 | 182-1,176 / 172-475 | 86-129-2 / 113-191-7 | 1,328 / 1,208 | 311-2,504 / 363-1,683 | 296 / 339 | 3 / 11 | |

MISCELLANEOUS GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

THIRD-DOWN CONVERSIONS

| OPPONENT | OVERALL | 1ST QTR | 2ND QTR | 3RD QTR | 4TH QTR/OT |
|-------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Colorado State | 5-11 | 1-3 | 3-3 | 0-3 | 1-2 |
| Lindenwood | 7-10 | 1-1 | 3-4 | 0-1 | 3-4 |
| Indiana State | 4-11 | 1-4 | 1-2 | 1-2 | 1-3 |
| Dixie State | 5-14 | 1-6 | 2-2 | 0-2 | 2-4 |
| Southern Illinois | 2-10 | 1-2 | 0-4 | 1-2 | 0-2 |
| Totals | 23-56 | 5-16 | 9-15 | 2-10 | 7-15 |
| | 41.1% | 31.2% | 60.0% | 20.0% | 46.7% |
| Opponents | 30-79 | 7-21 | 6-19 | 7-19 | 10-20 |
| | 38.0% | 33.3% | 31.6% | 36.8% | 50.0% |

TIME OF POSSESSION

| OPPONENT | OVERALL | 1ST QTR | 2ND QTR | 3RD QTR | 4TH QTR |
|-------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Colorado State | 30:27 | 7:26 | 7:04 | 9:18 | 6:39 |
| Lindenwood | 34:32 | 8:36 | 9:22 | 6:38 | 9:56 |
| Indiana State | 28:43 | 7:26 | 8:19 | 7:03 | 5:55 |
| Dixie State | 32:45 | 8:26 | 7:39 | 7:17 | 9:23 |
| Southern Illinois | 29:49 | 10:18 | 8:15 | 3:21 | 7:55 |
| Totals | 156:16 | 42:12 | 40:39 | 33:37 | 39:48 |
| Avg. | 31:15 | 8:26 | 8:07 | 6:43 | 7:57 |
| Opponents | 143:44 | 32:48 | 34:21 | 41:23 | 35:12 |
| Avg. | 28:44 | 6:33 | 6:52 | 8:16 | 7:02 |

FOURTH-DOWN CONVERSIONS

| OPPONENT | OVERALL | 1ST QTR | 2ND QTR | 3RD QTR | 4TH QTR/OT |
|-------------------|---------------|-------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|
| Colorado State | 1-1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1-1 | 0-0 |
| Lindenwood | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| Indiana State | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| Dixie State | 1-1 | 0-0 | 1-1 | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| Southern Illinois | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| Totals | 2-2 | 0-0 | 1-1 | 1-1 | 0-0 |
| | 100.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 100.0% | 0.0% |
| Opponents | 6-16 | 0-0 | 1-4 | 0-3 | 5-9 |
| | 37.5% | 0.0% | 25.0% | 0.0% | 55.6% |

PENALTIES

| OPPONENT | SDSU | OPP |
|-------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Colorado State | 6-42 | 5-50 |
| Lindenwood | 3-20 | 5-50 |
| Indiana State | 6-60 | 4-45 |
| Dixie State | 10-110 | 8-78 |
| Southern Illinois | 7-48 | 5-25 |
| Totals | 32-280 | 27-248 |

GAME-BY-GAME STARTERS

OFFENSE

| Opponent | LT | LG | C | RG | RT | TE/RB | WR | WR | WR/TE | QB | RB |
|-------------------|-------------|-----------|--------|---------|------------|-------|------------|------------|-------|----------|--------|
| Colorado State | Ar. Johnson | McCormick | Genant | Lickiss | Greenfield | Davis | Jax. Janke | Jad. Janke | Wolf | Oladokun | Strong |
| Lindenwood | Ar. Johnson | McCormick | Genant | Lickiss | Greenfield | Heins | Jax. Janke | Jad. Janke | Kraft | Oladokun | Strong |
| Indiana State | Ar. Johnson | McCormick | Genant | Lickiss | Greenfield | Heins | Jax. Janke | Jad. Janke | Kraft | Oladokun | Strong |
| Dixie State | Ar. Johnson | McCormick | Genant | Lickiss | Greenfield | Heins | Jax. Janke | Jad. Janke | Bauer | Oladokun | Strong |
| Southern Illinois | Ar. Johnson | McCormick | Genant | Lickiss | Greenfield | Heins | Jax. Janke | Jad. Janke | Kraft | Oladokun | Strong |
| Western Illinois | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Northern Iowa | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Youngstown St. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| N. Dakota St. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| South Dakota | | | | | | | | | | | |
| North Dakota | | | | | | | | | | | |

DEFENSE

| Opponent | DE | DT | NT | DE | WLB | MLB | SLB | CB | SS | FS | CB |
|-------------------|-----------|------|---------|-------|----------|------|----------|---------|---------|------------|-------|
| Colorado State | Winkelman | Ward | Sanders | Hicks | Backhaus | Bock | Stalbird | Gardner | Griffin | Manchigiah | Gales |
| Lindenwood | Winkelman | Ward | Sanders | Hicks | Backhaus | Bock | Stalbird | Gardner | Griffin | Manchigiah | Gales |
| Indiana State | Winkelman | Ward | Sanders | Hicks | Backhaus | Bock | Stalbird | Gardner | Griffin | Manchigiah | Gales |
| Dixie State | Winkelman | Ward | Sanders | Hicks | Backhaus | Bock | Stalbird | Lofton | Griffin | Manchigiah | Gales |
| Southern Illinois | Winkelman | Ward | Sanders | Hicks | Backhaus | Bock | Stalbird | Lofton | Griffin | Manchigiah | Gales |
| Western Illinois | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Northern Iowa | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Youngstown St. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| N. Dakota St. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| South Dakota | | | | | | | | | | | |
| North Dakota | | | | | | | | | | | |

The Automated ScoreBook
South Dakota State Game Results (as of Oct 11, 2021)
All games

| Date | Opponent | | Score | Overall | Conference | Time | Attend |
|----------------|------------------|----|--------------|----------------|-------------------|-------------|---------------|
| Sep 03, 2021 | at Colorado St. | W | 42-23 | 1-0 | 0-0 | 03:26 | 32327 |
| Sep 11, 2021 | LINDENWOOD (MO) | W | 52-7 | 2-0 | 0-0 | 02:44 | 15162 |
| * Sep 25, 2021 | at Indiana State | W | 44-0 | 3-0 | 1-0 | 3:01 | 6652 |
| Oct 02, 2021 | DIXIE ST. | W | 55-7 | 4-0 | 1-0 | 03:17 | 14473 |
| * Oct 09, 2021 | SOUTHERN ILL. | Lo | 41-42 | 4-1 | 1-1 | 03:30 | 12216 |

The Automated ScoreBook
South Dakota State Overall Team Statistics (as of Oct 11, 2021)
All games

| Team Statistics | SDSU | OPP |
|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| SCORING | 234 | 79 |
| Points Per Game | 46.8 | 15.8 |
| Points Off Turnovers | 56 | 7 |
| FIRST DOWNS | 114 | 97 |
| Rushing | 50 | 30 |
| Passing | 56 | 60 |
| Penalty | 8 | 7 |
| RUSHING YARDAGE | 1176 | 475 |
| Yards gained rushing | 1242 | 637 |
| Yards lost rushing | 66 | 162 |
| Rushing Attempts | 182 | 172 |
| Average Per Rush | 6.5 | 2.8 |
| Average Per Game | 235.2 | 95.0 |
| TDs Rushing | 12 | 4 |
| PASSING YARDAGE | 1328 | 1208 |
| Comp-Att-Int | 86-129-2 | 113-191-7 |
| Average Per Pass | 10.3 | 6.3 |
| Average Per Catch | 15.4 | 10.7 |
| Average Per Game | 265.6 | 241.6 |
| TDs Passing | 16 | 7 |
| TOTAL OFFENSE | 2504 | 1683 |
| Total Plays | 311 | 363 |
| Average Per Play | 8.1 | 4.6 |
| Average Per Game | 500.8 | 336.6 |
| KICK RETURNS: #-Yards | 7-117 | 16-291 |
| PUNT RETURNS: #-Yards | 9-29 | 5-42 |
| INT RETURNS: #-Yards | 7-53 | 2-0 |
| KICK RETURN AVERAGE | 16.7 | 18.2 |
| PUNT RETURN AVERAGE | 3.2 | 8.4 |
| INT RETURN AVERAGE | 7.6 | 0.0 |
| FUMBLES-LOST | 3-1 | 11-4 |
| PENALTIES-Yards | 32-280 | 27-248 |
| Average Per Game | 56.0 | 49.6 |
| PUNTS-Yards | 15-672 | 31-1277 |
| Average Per Punt | 44.8 | 41.2 |
| Net punt average | 40.7 | 40.3 |
| KICKOFFS-Yards | 42-2452 | 16-907 |
| Average Per Kick | 58.4 | 56.7 |
| Net kick average | 39.5 | 38.4 |
| TIME OF POSSESSION/Game | 31:15 | 28:45 |
| 3RD-DOWN Conversions | 23/56 | 30/79 |
| 3rd-Down Pct | 41% | 38% |
| 4TH-DOWN Conversions | 2/2 | 6/16 |
| 4th-Down Pct | 100% | 38% |
| SACKS BY-Yards | 15-95 | 2-19 |
| MISC YARDS | 0 | 10 |
| TOUCHDOWNS SCORED | 30 | 11 |
| FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS | 8-12 | 1-2 |
| ON-SIDE KICKS | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| RED-ZONE SCORES | (24-26) 92% | (9-15) 60% |
| RED-ZONE TOUCHDOWNS | (19-26) 73% | (8-15) 53% |
| PAT-ATTEMPTS | (28-28) 100% | (10-10) 100% |
| ATTENDANCE | 41851 | 38979 |
| Games/Avg Per Game | 3/13950 | 2/19490 |
| Neutral Site Games | | 0/0 |

| Score by Quarters | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | OT | Total |
|--------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|--------------|
| South Dakota State | 52 | 103 | 39 | 34 | 6 | 234 |
| Opponents | 0 | 24 | 0 | 48 | 7 | 79 |

The Automated ScoreBook
South Dakota State Overall Individual Statistics (as of Oct 11, 2021)
All games

| Rushing | gp | att | gain | loss | net | avg | td | lg | avg/g |
|----------------|-----------|------------|-------------|-------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|--------------|
| Pierre Strong | 5 | 75 | 668 | 20 | 648 | 8.6 | 7 | 85 | 129.6 |
| Amar Johnson | 5 | 37 | 203 | 11 | 192 | 5.2 | 2 | 28 | 38.4 |
| Isaiah Davis | 2 | 18 | 129 | 4 | 125 | 6.9 | 1 | 32 | 62.5 |
| Angel Johnson | 2 | 12 | 66 | 0 | 66 | 5.5 | 0 | 15 | 33.0 |
| Chris Oladokun | 5 | 14 | 76 | 18 | 58 | 4.1 | 1 | 18 | 11.6 |
| Rudy Voss | 2 | 5 | 37 | 0 | 37 | 7.4 | 0 | 20 | 18.5 |
| Josh Buri | 2 | 10 | 31 | 0 | 31 | 3.1 | 1 | 9 | 15.5 |
| Keaton Heide | 5 | 4 | 22 | 7 | 15 | 3.8 | 0 | 10 | 3.0 |
| Jaxon Janke | 5 | 1 | 7 | 0 | 7 | 7.0 | 0 | 7 | 1.4 |
| Tyler Feldkamp | 4 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 3.0 | 0 | 3 | 0.8 |
| TEAM | 5 | 5 | 0 | 6 | -6 | -1.2 | 0 | 0 | -1.2 |
| Total | 5 | 182 | 1242 | 66 | 1176 | 6.5 | 12 | 85 | 235.2 |
| Opponents | 5 | 172 | 637 | 162 | 475 | 2.8 | 4 | 63 | 95.0 |

| Passing | gp | effic | comp-att-int | pct | yds | td | lg | avg/g |
|----------------|-----------|--------------|---------------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|--------------|
| Chris Oladokun | 5 | 179.49 | 73-111-2 | 65.8 | 1079 | 12 | 55 | 215.8 |
| Keaton Heide | 5 | 258.86 | 10-13-0 | 76.9 | 203 | 2 | 55 | 40.6 |
| Rudy Voss | 2 | 47.33 | 1-3-0 | 33.3 | 5 | 0 | 5 | 2.5 |
| Pierre Strong | 5 | 602.20 | 2-2-0 | 100.0 | 41 | 2 | 22 | 8.2 |
| Total | 5 | 190.97 | 86-129-2 | 66.7 | 1328 | 16 | 55 | 265.6 |
| Opponents | 5 | 117.05 | 113-191-7 | 59.2 | 1208 | 7 | 61 | 241.6 |

| Receiving | gp | no. | yds | avg | td | lg | avg/g |
|------------------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|--------------|
| Tucker Kraft | 5 | 26 | 320 | 12.3 | 4 | 27 | 64.0 |
| Jadon Janke | 5 | 15 | 310 | 20.7 | 4 | 52 | 62.0 |
| Jaxon Janke | 5 | 12 | 255 | 21.2 | 1 | 55 | 51.0 |
| Pierre Strong | 5 | 9 | 82 | 9.1 | 0 | 32 | 16.4 |
| Zach Heins | 5 | 7 | 66 | 9.4 | 3 | 20 | 13.2 |
| Mason Leighton | 4 | 4 | 69 | 17.2 | 1 | 29 | 17.2 |
| Canyon Bauer | 5 | 4 | 35 | 8.8 | 0 | 14 | 7.0 |
| Mike Morgan | 3 | 2 | 66 | 33.0 | 2 | 55 | 22.0 |
| Tyler Feldkamp | 4 | 2 | 35 | 17.5 | 0 | 22 | 8.8 |
| Amar Johnson | 5 | 1 | 34 | 34.0 | 0 | 34 | 6.8 |
| Chris Oladokun | 5 | 1 | 22 | 22.0 | 1 | 22 | 4.4 |
| A.J. Coons | 4 | 1 | 18 | 18.0 | 0 | 18 | 4.5 |
| Wyatt Seagren | 4 | 1 | 11 | 11.0 | 0 | 11 | 2.8 |
| Caleb Schauf | 2 | 1 | 5 | 5.0 | 0 | 5 | 2.5 |
| Total | 5 | 86 | 1328 | 15.4 | 16 | 55 | 265.6 |
| Opponents | 5 | 113 | 1208 | 10.7 | 7 | 61 | 241.6 |

| Punt Returns | no. | yds | avg | td | lg |
|---------------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|
| Tyler Feldkamp | 6 | 23 | 3.8 | 0 | 14 |
| Isaiah Davis | 2 | 1 | 0.5 | 0 | 1 |
| Landon Wolf | 1 | 5 | 5.0 | 0 | 5 |
| Total | 9 | 29 | 3.2 | 0 | 14 |
| Opponents | 5 | 42 | 8.4 | 0 | 37 |

| Interceptions | no. | yds | avg | td | lg |
|----------------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|
| Daeton Mcgaughy | 2 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 |
| Dalys Beanum | 1 | 36 | 36.0 | 1 | 36 |
| Adam Bock | 1 | 16 | 16.0 | 0 | 16 |
| Steven Arrell | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 |
| Graham Spalding | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 |
| Malik Lofton | 1 | 1 | 1.0 | 0 | 1 |
| Total | 7 | 53 | 7.6 | 1 | 36 |
| Opponents | 2 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 |

| Kick Returns | no. | yds | avg | td | lg |
|---------------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|
| Tyler Feldkamp | 3 | 49 | 16.3 | 0 | 18 |
| Brenner, Kevin | 1 | 19 | 19.0 | 0 | 19 |
| Amar Johnson | 1 | 21 | 21.0 | 0 | 21 |
| Jadon Janke | 1 | 28 | 28.0 | 0 | 28 |
| Canyon Bauer | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 7 | 117 | 16.7 | 0 | 28 |
| Opponents | 16 | 291 | 18.2 | 0 | 67 |

| Fumble Returns | no. | yds | avg | td | lg |
|-----------------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|
| Malik Lofton | 1 | 97 | 97.0 | 1 | 97 |
| Total | 1 | 97 | 97.0 | 1 | 97 |
| Opponents | 1 | 6 | 6.0 | 0 | 6 |

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| Scoring | td | fg | PAT | | | | dxd | saf | pts |
|----------------|----|------|-------|------|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|
| | | | kick | rush | rcv | pass | | | |
| Cole Frahm | - | 8-12 | 26-26 | - | - | - | - | - | 50 |
| Pierre Strong | 7 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 42 |
| Tucker Kraft | 4 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 24 |
| Jadon Janke | 4 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 24 |
| Zach Heins | 3 | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | 20 |
| Mike Morgan | 2 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 12 |
| Chris Oladokun | 2 | - | - | - | - | 1-2 | - | - | 12 |
| Amar Johnson | 2 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 12 |
| Isaiah Davis | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 6 |
| Malik Lofton | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 6 |
| Dalys Beanum | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 6 |
| Mason Leighton | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 6 |
| Josh Buri | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 6 |
| Jaxon Janke | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 6 |
| Hunter Dustman | - | - | 1-1 | - | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| Corben Mahaffy | - | - | 1-1 | - | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| Total | 30 | 8-12 | 28-28 | - | 1 | 1-2 | - | - | 234 |
| Opponents | 11 | 1-2 | 10-10 | - | - | 0-1 | - | - | 79 |

| Total Offense | g | plays | rush | pass | total | avg/g |
|----------------|---|-------|------|------|-------|-------|
| Chris Oladokun | 5 | 125 | 58 | 1079 | 1137 | 227.4 |
| Pierre Strong | 5 | 77 | 648 | 41 | 689 | 137.8 |
| Keaton Heide | 5 | 17 | 15 | 203 | 218 | 43.6 |
| Amar Johnson | 5 | 37 | 192 | 0 | 192 | 38.4 |
| Isaiah Davis | 2 | 18 | 125 | 0 | 125 | 62.5 |
| Angel Johnson | 2 | 12 | 66 | 0 | 66 | 33.0 |
| Rudy Voss | 2 | 8 | 37 | 5 | 42 | 21.0 |
| Josh Buri | 2 | 10 | 31 | 0 | 31 | 15.5 |
| Jaxon Janke | 5 | 1 | 7 | 0 | 7 | 1.4 |
| Tyler Feldkamp | 4 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0.8 |
| TEAM | 5 | 5 | -6 | 0 | -6 | -1.2 |
| Total | 5 | 311 | 1176 | 1328 | 2504 | 500.8 |
| Opponents | 5 | 363 | 475 | 1208 | 1683 | 336.6 |

| Field Goals | fg | pct. | 01-19 | 20-29 | 30-39 | 40-49 | 50-99 | lg | blk |
|-------------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|----|-----|
| Cole Frahm | 8-12 | 66.7 | 0-0 | 3-3 | 2-4 | 2-3 | 1-2 | 54 | 2 |

| FG Sequence | South Dakota State | Opponents |
|-----------------|--------------------|-----------|
| Colorado St. | 39 | (35),40 |
| Lindenwood (MO) | (54) | - |
| Indiana State | 50,(45),(32),(27) | - |
| Dixie St. | (26),(37) | - |
| Southern Ill. | (40),(22),45,37 | - |

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made.

| Punting | no. | yds | avg | lg | tb | fc | i20 | 50+ | blk |
|----------------|-----|------|------|----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|
| Hunter Dustman | 11 | 496 | 45.1 | 52 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 0 |
| Ben Dinkel | 4 | 176 | 44.0 | 49 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 15 | 672 | 44.8 | 52 | 1 | 5 | 5 | 3 | 0 |
| Opponents | 31 | 1277 | 41.2 | 65 | 0 | 7 | 9 | 5 | 0 |

| Kickoffs | no. | yds | avg | tb | ob | retn | net | ydln |
|------------|-----|------|------|----|----|------|------|------|
| Cole Frahm | 42 | 2452 | 58.4 | 20 | 1 | | | |
| Total | 42 | 2452 | 58.4 | 20 | 1 | 18.2 | 39.5 | 25 |
| Opponents | 16 | 907 | 56.7 | 7 | 1 | 16.7 | 38.4 | 26 |

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| All Purpose | g | rush | rcv | pr | kr | ir | total | avg/g |
|--------------------|----------|-------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------------|--------------|
| Pierre Strong | 5 | 648 | 82 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 730 | 146.0 |
| Jadon Janke | 5 | 0 | 310 | 0 | 28 | 0 | 338 | 67.6 |
| Tucker Kraft | 5 | 0 | 320 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 320 | 64.0 |
| Jaxon Janke | 5 | 7 | 255 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 262 | 52.4 |
| Amar Johnson | 5 | 192 | 34 | 0 | 21 | 0 | 247 | 49.4 |
| Isaiah Davis | 2 | 125 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 126 | 63.0 |
| Tyler Feldkamp | 4 | 3 | 35 | 23 | 49 | 0 | 110 | 27.5 |
| Chris Oladokun | 5 | 58 | 22 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 80 | 16.0 |
| Mason Leighton | 4 | 0 | 69 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 69 | 17.2 |
| Mike Morgan | 3 | 0 | 66 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 66 | 22.0 |
| Zach Heins | 5 | 0 | 66 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 66 | 13.2 |
| Angel Johnson | 2 | 66 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 66 | 33.0 |
| Rudy Voss | 2 | 37 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 37 | 18.5 |
| Dalys Beanum | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 36 | 36 | 7.2 |
| Canyon Bauer | 5 | 0 | 35 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 35 | 7.0 |
| Josh Buri | 2 | 31 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 31 | 15.5 |
| Brenner, Kevin | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 19 | 0 | 19 | 3.8 |
| A.J. Coons | 4 | 0 | 18 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 18 | 4.5 |
| Adam Bock | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 16 | 16 | 3.2 |
| Keaton Heide | 5 | 15 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 15 | 3.0 |
| Wyatt Seagren | 4 | 0 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 2.8 |
| Landon Wolf | 1 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 5.0 |
| Caleb Schauf | 2 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 2.5 |
| Malik Lofton | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0.2 |
| TEAM | 5 | -6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -6 | -1.2 |
| Total | 5 | 1176 | 1328 | 29 | 117 | 53 | 2703 | 540.6 |
| Opponents | 5 | 475 | 1208 | 42 | 291 | 0 | 2016 | 403.2 |

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South Dakota State Overall Defensive Statistics (as of Oct 11, 2021)
All games

| # | Defensive Leaders | gp | Tackles | | | | Sacks no-yds | Pass defense | | | Fumbles | | blkd | |
|-----------|-------------------|----|---------|-----|-----|---------|-----------------|--------------|------|-----|---------|----|------|-----|
| | | | ua | a | tot | tfl/yds | | int-yds | brup | qbh | rcv-yds | ff | kick | saf |
| 32 | Adam Bock | 5 | 21 | 20 | 41 | 3.0-5 | 0.5-2 | 1-16 | 3 | 1 | . | 1 | . | . |
| 2D | Isaiah Stalbird | 5 | 10 | 11 | 21 | 3.0-12 | . | . | 3 | 1 | . | 1 | . | . |
| 12 | Logan Backhaus | 5 | 11 | 9 | 20 | 1.0-1 | . | . | 2 | 2 | . | . | . | . |
| 5D | DyShawn Gales | 5 | 11 | 9 | 20 | 1.0-1 | . | . | 1 | 1 | . | 1 | . | . |
| 3D | Josh Manchighia | 5 | 7 | 11 | 18 | 1.5-3 | . | . | 1 | . | . | . | . | . |
| 29 | Graham Spalding | 5 | 10 | 6 | 16 | 1.5-2 | 1.0-1 | 1-0 | 2 | . | . | . | . | . |
| 25 | Cale Reeder | 5 | 8 | 7 | 15 | . | . | . | 3 | . | . | . | . | . |
| 91 | Ward,Xavier | 5 | 2 | 12 | 14 | 0.5-2 | . | . | . | 1 | 1-0 | . | . | . |
| 6D | Michael Griffin | 5 | 9 | 5 | 14 | . | . | . | 1 | . | . | . | . | . |
| 1D | Malik Lofton | 5 | 10 | 3 | 13 | . | . | 1-1 | 1 | . | 1-97 | . | . | . |
| 30 | Payton Shafer | 4 | 7 | 5 | 12 | 4.0-16 | 1.0-11 | . | . | 1 | . | . | . | . |
| 99 | Sanders,Caleb | 5 | 6 | 6 | 12 | 5.5-29 | 3.5-26 | . | . | 2 | . | 1 | . | . |
| 97 | Winkelman,Reece | 5 | 4 | 7 | 11 | 4.5-25 | 2.5-18 | . | 2 | 1 | . | . | . | . |
| 7 | Dalys Beanum | 5 | 5 | 6 | 11 | 1.0-1 | . | 1-36 | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| 16 | Caleb Franci | 4 | 2 | 8 | 10 | . | . | . | 1 | . | 1-0 | . | . | . |
| 26 | Steven Arrell | 3 | 7 | 3 | 10 | 1.0-1 | . | 1-0 | 1 | . | . | . | . | . |
| 57 | Kinser Madison | 5 | 6 | 4 | 10 | 2.0-3 | 1.0-2 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| 43 | Adam Kusler | 4 | 3 | 5 | 8 | . | . | . | 2 | . | . | . | . | . |
| 55 | Thomas Stacker | 5 | 5 | 3 | 8 | 2.5-15 | 1.5-13 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| 0 | Daeton Mcgaughy | 5 | 2 | 6 | 8 | . | . | 2-0 | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| 35 | Chase Norblade | 4 | 2 | 5 | 7 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| 48 | Quinton Hicks | 5 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 0.5-2 | 0.5-2 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| 40 | Aaron Kusler | 3 | 3 | 3 | 6 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| 21 | Don Gardner | 3 | 2 | 4 | 6 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| 69 | K. Krolkowski | 5 | 2 | 4 | 6 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| 1B | Matt Barnett | 5 | 5 | 1 | 6 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| 22 | Tolu Ogunrinde | 4 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 1.5-9 | 1.5-9 | . | 1 | 1 | . | 1 | . | . |
| 92 | Brenner,Kevin | 5 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 2.0-5 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| 98 | Ryan Van Marel | 2 | 2 | 2 | 4 | . | . | . | . | . | . | 1 | . | . |
| 52 | Jarod DePriest | 3 | . | 3 | 3 | 0.5-3 | 0.5-3 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| 94 | Terveer,Cade | 4 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0.5-3 | 0.5-3 | . | . | 2 | . | . | . | . |
| 42 | Davion Sterner | 3 | 2 | 1 | 3 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| 98 | Van Marel,Ryan | 3 | 3 | . | 3 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| 39 | AydanDautermann | 2 | 2 | . | 2 | . | . | . | 1 | . | . | . | . | . |
| 9C | Jaden Crockett | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| 33 | Thomas Motzko | 4 | . | 2 | 2 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| 1C | Chris Rhodes | 2 | 1 | . | 1 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| 9F | Cole Frahm | 5 | 1 | . | 1 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| 88 | Brandon Lane Jr | 3 | 1 | . | 1 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| 90 | Randy Keumogne | 4 | . | 1 | 1 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| 87 | Zach Heins | 5 | 1 | . | 1 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| 23 | MatthewDurrance | 1 | 1 | . | 1 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| 53 | Caden Johnson | 5 | 1 | . | 1 | . | . | . | . | 1 | 1-0 | . | . | . |
| 5V | Levi Vanden Bos | 1 | 1 | . | 1 | 1.0-5 | 1.0-5 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| 54 | Eddie Miller | 4 | 1 | . | 1 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| 15 | Timothy Croskey | 1 | . | 1 | 1 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| Total | | 5 | 187 | 184 | 371 | 38-143 | 15-95 | 7-53 | 25 | 14 | 4-97 | 6 | . | . |
| Opponents | | 5 | 188 | 108 | 296 | 17-58 | 2-19 | 2-0 | 7 | 11 | 1-6 | 2 | 2 | . |

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South Dakota State Team Game-by-Game (as of Oct 11, 2021)

All games

TEAM STATISTICS

| Date | Opponent | Rushing | | | | Receiving | | | | Passing | | | | Kick Returns | | | | Punt Returns | | | | tot off |
|-----------|------------------|---------|------|----|----|-----------|------|----|----|-------------|------|----|----|--------------|-----|----|----|--------------|-----|----|----|------------|
| | | no. | yds | td | lg | no. | yds | td | lg | cmp-att-int | yds | td | lg | no. | yds | td | lg | no. | yds | td | lg | |
| Sep 03 | at Colorado St. | 34 | 240 | 4 | 48 | 18 | 224 | 2 | 46 | 18-28-0 | 224 | 2 | 46 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 6 | 0 | 5 | 464 |
| Sep 11 | LINDENWOOD (MO) | 41 | 330 | 2 | 68 | 16 | 230 | 5 | 55 | 16-19-0 | 230 | 5 | 55 | 1 | 18 | 0 | 18 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 560 |
| Sep 25 | at Indiana State | 34 | 224 | 1 | 27 | 16 | 293 | 4 | 42 | 16-25-0 | 293 | 4 | 42 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | -3 | 0 | 0 | 517 |
| Oct 02 | DIXIE ST. | 44 | 200 | 3 | 30 | 12 | 204 | 3 | 55 | 12-25-0 | 204 | 3 | 55 | 1 | 28 | 0 | 28 | 2 | 26 | 0 | 14 | 404 |
| Oct 09 | SOUTHERN ILL. | 29 | 182 | 2 | 85 | 24 | 377 | 2 | 52 | 24-32-2 | 377 | 2 | 52 | 4 | 71 | 0 | 21 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 559 |
| | | 182 | 1176 | 12 | 85 | 86 | 1328 | 16 | 55 | 86-129-2 | 1328 | 16 | 55 | 7 | 117 | 0 | 28 | 9 | 29 | 0 | 14 | 2504 |
| Opponents | | 172 | 475 | 4 | 63 | 113 | 1208 | 7 | 61 | 113-191-7 | 1208 | 7 | 61 | 16 | 291 | 0 | 67 | 5 | 42 | 0 | 37 | 1683 |

Games: 5 • Avg/rush: 6.5 • Avg/catch: 15.4 • Pass effic: 190.97 • KR avg: 16.7 • PR avg: 3.2 • All purpose avg/game: 540.6 • Total offense avg/gm: 500.8

| Date | Opponent | Tackles | | | | Sacks | Fumble | | Pass Defense | | | blkd kick | PAT Attempts | | | off | | |
|-----------|------------------|---------|-----|-------|----------|---------|--------|--------|--------------|-----|------|--------------|--------------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| | | ua | a | total | tfl-yds | | ff | fr-yds | int-yds | qbh | brup | | kick | rush | rcv | saf | t/o | pts |
| Sep 03 | at Colorado St. | 46 | 46 | 92 | 6.0-14 | 3.0-10 | 0 | 1-0 | 1-0 | 4 | 6 | 0 | 6-6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 42 |
| Sep 11 | LINDENWOOD (MO) | 31 | 20 | 51 | 10.0-36 | 3.0-23 | 1 | 0-0 | 1-0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 7-7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 52 |
| Sep 25 | at Indiana State | 23 | 64 | 87 | 8.0-31 | 3.0-18 | 0 | 0-0 | 1-16 | 4 | 5 | 0 | 5-5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 44 |
| Oct 02 | DIXIE ST. | 41 | 24 | 65 | 9.0-43 | 4.0-31 | 1 | 1-0 | 4-37 | 1 | 7 | 0 | 7-7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 55 |
| Oct 09 | SOUTHERN ILL. | 46 | 30 | 76 | 5.0-19 | 2.0-13 | 4 | 2-97 | 0-0 | 3 | 6 | 0 | 3-3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 15 | 41 |
| | | 187 | 184 | 371 | 38.0-143 | 15.0-95 | 6 | 4-97 | 7-53 | 14 | 25 | 0 | 28-28 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 56 | 234 |
| Opponents | | 188 | 108 | 296 | 17.0-58 | 2.0-19 | 2 | 1-6 | 2-0 | 11 | 7 | 2 | 10-10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 79 |

| | | Punting | | | | | | | | | Field Goals | | | Kickoffs | | | | |
|-----------|------------------|---------|------|------|------|------|----|----|-----|-----|-------------|------|------|----------|------|------|----|----|
| Date | Opponent | no. | yds | avg | long | blkd | tb | fc | 50+ | i20 | md-att | long | blkd | no. | yds | avg | tb | ob |
| Sep 03 | at Colorado St. | 4 | 168 | 42.0 | 49 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0-1 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 455 | 65.0 | 7 | 0 |
| Sep 11 | LINDENWOOD (MO) | 2 | 88 | 44.0 | 46 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1-1 | 54 | 0 | 9 | 491 | 54.6 | 3 | 1 |
| Sep 25 | at Indiana State | 2 | 72 | 36.0 | 40 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3-4 | 45 | 1 | 9 | 566 | 62.9 | 5 | 0 |
| Oct 02 | DIXIE ST. | 6 | 294 | 49.0 | 52 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 2-2 | 37 | 0 | 10 | 508 | 50.8 | 1 | 0 |
| Oct 09 | SOUTHERN ILL. | 1 | 50 | 50.0 | 50 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2-4 | 40 | 1 | 7 | 432 | 61.7 | 4 | 0 |
| | | 15 | 672 | 44.8 | 52 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 3 | 5 | 8-12 | 54 | 2 | 42 | 2452 | 58.4 | 20 | 1 |
| Opponents | | 31 | 1277 | 41.2 | 65 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 5 | 9 | 1-2 | 35 | 0 | 16 | 907 | 56.7 | 7 | 1 |

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South Dakota State Opponent Game-by-Game (as of Oct 11, 2021)

All games

OPPONENT STATISTICS

| Date | Opponent | Rushing | | | | Receiving | | | | Passing | | | | Kick Returns | | | | Punt Returns | | | | tot off |
|--------------------|------------------|---------|------|----|----|-----------|------|----|----|-------------|------|----|----|--------------|-----|----|----|--------------|-----|----|----|------------|
| | | no. | yds | td | lg | no. | yds | td | lg | cmp-att-int | yds | td | lg | no. | yds | td | lg | no. | yds | td | lg | |
| Sep 03 | at Colorado St. | 40 | 124 | 2 | 19 | 33 | 338 | 1 | 36 | 33-49-1 | 338 | 1 | 36 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 8 | 0 | 9 | 462 |
| Sep 11 | LINDENWOOD (MO) | 31 | 84 | 0 | 11 | 9 | 112 | 1 | 37 | 9-18-1 | 112 | 1 | 37 | 4 | 107 | 0 | 67 | 1 | 37 | 0 | 37 | 196 |
| Sep 25 | at Indiana State | 39 | 78 | 0 | 19 | 14 | 148 | 0 | 27 | 14-29-1 | 148 | 0 | 27 | 4 | 71 | 0 | 23 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 226 |
| Oct 02 | DIXIE ST. | 24 | 6 | 0 | 11 | 28 | 247 | 1 | 23 | 28-48-4 | 247 | 1 | 23 | 6 | 80 | 0 | 22 | 2 | -3 | 0 | 0 | 253 |
| Oct 09 | SOUTHERN ILL. | 38 | 183 | 2 | 63 | 29 | 363 | 4 | 61 | 29-47-0 | 363 | 4 | 61 | 2 | 33 | 0 | 18 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 546 |
| South Dakota State | | 172 | 475 | 4 | 63 | 113 | 1208 | 7 | 61 | 113-191-7 | 1208 | 7 | 61 | 16 | 291 | 0 | 67 | 5 | 42 | 0 | 37 | 1683 |
| | | 182 | 1176 | 12 | 85 | 86 | 1328 | 16 | 55 | 86-129-2 | 1328 | 16 | 55 | 7 | 117 | 0 | 28 | 9 | 29 | 0 | 14 | 2504 |

Games: 5 • Avg/rush: 2.8 • Avg/catch: 10.7 • Pass effic: 117.05 • KR avg: 18.2 • PR avg: 8.4 • All purpose avg/game: 403.2 • Total offense avg/gm: 336.6

| | | Tackles | | | | Sacks | Fumble | | Pass Defense | | | blkd | PAT Attempts | | | off | | |
|--------------------|------------------|---------|-----|-------|----------|---------|--------|--------|--------------|-----|------|------|--------------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Date | Opponent | ua | a | total | tfl-yds | no-yds | ff | fr-yds | int-yds | qbh | brup | kick | kick | rush | rcv | saf | t/o | pts |
| Sep 03 | at Colorado St. | 31 | 28 | 59 | 4.0-11 | 0.0-0 | 0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 2-2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 23 |
| Sep 11 | LINDENWOOD (MO) | 41 | 18 | 59 | 1.0-3 | 0.0-0 | 0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1-1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 |
| Sep 25 | at Indiana State | 29 | 32 | 61 | 2.0-6 | 0.0-0 | 1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Oct 02 | DIXIE ST. | 42 | 22 | 64 | 5.0-28 | 2.0-19 | 0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 1-1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 |
| Oct 09 | SOUTHERN ILL. | 45 | 8 | 53 | 5.0-10 | 0.0-0 | 1 | 1-6 | 2-0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 6-6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 42 |
| | | 188 | 108 | 296 | 17.0-58 | 2.0-19 | 2 | 1-6 | 2-0 | 11 | 7 | 2 | 10-10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 79 |
| South Dakota State | | 187 | 184 | 371 | 38.0-143 | 15.0-95 | 6 | 4-97 | 7-53 | 14 | 25 | 0 | 28-28 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 56 | 234 |

| | | Punting | | | | | | | | | Field Goals | | | Kickoffs | | | | |
|--------------------|------------------|---------|------|------|------|------|----|----|-----|-----|-------------|------|------|----------|------|------|----|----|
| Date | Opponent | no. | yds | avg | long | blkd | tb | fc | 50+ | i20 | md-att | long | blkd | no. | yds | avg | tb | ob |
| Sep 03 | at Colorado St. | 4 | 220 | 55.0 | 65 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 1-2 | 35 | 0 | 5 | 260 | 52.0 | 4 | 0 |
| Sep 11 | LINDENWOOD (MO) | 7 | 246 | 35.1 | 41 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 130 | 65.0 | 1 | 0 |
| Sep 25 | at Indiana State | 7 | 265 | 37.9 | 46 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 57 | 57.0 | 0 | 1 |
| Oct 02 | DIXIE ST. | 8 | 300 | 37.5 | 50 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 98 | 49.0 | 0 | 0 |
| Oct 09 | SOUTHERN ILL. | 5 | 246 | 49.2 | 65 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 362 | 60.3 | 2 | 0 |
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