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2021 FOOTBALL INFORMATION

Jackrabbits host UNI on Hobo Day

JACKRABBIT GAME NOTES — OCT. 23



HEAD COACH: Mark Farley (Northern Iowa, 1987)
 • 165-90 record in 21 seasons — all at Northern Iowa

#20/24 NORTHERN IOWA (3-3, 1-2 MVFC)
at #6/7 SOUTH DAKOTA STATE (5-1, 2-1 MVFC)
107th Hobo Day Game | 2 p.m. Saturday
Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium; Brookings, South Dakota

SERIES NOTES

- 58th Meeting (UNI leads series, 32-23-2)
- SDSU won last season's matchup, 24-20, on Feb. 19, 2021, in Cedar Falls, Iowa

MEDIA INFORMATION

- Game will be televised exclusively on ESPN3.com with broadcast team of Brad Wells, Don Patterson and Kelly Burke
- Free radio broadcast available through Jackrabbits All-Access at GoJacks.com/watch
- Pre-game radio show begins at 1 p.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), Scotty Kwas (color) and Al Bahe (sidelines) will call the action



HEAD COACH: John Stiegelmeier (SDSU, 1979)
 • 179-108 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 W, 41-17
 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

NORTHERN IOWA	CATEGORY	SOUTH DAKOTA STATE
27.2	Points Per Game	45.8
18.3	Points Allowed Per Game	16.0
145.2	Rushing Yardage Per Game	225.2
110.3	Rush Yardage Allowed/Game	84.2
216.3	Passing Yardage Per Game	253.8
13.6	Average Per Catch	14.8
193.3	Pass Yardage Allowed/Game	235.8
361.5	Total Offense Per Game	479.0
303.7	Total Offense Allowed/Game	320.0
21.6	Kick Return Average	17.0
5.5	Punt Return Average	5.2
8-87	Interception Returns	7-53
5-4	Fumbles-Lost	5-2
38-298	Penalties-Yards	39-335
27:22	Time of Possession/Game	31:19
26/75 (35%)	Third-Down Conversions	27/68 (40%)

GAME NOTES — SOUTH DAKOTA STATE vs. NORTHERN IOWA

RECENT SERIES SCORES

2006:	Northern Iowa 27, South Dakota State 17 (Sept. 16, 2006, at Cedar Falls, Iowa)
2007:	Northern Iowa 31, South Dakota State 17 (Sept. 15, 2007, at Coughlin-Alumni Stadium)
2008:	Northern Iowa 34, South Dakota State 20 (Sept. 20, 2008, at Cedar Falls, Iowa)
2009:	South Dakota State 24, Northern Iowa 14 (Oct. 24, 2009, at Coughlin-Alumni Stadium)
2010:	Northern Iowa 24, South Dakota State 14 (Oct. 2, 2010, at Cedar Falls, Iowa)
2011:	Northern Iowa 31, South Dakota State 14 (Oct. 15, 2011, at Coughlin-Alumni Stadium)
2012:	Northern Iowa 27, South Dakota State 6 (Oct. 20, 2012, at Cedar Falls, Iowa)
2013:	South Dakota State 37, Northern Iowa 34 [2 OT] (Oct. 26, 2013, at Coughlin-Alumni Stadium)
2014:	South Dakota State 31, Northern Iowa 28 (Oct. 18, 2014, at Cedar Falls, Iowa)
2015:	Northern Iowa 10, South Dakota State 7 (Oct. 24, 2015, at Coughlin-Alumni Stadium)
2016:	South Dakota State 45, Northern Iowa 24 (Nov. 19, 2016, at Cedar Falls, Iowa)
2017:	Northern Iowa 38, South Dakota State 18 (Oct. 14, 2017, at Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium) ^South Dakota State 37, Northern Iowa 22 (Dec. 2, 2017, at Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium)
2018:	Northern Iowa 24, South Dakota State 9 (Oct. 20, 2018, at Cedar Falls, Iowa)
2019:	South Dakota State 38, Northern Iowa 7 (Nov. 16, 2019, at Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium) ^Northern Iowa 13, South Dakota State 10 (Dec. 7, 2019, at Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium)
2020-21:	South Dakota State 24, Northern Iowa 20 (Feb. 19, 2021, at Cedar Falls, Iowa)

^ Football Championship Subdivision playoff game

Overall, UNI leads the series, 32-23-2

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Oct. 19, 2021

BROOKINGS, S.D. — As always seems to be the case when these two teams meet, Saturday's Missouri Valley Football Conference game between nationally ranked opponents Northern Iowa and South Dakota State is likely to have implications on the Football Championship Subdivision playoff picture.

Kickoff for the 107th Hobo Day game is set for 2 p.m. at Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium. The game has been selected as the MVFC Game of the Week and will be available for viewing exclusively through ESPN3.com.

South Dakota State, ranked sixth in this week's Stats Perform media poll and seventh by the FCS coaches, enters the matchup 5-1 overall and 2-1 in the MVFC. The Jackrabbits rebounded from an overtime loss at home to Southern Illinois two weeks ago by rolling past Western Illinois, 41-17, Oct. 16 in Macomb, Illinois.

Northern Iowa, meanwhile, has seen its fortunes fall the last two weeks with back-to-back losses at North Dakota State (34-20) and at home to South Dakota (34-21). The Panthers, ranked 20th and 24th, respectively, come into Saturday's game with a 3-3 overall record and a 1-2 mark in the MVFC.

THE SERIES: Saturday's game will mark the 58th meeting on the gridiron between SDSU and UNI. The two squads met regularly from the time the series started in 1935 until UNI (formerly Iowa Teachers College) left the North Central Conference in the late 1970s to join the Division I ranks.

UNI holds a 32-23-2 advantage in the series, including a 10-7 edges since SDSU joined the Football Championship Subdivision in 2004. Two of the meetings have been in the FCS playoffs, with the Jackrabbits posting a 37-22 second-round home victory in 2017.

Home-field advantage has meant little in the recent series as the road team has won six of the last nine meetings dating back to 2014, including the visiting team winning each of the last two matchups.

Northern Iowa ended South Dakota State's season in the 2019 playoffs with a 13-10 victory at Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium, while the Jackrabbits rallied for a 24-20 victory in the 2020-21 season opener on Feb. 19 at the UNI-Dome in their most recent meeting.

In last season's matchup, freshman quarterback Mark Gronowski threw for two touchdowns in his collegiate debut, including the game-winning 1-yard pass to Pierre Strong, Jr., with 19 seconds remaining as fifth-ranked SDSU upended third-ranked UNI.

Gronowski led the Jackrabbits on a 10-play, 75-yard game-winning drive that consumed more than five minutes that was further highlighted by a 43-yard pass from Gronowski to tight end Zach Heins down the left sideline to the UNI 3.

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 73-32 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.

SDSU'S 2021 RECORD WHEN...

Jackrabbits score first	5-1
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	2-0
Jackrabbits lead at halftime.....	5-1
Opponent leads at halftime	0-0
Game is tied at halftime.....	0-0
Jackrabbits lead after three quarters.....	5-1
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	3-0
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.....	1-0
Jackrabbits commit fewer penalties than opponent ..	2-0
Opponent commits fewer penalties than SDSU	3-1
Teams commit same number of penalties	0-0
Jackrabbits have time of possession advantage	4-0
Opponent has time of possession advantage	1-1
Game is played on artificial surface	5-1
Game is played on natural grass/hybrid surface	0-0
Game is played during the day	2-1
Game is played at night (6 p.m. or later kickoff).....	3-0

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.

RANKINGS STREAK: By being ranked second in this week's Stats Perform FCS poll, SDSU has now appeared in the top 25 of 125 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
Oct. 18	6th	7th

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 a candidate 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 has topped the century mark in five of six games this season, including rushing for a season-high 162 yards on 20 carries with touchdown runs of 20 and a career-long 85 yards Oct. 9 against Southern Illinois. 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 an FCS-best 128.3 yards per game on 8.2 yards per carry (second in the FCS), while also leading the team with nine touchdowns.

Backhaus, meanwhile, was 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, but has been sidelined by an injury suffered early in the Oct. 9 game versus Southern Illinois.

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 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.

GAME NOTES — SOUTH DAKOTA STATE vs. NORTHERN IOWA

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

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 yards, 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, and at Western Illinois, 10-16-2021
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

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).

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.

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, four times by Pierre Strong, Jr. (last: at Western Illinois, 10-16-2021)

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 Dustman, 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: 2.5 Reece Winkelman, at Western Illinois, 10-16-2021

SACKS: 2.0, by Reece Winkelman, at Western Illinois, 10-16-2021

INTERCEPTIONS: 1, seven times (twice by Daeton Mcgaughy)

PASS BREAKUPS: 2, by Adam Bock, at Colorado State, 9-3-2021, and by DyShawn Gales, at Western Illinois, 10-16-2021

FUMBLES FORCED: 1, seven times (last: by Reece Winkelman, at Western Illinois, 10-16-2021)

FUMBLES RECOVERED: 1, five times (last: by Reece Winkelman, at Western Illinois, 10-16-2021)

BLOCKED KICKS: 1, by Kinser Madison, at Western Illinois, 10-16-2021

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.

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 in the first half of 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 90-of-136 passes (66.2 percent) for 1,274 yards and 14 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.

JANKES SCORE IN TANDEM: Twin brothers Jaxon and Jadon Janke have each tallied receiving touchdowns in the same game twice this season, marking the second and third times in their careers the wide receivers from Madison, South Dakota, have scored in the same game.

GAME NOTES — SOUTH DAKOTA STATE vs. NORTHERN IOWA

BIG PLAYS — 20 OR MORE YARDS

PLAYER	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	Tot
Pierre Strong, Jr. (4)	4	3	2	2	11
Jaxon Janke (2)	3	2	1	1	7
Jadon Janke (1)	1	1	2	1	5
Amar Johnson	3	1	.	.	4
Tucker Kraft (1)	3	.	.	.	3
Isaiah Davis	1	1	.	.	2
Zach Heins	2	.	.	.	2
Canyon Bauer	.	1	.	.	1
Tyler Feldkamp	1	.	.	.	1
Mason Leighton	1	.	.	.	1
Mike Morgan (1)	.	.	.	1	1
Chris Oladokun (1)	1	.	.	.	1
Rudy Voss	1	.	.	.	1
Team Totals	21	9	5	5	40

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

TOP PERFORMANCES

100-YARD RUSHERS

Pierre Strong, Jr. (5)

- 13-138, 2 TD at Colorado State, 9-3-2021
- 7-110, 1 TD vs. Lindenwood, 9-11-2021
- 20-150 at Indiana State, 9-25-2021
- 20-162, 2 TD vs. Southern Illinois, 10-9-2021
- 19-122, 2 TD at Western Illinois, 10-16-2021

Amar Johnson (1)

- 15-105, 1 TD vs. Lindenwood, 9-11-2021

100-YARD RECEIVERS

Tucker Kraft (1)

- 10-124, 1 TD vs. Southern Illinois, 10-9-2021

Jadon Janke (1)

- 3-117, 1 TD vs. Southern Illinois, 10-9-2021

Jaxon Janke (1)

- 9-101, 1 TD vs. Western Illinois, 10-16-2021

300-YARD PASSERS

Chris Oladokun (1)

- 23-31-2, 358 yards, vs. Southern Illinois, 10-9-2021

DOUBLE-DIGIT TACKLERS

Adam Bock (2)

- 10 tackles, 0.5 TFLs at Indiana State, 9-25-2021
- 17 tackles, 0.5 TFLs/sacks vs. Southern Illinois, 10-9-2021

SDSU CAREER FIELD GOALS

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 Reifenrath, 2008-10	34
6. Adam Vinatieri, 1991-94	27
7. Cole Frahm, 2019-present	24
8. Tony Harris, 1977-80	23
K.C. Johnson, 1984-86	23
Keith Witt, 2002-03	23

The Jankes first accomplished the feat during the 2021 season in a Sept. 25 Jackrabbit victory at Indiana State. Jadon's touchdown reception covered 33 yards in the first quarter, while Jaxon scored from 42 yards out in the second stanza. They followed the same script Oct. 16 at Western Illinois, with Jadon catching an 8-yard pass to open the scoring in the first quarter and Jaxon adding a 21-yard score to cap a 21-point third quarter.

The first 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.

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 3,611 career rushing yards reaching the century mark for the fifth time in six games with 122 yards on 19 carries at Western Illinois on Oct. 16. 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 and needs 102 yards to pass Anthony Watson (3,712 yards from 2003-06) for fourth place in program history.

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.

In addition, Strong has scored nine rushing touchdowns this season, vaulting him into sixth place on the SDSU charts with 31 career rushing scores.

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 28.

BIG-PLAY JACKS: Through its first six games this season, the South Dakota State offense has averaged 7.7 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 40 plays of 20 or more yards from scrimmage through six 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 4.4 yards per play, including 2.7 yards per rushing attempt.

JACKRABBITS IN THE 2021 NCAA STATISTICS

TEAM (top 25)

- 2nd in team passing efficiency, 184.73
- 3rd in scoring offense, 45.8 points/game
- 4th in fewest turnovers lost, 4
- 5th in passing yards per completion, 14.79
- 5th in total offense, 479.3 yards/game
- 7th in fewest sacks allowed, 0.83 per game
- 7th in fewest passes had intercepted, 2
- 8th in red-zone defense, .647
- 8th in turnover margin, +1.17/game
- 9th in scoring defense, 16.0 points/game
- 9th in rushing defense, 84.2 yards/game
- 10th in completion percentage, .665
- 11th in rushing offense, 225.5 yards/game
- 11th in defensive touchdowns, 2
- 12th in team sacks, 3.17 sacks/game
- 12th in tackles for loss allowed, 3.83 TFLs/game
- 13th in net punting, 40.39 yards/attempt
- 15th in team tackles for loss, 7.3 TFLs/game
- 16th in fewest fumbles lost, 2
- 17th in red-zone offense, .903
- 19th in team passing efficiency defense, 111.55
- 20th in total defense, 320.0 yards/game

INDIVIDUAL (top 40)

COLE FRAHM

- 7th in scoring, 10.2 points/game
- 8th in field goals per game, 1.67

JADON JANKE

- T-20th in receiving touchdowns, 5
- 28th in yards per reception, 18.39

TUCKER KRAFT

- T-38th in receiving touchdowns, 4

CHRIS OLADOKUN

- 3rd in yards per pass attempt, 9.30
- 4th in passing efficiency, 175.89
- 8th in passing yards per completion, 14.16
- 12th in completion percentage, .662
- 14th in passing touchdowns, 14
- 17th in points responsible for, 98
- 17th in points responsible for per game, 16.3
- 36th in passing yards per game, 212.3
- 38th in passing yards, 1,274

PIERRE STRONG, JR.

- 1st in rushing yards per game, 128.3
- 2nd in rushing yards per carry, 8.19
- 3rd in rushing yards, 770
- 5th in all-purpose yards, 142.0 per game
- 5th in rushing touchdowns, 9
- 8th in total touchdowns, 9

REECE WINKELMAN

- 34th in sacks, 0.75 per game

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.

40 AND COUNTING: South Dakota State has scored 40-plus points in each of its six games this season, marking the longest such streak in program history. Previously, SDSU put together a four-game streak of 40-point games late in the 2018 season, covering the final three regular season games (Missouri State (59), Southern Illinois (57), South Dakota (49) and a playoff victory over Duquesne (51).

The Jackrabbits have reached the 40-point mark each of the past two games thanks to a non-offensive touchdown — scoring on a 97-yard fumble return by Malik Lofton Oct. 9 against Southern Illinois and a 9-yard blocked punt return by Canyon Bauer last week at Western Illinois.

SDSU also scored a defensive touchdown in its Oct. 2 game against Dixie State as Dalys Beanum returned an interception 36 yards for a score.

The Jackrabbits enter the week ranked third in the Football Championship Subdivision with an average of 45.8 points per game.

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.

Through six games this season, the Jackrabbits have outscored the opposition by a 109-27 margin in the second quarter.

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

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

AT WESTERN ILLINOIS

OFFENSE: Jaxon Janke, Wes Genant

DEFENSE: Cale Reeder, Reece Winkelman

SPECIAL TEAMS: Kinser Madison

SCOUT OFFENSE: Daxon Lindholm

SCOUT DEFENSE: Jaden Crockett

SCOUT SPECIAL TEAMS: Chris Rhodes

EFFORT: Kinser Madison

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 play-off games.

SDSU has picked up where it left off by tallying 19 sacks through the first six games of the 2021 campaign. The 19 sacks are spread among 13 different players, with defensive end Reece Winkelman leading the squad with 4.5 sacks.

On the flip side, the Jackrabbits have allowed only five sacks this season..

WINKELMAN NEARS TOP 10: South Dakota State defensive end Reece Winkelman is poised to join the Jackrabbit career top 10 for sacks. The senior from Marshall, Minnesota, has tallied 14 career sacks and trails Kevin Tetzlaff (15 sacks from 1988-91) for 10th place on the SDSU career charts.

Winkelman shared the team lead with 6.5 sacks during the 2019 campaign and again leads the squad with 4.5 sacks this season after notching two against Western Illinois on Oct. 16.

As a team, the Jackrabbits are averaging 3.2 sacks per game, highlighted by a four-sack performance last week at Western Illinois.

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).

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 Beanum, 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.

In addition, Frahm has moved into seventh place on the SDSU career charts for field goals made with 24 after booting six in three games so far this month. Last week, he passed Tony Harris (1977-80), K.C. Johnson (1984-86) and Keith Witt (2002-03), all of whom made 23 field goals in their Jackrabbit careers.

For his career, Frahm is 24-for-34 on field goal tries.

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 225.2 yards per game rushing and 253.8 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.

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.

GAME NOTES — SOUTH DAKOTA STATE vs. NORTHERN IOWA

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

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

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

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.

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.

OVERTIME GAMES

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	

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 Burckhardt (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.

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 on the road for a matchup with Youngstown State on Oct. 30. Start time is slated for 2 p.m. Eastern time (1 p.m. Central) at Stambaugh Stadium in Youngstown, Ohio.

#5 SDSU 24, #3 NORTHERN IOWA 20

Feb. 19, 2021 • UNI-Dome (Att.: 2,137)

CEDAR FALLS, Iowa – Freshman quarterback Mark Gronowski threw for two touchdowns in his collegiate debut, including the game-winning 1-yard pass to Pierre Strong, Jr., with 19 seconds remaining as fifth-ranked South Dakota State recovered late for a 24-20 season-opening win at third-ranked Northern Iowa.

A native of Naperville, Illinois, Gronowski led the Jackrabbits on a 10-play, 75-yard game-winning drive that consumed more than five minutes. SDSU, which had not picked up first down in its five previous second-half drives, moved the chains three times before the decisive score, the last coming on a 43-yard pass from Gronowski to tight end Zach Heins down the left sideline to the UNI 3.

After a pair of Strong rushes moved the ball to the 1, the Jackrabbit running back slipped across the formation to the right flat and hauled in the pass from Gronowski for a 23-20 SDSU lead. Cole Frahm added the extra point to force the Panthers to drive the length of the field, but the last-ditch drive by UNI failed to get past the Panthers' own 40.

UNI grabbed a 20-17 lead by scoring the first 13 points of the second half. Matthew Cook booted a 43-yard field goal in the third quarter and added a 35-yarder with 8:35 to play in regulation. Moments later, the Panthers cashed in on SDSU's second lost fumble of the game on a strip sack of Gronowski that was recovered at the SDSU 19. Two plays later, Panther quarterback Will McElvain connected with Tysen Kershaw on a 14-yard touchdown.

SDSU statistically dominated the first half in building a 17-7 lead at intermission. The Jackrabbits marched 71 yards on eight plays on the game's opening drive before settling for a 24-yard field goal by Frahm.

UNI took its first lead later in the first quarter on a 7-yard touchdown run by McElvain, capping a seven-play, 52-yard drive. McElvain completed 19-of-29 attempts for 164 yards, with Quan Hampton hauling in a game-high seven catches for 45 yards.

Gronowski accounted for a pair of touchdowns in three-plus minute span late in the first half. First, he hooked up with Jaxon Janke for a 6-yard touchdown, then he used his legs to score on a 5-yard run with 1 minute and 24 seconds remaining in the opening half. His rushing touchdown was set up by a blocked punt by newcomer Isaiah Stalbird that gave SDSU the ball at the Panther 5.

Gronowski also finished the night 19-for-29 passing for 194 yards and added 24 rushing yards on 10 carries. Strong tallied 91 yards on 22 rushing attempts and led SDSU with six receptions, including the game-winner, for 31 yards. Heins added five catches for a team-high 90 receiving yards.

SDSU finished with a 310-193 advantage in total offense, with UNI limited to only 28 net yards on the ground in 25 attempts. Linebackers Logan Backhaus, Adam Bock and Preston Tetzlaff, along with cornerback Don Gardner, each registered five tackles to lead the Jackrabbits. Two of Backhaus' tackles were for loss.

Korby Sander of UNI led all players with 13 tackles.



Mark Gronowski accounted for all three South Dakota State touchdowns in his collegiate debut, a 24-20 Jackrabbit victory.

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	FINAL
South Dakota State (1-0, 1-0)	3	14	0	7	24
Northern Iowa (0-1, 0-1)	7	0	3	10	20

SCORING SUMMARY

1st	10:16	SDSU – Cole Frahm 24 yd field goal
1st	3:05	UNI – Will McElvain 7 yd run (Matthew Cook kick)
2nd	5:14	SDSU – Jaxon Janke 6 yd pass from Mark Gronowski (Frahm kick)
2nd	1:24	SDSU – Gronowski 5 yd run (Frahm kick)
3rd	5:32	UNI – Cook 43 yd field goal
4th	8:35	UNI – Cook 35 yd field goal
4th	5:59	UNI – Tysen Kershaw 14 yd pass from McElvain (Cook kick)
4th	00:19	SDSU – Pierre Strong, Jr. 1 yd pass from Gronowski (Frahm kick)

TEAM STATISTICS

	SDSU	UNI
FIRST DOWNS	14	13
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	34-116	25-28
PASSING YDS (NET)	194	165
Passes Att-Comp-Int	29-19-0	29-19-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	310	193
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	2-33	2-11
Kickoff Returns-Yards	2-46	0-0
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	5-40.6	7-38.3
Fumbles-Lost	2-2	0-0
Penalties-Yards	9-80	4-20
Possession Time	33:14	26:46
Third-Down Conversions	5 of 13	2 of 12
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 1	0 of 0
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	4-5	3-3
Sacks By: Number-Yards	2-15	2-8

RUSHING LEADERS: SDSU - Pierre Strong, Jr. 22-91; Mark Gronowski 10-24; Isaiah Davis 1-2. UNI - Dom Williams 14-28; Nick McCabe 4-0; Will McElvain 7-0. **PASSING LEADERS:** SDSU - Mark Gronowski 19-29-0 194. UNI - Will McElvain 19-29-0 165. **RECEIVING LEADERS:** SDSU - Pierre Strong, Jr. 6-31; Zach Heins 5-90; Jaxon Janke 4-29. UNI - Quan Hampton 7-65; Deion McShane 4-36; Nick Phillips 3-16; Tysen Kershaw 2-34; Kyle Fourtenbary 2-9. **INTERCEPTIONS:** SDSU - none. UNI - none. **SACKS:** SDSU - Tolu Ogunrinde 1.0-8; Adam Bock 1.0-7. UNI - Jared Brinkman 1.0-7; Brawntae Wells 0.5-1; Korby Sander 0.5-0. **TACKLE LEADERS (JA-A-TOT):** SDSU - Preston Tetzlaff 5-0-5; Logan Backhaus 5-0-5; Adam Bock 4-1-5; Don Gardner 3-2-5. UNI - Korby Sander 8-5-13; Spencer Cuveller 3-6-9; Benny Sapp 3-4-7; Brawntae Wells 3-3-6; Eric Mooney 3-3-6.

DEPTH CHART vs. NORTHERN IOWA

OFFENSE

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

DE	97	REECE WINKELMAN, 6-4, 245, *Sr., Marshall, Minn.
	95	Zac Wilson, 6-3, 235, So., Chipley, Fla.
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	94	Cade Terveer, 6-3, 250, Jr., Brandon, S.D.
	22	Tolu Ogunrinde, 6-1, 265, Sr., Cottage Grove, Minn.
	93	Max Baloun, 6-6, 245, R-Fr., Redfield, S.D.
LB or (Will) or	29	Graham Spalding, 6-1, 205, So., Oviedo, Fla.
	12	LOGAN BACKHAUS, 6-4, 210, Sr., Spirit Lake, Iowa
	30	Payton Shafer, 6-0, 210, Jr., Cottage Grove, Minn.
LB (Mike)	32	ADAM BOCK, 6-1, 215, So., Solon, Iowa
	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 or	3	JOSHUA MANCHIGIAH, 6-0, 205, *Sr., Papillion, Neb.
	25	Cale Reeder, 6-0, 180, So., Yorkville, Ill.
	14	Colby Huerter, 6-1, 195, Fr., Katy, Texas
SS	6	MICHAEL GRIFFIN II, 6-0, 215, Sr., Cottage Grove, Minn.
	0	Daeton Mcgaughy, 6-0, 210, So., Elwood, Kan.
	23	Matthew Durrance, 6-2, 195, Fr., Lutz, Fla.
RCB	5	DyShawn Gales, 5-11, 190, Jr., North Chicago, Ill.
	26	Steven Arrell, 6-2, 190, R-Fr., Brooklyn Park, Minn.
	20	Myles Taylor, 6-1, 180, Fr., Gilbert, Ariz.

Returning starters indicated in CAPS

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

SPECIAL TEAMS

Long Snaps	45	Bradey Sorenson, 6-2, 235, Sr., Yankton, S.D.
	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 Bloomenrader	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 (179-108 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 137-75 overall record (.646 winning percentage)
- His 73 victories in Missouri Valley Football Conference play rank second in league history, while his 111 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 235-147 (.615) 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	5-1	2-1
TOTALS	111-57	73-32
OVERALL TOTALS	179-108	115-67



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 15 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 31 career touchdown runs are sixth most in program history and have covered an average of 29.5 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	3,611
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. Pierre Strong, Jr., 2018-present	31
7. Scott Nedved, 1998-2002	30
8. Anthony Watson, 2003-06	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	94	770	8.2	9	*85	9	82	0	32	0	0	0.0	0	0
Career	485	3,611	7.4	31	*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

- Zach Zenner33 carries, 295 yds.
• vs. Eastern Illinois, 11-24-2012 [FCS playoffs]
Zach Zenner37 carries, 295 yds.
• at North Dakota, 9-7-2013
- Josh Ranek41 carries, 291 yds.
• vs. St. Cloud State, 11-13-1999
- Josh Ranek39 carries, 282 yds.
• at North Dakota State, 10-24-1998
- Zach Zenner34 carries, 278 yds.
• at Southeastern Louisiana, 9-8-2012
- Dan Sonnek41 carries, 268 yds.
• vs. Northern Colorado, 11-16-1985
- Dan Sonnek40 carries, 266 yds.
• vs. Augustana, 10-26-1985
- Cory Koenig21 carries, 259 yds.
• vs. Cal Poly, 10-20-2007
- Josh Ranek26 carries, 254 yds.
• at North Dakota State, 10-20-2001
- 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
Western Illinois	19	122	2	47	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Season Totals	94	770	9	*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
Western Illinois		DNP						
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	6	26	22	48	3.0-5	0.5-2	3	1-16	0	0-0	1
CAREER	20	65	71	126	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
Western Illinois	5	2	7	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0
Season Totals	26	22	48	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

6-2, 195, 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 ranks fourth among Football Championship Subdivision quarterbacks in passing efficiency (175.89)

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)	6	175.89	90	136	2	66.2	1,274	14	55	19	54	1	18
Career	33	144.83	319	509	12	62.7	3,850	36	82	194	591	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
^Western Illinois	17	25	0	195	2	36	5	-4	0	12
Season Totals	90	136	2	1,274	14	55	19	54	1	18

+ caught 22-yard touchdown pass

FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP SUBDIVISION POLLS

STATS PERFORM FCS POLL – OCT. 18

PL.	SCHOOL	2021 RECORD	POINTS	PR
1.	Sam Houston [35]	5-0	1,223	1
2.	Eastern Washington [14]	7-0	1,178	2
3.	North Dakota State [1]	6-0	1,169	3
4.	Southern Illinois	6-1	1,097	4
5.	Villanova	5-1	1,022	6
6.	South Dakota State	5-1	980	7
7.	James Madison	5-1	951	8
8.	Montana State	6-1	919	9
9.	Southeastern Louisiana	5-1	842	11
10.	UC Davis	6-1	750	13
11.	Montana	4-2	694	5
12.	Kennesaw State	5-1	658	15
13.	UT Martin	5-1	583	17
14.	East Tennessee State	6-1	556	10
15.	South Dakota	5-2	521	21
16.	Incarname Word	5-1	518	18
17.	Missouri State	4-2	486	20
18.	Rhode Island	5-1	405	12
19.	Sacramento State	4-2	251	NR
20.	Northern Iowa	3-3	190	16
21.	Virginia Military Institute	5-2	173	NR
22.	Princeton	5-0	166	25
23.	Delaware	3-3	152	14
24.	Jackson State	5-1	148	NR
25.	Dartmouth	5-0	120	NR

Others receiving votes: Jacksonville State 104; Harvard 101; Eastern Kentucky 85; Weber State 73; Duquesne 44; **North Dakota 27**; Prairie View A&M 16; **Youngstown State 11**; Chattanooga 8; William & Mary 7; Stephen F. Austin 5; Mercer 4.

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

AFCA FCS COACHES' POLL – OCT. 18

PL.	SCHOOL	2021 RECORD	POINTS	PR
1.	Sam Houston [26]	5-0	674	1
2.	Eastern Washington [2]	7-0	670	2
3.	North Dakota State	6-0	646	3
4.	Southern Illinois	6-1	605	4
5.	Villanova	5-1	581	5
6.	James Madison	5-1	561	7
7.	South Dakota State	5-1	543	8
8.	Montana State	6-1	509	9
9.	Southeastern Louisiana	5-1	453	11
10.	UC Davis	6-1	419	12
11.	Kennesaw State	5-1	409	13
12.	Montana	4-2	376	6
13.	UT Martin	5-1	347	16
14.	East Tennessee State	6-1	312	10
15.	South Dakota	5-2	268	21
16.	Harvard	5-0	246	19
17.	Princeton	5-0	193	20
18.	Missouri State	4-2	184	23
19.	Rhode Island	5-1	169	14
20.	Jackson State	5-1	151	25
21.	Jacksonville State	3-3	111	22
22.	Eastern Kentucky	5-2	93	NR
23.	Virginia Military Institute	5-2	89	NR
24.	Northern Iowa	3-3	85	17
25.	Delaware	3-3	71	15

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

Top Teams Receiving Votes: Incarnate Word 70; Dartmouth 67; **North Dakota 34**; Chattanooga 33; Weber State 28; Monmouth (N.J.) 19; Florida A&M 15; Duquesne 13; Sacramento State 10; Holy Cross 9; Furman 8; Mercer 6; New Hampshire 6; Stephen F. Austin 6; Yale 6.

MISSOURI VALLEY FOOTBALL CONFERENCE

2021 MVFC STANDINGS

SCHOOL	CONFERENCE	PF	PA	OVERALL	PF	PA
Southern Illinois	4-0	149	116	6-1	264	171
North Dakota State	3-0	70	30	6-0	197	43
South Dakota	3-1	115	75	5-2	211	113
Missouri State	3-1	142	91	4-2	201	148
South Dakota State	2-1	126	59	5-1	275	96
Northern Iowa	1-2	75	75	3-2	163	110
Youngstown State	1-2	83	105	2-3	141	188
Indiana State	1-3	54	146	3-4	109	212
Western Illinois	1-3	112	144	1-6	196	279
North Dakota	0-3	51	67	2-4	148	129
Illinois State	0-3	37	96	2-4	117	155

SCHEDULE AND RECENT RESULTS

SATURDAY, OCT. 16

*SDSU 41, Western Illinois 17
 *North Dakota State 20, Illinois State 0
 *Missouri State 37, Indiana State 7
 *Southern Illinois 31, North Dakota 28
 *South Dakota 34, Northern Iowa 21

SATURDAY, OCT. 23

*Youngstown State at Indiana State, noon
 *Illinois State at South Dakota, 1 p.m.
 *Northern Iowa at SDSU, 2 p.m.
 *Western Illinois at North Dakota, 2 p.m.
 *Missouri State at North Dakota State, 2:30 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 Beanum 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 Mccaughy 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 Veatch.

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 Beanum 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 Beanum 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 Veatch 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 Veatch 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 Beanum 1-36; Malik Lofton 1-1; Steven Arrell 1-0; Daeton Mccaughy 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.

#7/8 SDSU 41, WESTERN ILLINOIS 17

Oct. 16, 2021 • Hanson Field (Att: 2,827)

MACOMB, Ill. – South Dakota State broke loose from Western Illinois with a 21-point third quarter to defeat the Fighting Leathernecks, 41-17, in a Missouri Valley Football Conference matchup at Hanson Field.

The Jackrabbits, who entered the game ranked seventh in the Stats Perform media poll and eighth by the Football Championship Subdivision coaches, improved to 5-1 overall and 2-1 in league play. WIU dropped to 1-6 overall and 1-3 in the MVFC.

Holding a 13-10 halftime advantage, the Jackrabbits began to assert themselves on the opening drive of the second half. After forcing a punt after a three-and-out, Kinser Madison blocked the Leatherneck punt at the WIU 15 and Canyon Bauer scooped up the football at 9 and carried it in for a touchdown.

Although Western Illinois answered with a 15-yard touchdown run by Myles Wanza on its next drive, the Jackrabbits quickly regained the momentum with two touchdowns less than three minutes apart later in the quarter. Pierre Strong, Jr. found the end zone from 17 yards out for the first SDSU score and Jaxon Janke scored on a 21-yard pass from Chris Oladokun moments later as the Jackrabbits dominated the battle for field position in the third quarter.

Strong, who rushed 19 times for 122 yards, capped the scoring less than a minute into the fourth quarter with a 3-yard touchdown run.

The Jackrabbits drew first blood, scoring on an 8-yard touchdown pass from Oladokun to Jadon Janke midway through the first quarter.

Western Illinois would score the next 10 points over a four-minute span to take its lone lead of the game. Dennis Houston tallied for the first points for the Leathernecks on a 12-yard end-around touchdown and Mason Laramie booted a 43-yard field goal into a brisk wind.

Houston tallied a game-high 14 receptions for 71 yards.

SDSU tied the game on a 47-yard field goal by Cole Frahm and grabbed the 13-10 halftime advantage on the final play of the first half as Frahm connected again from 29 yards out.

The Jackrabbits limited WIU to 84 yards of total offense in the second half and held a 370-237 advantage for the game. SDSU's offense was spread nearly evenly as Oladokun completed 17-of-25 passes for 195 yards and the Jackrabbits gained another 175 on the ground. Jaxon Janke caught a career-high nine passes for 101 yards to lead the receiving corps.

Defensively, the Jackrabbits notched four sacks, including two by Reece Winkelman, and were led by Adam Bock's seven tackles. Michael Griffin II, Payton Shafer and Isaiah Stalbird each contributed five stops.

Western quarterback Connor Sampson was 29-of-51 passing for 207 yards.



Kinser Madison blocked a punt that was picked up and returned 9 yards for a touchdown by Canyon Bauer to jump-start a 21-point third quarter by Jackrabbits at Western Illinois.

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	FINAL
South Dakota State (5-1, 1-1)	7	6	21	7	41
Western Illinois (1-6, 1-3)	7	3	7	0	17

SCORING SUMMARY

1st	8:11	SDSU	Jadon Janke 8 yd pass from Chris Oladokun (Cole Frahm kick)
1st	1:57	WIU	Dennis Houston 12 yd run (Mason Laramie kick)
2nd	13:00	WIU	Laramie 43 yd field goal
2nd	3:38	SDSU	Frahm 47 yd field goal
2nd	0:00	SDSU	Frahm 29 yd field goal
3rd	13:36	SDSU	Canyon Bauer 9 yd blocked punt return (Frahm kick)
3rd	10:02	WIU	Myles Wanza 15 yd run (Laramie kick)
3rd	5:27	SDSU	Pierre Strong, Jr. 17 yd run (Frahm kick)
3rd	2:39	SDSU	Jaxon Janke 21 yd pass from Oladokun (Frahm kick)
4th	14:17	SDSU	Strong 3 yd run (Frahm kick)

TEAM STATISTICS	SDSU	WIU
FIRST DOWNS	18	17
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	35-175	18-30
PASSING YDS (NET)	195	207
Passes Att-Comp-Int	25-17-0	51-29-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	60-370	69-237
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	2-28	1-0
Kickoff Returns-Yards	2-36	1-4
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	3-39.0	7-22.3
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	3-1
Penalties-Yards	7-55	8-56
Possession Time	31:36	28:24
Third-Down Conversions	4 of 12	7 of 18
Fourth-Down Conversions	1 of 1	1 of 2
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	4-5	2-2
Sacks By: Number-Yards	4-28	3-19

RUSHING LEADERS: SDSU - Pierre Strong, Jr. 19-122; Amar Johnson 11-57. WIU - Myles Wanza 6-27; Ludovick Choquette 2-13; Tony Tate 4-13. **PASSING LEADERS:** SDSU - Chris Oladokun 17-25-0 195. WIU - Connor Sampson 29-51-0 207. **RECEIVING LEADERS:** SDSU - Jaxon Janke 9-101; Jadon Janke 3-21; Canyon Bauer 2-51; Tucker Kraft 2-16. WIU - Dennis Houston 14-71; Tony Tate 7-75; Ludovick Choquette 3-18. **INTERCEPTIONS:** SDSU - none. WIU - none. **SACKS:** SDSU - Reece Winkelman 2.0-12; Quinton Hicks 1.0-9; Zac Wilson 1.0-7. WIU - Jalen Powe 1.0-7; Hunter Mason 1.0-1; Cole Watts 0.5-6; Greg Benton Jr. 0.5-5. **TACKLE LEADERS (UA-A-TOT):** SDSU - Adam Bock 5-2-7; Michael Griffin II 5-0-5; Payton Shafer 4-1-5; Quinton Hicks 3-2-5; Isaiah Stalbird 3-2-5; Cale Reeder 3-2-5. WIU - Darius Joiner 6-3-9; Michael Lawson 5-3-8; Greg Benton Jr., 3-3-6.

2021 STATISTICS

GAME-BY-GAME COMPARISON

OPPONENT	SCORE	TOTAL	----FIRST DOWNS----			PEN	--RUSHING--		--PASSING--		YARDS	-TOTAL OFFENSE-		RETURN Yds	TURNOVERS
			RUSH	PASS			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
Western Illinois	41-17	18/17	10/5	7/10	1/2		35-175 / 18-30		17-25-0 / 29-51-0		195 / 207	60-370 / 59-237		64 / 4	1 / 1
Totals	275-96	132/114	60/35	63/70	9/9		217-1,351 / 190-505		103-154-2 / 142-242-7		1,523 / 1,415	371-2,874 / 432-1,920		360 / 343	4 / 12

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	0-2/0-0
Western Illinois	4-12	0-2	1-5	2-2	1-3
Totals	27-68	5-18	10-20	4-12	8-18
	39.7%	27.8%	50.0%	33.3%	44.4%
Opponents	37-97	11-27	7-23	8-23	11-24
	38.1%	40.7%	30.4%	34.8%	45.8%

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
Western Illinois	31:36	6:53	7:52	8:00	8:51
Totals	187:52	49:05	48:31	41:37	48:39
Avg.	31:18	8:10	8:05	6:56	8:06
Opponents	172:08	40:55	41:29	48:23	41:21
Avg.	28:41	6:49	6:54	8:03	6:53

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	0-0/0-0
Western Illinois	1-1	0-0	1-1	0-0	0-0
Totals	3-3	0-0	2-2	1-1	0-0
	100.0%	0.0%	100.0%	100.0%	0-0%
Opponents	7-18	0-0	1-4	0-3	6-11
	38.9%	0.0%	25.0%	0.0%	54.5%

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
Western Illinois	7-55	8-56
Totals	39-335	35-304

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	Ar. Johnson	McCormick	Genant	Lickiss	Greenfield	Heins	Jax. Janke	Jad. Janke	Kraft	Oladokun	Strong

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	Winkelman	Ward	Sanders	Hicks	Shaffer	Bock	Stalbird	Lofton	Griffin	Reeder	Gales

Northern Iowa
Youngstown St.
N. Dakota St.
South Dakota
North Dakota

The Automated ScoreBook
South Dakota State Game Results (as of Oct 19, 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
* Oct 16, 2021	at Western Illinois	W	41-17	5-1	2-1	3:18	2827

The Automated ScoreBook
South Dakota State Overall Team Statistics (as of Oct19, 2021)
All games

Team Statistics	SDSU	OPP
SCORING	275	96
PointsPer Game	45.8	16.0
PointsOff Turnovers	56	14
FIRST DOWNS	132	114
Rushing	60	35
Passing	63	70
Penalty	9	9
RUSHING YARDAGE	1351	505
Yardsgained rushing	1453	707
Yardslost rushing	102	202
Rushing Attempts	217	190
AveragePer Rush	6.2	2.7
AveragePer Game	225.2	84.2
TDsRushing	14	6
PASSING YARDAGE	1523	1415
Comp-Att-Int	103-154-2	142-242-7
AveragePer Pass	9.9	5.8
AveragePer Catch	14.8	10.0
AveragePer Game	253.8	235.8
TDsPassing	18	7
TOTAL OFFENSE	2874	1920
TotalPlays	371	432
AveragePer Play	7.7	4.4
AveragePer Game	479.0	320.0
KICK RETURNS: #-Yards	9-153	17-295
PUNT RETURNS: #-Yards	11-57	6-42
INT RETURNS: #-Yards	7-53	2-0
KICK RETURN AVERAGE	17.0	17.4
PUNT RETURN AVERAGE	5.2	7.0
INT RETURN AVERAGE	7.6	0.0
FUMBLES-LOST	5-2	14-5
PENALTIES-Yards	39-335	35-304
AveragePer Game	55.8	50.7
PUNTS-Yards	18-789	38-1433
AveragePer Punt	43.8	37.7
Netpunt average	40.4	36.2
KICKOFFS-Yards	49-2870	20-1142
AveragePer Kick	58.6	57.1
Netkick average	39.8	38.2
TIME OF POSSESSION/Game	31:19	28:41
3RD-DOWN Conversions	27/68	37/97
3rd-DownPct	40%	38%
4TH-DOWN Conversions	3/3	7/18
4th-DownPct	100%	39%
SACKS BY-Yards	19-123	5-38
MISC YARDS	0	10
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED	35	13
FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS	10-15	2-3
ON-SIDE KICKS	0-0	0-0
RED-ZONE SCORES	(28-31) 90%	(11-17) 65%
RED-ZONE TOUCHDOWNS	(22-31) 71%	(10-17) 59%
PAT-ATTEMPTS	(33-33) 100%	(12-12) 100%
ATTENDANCE	83702	83612
Games/Avg Per Game	6/13950	6/13935
NeutralSite Games		0/0

Score by Quarters	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Total
South Dakota State	59	109	60	41	6	275
Opponents	7	27	7	48	7	96

The Automated ScoreBook
South Dakota State Overall Individual Statistics (as of Oct 19, 2021)
All games

Rushing	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Pierre Strong	6	94	795	25	770	8.2	9	85	128.3
Amar Johnson	6	48	265	16	249	5.2	2	28	41.5
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	6	19	98	44	54	2.8	1	18	9.0
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	6	4	22	7	15	3.8	0	10	2.5
Jaxon Janke	6	1	7	0	7	7.0	0	7	1.2
Tyler Feldkamp	5	1	3	0	3	3.0	0	3	0.6
TEAM	5	5	0	6	-6	-1.2	0	0	-1.2
Total	0	217	1453	102	1351	6.2	14	85	0.0
Opponents	0	190	707	202	505	2.7	6	63	0.0

Passing	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
Chris Oladokun	6	175.89	90-136-2	66.2	1274	14	55	212.3
Keaton Heide	6	258.86	10-13-0	76.9	203	2	55	33.8
Rudy Voss	2	47.33	1-3-0	33.3	5	0	5	2.5
Pierre Strong	6	602.20	2-2-0	100.0	41	2	22	6.8
Total	0	185.93	103-154-2	66.9	1523	18	55	0.0
Opponents	0	111.55	142-242-7	58.7	1415	7	61	0.0

Receiving	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Tucker Kraft	6	28	336	12.0	4	27	56.0
Jaxon Janke	6	21	356	17.0	2	55	59.3
Jadon Janke	6	18	331	18.4	5	52	55.2
Pierre Strong	6	9	82	9.1	0	32	13.7
Zach Heins	6	7	66	9.4	3	20	11.0
Canyon Bauer	6	6	86	14.3	0	36	14.3
Mason Leighton	5	4	69	17.2	1	29	13.8
Tyler Feldkamp	5	3	41	13.7	0	22	8.2
Mike Morgan	4	2	66	33.0	2	55	16.5
Amar Johnson	6	1	34	34.0	0	34	5.7
Chris Oladokun	6	1	22	22.0	1	22	3.7
A.J. Coons	5	1	18	18.0	0	18	3.6
Wyatt Seagren	5	1	11	11.0	0	11	2.2
Caleb Schauf	2	1	5	5.0	0	5	2.5
Total	0	103	1523	14.8	18	55	0.0
Opponents	0	142	1415	10.0	7	61	0.0

Punt Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Tyler Feldkamp	7	23	3.3	0	14
Isaiah Davis	2	1	0.5	0	1
Landon Wolf	1	5	5.0	0	5
Kinser Madison	1	19	19.0	0	0
Canyon Bauer	0	9	0.0	1	9
Total	11	57	5.2	1	14
Opponents	6	42	7.0	0	37

Interceptions	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Daeton Mcgaughy	2	0	0.0	0	0
Dalys Beanum	1	36	36.0	1	36
Steven Arrell	1	0	0.0	0	0
Graham Spalding	1	0	0.0	0	0
Malik Lofton	1	1	1.0	0	1
Adam Bock	1	16	16.0	0	16
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
Amar Johnson	2	43	21.5	0	22
Jadon Janke	1	28	28.0	0	28
Canyon Bauer	1	0	0.0	0	0
Mike Morgan	1	14	14.0	0	14
Brenner, Kevin	1	19	19.0	0	19
Total	9	153	17.0	0	28
Opponents	17	295	17.4	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				dxp	saf	pts
			kick	rush	rcv	pass			
Cole Frahm	-	10-15	31-31	-	-	-	-	-	61
Pierre Strong	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	54
Jadon Janke	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30
Tucker Kraft	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24
Zach Heins	3	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	20
Amar Johnson	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Jaxon Janke	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Chris Oladokun	2	-	-	-	-	1-2	-	-	12
Mike Morgan	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Isaiah Davis	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Josh Buri	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Mason Leighton	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Canyon Bauer	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Dalys Beanum	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Malik Lofton	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Hunter Dustman	-	-	1-1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Corben Mahaffy	-	-	1-1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Total	35	10-15	33-33	-	1	1-2	-	-	275
Opponents	13	2-3	12-12	-	-	0-1	-	-	96

Total Offense	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
Chris Oladokun	6	155	54	1274	1328	221.3
Pierre Strong	6	96	770	41	811	135.2
Amar Johnson	6	48	249	0	249	41.5
Keaton Heide	6	17	15	203	218	36.3
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	6	1	7	0	7	1.2
Tyler Feldkamp	5	1	3	0	3	0.6
TEAM	5	5	-6	0	-6	-1.2
Total	0	371	1351	1523	2874	0.0
Opponents	0	432	505	1415	1920	0.0

Field Goals	fg	pct.	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	lg	blk
Cole Frahm	10-15	66.7	0-0	4-4	2-4	3-5	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				-				
Western Illinois	(47),(29),49				(43)				

Punting	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+	blk
Hunter Dustman	14	613	43.8	52	1	4	4	4	0
Ben Dinkel	4	176	44.0	49	0	2	2	0	0
Total	18	789	43.8	52	1	6	6	4	0
Opponents	38	1433	37.7	65	0	7	10	5	1

Kickoffs	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob	retn	net	ydl
Cole Frahm	49	2870	58.6	25	1			
Total	49	2870	58.6	25	1	17.4	39.8	25
Opponents	20	1142	57.1	9	1	17.0	38.2	26

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made.

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<u>All Purpose</u>	<u>g</u>	<u>rush</u>	<u>rcv</u>	<u>pr</u>	<u>kr</u>	<u>ir</u>	<u>total</u>	<u>avg/g</u>
Pierre Strong	6	770	82	0	0	0	852	142.0
Jaxon Janke	6	7	356	0	0	0	363	60.5
Jadon Janke	6	0	331	0	28	0	359	59.8
Tucker Kraft	6	0	336	0	0	0	336	56.0
Amar Johnson	6	249	34	0	43	0	326	54.3
Isaiah Davis	2	125	0	1	0	0	126	63.0
Tyler Feldkamp	5	3	41	23	49	0	116	23.2
Canyon Bauer	6	0	86	9	0	0	95	15.8
Mike Morgan	4	0	66	0	14	0	80	20.0
Chris Oladokun	6	54	22	0	0	0	76	12.7
Mason Leighton	5	0	69	0	0	0	69	13.8
Zach Heins	6	0	66	0	0	0	66	11.0
Angel Johnson	2	66	0	0	0	0	66	33.0
Rudy Voss	2	37	0	0	0	0	37	18.5
Dalys Beanum	6	0	0	0	0	36	36	6.0
Josh Buri	2	31	0	0	0	0	31	15.5
Brenner, Kevin	5	0	0	0	19	0	19	3.8
Kinser Madison	6	0	0	19	0	0	19	3.2
A.J. Coons	5	0	18	0	0	0	18	3.6
Adam Bock	6	0	0	0	0	16	16	2.7
Keaton Heide	6	15	0	0	0	0	15	2.5
Wyatt Seagren	5	0	11	0	0	0	11	2.2
Landon Wolf	1	0	0	5	0	0	5	5.0
Caleb Schauf	2	0	5	0	0	0	5	2.5
Malik Lofton	6	0	0	0	0	1	1	0.2
TEAM	5	-6	0	0	0	0	-6	-1.2
Total	0	1351	1523	57	153	53	3137	0.0
Opponents	0	505	1415	42	295	0	2257	0.0

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#	Defensive Leaders	gp	Tackles			tfl/yds	Sacks no-yds	Pass defense			Fumbles		blkd	
			ua	a	tot			int-yds	brup	qbh	rcv-yds	ff	kick	saf
32	Adam Bock	6	26	22	48	3.0-5	0.5-2	1-16	3	1	.	1	.	.
2D	Isaiah Stalbird	6	13	13	26	3.0-12	.	.	3	1	.	1	.	.
5D	DyShawn Gales	6	13	10	23	1.0-1	.	.	3	1	.	1	.	.
12	Logan Backhaus	5	11	9	20	1.0-1	.	.	2	2	.	.	.	.
25	Cale Reeder	6	11	9	20	.	.	.	4	.	.	.	.	.
3D	Josh Manchighia	6	8	11	19	1.5-3	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
6D	Michael Griffin	6	14	5	19	.	.	.	1	1	.	.	.	.
30	Payton Shafer	5	11	6	17	4.0-16	1.0-11	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
29	Graham Spalding	5	10	6	16	1.5-2	1.0-1	1-0	2	.	.	.	.	.
1D	Malik Lofton	6	12	4	16	.	.	1-1	1	.	1-97	.	.	.
91	Ward,Xavier	6	2	13	15	0.5-2	.	.	.	2	1-0	.	.	.
97	Winkelman,Reece	6	6	8	14	7.0-37	4.5-30	.	3	2	1-0	1	.	.
26	Steven Arrell	4	9	3	12	2.0-2	.	1-0	1	.	.	.	.	.
7	Dalys Beanum	6	6	6	12	2.0-3	.	1-36	.	.	.	.	.	.
99	Sanders,Caleb	6	6	6	12	5.5-29	3.5-26	.	.	3	.	1	.	.
48	Quinton Hicks	6	4	7	11	2.0-12	1.5-11	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
57	Kinser Madison	6	6	5	11	2.0-3	1.0-2	.	.	.	.	.	1	.
16	Caleb Franci	5	2	8	10	.	.	.	1	.	1-0	.	.	.
55	Thomas Stacker	6	6	3	9	3.5-19	1.5-13	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
0	Daeton Mcgaughy	6	2	6	8	.	.	2-0	.	.	.	.	.	.
43	Adam Kusler	5	3	5	8	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.
35	Chase Norblade	4	2	5	7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
40	Aaron Kusler	3	3	3	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
69	K. Krolkowski	6	2	4	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1B	Matt Barnett	6	5	1	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
21	Don Gardner	3	2	4	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
92	Brenner,Kevin	5	4	1	5	2.0-5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
22	Tolu Ogunrinde	4	2	3	5	1.5-9	1.5-9	.	1	1	.	1	.	.
98	Ryan Van Marel	3	2	2	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
52	Jarod DePriest	4	.	3	3	0.5-3	0.5-3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
33	Thomas Motzko	5	.	3	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
94	Terveer,Cade	5	1	2	3	0.5-3	0.5-3	.	1	3	.	.	.	.
98	Van Marel,Ryan	3	3	.	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
42	Davion Sterner	4	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
9C	Jaden Crockett	1	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
39	AydanDautermann	2	2	.	2	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
2T	Myles Taylor	1	2	.	2	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
54	Eddie Miller	5	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
15	Timothy Croskey	1	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1C	Chris Rhodes	2	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
53	Caden Johnson	6	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	2	1-0	.	.	.
95	Wilson,Zac	2	1	.	1	1.0-7	1.0-7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
90	Randy Keumogne	5	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
88	Brandon Lane Jr	3	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
9F	Cole Frahm	6	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
5V	Levi Vanden Bos	1	1	.	1	1.0-5	1.0-5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
87	Zach Heins	6	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
23	MatthewDurrance	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Total		0	223	200	423	46-179	19-123	7-53	31	22	5-97	7	1	.
Opponents		0	224	132	356	24-88	5-38	2-0	10	12	2-6	3	2	.

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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
Oct 16	at Western Illinois	18	30	2	15	29	207	0	27	29-51-0	207	0	27	1	4	0	0	1	0	0	0	237
Opponents		190	505	6	63	142	1415	7	61	142-242-7	1415	7	61	17	295	0	67	6	42	0	37	1920
		217	1351	14	85	103	1523	18	55	103-154-2	1523	18	55	9	153	0	28	11	57	1	14	2874

Games: 6 • Avg/rush: 2.7 • Avg/catch: 10.0 • Pass effic: 111.55 • KR avg: 17.4 • PR avg: 7.0 • All purpose avg/game: 376.2 • Total offense avg/gm: 320.0

Date	Opponent	Tackles				Sacks	Fumble		Pass Defense			blkd	PAT Attempts			off		
		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
Oct 16	at Western Illinois	36	24	60	7.0-30	3.0-19	1	1-0	0-0	1	3	0	2-2	0	0	0	7	17
Opponents		224	132	356	24.0-88	5.0-38	3	2-6	2-0	12	10	2	12-12	0	0	0	14	96
		223	200	423	46.0-179	19.0-123	7	5-97	7-53	22	31	1	33-33	0	1	0	56	275

		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
Oct 16	at Western Illinois	7	156	22.3	34	1	0	0	0	1	1-1	43	0	4	235	58.8	2	0
Opponents		38	1433	37.7	65	1	0	7	5	10	2-3	43	0	20	1142	57.1	9	1
		18	789	43.8	52	0	1	6	4	6	10-15	54	2	49	2870	58.6	25	1

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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
Oct 16	at Western Illinois	35	175	2	47	17	195	2	36	17-25-0	195	2	36	2	36	0	22	2	28	1	9	370
South Dakota State		217	1351	14	85	103	1523	18	55	103-154-2	1523	18	55	9	153	0	28	11	57	1	14	2874
		190	505	6	63	142	1415	7	61	142-242-7	1415	7	61	17	295	0	67	6	42	0	37	1920

Games: 6 • Avg/rush: 6.2 • Avg/catch: 14.8 • Pass effc: 185.93 • KR avg: 17.0 • PR avg: 5.2 • All purpose avg/game: 522.8 • Total offense avg/gm: 479.0

Date	Opponent	Tackles				Sacks no-yds	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
Oct 16	at Western Illinois	36	16	52	8.0-36	4.0-28	1	1-0	0-0	8	6	1	5-5	0	0	0	0	41
South Dakota State		223	200	423	46.0-179	19.0-123	7	5-97	7-53	22	31	1	33-33	0	1	0	56	275
		224	132	356	24.0-88	5.0-38	3	2-6	2-0	12	10	2	12-12	0	0	0	14	96

		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
Oct 16	at Western Illinois	3	117	39.0	51	0	0	1	1	1	2-3	47	0	7	418	59.7	5	0
South Dakota State		18	789	43.8	52	0	1	6	4	6	10-15	54	2	49	2870	58.6	25	1
		38	1433	37.7	65	1	0	7	5	10	2-3	43	0	20	1142	57.1	9	1