



SOUTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY

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2021 FOOTBALL INFORMATION

Jacks host SIU in top-10 showdown

JACKRABBIT GAME NOTES — OCT. 9

#7/8 SOUTHERN ILLINOIS (4-1, 2-0 MVFC)
at #2/3 SOUTH DAKOTA STATE (4-0, 1-0 MVFC)

2 p.m. Saturday

Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium; Brookings, South Dakota



SERIES NOTES

- 13th Meeting (SDSU leads series, 9-3)
- The Jackrabbits have won the last six matchups, including two during 2020-21 season

MEDIA INFORMATION

- Game will be televised on Midco Sports and ESPN+ with broadcast team of Tom Nieman (play-by-play) and Al Bahe (color analyst)
- 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), Alex Parker (color) and Scotty Kwas (sidelines) will call the action

HEAD COACH: Nick Hill
 (Southern Illinois, 2008)
 • 27-33 in six seasons
 as a collegiate head
 coach — all at Southern
 Illinois

STARTERS RETURNING: 20
 (8 Off., 9 Def., 3 ST)

HEAD COACH: John
 Stiegelmeier (SDSU,
 1979)
 • 178-107 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 2 p.m.
 16 *at Western Illinois noon
 23 *NORTHERN IOWA [Hobo Day] 2 p.m.
 30 *at Youngstown State 1 p.m.

NOVEMBER

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

* Missouri Valley Football Conference game
 All times Central

TALE OF THE TAPE — 2021 SEASON STATS

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS	CATEGORY	SOUTH DAKOTA STATE
38.2	Points Per Game	48.2
20.4	Points Allowed Per Game	9.2
158.8	Rushing Yardage Per Game	248.5
135.2	Rush Yardage Allowed/Game	73.0
274.0	Passing Yardage Per Game	237.8
12.8	Average Per Catch	15.3
160.8	Pass Yardage Allowed/Game	211.2
432.8	Total Offense Per Game	486.2
296.0	Total Offense Allowed/Game	284.2
31.2	Kick Return Average	15.3
3.3	Punt Return Average	3.6
4-94	Interception Returns	7-53
7-2	Fumbles-Lost	2-0
29-288	Penalties-Yards	25-232
27:04	Time of Possession/Game	31:37
27/68 (40%)	Third-Down Conversions	21/46 (46%)

GAME NOTES — SOUTH DAKOTA STATE vs. SOUTHERN ILLINOIS

SERIES SCORES

2008:	Southern Illinois 38, South Dakota State 35 (Nov. 15, 2008, at Carbondale, Ill.)
2009:	Southern Illinois 34, South Dakota State 15 (Nov. 7, 2009, at Coughlin-Alumni Stadium)
2010:	South Dakota State 31, Southern Illinois 10 (Oct. 16, 2010, at Carbondale, Ill.)
2011:	South Dakota State 45, Southern Illinois 34 (Nov. 5, 2011, at Coughlin-Alumni Stadium)
2012:	South Dakota State 16, Southern Illinois 12 (Nov. 3, 2012, at Carbondale, Ill.)
2013:	Southern Illinois 27, South Dakota State 24 (Oct. 5, 2013, at Coughlin-Alumni Stadium)
2016:	South Dakota State 45, Southern Illinois 39 (Oct. 8, 2016, at Carbondale, Ill.)
2017:	South Dakota State 49, Southern Illinois 14 (Oct. 7, 2017, at Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium)
2018:	South Dakota State 57, Southern Illinois 38 (Nov. 10, 2018, at Carbondale, Ill.)
2019:	South Dakota State 28, Southern Illinois 10 (Oct. 5, 2019, at Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium)
2020:	South Dakota State 44, Southern Illinois 3 (Mar. 20, 2021, at Carbondale, Ill.)
2020:	South Dakota State 31, Southern Illinois 26 (May 2, at Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium)
Overall,	South Dakota State leads the series, 9-3

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Oct. 5, 2021

BROOKINGS, S.D. — The South Dakota State University football team opens a gauntlet of home games against Missouri Valley Football Conference opponents Saturday by hosting Southern Illinois in a battle between nationally ranked teams.

Kickoff is slated for 2 p.m. at Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium. The game is scheduled to be televised by Midco Sports and also available online at GoJacks.com/watch and through ESPN+.

SIU enters Saturday's game with a 4-1 overall record and tied atop the MVFC with a 2-0 mark in league play after holding off Western Illinois for a 31-30 overtime win last week. The Salukis are ranked seventh by the Football Championship Subdivision coaches and eighth in the Stats Perform media poll.

South Dakota State, meanwhile, is off to its first 4-0 start since 2000 after surging past Dixie State, 55-7, in home action last week. The Jackrabbits, ranked second by the media and third by the coaches, are 1-0 in MVFC play after recording a 44-0 road shutout at Indiana State on Sept. 25.

All four of the Jackrabbits' home league games are against teams currently ranked in the top 15 of a major FCS poll.

THE SERIES: Saturday's game marks the 13th meeting on the gridiron between SDSU and Southern Illinois, but the third time in less than seven months that the two squads have played each other.

In a series that dates back to when the Jackrabbits joined the Missouri Valley Football Conference at the start of the 2008 season, South Dakota State holds a 9-3 series advantage. The Jackrabbits have won each of the last six meetings and nine of the last 10.

SDSU swept the season series from SIU during the pandemic-altered 2020-21 season in completely different fashion. In the first matchup, March 20 in Carbondale, Illinois, South Dakota State rushed for nearly 400 yards and turned four Southern Illinois turnovers into 24 points as the Jackrabbits steamrolled their way to a 44-3 victory at Saluki Stadium.

Freshman running back Isaiah Davis, starting in place of an injured Pierre Strong, Jr., rushed for 150 yards and three touchdowns on 22 carries, while SDSU quarterback Mark Gronowski also topped the 100-yard mark on the ground with 103 yards and a pair of scores among his 13 carries.

The two squads met again in the quarterfinals of the FCS playoffs May 2 at Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium, with SDSU rallying for a 31-26 victory. The Salukis led 20-7 late in the second quarter, before the Jacks took the momentum back with a field goal by Cole Frahm to end the first half and further responded with three second-half touchdowns.

Gronowski's 67-yard touchdown run early in the fourth quarter gave SDSU the lead for good, and the Jackrabbits' Michael Griffin sealed the victory with an interception in the closing seconds to thwart a comeback bid by Southern Illinois.

SIU won each of the first two meetings between the two squads, with its last win in the series a 27-24 Hobo Day victory on Oct. 5, 2013, at Coughlin-Alumni Stadium.

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.

SDSU'S 2021 RECORD WHEN...

Jackrabbits score first	4-0
Opponent scores first	0-0
Jackrabbits lead after one quarter.....	3-0
Opponent leads after one quarter	0-0
Game is tied after one quarter	1-0
Jackrabbits lead at halftime.....	4-0
Opponent leads at halftime	0-0
Game is tied at halftime.....	0-0
Jackrabbits lead after three quarters.....	4-0
Opponent leads after three quarters	0-0
Game is tied after three quarters	0-0
Game is decided in overtime.....	0-0
Jackrabbits play at home.....	2-0
SDSU plays on the the road	2-0
Neutral-site contest	0-0
Jackrabbits commit fewer turnovers than opponent.....	4-0
Opponent commits fewer turnovers than SDSU.....	0-0
Turnover margin is equal.....	0-0
Jackrabbits commit fewer penalties than opponent ..	1-0
Opponent commits fewer penalties than SDSU	3-0
Teams commit same number of penalties	0-0
Jackrabbits have time of possession advantage	3-0
Opponent has time of possession advantage	1-0
Game is played on artificial surface	4-0
Game is played on natural grass/hybrid surface	0-0
Game is played during the day	1-0
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 123 consecutive media polls dating back to October 2012.

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

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

The Jackrabbits hold a 72-31 record in MVFC games and have won six or more league games six times. SDSU earned a share of league titles in 2016 and during the 2020-21 spring season.

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

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

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

A senior from Little Rock, Arkansas, Strong tied for eighth in the balloting for the Payton Award during an abbreviated 2020-21 season. He hit the century mark for the third time in as many games to start the 2021 season, rushing for a season-high 150 yards on 20 carries Sept. 25 at Indiana State. Strong also recorded the third passing touchdown of his career in the win over the Sycamores, opening the scoring with a 22-yard scoring toss to quarterback Chris Oladokun. His overall performance at Indiana State, which also included two receptions for 23 yards, earned him Missouri Valley Football Conference Offensive Player of the Week honors.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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
RUSHING YARDS: 150, by Pierre Strong, Jr.; at Indiana State, 9-25-2021
RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS: 2, by Pierre Strong, Jr.; at Colorado State, 9-3-2021, and vs. Dixie State, 10-2-2021
LONG RUSH: 68 yards, by Pierre Strong, Jr.; vs. Lindenwood, 9-11-2021
PASS ATTEMPTS: 28, by Chris Oladokun, at Colorado State, 9-3-2021
PASS COMPLETIONS: 18, by Chris Oladokun, at Colorado State, 9-3-2021
YARDS PASSING: 224, by Chris Oladokun, at Colorado State, 9-3-2021
TOUCHDOWN PASSES: 4, by Chris Oladokun, vs. Lindenwood, 9-11-2021
RECEPTIONS: 6, by Jadon Janke, at Colorado State, 9-3-2021
YARDS RECEIVING: 92, by Jadon Janke, at Colorado State, 9-3-2021
RECEIVING TOUCHDOWNS: 2, four times (last: by Mike Morgan, vs. Dixie State, 10-2-2021)
LONG RECEPTION: 55 yards, by Jaxon Janke (from Chris Oladokun), vs. Lindenwood, 9-11-2021, and by Mike Morgan (for TD from Keaton Heide), vs. Dixie State, 10-2-2021
FIELD GOALS: 3, by Cole Frahm, at Indiana State, 9-25-2021
LONG FIELD GOAL: 54 yards, by Cole Frahm, vs. Lindenwood, 9-11-2021
PUNTS: 4, by Hunter Dusman, vs. Dixie State, 10-2-2021
PUNTING AVERAGE: 49.5 yards (4 punts), by Hunter Dustman, vs. Dixie State, 10-2-2021
LONG PUNT: 52 yards, by Hunter Dustman, vs. Dixie State, 10-2-2021
LONG PUNT RETURN: 14 yards, by Tyler Feldkamp, vs. Dixie State, 10-2-2021
LONG KICKOFF RETURN: 28 yards, by Jadon Janke, vs. Dixie State, 10-2-2021
TACKLES: 10, by Adam Bock, at Indiana State, 9-25-2021
TACKLES FOR LOSS: 2.0, by Adam Bock, at Colorado State, 9-3-2021; by Payton Shafer, vs. Lindenwood, 9-11-2021, and by Reece Winkelman, vs. Dixie State, 10-2-2021
SACKS: 1.5, by Caleb Sanders, at Indiana State, 9-25-2021
INTERCEPTIONS: 1, seven times (twice by Daeton Mcgaughy)
PASS BREAKUPS: 2, by Adam Bock, at Colorado State, 9-3-2021
FUMBLES FORCED: 1, by DyShawn Gales, vs. Lindenwood, 9-11-2021
FUMBLES RECOVERED: 1, by Caden Johnson, at Colorado State, 9-3-2021, and by Caleb Francl, vs. Dixie State, 10-2-2021
BLOCKED KICKS: N/A

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 to open the season.

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

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

For the season, Oladokun has completed 50-of-80 passes (62.5 percent) for 721 yards and 11 touchdowns against no interceptions.

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

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

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

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

A native of Little Rock, Arkansas, Strong enters the week with 3,327 career rushing yards. 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.

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: 28, at Colorado State, 9-3-2021
PASS COMPLETIONS: 18, at Colorado State, 9-3-2021
YARDS PASSING: 293, at Indiana State, 9-25-2021
YARDS PER PASS: 12.1, vs. Lindenwood, 9-11-2021
PASSING TOUCHDOWNS: 5, vs. Lindenwood, 9-11-2021
TOTAL PLAYS: 69, vs. Dixie State, 10-2-2021
TOTAL OFFENSE: 560, vs. Lindenwood, 9-11-2021
YARDS PER PLAY: 9.3, vs. Lindenwood, 9-11-2021
POINTS: 55, vs. Dixie State, 10-2-2021
FIRST DOWNS: 25, vs. Lindenwood, 9-11-2021
SACKS BY: 4, vs. Dixie State, 10-2-2021
PENALTIES: 10, vs. Dixie State, 10-2-2021
PENALTY YARDS: 110, vs. Dixie State, 10-2-2021
TURNOVERS BY: N/A
TURNOVERS FORCED: 5, vs. Dixie State, 10-2-2021
INTERCEPTIONS: 4, vs. Dixie State, 10-2-2021
FUMBLES RECOVERED: 1, at Colorado State, 9-3-2021, and vs. Dixie State, 10-2-2021

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.

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

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

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 Zach Heins (3), Tucker Kraft (3) and Mike Morgan (2) have combined for eight of the Jackrabbits' 14 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 pass plays of 11 and 55 yards Oct. 2 against Dixie State.

Kraft also leads the team in total receptions with 16.

NOTES ON A SHUTOUT: South Dakota State recorded its first shutout since the 2015 season when it blanked Indiana State, 44-0. 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.

BIG-PLAY JACKS: Through its first three games this season, the South Dakota State offense has averaged 7.8 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 28 plays of 20 or more yards through four games, the longest of which was a 68-yard run by Pierre Strong, Jr. versus Lindenwood. Strong holds an average of 8.8 yards per rushing attempt, gaining 486 yards on only 55 carries so far this season with five touchdowns.

Conversely, SDSU is limiting the opposition to 4.1 yards per play, including 2.2 yards per rushing attempt.

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 four games this season, the Jackrabbits have outscored the opposition by a 90-10 margin in the second quarter. SDSU has scored at least 14 points in the second quarter of each of its games.

TURNOVER BATTLE: The Jackrabbits have yet to turn the ball over through four games, continuing a stretch of taking care of the football that dates back to their run to the national championship game in the spring.

JACKRABBITS IN THE 2021 NCAA STATISTICS

TEAM (top 25)

- 1st in team passing efficiency, 191.92
- T-1st in fewest passes had intercepted, 0
- T-1st in red-zone offense, 1.000
- T-1st in fewest fumbles lost, 0
- 1st in fewest turnovers lost, 0
- T-1st in fewest sacks allowed, 0.50 per game
- 2nd in tackles for loss allowed, 2.75 TFLs/game
- 3rd in scoring offense, 48.2 points/game
- 3rd in scoring defense, 9.2 points/game
- T-4th in turnover margin, +2.25/game
- 5th in passing yards per completion, 15.34
- 5th in red-zone defense, .556
- 6th in rushing offense, 249.0 yards/game
- 7th in rushing defense, 73.0 yards/game
- 8th in total offense, 486.8 yards/game
- 9th in team sacks, 3.25 sacks/game
- 10th in team passing efficiency defense, 104.78
- 12th in team tackles for loss, 8.0 TFLs/game
- 14th in total defense, 284.2 yards/game
- 14th in passes intercepted, 7
- 18th in net punting, 40.00 yards/attempt
- 19th in third-down conversion pct., .457
- 19th in fourth-down conversion pct. defense, .273
- 25th in completion percentage, .633

INDIVIDUAL (top 40)

COLE FRAHM

- 8th in scoring, 10.2 points/game
- 17th in field goals per game, 1.50
- 29th in field goal percentage, .750

ZACH HEINS

- T-40th in receiving touchdowns, 3

JADON JANKE

- T-40th in receiving touchdowns, 3

JAXON JANKE

- 11th in yards per reception, 24.11

TUCKER KRAFT

- T-40th in receiving touchdowns, 3

DAETON MCGAUGHY

- T-22nd in interceptions, 0.5 per game

CHRIS OLADOKUN

- 1st in passing efficiency, 183.58
- 4th in yards per pass attempt, 8.90
- 8th in points responsible for per game, 19.5
- 10th in passing yards per completion, 14.42
- 10th in points responsible for, 78
- 13th in passing touchdowns, 11
- 33rd in completion percentage, .625

CALEB SANDERS

- 29th in sacks, 0.83 per game

PIERRE STRONG, JR.

- 1st in rushing yards per carry, 8.84
- 3rd in rushing yards per game, 121.5
- 4th in rushing yards, 486
- 21st in all-purpose yards, 129.25 per game
- T-16th in rushing touchdowns, 5
- T-23rd in total touchdowns, 5

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

Conversely, the SDSU defense has forced 15 turnovers in that span, including five in last week's win over Dixie State. The Jackrabbits are plus-9 in turnover margin so far this year.

PICKING OFF THE COMPETITION: SDSU has intercepted a pass in 29 of its last 34 games dating back to the 2018 season, adding to that statistic with a season-high four interceptions Oct. 2 against Dixie State.

As a team, the Jackrabbits have ranked in the top 10 among Football Championship Subdivision teams each of the last two seasons, tallying 18 interceptions in 2019 to rank sixth and recording 12 interceptions last season — a total that ranked third. SDSU's seven interceptions thus far in 2021 currently rank 14th.

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

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

SDSU has picked up where it left off by tallying 13 sacks through the first four games of the 2021 campaign. The 13 sacks are spread among 11 different players, with defensive tackle Caleb Sanders leading the squad with 2.5 sacks.

On the flip side, the Jackrabbits allowed their first two sacks of the season Oct. 2 against Dixie State.

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

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

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

- 57-Parker Douglass, vs. Stephen F. Austin, 2007
- 57-Chase Vinatieri, at Northern Iowa, 2018
- 55-Chase Vinatieri, vs. Northern Iowa, 2017 (FCS playoff game)
- 54-Parker Douglass, vs. UC Davis, 2005 (at Sioux Falls)
- 54-Cole Frahm, vs. Lindenwood, 2021
- 53-Parker Douglass, at Southern Utah 2006
- 52-Brett Gorden, vs. St. Cloud State, 1997
- 52-Parker Douglass, vs. Cal Poly, 2005
- 52-Parker Douglass, vs. UC Davis, 2006
- 52-Cole Frahm, vs. Youngstown State, 2020-21
- 51-Adam Vinatieri, vs. North Dakota, 1992
- 51-Adam Vinatieri, at Augustana, 1994
- 51-Chase Vinatieri, vs. Drake, 2017
- 50-Brett Gorden, at UC Davis, 1997

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

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

For his career, Frahm is 20-for-29 on field goal tries.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Jadon Janke was right behind in the receiving categories, hauling in 21 receptions for 425 yards and five touchdowns. His 20.2 yards per reception led the squad and four of his touchdown receptions came in postseason action. He recorded his third two-touchdown performance in the last five games in the Sept. 3 season opener at Colorado State, catching scoring passes of 10 and 17 yards.

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.

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 Stackler, DT; Isaiah Stalbird, LB/S; Cade Terveer, DE; Jason Titus, OL; Ryan Van Marel, DT; Saiveon Williamson, LB.

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

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

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

Headlining the list is tight end Dallas Goedert of the Philadelphia Eagles. After being drafted in the second round of the 2018 NFL Draft, Goedert has gone on to record 143 receptions for 1,531 yards and 13 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.

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

GAME NOTES — SOUTH DAKOTA STATE vs. SOUTHERN ILLINOIS

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

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

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. Dykhonse Stadium)
2018:	SDSU 54, Indiana State 51 [OT] (Oct. 6, 2018, at Dana J. Dykhonse Stadium)
Overall, South Dakota State is 5-5 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. Dykhonse 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 Dykhonse 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 32-5 record at Dana J. Dykhonse 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. Dykhonse 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 to Macomb, Illinois, next Saturday (Oct. 16) for an MVFC matchup against Western Illinois. Kickoff is set for noon at Hanson Field on the WIU campus.

Next home action is slated for Oct. 23, when South Dakota State welcomes Northern Iowa to Brookings for Hobo Day. Kickoff for that contest is slated for 2 p.m.

2020-21 REGULAR SEASON MATCHUP AGAINST SIU

#6/7 SDSU 44, #5/5 SOUTHERN ILLINOIS 3

March 20, 2021 • Saluki Stadium (Att.: 2,400)

CARBONDALE, Ill. — South Dakota State rushed for nearly 400 yards and turned four Southern Illinois turnovers into 24 points as the Jackrabbits steamrolled their way to a 44-3 victory in a key Missouri Valley Football Conference matchup at Saluki Stadium.

The Jackrabbits, ranked sixth in the Stats Perform media poll and seventh by the Football Championship Subdivision coaches, improved to 4-1 both overall and in league play. Fifth-ranked SIU dropped to 4-2 overall and 3-2 in the MVFC.

After SDSU had a field goal attempt blocked on the opening drive of the game, SIU put together its best drive of the afternoon to crack the scoring column first on a 27-yard field goal by Nico Gualdoni. That capped a 17-play, 64-yard drive that took more than eight minutes off the clock.

The Jackrabbits began to take control in the second quarter, putting together their own methodical drive to take a lead they would not relinquish. Quarterback and Illinois native Mark Gronowski scrambled to his left for a 4-yard touchdown run that finished off an 18-play, 91-yard drive that consumed more than nine minutes.

SIU turned the ball over two times later in the half and the Jackrabbits cashed in both times. First, Graham Spalding forced a fumble on the ensuing kickoff at the SIU 17 and freshman Isaiah Davis, starting in place of an injured Pierre Strong, Jr., scored three plays later from three yards out.

In the final minute of the first half, Logan Backhaus intercepted a pass at the SDSU 36 and Gronowski quickly led the Jackrabbits downfield with a 20-yard pass to Jaxon Janke and three rushes for 20 yards to set up a 31-yard field goal by Cole Frahm as time expired for a 17-3 halftime lead.

The Salukis made a change at quarterback to open the second half, but Don Gardner and Joshua Manchigiah recorded interceptions on two of Kare Lyles' first three passes of the half. Both pickoffs resulted in a short field for the Jackrabbits, who upped their lead to 31-3 on touchdown runs of 12 and 1 yards, respectively, by Gronowski and Davis.

Davis, who finished the afternoon with 150 yards on 22 carries, put an exclamation point on his day with a 45-yard touchdown run late in the third quarter for his third score of the day. Gronowski also topped the century mark on the ground for the second time this season with 103 yards on 13 carries, while Jordan Meachum saw his most extensive action at running back this season and tallied 88 yards on 13 carries.

As a team, SDSU finished with 392 yards on the ground and a 462-213 advantage in total offense.

SDSU's final points came on field goals by Frahm (30 yards) and back-up Hunter Dustman (43 yards).

Gronowski attempted only 11 passes, completing seven for 63 yards. Jaxon Janke registered 36 yards on his two catches.

Avante Cox was the top performer for the Saluki offense with seven catches for 50 yards. Javon Williams Jr. led the SIU run game with 49 yards on 10 carries.

Adam Bock led the SDSU defensive unit with 10 tackles, followed by eight from Backhaus.

For SIU, Qua Brown registered a game-high 12 tackles and forced a pair of fumbles.



Joshua Manchigiah recorded an interception for the third consecutive game and was one of four turnovers forced by South Dakota State in a 44-3 road win at fifth-ranked Southern Illinois.

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	FINAL
South Dakota State (4-1, 4-1)	0	17	24	3	44
Southern Illinois (4-2, 3-2)	3	0	0	0	3

SCORING SUMMARY

1st	1:52	SIU — Nico Gualdoni 27 yd field goal
2nd	4:04	SDSU — Mark Gronowski 4 yd run (Frahm kick)
2nd	2:45	SDSU — Isaiah Davis 3 yd run (Frahm kick)
2nd	00:00	SDSU — Cole Frahm 31 yd field goal
3rd	13:24	SDSU — Gronowski 12 yd run (Frahm kick)
3rd	9:11	SDSU — Frahm 30 yd field goal
3rd	7:36	SDSU — Davis 1 yd run (Frahm kick)
3rd	2:49	SDSU — Davis 45 yd run (Hunter Dustman kick)
4th	3:28	SDSU — Dustman 43 yd field goal

TEAM STATISTICS

	SDSU	SIU
FIRST DOWNS	26	11
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	61-392	33-121
PASSING YDS (NET)	70	92
Passes Att-Comp-Int	12-8-0	25-14-3
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	73-462	58-213
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	1-(-8)
Punt Returns-Yards	0-0	1-3
Kickoff Returns-Yards	1-36	2-34
Interception Returns-Yards	3-35	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	1-43.0	3-55.3
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	2-1
Penalties-Yards	4-17	4-21
Possession Time	36:33	23:27
Third-Down Conversions	5 of 11	4 of 13
Fourth-Down Conversions	2 of 2	2 of 5
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	6-6	1-2
Sacks By: Number-Yards	1-10	0-0

RUSHING LEADERS: SDSU - Isaiah Davis 22-150; Mark Gronowski 13-103; Jordan Meachum 13-88; Jefferson Lee V 9-45. SIU - Javon Williams Jr. 10-49; Avante Cox 1-25; Justin Strong 8-24; Romeir Elliott 10-22. **PASSING LEADERS:** SDSU - Mark Gronowski 7-11-0 63; J'Bore Gibbs 1-1-0 7. SIU - Stone Labanowitz 8-9-1 41; Karé Lyles 3-8-2 35; Zach Zebrowski 2-5-0 12; Javon Williams Jr. 1-3-0 4. **RECEIVING LEADERS:** SDSU - Jaxon Janke 2-36; Tucker Kraft 2-14; Canyon Bauer 2-10. SIU - Avante Cox 7-50; Jerron Rollins 2-20. **INTERCEPTIONS:** SDSU - Joshua Manchigiah 1-29; Don Gardner 1-6; Logan Backhaus 1-0. SIU - none. **SACKS:** SDSU - Tolu Ogunrinde 1.0-10. SIU - none. **TACKLE LEADERS (UA-A-TOT):** SDSU - Adam Bock 2-8-10; Logan Backhaus 3-5-8; Preston Tetzlaff 2-4-6; Michael Griffin II 3-1-4. SIU - Qua Brown 6-6-12; Bryson Strong 4-4-8; Bryce Notree 3-5-8; Keenan Agnew 3-4-7.

#2/2 SDSU 31, #14/14 SOUTHERN ILLINOIS 26

Football Championship Subdivision Playoffs — Quarterfinal
May 2, 2021 • Dana J. Dykhousye Stadium (Att.: 3,547)

Top-seeded South Dakota State turned the tide with a goal-line stand and ensuing 67-yard touchdown run early in the fourth quarter by quarterback Mark Gronowski to turn back Southern Illinois, 31-26, in a Football Championship Subdivision playoff quarterfinal at Dana J. Dykhousye Stadium.

The Jackrabbits, who defeated SIU for the second time this season, improved to 7-1 overall. SIU had its season come to an end at 6-4.

SDSU overcame a 20-7 first-half deficit after the Salukis scored on four of their five first-half possessions. The Jackrabbits opened the scoring on the first drive of the game, capping a five-play, 60-yard drive on a 23-yard touchdown pass from Gronowski to Jadon Janke.

SIU offensive lineman ZeVeyon Furcon plunged in from a yard out on the Salukis' first drive to finish off an 11-play, 75-yard drive, and Avante Cox gave the Salukis a 14-7 advantage on an 11-yard touchdown run early in the second quarter.

Nico Gualdoni added field goals of 19 and 33 yards later in the second quarter for SIU, the latter of the two coming with 22 seconds remaining in the first half.

The Jackrabbits gained a measure of momentum heading into the locker room as Isaiah Davis broke off a 50-yard kickoff return to the SIU 48 and Gronowski connected with Pierre Strong, Jr. on a 31-yard catch and run to set up a 34-yard field goal by Cole Frahm as time expired.

SDSU's Joshua Manchigiah picked off a pass in the end zone on SIU's opening drive of the second half and the Jackrabbits pulled to within 20-17 four plays later as Gronowski and Jadon Janke again hooked up for a 26-yard touchdown.

SIU had first-and-goal at the Jackrabbit 1-yard line late in the third quarter and came away with nothing. After an incomplete pass between two rushes that netted no yards, Furcon was stuffed just short of the goal on fourth down on the first play of the fourth quarter to keep the score at 20-17.

The Jackrabbits converted on third-and-8 from their own 3-yard line on a 24-yard pass from Gronowski to Jaxon Janke, then three plays later Gronowski stepped through a tackle at the line of scrimmage and sprinted 67 yards to the end zone.

After SIU lost a fumble on a bad pitch on its next drive, SDSU again quickly capitalized to build a 31-20 lead. A Gronowski-to-Blake Kunz pass went for 30 yards to the SIU 13 and Isaiah Davis carried in from 4 yards out three plays later for the score.

The Salukis quickly responded with a 31-yard touchdown pass from Stone Labanowitz to Landon Lenoir with 5:37 to play, but the two-point attempt failed.

SIU got the ball back with 2:19 remaining at its own 22 and converted on a pair of third-down plays to move into Jackrabbit territory. However, Jackrabbit safety Michael Griffin II came up with SDSU's third takeaway of the game with 13 seconds remaining, picking off a pass at the 9-yard line.

Total offense was nearly even as SIU gained 443 yards, compared to 414 by the Jackrabbits. However, the Salukis held an 11-minute advantage in time of possession, 35:43 to 24:17.

Gronowski accounted for 325 yards of total offense, completing 9-of-16 passes for 183 yards and rushing 13 times for a game-high 142 yards.



Jadon Janke recorded his second consecutive two-touchdown game of the playoffs in the Jackrabbits' 31-26 victory over Southern Illinois in the May 2 quarterfinals.

For SIU, Labanowitz ended the night 24-of-36 passing for 247 yards and shared team-high honors with Justin Strong with 38 rushing yards. Lenoir hauled in six passes for 129 yards.

Logan Backhaus led the SDSU defense with 14 tackles, while fellow linebacker Adam Bock tallied 13 stops.

Jordan Berner and Qua Brown each registered seven tackles for SIU.

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Southern Illinois (6-4)	7	13	0	6	26
South Dakota State (7-1)	7	3	7	14	31

SCORING SUMMARY

1st	12:18	SDSU	—	Jadon Janke 23 yd pass from Mark Gronowski (Cole Frahm kick)
1st	7:25	SIU	—	ZeVeyon Furcon 1 yd run (Nico Gualdoni kick)
2nd	12:17	SIU	—	Avante Cox 11 yd run (Gualdoni kick)
2nd	6:57	SIU	—	Gualdoni 19 yd field goal
2nd	00:22	SIU	—	Gualdoni 33 yd field goal
2nd	00:00	SDSU	—	Frahm 34 yd field goal
3rd	8:06	SDSU	—	Jadon Janke 26 yd pass from Gronowski (Frahm kick)
4th	11:41	SDSU	—	Gronowski 67 yd run (Frahm kick)
4th	7:11	SDSU	—	Isaiah Davis 4 yd run (Frahm kick)
4th	5:37	SIU	—	Landon Lenoir 31 yd pass from Stone Labanowitz (pass failed)

TEAM STATISTICS	SIU	SDSU
FIRST DOWNS	27	16
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	42-127	33-231
PASSING YDS (NET)	316	183
Passes Att-Comp-Int	38-27-2	16-9-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	80-443	49-414
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	1-16	0-0
Kickoff Returns-Yards	0-0	4-112
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	2-4
Punts (Number-Avg)	1-37.0	3-31.7
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	0-0
Penalties-Yards	3-20	6-51
Possession Time	35:43	24:17
Third-Down Conversions	9 of 17	5 of 11
Fourth-Down Conversions	1 of 3	1 of 2
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	4-5	2-2
Sacks By: Number-Yards	1-13	1-3

RUSHING LEADERS: SIU - Justin Strong 15-38; Stone Labanowitz 7-38; Javon Williams Jr. 10-25. SDSU - Mark Gronowski 13-142; Pierre Strong, Jr. 9-48; Isaiah Davis 10-42. **PASSING LEADERS:** SIU - Stone Labanowitz 25-36-2 247; Javon Williams Jr. 2-2-0 69. SDSU - Mark Gronowski 9-16-0 183. **RECEIVING LEADERS:** SIU - Landon Lenoir 6-129; Jerron Rollins 5-60; Avante Cox 5-58; Justin Strong 5-17. SDSU - Jadon Janke 2-49; Pierre Strong, Jr. 2-43; Tucker Kraft 2-33. **INTERCEPTIONS:** SIU - none. SDSU - Michael Griffin II 1-4; Joshua Manchigiah 1-0. **SACKS:** SIU - Jordan Berner 0.5-7; Bryce Notree 0.5-6. SDSU - Caleb Sanders 1.0-3. **TACKLE LEADERS (UA-A-TOT):** SIU - Jordan Berner 6-1-7; Qua Brown 5-2-7; Bryson Strong 2-4-6. SDSU - Logan Backhaus 12-2-14; Adam Bock 7-6-13; Michael Griffin II 4-5-9; Don Gardner 3-3-6.

DEPTH CHART vs. SOUTHERN ILLINOIS

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
	54	Eddie Miller, 6-5, 315, Sr., Brookings, S.D.
	50	Gus Miller, 6-3, 280, R-Fr., 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.
	94	Cade Terveer, 6-3, 250, Jr., Brandon, S.D.
	92	Kevin Brenner, 6-3, 240, So., Silver Lake, Wis.
NT	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 Krolkowski, 6-2, 285, *Sr., Winner, S.D.
	52	Jarod DePriest, 6-5, 270, So., Trivoli, Ill.
DE	48	QUINTON HICKS, 6-3, 245, Jr., Wichita, Kan.
	22	Tolu Ogunrinde, 6-1, 265, Sr., Cottage Grove, Minn.
	53	Caden Johnson, 6-3, 235, So., Wahoo, Neb.
LB (Will)	12	LOGAN BACKHAUS, 6-4, 210, Sr., Spirit Lake, Iowa
	29	Graham Spalding, 6-1, 205, So., Oviedo, Fla.
	57	Kinser Madison, 6-2, 210, Jr., Higginsville, Mo.
LB (Mike) or	32	ADAM BOCK, 6-1, 215, So., Solon, Iowa
	30	Payton Shafer, 6-0, 210, Jr., Cottage Grove, Minn.
	43	Adam Kusler, 6-3, 215, R-Fr., Sioux Falls, S.D.
LB (Sam)	2	Isaiah Stalbird, 6-1, 200, Jr., Kearney, Neb.
	16	Caleb Franci, 6-0, 185, So., Grand Island, Neb.
	11	Matt Barnett, 6-3, 200, So., Cedar Rapids, Iowa
LCB	1	MALIK LOFTON, 5-10, 190, *Sr., Crystal, Minn.
	7	Dalys Beanum, 6-1, 185, So., Omaha, Neb.
FS	3	JOSHUA MANCHIGIAH, 6-0, 205, *Sr., Papillion, Neb.
	25	Cale Reeder, 6-0, 180, So., Yorkville, Ill.
SS	6	MICHAEL GRIFFIN II, 6-0, 215, Sr., Cottage Grove, Minn.
	35	Chase Norblade, 6-1, 185, Jr., Papillion, Neb.
	0	Daeton Mcgaughy, 6-0, 210, So., Elwood, Kan.
RCB	5	DyShawn Gales, 5-11, 190, Jr., North Chicago, Ill.
	26	Steven Arrell, 6-2, 190, R-Fr., Brooklyn Park, Minn.

Returning starters indicated in CAPS

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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 Bloomerader	OL	6-6	285	So.	Highmore, S.D.
22	Isaiah Davis	RB	6-1	220	So.	Joplin, Mo.	80	Nate Sullivan Jr.	WR	6-2	210	R-Fr.	Bellevue, Neb.
23	Matthew Durrance	S	6-2	195	Fr.	Lutz, Fla.	81	Skyler Cavanaugh	TE	6-5	240	Sr.	Vail, Ariz.
24	Cade Reynolds	LB	6-2	205	Fr.	Daphne, Ala.	82	Caleb Schauf	TE	6-5	245	*Sr.	Sparta, Wis.
25	Cale Reeder	S	6-0	180	So.	Yorkville, Ill.	83	A.J. Coons	WR	6-4	210	R-Fr.	Solon, Iowa
26	Steven Arrell	CB	6-2	190	R-Fr.	Brooklyn Park, Minn.	84	Reece Burckhard	TE	6-8	235	Fr.	Aberdeen, S.D.
27	Corben Mahaffy	K	5-11	175	R-Fr.	Piedmont, S.D.	85	Tucker Kraft	TE	6-5	255	So.	Timber Lake, S.D.
28	Daxon Lindholm	RB	5-11	175	Fr.	Glendale, Ariz.	86	Devon Cole Jr.	WR	5-9	165	R-Fr.	Clermont, Fla.
29	Graham Spalding	LB	6-1	205	So.	Oviedo, Fla.	87	Zach Heins	TE	6-7	250	Jr.	Sioux Falls, S.D.
30	Payton Shafer	LB	6-0	210	Jr.	Cottage Grove, Minn.	88	Brandon Lane Jr.	DT	6-2	290	R-Fr.	Kansas City, Mo.
31	Patrick Hoffmann	WR	6-1	200	R-Fr.	Naperville, Ill.	89	Wyatt Seagren	TE	6-7	245	R-Fr.	Oakland, Neb.
32	Adam Bock	LB	6-1	215	So.	Solon, Iowa	90	Randy Keumogne	DE	6-3	230	So.	Oakdale, Minn.
33	Thomas Motzko	LB	6-0	230	So.	Highland Park, Ill.	91	Xavier Ward	DT	6-2	275	Sr.	Freeman, S.D.
34	Mike Morgan	TE/FB	6-3	235	Jr.	New Lenox, Ill.	92	Kevin Brenner	DE	6-3	240	So.	Silver Lake, Wis.
34	Ryan Swoger	S	6-2	175	Fr.	Tucson, Ariz.	93	Max Baloun	DE	6-6	245	R-Fr.	Redfield, S.D.
35	Chase Norblade	S	6-1	185	Jr.	Papillion, Neb.	94	Cade Terveer	DE	6-3	250	Jr.	Brandon, S.D.
36	Michael Paulson	WR	6-3	185	Fr.	Sioux Falls, S.D.	95	Zac Wilson	DE	6-3	235	So.	ChIPLEY, Fla.
37	Tucker Large	S	5-11	170	Fr.	Sioux Falls, S.D.	96	Mitch Eichacker	DE	6-4	235	R-Fr.	Sioux Falls, S.D.
38	Josh Buri	RB	5-11	210	Fr.	Stewartville, Minn.	97	Reece Winkelman	DE	6-4	245	*Sr.	Marshall, Minn.
39	Aydan Dautermann	CB	6-2	185	Fr.	Hartford, Wis.	97	Cole Frahm	K	6-5	230	*Sr.	Omaha, Neb.
40	Aaron Kusler	LB	6-2	220	R-Fr.	Sioux Falls, S.D.	98	Ryan Van Marel	DT	6-4	280	Jr.	Sheldon, Iowa
42	Davion Sterner	LB	6-0	190	R-Fr.	Alvord, Iowa	99	Caleb Sanders	DT	6-1	270	*Sr.	Glenwood, Iowa
43	Adam Kusler	LB	6-3	215	R-Fr.	Sioux Falls, S.D.	99	Jack Green	K	6-1	190	Fr.	Rapid City, S.D.
44	Saiveon Williamson	LB	6-1	205	Jr.	Waseca, Minn.							

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JOHN STIEGELMEIER

Head Coach

25th Season (178-107 record — all at SDSU)

Alma Mater: South Dakota State, 1979

FOOTBALL HONORS AND RECORDS:

- Ranks first on SDSU career football coaching victories list with 178-107 record (.625 winning percentage) in 24 seasons — passed Ralph Ginn, who compiled a 113-89-9 record in 22 seasons from 1947-68, with 41-3 victory over UW-Oshkosh on Sept. 20, 2014
- Has led teams to winning records in 20 of his 24 full seasons, including 15 of 17 at the Division I Football Championship Subdivision level
- Since moving to the Football Championship Subdivision in 2004, the Jackrabbits have a 136-74 overall record (.648 winning percentage)
- His 72 victories in Missouri Valley Football Conference play rank second in league history, while his 110 overall wins since joining the league in 2008 are third among all-time league coaches
- 1999 North Central Conference Coach of the Year
- 2007 Great West Football Conference Coach of the Year after leading SDSU to first conference title in 44 years
- 2007 American Football Coaches Association FCS Region 5 Coach of the Year
- Liberty Mutual Coach of the Year Finalist in 2007 and 2009
- 2014 recipient of the Ralph Ginn Award for Coaching Excellence at South Dakota State University
- 2015 finalist for STATS FCS Coach of the Year Award
- 2016 Bruce Craddock Missouri Valley Football Conference Coach of the Year after leading team to first MVFC title
- 2016 AFCA FCS Region 4 Coach of the Year
- Led SDSU to share of MVFC title during the 2020-21 spring season

PLAYOFF EXPERIENCE:

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

OTHER NOTES:

- The Jackrabbits have compiled a 113-32 (.779) home record in Coach Stig's 25 seasons as head coach
- SDSU has a 234-146 (.616) overall record since Coach Stig joined the coaching staff as an full-time assistant in 1988 and has posted a winning record in 27 of 33 full seasons
- Served as secondary coach and recruiting coordinator from 1988-90 under Wayne Haensel
- Served as defensive coordinator from 1991-96 under Mike Daly
- Jackrabbit student-athletes have earned CoSIDA Academic All-America recognition 29 times during his tenure
- SDSU received the MVFC Team Academic Award each of its first nine seasons in the league

MILESTONE WINS:

- No. 1: SDSU 17, UC Davis 7 [first game as head coach] (Sept. 13, 1997 at Davis, Calif.)
- No. 2 [first home win and first NCC victory]: SDSU 20, St. Cloud State 16 (Oct. 11, 1997, at Brookings)
- No. 25: SDSU 34, Ferris State (Mich.) 24 (Sept. 1, 2001, at Brookings)
- No. 45 [first win over FCS opponent]: SDSU 31, Southern (La.) 24 (Sept. 25, 2004, at Baton Rouge, La.)
- No. 50: SDSU 69, Valparaiso (Ind.) 6 (Sept. 10, 2005, at Brookings)
- No. 69 [first MVFC victory]: SDSU 40, Youngstown State 7 (Sept. 6, 2008, at Brookings)
- No. 75: SDSU 25, North Dakota State 24 (Nov. 22, 2008, at Fargo, N.D.)
- No. 100: SDSU 16, Southern Illinois 12 (Nov. 3, 2012, at Carbondale, Ill.)
- No. 102 [first playoff victory]: SDSU 58, Eastern Illinois 10 (Nov. 24, 2012, at Brookings)
- No. 113 [SDSU record-tying victory]: SDSU 26, Southern Utah 6 (Sept. 13, 2014, at Cedar City, Utah)
- No. 114 [SDSU record-breaking victory]: SDSU 41, UW-Oshkosh 3 (Sept. 20, 2014, at Brookings)
- No. 125: SDSU 38, Youngstown State 8 (Oct. 17, 2015, at Youngstown, Ohio)
- No. 136 [clinch first MVFC title]: SDSU 45, Northern Iowa 24 (Nov. 19, 2016, at Cedar Falls, Iowa)
- No. 142 [100th win as FCS program]: SDSU 62, Missouri State 30 (Oct. 21, 2017, at Springfield, Mo.)
- No. 150: SDSU 90, Arkansas-Pine Bluff 6 (Sept. 15, 2018, at Brookings)
- No. 171 [clinch share of MVFC title]: SDSU 27, North Dakota State 17 (April 17, 2021, at Fargo, N.D.)
- No. 175: SDSU 42, Colorado State 23 (Sept. 3, 2021, at Fort Collins, Colo.)

COACH STIG'S YEAR-BY-YEAR RECORDS

NORTH CENTRAL CONFERENCE

YEAR	OVERALL	CONF
1997	4-6	3-6
1998	6-5	5-4
1999	8-3	6-3
2000	6-5	4-5
2001	5-6	4-4
2002	6-4	4-4
2003	7-4	4-3
TOTALS	42-33	30-29

GREAT WEST FOOTBALL CONFERENCE

YEAR	OVERALL	CONF
2004	6-5	2-3
2005	6-5	3-2
2006	7-4	3-1
2007	7-4	4-0
TOTALS	26-18	12-6

MISSOURI VALLEY FOOTBALL CONF.

YEAR	OVERALL	CONF
2008	7-5	6-2
2009	8-4	7-1
2010	5-6	4-4
2011	5-6	4-4
2012	9-4	6-2
2013	9-5	5-3
2014	9-5	5-3
2015	8-4	5-3
2016	9-4	7-1
2017	11-3	6-2
2018	10-3	6-2
2019	8-5	5-3
2020-21	8-2	5-1
2021	4-0	1-0
TOTALS	110-56	72-31
OVERALL TOTALS	178-107	114-66



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	4	11	9	20	1.0-1	0-0	2	0-0	0	0-0	0
CAREER	52	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

JACKRABBITS TO WATCH

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
Season Totals	11	9	20	1.0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0



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 13 times in his career (two games with 200-plus yards)
- Scored a touchdown in final six games of the 2018 season, including three-touchdown performances at Southern Illinois (Nov. 10) and versus South Dakota (Nov. 17)
- Reached 1,000-yard mark on 100th carry of the 2018 season
- Posted 10th-best single-game rushing performance in school history with 253 yards on 17 carries in 2018 regular season finale versus South Dakota
- Moved into fifth place in career rushing at SDSU in Oct. 2 game against Dixie State
- His 27 career touchdown runs are eighth most in program history and have covered an average of 29.2 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	3,327
6. Dan Sonnek, 1984-87	3,304
7. Les Tuma, 1970-73	3,018
8. Cory Koenig, 2004-07	2,990
9. Brady Mengarelli, 2014-17	2,677
10. Darwin Gonnerman, 1966-68	2,598

SDSU CAREER RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS

1. Josh Ranek, 1997-2001	62
2. Zach Zenner, 2011-14	61
3. Kyle Minett, 2007-10	47
4. Jerry Welch, 1951-54	34
5. Dan Sonnek, 1984-87	32
6. Scott Nedved, 1998-2002	30
7. Anthony Watson, 2003-06	29
8. Pierre Strong, Jr., 2018-present	27
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	55	486	9.9	5	68	5	31	0	15	0	0	0.0	0	0
Career	446	3,327	7.5	27	*73	45	462	3	*66	5	127	25.4	0	47

* denotes touchdown

PIERRE STRONG'S 2018 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

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

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SINGLE-GAME RUSHING YARDS

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

PIERRE STRONG'S 2019 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

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

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

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

PIERRE STRONG'S 2021 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Game	Rush	Yds	TD	LG	Rec	Yds	TD	LG	KOR	Yds	TD	LG
Colorado State	13	138	2	*48	3	8	0	4	0	0	0	0
Lindenwood	7	110	1	68	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Indiana State	20	150	0	27	2	23	0	15	0	0	0	0
Dixie State	15	88	2	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Season Totals	55	486	5	68	5	31	0	15	0	0	0	0



6-CHRIS OLADOKUN

6-1 220, Graduate Transfer • Quarterback
Tampa, Florida (Sickles H.S./South Florida/Samford)

FOOTBALL HONORS AND HIGHLIGHTS:

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

CHRIS OLADOKUN'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	GP	Eff.	Comp	Att	Int	Pct.	Yds	TD	LG	Rush	Yds	TD	LG
2017 (at South Florida)	2	200.80	1	1	0	100.0	12	0	12	1	1	0	1
2018 (at South Florida)	6	122.36	22	44	1	50.0	285	3	72	25	19	0	22
2019 (at Samford)	12	142.38	169	272	7	62.1	2,058	18	82	127	491	8	37
2020-21 (at Samford)	7	97.97	37	56	2	67.1	221	1	23	22	26	2	33
2021 (at SDSU)	4	183.58	50	80	0	62.5	721	11	55	9	50	1	18
Career	31	142.35	279	453	10	61.6	3,297	33	82	184	587	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
Season Totals	50	80	0	721	11	55	9	50	1	18

+ caught 22-yard touchdown pass

FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP SUBDIVISION POLLS

STATS PERFORM FCS POLL – OCT. 4

PL.	SCHOOL	2021 RECORD	POINTS	PR
1.	Sam Houston [29]	4-0	1,201	1
2.	South Dakota State [15]	4-0	1,200	2
3.	James Madison [6]	4-0	1,165	3
4.	Eastern Washington	5-0	1,091	6
5.	North Dakota State	4-0	1,082	5
6.	Montana	3-1	936	4
7.	UC Davis	5-0	925	8
8.	Southern Illinois	4-1	911	7
9.	Delaware	3-1	843	9
10.	Montana State	4-1	800	11
11.	Villanova	3-1	690	12
12.	East Tennessee State	5-0	679	13
13.	North Dakota	2-2	628	10
14.	Southeastern Louisiana	3-1	605	14
15.	Missouri State	3-1	553	16
16.	Northern Iowa	3-1	548	15
17.	Kennesaw State	3-1	418	20
18.	Rhode Island	4-0	352	21
19.	Weber State	2-3	348	19
20.	Incarinate Word	4-1	262	24
21.	UT Martin	3-1	253	23
22.	New Hampshire	3-2	81	25
23.	Stephen F. Austin	3-2	76	NR
24.	Jacksonville State	2-3	73	17
25.	Nicholls	2-2	62	NR

Others receiving votes: Virginia Military Institute 58; Princeton 53; Monmouth 42; **South Dakota** 42; Mercer 41; Duquesne 38; Central Arkansas 35; Chattanooga 33; Murray State 33; Harvard 27; Jackson State 27; Prairie View A&M 7; Eastern Kentucky 6; William & Mary 4.

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

AFCA FCS COACHES' POLL – OCT. 4

PL.	SCHOOL	2021 RECORD	POINTS	PR
1.	Sam Houston [24]	4-0	694	1
2.	James Madison [1]	4-0	653	2
3.	South Dakota State [1]	4-0	646	3
4.	Eastern Washington [2]	5-0	608	6
5.	North Dakota State	4-0	601	5
6.	Montana	3-1	511	4
7.	Southern Illinois	4-1	503	7
8.	UC Davis	5-0	492	8
9.	Villanova	3-1	454	9
10.	Delaware	3-1	453	10
11.	Montana State	4-1	402	12
12.	Northern Iowa	3-1	376	13
13.	East Tennessee State	5-0	357	14
14.	Southeastern Louisiana	3-1	326	15
15.	North Dakota	2-2	312	11
16.	Missouri State	3-1	286	16
17.	Kennesaw State	3-1	230	20
18.	Weber State	2-3	206	18
19.	Chattanooga	2-2	200	19
20.	Rhode Island	4-0	152	23
21.	UT Martin	3-1	117	T24
22.	Harvard	3-0	73	NR
	Jacksonville State	2-2	73	9
24.	Princeton	3-0	41	NR
25.	Monmouth	3-2	39	NR

Top Teams Receiving Votes: Central Arkansas 38; New Hampshire 37; Eastern Kentucky 23; Mercer 22; **South Dakota** 20; Nicholls 19; Stephen F. Austin 19; Incarnate Word 16; Jackson State 15; Holy Cross 14; Yale 12; Abilene Christian 10; Virginia Military Institute 10; Murray State 9; Austin Peay 7; Duquesne 6; Florida A&M 5; William & Mary 4; Elon 3; North Carolina A&T 3; Richmond 3; Charleston Southern 2

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

MISSOURI VALLEY FOOTBALL CONFERENCE

2021 MVFC STANDINGS

SCHOOL	CONFERENCE	PF	PA	OVERALL	PF	PA
Southern Illinois	2-0	76	47	4-1	191	102
Missouri State	2-0	72	43	3-1	131	100
South Dakota State	1-0	44	0	4-0	193	37
North Dakota State	1-0	16	10	4-0	143	23
Northern Iowa	1-0	34	7	3-1	122	42
South Dakota	1-1	61	41	3-2	157	79
Western Illinois	1-1	68	66	1-4	152	201
North Dakota	0-1	10	16	2-2	97	22
Illinois State	0-2	37	76	2-3	117	135
Indiana State	0-2	10	82	2-3	65	148
Youngstown State	0-2	42	72	1-3	100	155

SCHEDULE AND RECENT RESULTS

SATURDAY, OCT. 2

*Missouri State 41, Illinois State 20
 *South Dakota 38, Indiana State 10
 *North Dakota State 16, North Dakota 10
 *Southern Illinois 31, Western Illinois 30 [OT]
 *Northern Iowa 34, Youngstown State 7
 SDSU 55, Dixie State 7

SATURDAY, OCT. 9

*Western Illinois at Indiana State, noon
 *Northern Iowa at North Dakota State, 1 p.m.
 *Missouri State at Youngstown State, 1 p.m.
 *Southern Illinois at SDSU, 2 p.m.
 *North Dakota at South Dakota, 2 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.

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

SDSU's bid for back-to-back shutouts for the first time since 1962 was ended with six seconds remaining in the game as Dixie State put together its longest drive of the night. The Trailblazers' 13-play, 75-yard drive ended with a 16-yard touchdown pass from Kobe Tracy to Cade 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 Mcgaughy 1-0.

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

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

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
Totals	193-37	91/71	43/19	41/47	7/5		153-994 / 134-292		62-97-0 / 84-144-7		951/845	250-1,945 / 278-1,137		128 / 300	0 / 9

MISCELLANEOUS GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

THIRD-DOWN CONVERSIONS

OPPONENT	OVERALL	1ST QTR	2ND QTR	3RD QTR	4TH QTR
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
Totals	21-46	4-14	9-11	1-8	7-13
	45.7%	28.6%	81.8%	12.5%	53.6%
Opponents	23-62	6-18	4-15	4-13	9-16
	37.1%	33.3%	26.7%	30.8%	56.2%

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
Totals	126:27	31:54	32:24	30:16	31:53
Avg.	31:36	7:58	8:06	7:34	7:58
Opponents	113:33	28:06	27:36	29:44	28:07
Avg.	28:23	7:01	6:54	7:26	7:01

FOURTH-DOWN CONVERSIONS

OPPONENT	OVERALL	1ST QTR	2ND QTR	3RD QTR	4TH QTR
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
Totals	2-2	0-0	1-1	1-1	0-0
	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0-0%
Opponents	3-11	0-0	1-4	0-1	2-6
	27.3%	0.0%	25.0%	0.0%	33.0%

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
Totals	25-232	22-223

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

DEFENSE

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

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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

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Team Statistics	SDSU	OPP
SCORING	193	37
Points Per Game	48.2	9.2
Points Off Turnovers	41	0
FIRST DOWNS	91	71
Rushing	43	19
Passing	41	47
Penalty	7	5
RUSHING YARDAGE	994	292
Yards gained rushing	1045	430
Yards lost rushing	51	138
Rushing Attempts	153	134
Average Per Rush	6.5	2.2
Average Per Game	248.5	73.0
TDs Rushing	10	2
PASSING YARDAGE	951	845
Comp-Att-Int	62-97-0	84-144-7
Average Per Pass	9.8	5.9
Average Per Catch	15.3	10.1
Average Per Game	237.8	211.2
TDs Passing	14	3
TOTAL OFFENSE	1945	1137
Total Plays	250	278
Average Per Play	7.8	4.1
Average Per Game	486.2	284.2
KICK RETURNS: #-Yards	3-46	14-258
PUNT RETURNS: #-Yards	8-29	5-42
INT RETURNS: #-Yards	7-53	0-0
KICK RETURN AVERAGE	15.3	18.4
PUNT RETURN AVERAGE	3.6	8.4
INT RETURN AVERAGE	7.6	0.0
FUMBLES-LOST	2-0	7-2
PENALTIES-Yards	25-232	22-223
Average Per Game	58.0	55.8
PUNTS-Yards	14-622	26-1031
Average Per Punt	44.4	39.7
Net punt average	40.0	38.5
KICKOFFS-Yards	35-2020	10-545
Average Per Kick	57.7	54.5
Net kick average	38.9	37.4
TIME OF POSSESSION/Game	31:37	28:23
3RD-DOWN Conversions	21/46	23/62
3rd-Down Pct	46%	37%
4TH-DOWN Conversions	2/2	3/11
4th-Down Pct	100%	27%
SACKS BY-Yards	13-82	2-19
MISC YARDS	0	0
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED	25	5
FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS	6-8	1-2
ON-SIDE KICKS	0-0	0-0
RED-ZONE SCORES	(20-20) 100%	(5-9) 56%
RED-ZONE TOUCHDOWNS	(16-20) 80%	(4-9) 44%
PAT-ATTEMPTS	(25-25) 100%	(4-4) 100%
ATTENDANCE	59270	77958
Games/Avg Per Game	4/14818	4/19490
Neutral Site Games		0/0

Score by Quarters	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Total
South Dakota State	45	90	31	27	0	193
Opponents	0	10	0	27	0	37

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Rushing	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Pierre Strong	4	55	500	14	486	8.8	5	68	121.5
Amar Johnson	4	36	195	11	184	5.1	2	28	46.0
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	4	9	62	12	50	5.6	1	18	12.5
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	4	4	22	7	15	3.8	0	10	3.8
Tyler Feldkamp	3	1	3	0	3	3.0	0	3	1.0
TEAM	4	3	0	3	-3	-1.0	0	0	-0.8
Total	0	153	1045	51	994	6.5	10	68	0.0
Opponents	0	134	430	138	292	2.2	2	19	0.0

Passing	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
Chris Oladokun	4	183.58	50-80-0	62.5	721	11	55	180.2
Keaton Heide	4	258.86	10-13-0	76.9	203	2	55	50.8
Rudy Voss	2	47.33	1-3-0	33.3	5	0	5	2.5
Pierre Strong	4	614.80	1-1-0	100.0	22	1	22	5.5
Total	0	193.90	62-97-0	63.9	951	14	55	0.0
Opponents	0	104.78	84-144-7	58.3	845	3	37	0.0

Receiving	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Tucker Kraft	4	16	196	12.2	3	26	49.0
Jadon Janke	4	12	193	16.1	3	46	48.2
Jaxon Janke	4	9	217	24.1	1	55	54.2
Zach Heins	4	5	38	7.6	3	20	9.5
Pierre Strong	4	5	31	6.2	0	15	7.8
Mason Leighton	3	4	69	17.2	1	29	23.0
Mike Morgan	2	2	66	33.0	2	55	33.0
Tyler Feldkamp	3	2	35	17.5	0	22	11.7
Canyon Bauer	4	2	16	8.0	0	13	4.0
Amar Johnson	4	1	34	34.0	0	34	8.5
Chris Oladokun	4	1	22	22.0	1	22	5.5
A.J. Coons	3	1	18	18.0	0	18	6.0
Wyatt Seagren	3	1	11	11.0	0	11	3.7
Caleb Schauf	2	1	5	5.0	0	5	2.5
Total	0	62	951	15.3	14	55	0.0
Opponents	0	84	845	10.1	3	37	0.0

Punt Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Tyler Feldkamp	5	23	4.6	0	14
Isaiah Davis	2	1	0.5	0	1
Landon Wolf	1	5	5.0	0	5
Total	8	29	3.6	0	14
Opponents	5	42	8.4	0	37

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

Kick Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Jadon Janke	1	28	28.0	0	28
Tyler Feldkamp	1	18	18.0	0	18
Canyon Bauer	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total	3	46	15.3	0	28
Opponents	14	258	18.4	0	67

Fumble Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Total	0	0	0.0	0	0
Opponents	0	0	0.0	0	0

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Scoring			PAT						
	td	fg	kick	rush	rcv	pass	dxp	saf	pts
Cole Frahm	-	6-8	23-23	-	-	-	-	-	41
Pierre Strong	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30
Tucker Kraft	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
Zach Heins	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
Jadon Janke	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
Chris Oladokun	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Amar Johnson	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Mike Morgan	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Mason Leighton	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Isaiah Davis	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Jaxon Janke	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Dalys Beanum	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Josh Buri	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Corben Mahaffy	-	-	1-1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Hunter Dustman	-	-	1-1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Total	25	6-8	25-25	-	-	-	-	-	193
Opponents	5	1-2	4-4	-	-	0-1	-	-	37

Total Offense	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
Chris Oladokun	4	89	50	721	771	192.8
Pierre Strong	4	56	486	22	508	127.0
Keaton Heide	4	17	15	203	218	54.5
Amar Johnson	4	36	184	0	184	46.0
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
Tyler Feldkamp	3	1	3	0	3	1.0
TEAM	4	3	-3	0	-3	-0.8
Total	0	250	994	951	1945	0.0
Opponents	0	278	292	845	1137	0.0

Field Goals	fg	pct.	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	lg	blk
Cole Frahm	6-8	75.0	0-0	2-2	2-3	1-1	1-2	54	1

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

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made.

Punting	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+	blk
Hunter Dustman	10	446	44.6	52	1	3	3	2	0
Ben Dinkel	4	176	44.0	49	0	2	2	0	0
Total	14	622	44.4	52	1	5	5	2	0
Opponents	26	1031	39.7	65	0	7	6	4	0

Kickoffs	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob	retn	net	ydln
Cole Frahm	35	2020	57.7	16	1			
Total	35	2020	57.7	16	1	18.4	38.9	26
Opponents	10	545	54.5	5	1	15.3	37.4	27

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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	4	486	31	0	0	0	517	129.2
Jadon Janke	4	0	193	0	28	0	221	55.2
Amar Johnson	4	184	34	0	0	0	218	54.5
Jaxon Janke	4	0	217	0	0	0	217	54.2
Tucker Kraft	4	0	196	0	0	0	196	49.0
Isaiah Davis	2	125	0	1	0	0	126	63.0
Tyler Feldkamp	3	3	35	23	18	0	79	26.3
Chris Oladokun	4	50	22	0	0	0	72	18.0
Mason Leighton	3	0	69	0	0	0	69	23.0
Angel Johnson	2	66	0	0	0	0	66	33.0
Mike Morgan	2	0	66	0	0	0	66	33.0
Zach Heins	4	0	38	0	0	0	38	9.5
Rudy Voss	2	37	0	0	0	0	37	18.5
Dalys Beanum	4	0	0	0	0	36	36	9.0
Josh Buri	2	31	0	0	0	0	31	15.5
A.J. Coons	3	0	18	0	0	0	18	6.0
Adam Bock	4	0	0	0	0	16	16	4.0
Canyon Bauer	4	0	16	0	0	0	16	4.0
Keaton Heide	4	15	0	0	0	0	15	3.8
Wyatt Seagren	3	0	11	0	0	0	11	3.7
Landon Wolf	1	0	0	5	0	0	5	5.0
Caleb Schauf	2	0	5	0	0	0	5	2.5
Malik Lofton	4	0	0	0	0	1	1	0.2
TEAM	4	-3	0	0	0	0	-3	-0.8
Total	0	994	951	29	46	53	2073	0.0
Opponents	0	292	845	42	258	0	1437	0.0

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#	Defensive Leaders	gp	Tackles				Sacks no-yds	Pass defense			Fumbles		blkd	
			ua	a	tot	tfl/yds		int-yds	brup	qbh	rcv-yds	ff	kick	saf
32	Adam Bock	4	11	13	24	2.5-3	.	1-16	3	1	.	.	.	.
12	Logan Backhaus	4	11	9	20	1.0-1	.	.	2	2	.	.	.	.
2D	Isaiah Stalbird	4	8	8	16	2.0-10	.	.	2	1	.	.	.	.
5D	DyShawn Gales	4	8	6	14	1.0-1	.	.	1	.	.	1	.	.
91	Ward,Xavier	4	1	11	12	0.5-2	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
1D	Malik Lofton	4	9	3	12	.	.	1-1	.	.	.	.	.	.
3D	Josh Manchigiah	4	5	7	12	1.0-2	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
6D	Michael Griffin	4	5	5	10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
26	Steven Arrell	2	7	3	10	1.0-1	.	1-0	1	.	.	.	.	.
57	Kinser Madison	4	6	4	10	2.0-3	1.0-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
99	Sanders,Caleb	4	4	6	10	4.5-21	2.5-18	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
25	Cale Reeder	4	4	6	10	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.
16	Caleb Franci	3	2	8	10	.	.	.	1	.	1-0	.	.	.
29	Graham Spalding	4	6	4	10	1.0-1	1.0-1	1-0	1	.	.	.	.	.
7	Dalys Beanum	4	4	5	9	1.0-1	.	1-36	.	.	.	.	.	.
30	Payton Shafer	3	5	4	9	3.0-14	1.0-11	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
8D	Daeton Mcgaughy	4	2	6	8	.	.	2-0	.	.	.	.	.	.
43	Adam Kusler	3	3	5	8	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.
35	Chase Norblade	4	2	5	7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
97	Winkelman,Reece	4	3	4	7	4.5-25	2.5-18	.	1	1	.	.	.	.
21	Don Gardner	3	2	4	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
40	Aaron Kusler	3	3	3	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
55	Thomas Stacker	4	4	2	6	2.5-15	1.5-13	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1B	Matt Barnett	4	5	1	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
69	K. Krolkowski	4	1	4	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
92	Brenner,Kevin	4	4	1	5	2.0-5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
48	Quinton Hicks	3	.	4	4	0.5-2	0.5-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
22	Tolu Ogunrinde	3	1	2	3	1.0-6	1.0-6	.	1	1	.	1	.	.
52	Jarod DePriest	3	.	3	3	0.5-3	0.5-3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
42	Davion Sterner	2	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
98	Van Marel,Ryan	3	3	.	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
94	Terveer,Cade	3	1	1	2	0.5-3	0.5-3	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
9C	Jaden Crockett	1	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
39	AydanDautermann	2	2	.	2	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
98	Ryan Van Marel	1	.	2	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1C	Chris Rhodes	2	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
33	Thomas Motzko	3	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
88	Brandon Lane Jr	3	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
9F	Cole Frahm	4	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
90	Randy Keumogne	4	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
53	Caden Johnson	4	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	1	1-0	.	.	.
5V	Levi Vanden Bos	1	1	.	1	1.0-5	1.0-5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
15	Timothy Croskey	1	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
23	MatthewDurrance	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Total		0	141	154	295	33-124	13-82	7-53	19	11	2-0	2	.	.
Opponents		0	143	100	243	12-48	2-19	.	7	10	.	1	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
South Dakota State		153	994	10	68	62	951	14	55	62-97-0	951	14	55	3	46	0	28	8	29	0	14	1945
		134	292	2	19	84	845	3	37	84-144-7	845	3	37	14	258	0	67	5	42	0	37	1137

Games: 4 • Avg/rush: 6.5 • Avg/catch: 15.3 • Pass effic: 193.90 • KR avg: 15.3 • PR avg: 3.6 • All purpose avg/game: 518.2 • Total offense avg/gm: 486.2

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.	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
South Dakota State		141	154	295	33.0-124	13.0-82	2	2-0		7-53	11	19	0	25-25	0	0	0	41	193
		143	100	243	12.0-48	2.0-19	1	0-0		0-0	10	7	1	4-4	0	0	0	0	37

		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
South Dakota State		14	622	44.4	52	0	1	5	2	5	6-8	54	1	35	2020	57.7	16	1
		26	1031	39.7	65	0	0	7	4	6	1-2	35	0	10	545	54.5	5	1

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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
Opponents		134	292	2	19	84	845	3	37	84-144-7	845	3	37	14	258	0	67	5	42	0	37	1137
		153	994	10	68	62	951	14	55	62-97-0	951	14	55	3	46	0	28	8	29	0	14	1945

Games: 4 • Avg/rush: 2.2 • Avg/catch: 10.1 • Pass effic: 104.78 • KR avg: 18.4 • PR avg: 8.4 • All purpose avg/game: 359.2 • Total offense avg/gm: 284.2

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.	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
Opponents		143	100	243	12.0-48	2.0-19	1	0-0	0-0	10	7	1	4-4	0	0	0	0	37
		141	154	295	33.0-124	13.0-82	2	2-0	7-53	11	19	0	25-25	0	0	0	41	193

		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
Opponents		26	1031	39.7	65	0	0	7	4	6	1-2	35	0	10	545	54.5	5	1
		14	622	44.4	52	0	1	5	2	5	6-8	54	1	35	2020	57.7	16	1