



SOUTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY

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2021 FOOTBALL INFORMATION

Playoff run continues in California

JACKRABBIT GAME NOTES — DEC. 4



HEAD COACH: Troy Taylor (California, 1989); 18-6 record in three seasons — all at Sacramento State

#11/11 SOUTH DAKOTA STATE (9-3)
at #8/12 SACRAMENTO STATE (9-2)
 6 p.m. Pacific Time (8 p.m. Central) Saturday
 Hornet Stadium; Sacramento, Calif.

SERIES NOTES

- First Meeting
- South Dakota State has an all-time FCS playoff record of 12-10, including a 3-3 mark against Big Sky Conference opponents

MEDIA INFORMATION

- Game will be televised exclusively on ESPN+ with the broadcast team of Ted Emrich and Stanford Rount
- Free radio broadcast available through Jackrabbits All-Access at GoJacks.com/watch
- Pre-game radio show begins at 7 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: John Stiegelmeier (SDSU, 1979)

• 183-110 record in 25 seasons — all at South Dakota State

STARTERS RETURNING: 22 (10 Off., 10 Def., 2 ST)

2021 SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER		
3	at Colorado State	W, 42-23
11	LINDENWOOD [Dairy Drive/2020 Hall of Fame]	W, 52-7
25	*at Indiana State	W, 44-0
OCTOBER		
2	DIXIE STATE [Beef Bowl]	W, 55-7
9	*SOUTHERN ILLINOIS [OT]	L, 41-42
16	*at Western Illinois	W, 41-17
23	*NORTHERN IOWA [Hobo Day]	L, 17-26
30	*at Youngstown State	W, 47-16
NOVEMBER		
6	*NORTH DAKOTA STATE [Dakota Marker]	W, 27-19
13	*at South Dakota [Showdown Series]	L, 20-23
20	*NORTH DAKOTA [2021 Hall of Fame]	W, 24-21
27	*UC DAVIS	W, 56-24
DECEMBER		
4	* at Sacramento State	8 p.m.
* Missouri Valley Football Conference game ^ FCS Playoffs game		
All times Central		

TALE OF THE TAPE — 2021 SEASON STATS

SACRAMENTO STATE	CATEGORY	SOUTH DAKOTA STATE
31.4	Points Per Game	38.8
18.6	Points Allowed Per Game	18.8
178.1	Rushing Yardage Per Game	215.7
115.4	Rush Yardage Allowed/Game	105.0
284.1	Passing Yardage Per Game	234.1
12.9	Average Per Catch	13.6
212.6	Pass Yardage Allowed/Game	228.0
462.2	Total Offense Per Game	449.8
328.0	Total Offense Allowed/Game	333.0
26.5	Kick Return Average	18.7
8.3	Punt Return Average	3.6
16-199	Interception Returns	18-204
14-8	Fumbles-Lost	14-5
76-665	Penalties-Yards	75-655
33:23	Time of Possession/Game	30:52
56/148 (38%)	Third-Down Conversions	64/149 (43%)

TOP PERFORMANCES

100-YARD RUSHERS

Pierre Strong, Jr. (9)

- 13-138, 2 TD at Colorado State, 9-3-2021
- 7-110, 1 TD vs. Lindenwood, 9-11-2021
- 20-150 at Indiana State, 9-25-2021
- 20-162, 2 TD vs. Southern Illinois, 10-9-2021
- 19-122, 2 TD at Western Illinois, 10-16-2021
- 19-163, 2 TD at Youngstown State, 10-30-2021
- 23-156, 2 TD vs. North Dakota State, 11-6-2021
- 28-103, 1 TD at South Dakota, 11-13-2021
- 19-185, 1 TD vs. UC Davis, 11-27-2021

Isaiah Davis (1)

- 15-217, 1 TD vs. UC Davis, 11-27-2021

Amar Johnson (1)

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

100-YARD RECEIVERS

Jaxon Janke (5)

- 9-101, 1 TD vs. Western Illinois, 10-16-2021
- 7-111 at Youngstown State, 10-30-2021
- 6-118 vs. North Dakota State, 11-6-2021
- 7-105 at South Dakota, 11-13-2021
- 8-103, 1 TD vs. North Dakota, 11-20-2021

Tucker Kraft (1)

- 10-124, 1 TD vs. Southern Illinois, 10-9-2021
- 9-123, vs. Northern Iowa, 10-23-2021

Jadon Janke (1)

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

300-YARD PASSERS

Chris Oladokun (2)

- 23-31-2, 358 yards, 1 TD vs. Southern Illinois, 10-9-2021
- 24-53-0, 300 yards, 1 TD vs. Northern Iowa, 10-23-2021

DOUBLE-DIGIT TACKLERS

Adam Bock (6)

- 10 tackles, 0.5 TFLs at Indiana State, 9-25-2021
- 17 tackles, 0.5 TFLs/sacks vs. Southern Illinois, 10-9-2021
- 10 tackles, vs. Northern Iowa, 10-23-2021
- 13 tackles, 2.5 TFLs, 1 sack vs. North Dakota State, 11-6-2021
- 14 tackles, 2.0 TFL, 1 sack at South Dakota, 11-13-2021
- 12 tackles, 1 TFL vs. North Dakota, 11-20-2021

Michael Griffin II (1)

- 10 tackles, vs. Northern Iowa, 10-23-2021

Graham Spalding (1)

- 12 tackles, 2.5 TFLs vs. Northern Iowa, 10-23-2021

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Dec. 1, 2021

BROOKINGS, S.D. — The South Dakota State University football team continues its run through the Football Championship Subdivision playoffs by traveling Saturday to fourth-seeded Sacramento State in second-round action.

Kickoff is set for 6 p.m. Pacific Time (8 p.m. Central) at Hornet Stadium in Sacramento, California. Television coverage of the game will be exclusively through the ESPN+ streaming platform.

Fans planning to attend Saturday's game should be aware of COVID-related safety protocols that require either proof of vaccination or a negative test within 72 hours in order to enter the stadium.

South Dakota State, ranked 11th in the final regular season polls conducted by Stats Perform (media) and the FCS coaches, is making its 10th consecutive postseason appearance and 11th in the last 13 years. The Jackrabbits improved to 9-3 overall with a 56-24 victory over UC Davis in opening-round action Nov. 27 at Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium.

Sacramento State, ranked eight and 12th, respectively, received an opening-round bye as the No. 4 seed. The Hornets are 9-2 overall and claimed the automatic bid from the Big Sky Conference after going undefeated in league play at 8-0.

THE SERIES: Saturday's game will mark the first-ever meeting between South Dakota State and Sacramento State on the football field. The Jackrabbits have posted a 3-3 record against Big Sky Conference schools in FCS playoff games, including their win last week over UC Davis. Each of the first five playoff games were played on the road.

The full slate of SDSU-Big Sky playoff matchups is as follows:

2009: Montana 61, South Dakota State 48 (Nov. 28, 2009, at Missoula, Mont.)

2013: South Dakota State 26, Northern Arizona 7 (Nov. 30, 2013, at Flagstaff, Ariz.)

2013: Eastern Washington 41, South Dakota State 17 (Dec. 7, 2013, at Cheney, Wash.)

2014: South Dakota State 47, Montana State 40 (Nov. 29, 2014, at Bozeman, Mont.)

2015: Montana 24, South Dakota State 17 (Nov. 28, 2015, at Missoula, Mont.)

2021: South Dakota State 56, UC Davis 24 (Nov. 27, 2021, at Brookings, S.D.)

ELITE COMPANY: South Dakota State is one of only two Football Championship Subdivision programs to reach the playoffs each of the last 10 seasons, including making consecutive national semifinal appearances in 2017 and 2018.

North Dakota State holds the longest active streak with 12 consecutive trips to the playoffs after the Bison earned the Missouri Valley Football Conference's automatic bid.

CAPTAINS: Leading the Jackrabbit football team are six captains:

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

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

SEASON 14 IN THE MVFC: The 2021 season marked 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 76-34 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.

GAME NOTES — SOUTH DAKOTA STATE at SACRAMENTO STATE

SDSU'S 2021 RECORD WHEN...

Jackrabbits score first	8-2
Opponent scores first	1-1
Jackrabbits lead after one quarter.....	6-2
Opponent leads after one quarter	0-1
Game is tied after one quarter	3-0
Jackrabbits lead at halftime.....	9-2
Opponent leads at halftime	0-1
Game is tied at halftime.....	0-0
Jackrabbits lead after three quarters.....	9-1
Opponent leads after three quarters	0-2
Game is tied after three quarters	0-0
Game is decided in overtime.....	0-1
Jackrabbits play at home.....	5-2
SDSU plays on the the road	4-1
Neutral-site contest	0-0
Jackrabbits commit fewer turnovers than opponent.....	7-0
Opponent commits fewer turnovers than SDSU.....	1-2
Turnover margin is equal.....	1-1
Jackrabbits commit fewer penalties than opponent	3-0
Opponent commits fewer penalties than SDSU	6-3
Teams commit same number of penalties	0-0
Jackrabbits have time of possession advantage	7-1
Opponent has time of possession advantage	2-2
Game is played on artificial surface	9-3
Game is played on natural grass/hybrid surface	0-0
Game is played during the day	6-3
Game is played at night (6 p.m. or later kickoff).....	3-0

OPENING DRIVES BY HALF

OPPONENT	1ST-O	2ND-O	1ST-D	2ND-D
Colorado State	Punt	Punt	Punt	Downs
Lindenwood	TD	TD	Punt	Punt
Indiana State	TD	FG	Punt	Punt
Dixie State	Punt	Punt	Punt	Punt
Southern Illinois	TD	INT	Punt	Punt
Western Illinois	Punt	TD	Punt	Punt
Northern Iowa	Fumble	Punt	TD	Downs
Youngstown State	TD	TD	Punt	INT
North Dakota State	TD	Downs	Punt	Fumble
South Dakota	FG	FG	INT	TD
North Dakota	Punt	Downs	Punt	TD
UC Davis	FG Miss	Punt	FG	INT

LONGEST DRIVES

BY PLAYS

16 - vs. North Dakota State (2Q), 16-80-9:24 (touchdown)

BY YARDS

92 - at Indiana State (4Q), 5-92-2:45 (touchdown)

BY TIME OF POSSESSION

9:24 - vs. North Dakota State (2Q), 16-80-9:24 (touchdown)

RANKINGS STREAK: By being ranked 11th in the final Stats Perform FCS poll of the regular season on Nov. 22, SDSU has now appeared in the top 25 of 130 consecutive media polls dating back to October 2012.

The Jackrabbits' third-place preseason showing matched the highest in program history (2018, 2019). SDSU then spent five weeks in the No. 2 spot following a season-opening win over Colorado State before dropping its first game of the year Oct. 9 against Southern Illinois.

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

Date	Stats Perform	AFCA
Preseason	3rd	4th
Sept. 6	2nd	3rd
Sept. 13	2nd	3rd
Sept. 20	2nd	3rd
Sept. 27	2nd	3rd
Oct. 4	2nd	3rd
Oct. 11	7th	8th
Oct. 18	6th	7th
Oct. 25	10th	13th
Nov. 1	9th	12th
Nov. 8	4th	7th
Nov. 15	12th	13th
Nov. 22	11th	11th

AWARD FINALISTS: South Dakota State running back Pierre Strong, Jr. and linebacker Adam Bock were announced recently as finalists for two of the top awards in the Football Championship Subdivision.

Strong is one of 25 finalists for the 2021 Stats Perform Walter Payton Award, which is presented to the top offensive player in the FCS ranks.

A senior from Little Rock, Arkansas, Strong was selected as a finalist for the second season in a row. Strong ended the regular season with 1,317 rushing yards and 15 touchdowns. He averaged 6.9 yards per carry in topping the 100-yard mark in eight of 11 games for a Jackrabbit squad that is making its 10th consecutive appearance in the FCS playoffs.

During the 2020-21 spring season, Strong finished seventh in the balloting for the Walter Payton Award.

Strong has posted three 1,000-yard seasons in his career and ranks fourth on the all-time SDSU charts with 4,343 rushing yards and 38 rushing touchdowns.

Northern Iowa offensive lineman Trevor Penning and Missouri State quarterback Jason Shelley were also named finalists from the Missouri Valley Football Conference.

Bock has been selected as one of 25 finalists for the 2021 Stats Perform Buck Buchanan Award, which is presented annually to the top defensive player in the FCS.

A sophomore from Solon, Iowa, Bock registered a team-best 100 tackles (55 solo) with nine tackles for loss and 2.5 sacks during the regular season. He tallied double figures in tackles in six of 11 games for a Jackrabbit defense that limited the opposition to 18.3 points and 97.8 rushing yards per game.

In addition, Bock recorded an interception, five pass breakups, two forced fumbles and a blocked kick which he returned for a defensive extra point.

Bock and Western Illinois safety Darius Joiner are the lone finalists from the Missouri Valley Football Conference.

A 50-member national media panel will select the winners, who will be announced on Jan. 7 — the eve of the FCS championship game — in Frisco, Texas.

JACKS PICKED TO WIN VALLEY: South Dakota State was 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.

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

AT COLORADO STATE

OFFENSE: Chris Oladokun, Garret Greenfield

DEFENSE: Xavier Ward

SPECIAL TEAMS: Cole Frahm

SCOUT OFFENSE: Alex Westendorf

SCOUT DEFENSE: Tucker Large

SCOUT SPECIAL TEAMS: Michael Paulson

EFFORT: Daeton Mcgaughy

VS. LINDENWOOD

OFFENSE: Pierre Strong, Jr.; Mason McCormick

DEFENSE: Adam Bock

SPECIAL TEAMS: Cole Frahm

SCOUT OFFENSE: Abraham Hoskins III

SCOUT DEFENSE: Matthew Durrance

SCOUT SPECIAL TEAMS: Abraham Hoskins III

EFFORT: Isaiah Stalbird

AT INDIANA STATE

OFFENSE: Tucker Kraft, Garret Greenfield

DEFENSE: Adam Bock, Caleb Sanders

SPECIAL TEAMS: Caleb Franci

SCOUT OFFENSE: Colby Christensen

SCOUT DEFENSE: Thomas Motzko

SCOUT SPECIAL TEAMS: Graham Goering

EFFORT: Caleb Sanders

VS. DIXIE STATE

OFFENSE: Mike Morgan

DEFENSE: Steven Arrell, DyShawn Gales

SPECIAL TEAMS: Hunter Dustman, Ben Dinkel

SCOUT OFFENSE: Abraham Hoskins III

SCOUT DEFENSE: Colby Huerter

SCOUT SPECIAL TEAMS: Aydan Dautermann

EFFORT: Jaxon Janke

VS. SOUTHERN ILLINOIS

OFFENSE: Pierre Strong, Jr., Aron Johnson

DEFENSE: Reece Winkelman

SPECIAL TEAMS: Caleb Franci

SCOUT OFFENSE: N/A

SCOUT DEFENSE: Colby Huerter

SCOUT SPECIAL TEAMS: Daxon Lindholm

EFFORT: Caleb Franci

AT WESTERN ILLINOIS

OFFENSE: Jaxon Janke, Wes Genant

DEFENSE: Cale Reeder, Reece Winkelman

SPECIAL TEAMS: Kinser Madison

SCOUT OFFENSE: Daxon Lindholm

SCOUT DEFENSE: Jaden Crockett

SCOUT SPECIAL TEAMS: Chris Rhodes

EFFORT: Kinser Madison

VS. NORTHERN IOWA

OFFENSE: Chris Oladokun, Aron Johnson

DEFENSE: Graham Spalding

SPECIAL TEAMS: Caleb Franci

SCOUT OFFENSE: Ethan Vibert

SCOUT DEFENSE: Aaron Wolfcale-Holsten

SCOUT SPECIAL TEAMS: Ryan Swoger

EFFORT: Michael Griffin II

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 marked the first time since joining the MVFC in 2008 that the Jackrabbits, who returned 10 starters on both sides of the ball, were 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.

MVFC AWARDS: Fifteen South Dakota State football student-athletes, led by three-time first-team selection Pierre Strong, Jr., were named Monday to the all-Missouri Valley Football Conference Team. Selections were determined by a vote among the league's coaches, sports information directors and a select media panel.

Strong, a senior running back from Little Rock, Arkansas, finished the regular season with a league-best 1,317 rushing yards and 15 touchdowns. A finalist for the Stats Perform FCS Walter Payton Award, he topped the 100-yard mark in eight of 11 games and averaged 6.9 yards per carry. In addition, Strong caught 20 passes for 133 yards and threw three touchdown passes.

Joining Strong on the first-team offense was sophomore tight end Tucker Kraft. The Timber Lake native tallied 51 receptions for 596 yards and six touchdowns during the regular season, surpassing the century mark in receiving yards on two occasions.

Linebackers Logan Backhaus and Adam Bock represented the Jackrabbits on the first-team defensive unit. A senior from Spirit Lake, Iowa, Backhaus was a repeat first-team honoree despite being limited to nine games due to injury. His regular season totals included 35 total tackles, including 2.5 tackles for loss and a sack.

Bock, a sophomore from Solon, Iowa, posted a team-leading 100 tackles during regular season action, registering double figures in tackles six times. The Stats Perform FCS Buck Buchanan Award finalist ranked third on the squad with nine tackles for loss, while adding 2.5 sacks, an interception and two forced fumbles.

The Jackrabbit offensive and defensive lines were well-represented on the second team. SDSU garnered three of the five offensive line spots on the second unit as Wes Genant, Aron Johnson and Mason McCormick were honored for a squad that averaged 37.3 points and 441.1 yards of total offense per game during the regular season. McCormick was honored on the second team for the second season in a row, while Genant moved up from being an honorable mention selection this past spring. Johnson was honored for the first time.

Also repeating on the second-team offense was junior wide receiver Jaxon Janke. The Madison native hauled in team bests of 53 receptions and 876 receiving yards, averaging 16.5 yards per catch with three touchdowns. He went over the 100-yard mark five times, including each of the last four games of the regular season.

On the defensive side of the ball, tackle Caleb Sanders and end Reece Winkelman led the Jackrabbit contingent. Sanders, a senior from Glenwood, Iowa, bettered his numbers from the spring season, when he was a first-team all-MVFC selection, tallying team bests of 6.5 sacks and 12 tackles for loss out of 26 total stops. He recorded at least a half-tackle for loss in 10 of 11 games.

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

AT YOUNGSTOWN STATE

OFFENSE: Pierre Strong, Jr.; Eddie Miller
DEFENSE: Reece Winkelman, Ryan Van Marel
SPECIAL TEAMS: Adam Bock
SCOUT OFFENSE: Jon Bell
SCOUT DEFENSE: Levi Vanden Bos
SCOUT SPECIAL TEAMS: Josh Buri
EFFORT: Jadon Janke

VS. NORTH DAKOTA STATE

OFFENSE: Pierre Strong, Jr.; Jaxon Janke
DEFENSE: Caleb Sanders
SPECIAL TEAMS: Cale Reeder
SCOUT OFFENSE: Josh Buri
SCOUT DEFENSE: Jaden Crockett
SCOUT SPECIAL TEAMS: Daxon Lindholm
EFFORT: Zach Heins

AT SOUTH DAKOTA

OFFENSE: Chris Oladokun
DEFENSE: N/A
SPECIAL TEAMS: Cole Frahm
SCOUT OFFENSE: Brady Beck
SCOUT DEFENSE: Thomas Motzko
SCOUT SPECIAL TEAMS: Cade Reynolds
EFFORT: Chris Oladokun

VS. NORTH DAKOTA

OFFENSE: Chris Oladokun, Tucker Kraft
DEFENSE: Adam Bock, Cade Terveer
SPECIAL TEAMS: Cole Frahm
SCOUT OFFENSE: Jharett Bloomenrader
SCOUT DEFENSE: Aaron Wolfcale-Holsten
SCOUT SPECIAL TEAMS: Abraham Hoskins III
EFFORT: Adam Bock

VS. UC DAVIS

OFFENSE: Isaiah Davis, Mason McCormick
DEFENSE: Dalys Beanum
SPECIAL TEAMS: N/A
SCOUT OFFENSE: Jon Bell
SCOUT DEFENSE: Tucker Large
SCOUT SPECIAL TEAMS: Patrick Hoffmann
EFFORT: Isaiah Davis

Winkelman, a senior from Marshall, Minnesota, ranked second on the team with 10.5 tackles for loss and 4.5 sacks.

Also earning second-team recognition from the Jackrabbit defense was senior cornerback Don Gardner. After missing four league games due to injury, Gardner returned to the lineup for the stretch run in November and contributed 13 tackles, including one for loss. He also was a second-team honoree in 2019 and a first-team all-MVFC selection during the 2020-21 spring season.

Rounding out the SDSU second-team selections was long snapper Bradey Sorenson. The senior from Yankton returned to the line this fall and was part of a special teams unit that went 17-of-23 on field goal attempts and converted all 49 PATs. Sorenson previously was a second-team all-MVFC honoree in 2018.

To complete the Jackrabbit list of honorees, tight end Zach Heins, quarterback Chris Oladokun and kicker Cole Frahm received honorable mention recognition.

Heins, a junior from Sioux Falls, formed the other half of the Jackrabbits' tandem at tight end, catching 18 passes for 199 yards with five touchdowns. He was a first-team all-league honoree this past spring.

In his lone season as a Jackrabbit, Oladokun made an immediate impact at quarterback, completing 63.9 percent (184-of-288) of his passes for 2,450 yards and 20 touchdowns against only five interceptions. A graduate transfer from Tampa, Florida, and SDSU's only representative on the league's All-Newcomer Team, Oladokun threw at least one touchdown pass in 10 of 11 regular season games.

Frahm was an honorable mention selection for the second year in a row after ending the regular season as the team's leading scorer with 98 points. The senior from Omaha, Nebraska, made all 47 of his extra-point tries and was 17-of-23 on field goals, including two of 50-plus yards. Frahm made at least one field goal in each of the team's last 10 games.

OLADOKUN UNDER CENTER: Graduate transfer Chris Oladokun has taken the reins of the Jackrabbit offense at quarterback and has responded with a number of impressive performances this 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 SDSU 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 192-of-305 passes (63.0 percent) for 2,539 yards and 22 touchdowns against five interceptions. He threw for a season-high 358 yards Oct. 9 against Southern Illinois and had his streak of eight consecutive games with a touchdown pass end in the Nov. 6 victory over North Dakota State. Since then, Oladokun has a touchdown pass in each of the next three games, including three in the regular season finale against North Dakota.

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.

GAME NOTES — SOUTH DAKOTA STATE at SACRAMENTO STATE

2021 GAME HIGHS

TEAM GAME HIGHS

RUSHING ATTEMPTS: 48, at Youngstown State, 10-30-2021
RUSHING YARDS: ^446, vs. UC Davis, 11-27-2021
YARDS PER RUSH: 10.6, vs. UC Davis, 11-27-2021
RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS: 5, at Youngstown State, 10-30-2021
PASS ATTEMPTS: 54, vs. Northern Iowa, 10-30-2021
PASS COMPLETIONS: 24, vs. Southern Illinois, 10-9-2021, and vs. Northern Iowa, 10-23-2021
YARDS PASSING: 377, vs. Southern Illinois, 10-9-2021
YARDS PER PASS: 12.1, vs. Lindenwood, 9-11-2021
PASSING TOUCHDOWNS: 5, vs. Lindenwood, 9-11-2021
TOTAL PLAYS: 79, vs. Northern Iowa, 10-23-2021
TOTAL OFFENSE: 560 yards, vs. Lindenwood, 9-11-2021
YARDS PER PLAY: 9.3, vs. Lindenwood, 9-11-2021
POSSESSION TIME: 37:33, at Youngstown State, 10-30-2021
POINTS: 56, vs. UC Davis, 11-27-2021
FIRST DOWNS: 25, vs. Lindenwood, 9-11-2021
SACKS BY: 4, vs. Dixie State, 10-2-2021, and at Western Illinois, 10-16-2021
PENALTIES: 10, vs. Dixie State, 10-2-2021
PENALTY YARDS: 110, vs. Dixie State, 10-2-2021
TURNOVERS BY: 3, vs. Southern Illinois, 10-9-2021
TURNOVERS FORCED: 6, vs. UC Davis, 11-27-2021
INTERCEPTIONS: ^*6, vs. UC Davis, 11-27-2021
FUMBLES RECOVERED: 2, vs. Southern Illinois, 10-9-2021

* Tied School Record
 ^ SDSU Playoff Record

BIG PLAYS — 20 OR MORE YARDS

PLAYER	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOT
Pierre Strong, Jr. (6)	8	7	2	3	20
Jaxon Janke (3)	10	3	2	1	16
Jadon Janke (2)	2	2	2	1	7
Tucker Kraft (2)	6	1	.	.	7
Isaiah Davis	3	1	2	1	7
Zach Heins (1)	4	.	.	.	4
Amar Johnson	3	1	.	.	4
Canyon Bauer	.	2	.	.	2
Chris Oladokun (1)	2	.	.	.	2
Tyler Feldkamp	1	.	.	.	1
Mason Leighton	1	.	.	.	1
Mike Morgan (1)	.	.	.	1	1
Rudy Voss	1	.	.	.	1
Team Totals	41	17	8	7	73

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

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 that has sidelined him this fall.

PLAYOFF RUSHING RECORD FALLS: With 446 yards on the ground in its Nov. 27 win over UC Davis, South Dakota State broke a school playoff record. The previous mark of 434 yards was set in a 58-10 victory over Eastern Illinois on Nov. 24, 2012, at Coughlin-Alumni Stadium.

Zach Zenner set the SDSU single-game record with 295 rushing yards on 33 carries with three touchdowns that afternoon, with Reggie Gandy adding 151 yards and two scores on 16 attempts.

RIISING TO THE OCCASION: South Dakota State running back Isaiah Davis played a big role in the Jackrabbits reaching the Football Championship Subdivision national title game in the spring and is again making his mark in the postseason this fall.

A sophomore from Joplin, Missouri, Davis finished as the Jackrabbits' leading rusher during the 2020-21 spring season with 818 yards. He averaged 8.5 yards per carry and scored 10 touchdowns, including three in the FCS national championship game versus Sam Houston. He ended that game with 305 all-purpose yards, tallying 178 rushing yards on 14 carries, catching one pass for 13 yards and returning four kickoffs for 114 yards. His 85-yard touchdown run late in the fourth quarter gave SDSU a momentary 21-17 lead.

Davis set a new single-game career high in his next playoff game, Nov. 27 against UC Davis, rushing 15 times for 217 yards and a touchdown. That performance came after missing eight games due to an injury suffered in the Sept. 11 home victory over Lindenwood. He returned to the lineup in the Nov. 20 regular season finale against North Dakota, carrying nine times for 64 yards. His first rush covered 22 yards.

In five career playoff games, Davis has racked up 663 rushing yards on only 58 carries (11.4 ypc) and 880 all-purpose yards.

Following is a game-by-game breakdown:

- April 24 vs. Holy Cross: 10 carries, 156 yards, 1 TD
- May 2 vs. Southern Illinois: 10 carries, 42 yards, 1 TD; 1 rec., 4 yards; 1 KOR, 50 yards;
- May 8 vs. Delaware: 9 carries, 70 yards; 1 rec., 36 yards;
- May 16 vs. Sam Houston: 14 carries, 178 yards, 3 TD; 1 rec., 13 yards; 4 KOR, 114 yards;
- Nov. 27 vs. UC Davis: 15 carries, 217 yards, 1 TD

Totals: 58 carries, 663 yards, 6 TD, 3 rec., 53 yards; 5 KOR, 164 yards.

BIG-PLAY JACKS: Through its 12 games so far this season, the South Dakota State offense has averaged 7.1 yards per play. The Jackrabbits averaged at least 7.5 yards per play in each of their first three games, highlighted by an average of 9.3 yards per play in their Sept. 11 home opener against Lindenwood.

Conversely, SDSU is limiting the opposition to 4.8 yards per play, including 3.1 yards per rushing attempt.

The Jackrabbits have 73 plays of 20 or more yards from scrimmage through 12 games, the longest of which was an 85-yard touchdown run by Pierre Strong, Jr. Oct. 9 versus Southern Illinois.

SDSU was limited to a season-low one play of 20-plus yards in its Nov. 13 loss at South Dakota — a 49-yard pass from Chris Oladokun to Jaxon Janke on the first play of the second quarter.

However, the Jackrabbits tallied 10 plays of 20 or more yards in its playoff-opening win over UC Davis on Nov. 27. Nine of the chunk plays were on rushing attempts — four each by Isaiah Davis and Strong, and one by Oladokun. The other was a 33-yard touchdown pass from Oladokun to Jadon Janke.

2021 GAME HIGHS

INDIVIDUAL GAME HIGHS

RUSHING ATTEMPTS: 28, by Pierre Strong, Jr.; at South Dakota, 11-13-2021

RUSHING YARDS: 217, by Isaiah Davis, vs. UC Davis, 11-27-2021

RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS: 2, six times by Pierre Strong, Jr. (last: vs. North Dakota State, 11-6-2021)

LONG RUSH: 85 yards (for TD), by Pierre Strong, Jr.; vs. Southern Illinois, 10-9-2021

PASS ATTEMPTS: 53, by Chris Oladokun, vs. Northern Iowa, 10-23-2021

PASS COMPLETIONS: 24, by Chris Oladokun, vs. Northern Iowa, 10-23-2021

YARDS PASSING: 358, by Chris Oladokun, vs. Southern Illinois, 10-9-2021

TOUCHDOWN PASSES: 4, by Chris Oladokun, vs. Lindenwood, 9-11-2021

RECEPTIONS: 10, by Tucker Kraft, vs. Southern Illinois, 10-9-2021

YARDS RECEIVING: 124, by Tucker Kraft, vs. Southern Illinois, 10-9-2021

RECEIVING TOUCHDOWNS: 2, four times (last: by Mike Morgan, vs. Dixie State, 10-2-2021)

LONG RECEPTION: 55 yards, by Jaxon Janke (from Chris Oladokun), vs. Lindenwood, 9-11-2021, and by Mike Morgan (for TD from Keaton Heide), vs. Dixie State, 10-2-2021

FIELD GOALS: 3, by Cole Frahm, at Indiana State, 9-25-2021

LONG FIELD GOAL: 54 yards, by Cole Frahm, vs. Lindenwood, 9-11-2021

PUNTS: 5, by Ben Dinkel, vs. Northern Iowa, 10-23-2021

PUNTING AVERAGE: 49.5 yards (4 punts), by Hunter Dustman, vs. Dixie State, 10-2-2021

LONG PUNT: 63 yards, by Ben Dinkel, vs. Northern Iowa, 10-23-2021

LONG PUNT RETURN: 14 yards, by Tyler Feldkamp, vs. Dixie State, 10-2-2021

LONG KICKOFF RETURN: 41 yards, by Tyler Feldkamp, vs. North Dakota, 11-20-2021

TACKLES: 17, by Adam Bock, vs. Southern Illinois, 10-9-2021

TACKLES FOR LOSS: 3.0, by Reece Winkelman, at Youngstown State, 10-30-2021

SACKS: 2.0, by Reece Winkelman, at Western Illinois, 10-16-2021, and by Cade Terveer, vs. North Dakota, 11-20-2021

INTERCEPTIONS: *3, by Dalys Beanum, vs. UC Davis, 11-27-2021

PASS BREAKUPS: 2, by four players (last: by Don Gardner and Malik Lofton vs. UC Davis, 11-27-2021)

FUMBLES FORCED: 1, multiple times (last: by Adam Bock, vs. NDSU, 11-13-2021)

FUMBLES RECOVERED: 1, six times (last: by Malik Lofton, vs. North Dakota State, 11-13-2021)

BLOCKED KICKS: 1, by Kinser Madison, at Western Illinois, 10-16-2021, and by Adam Bock, at Youngstown State, 10-30-2021

* SDSU Playoff Record

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

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

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

SPEAKING OF TURNOVERS: The Jackrabbits tied one of their longest-standing school records with their six interceptions against UC Davis in the opening round of the Football Championship Subdivision playoffs on Nov. 27. SDSU also intercepted six passes in a 1950 game against Augustana and in a 1952 matchup with St. Cloud State.

Reserve cornerback Dalys Beanum came up with three of the interceptions, the last of which he returned 59 yards for a touchdown.

Adam Bock also returned an interception 39 yards for a score early in the second half, giving SDSU two interception returns for touchdowns in the same game for the first time since Nov. 10, 2007, against Southern Utah.

Beanum, who also returned an interception for a touchdown Oct. 2 against Dixie State, now leads the team with four interceptions this season. He became the first Jackrabbit player to pick off three passes in a game since All-American Tyler Koch accomplished the feat Nov. 3, 2007, at Central Arkansas.

For the season, the Jackrabbits are plus-14 in turnover margin.

CONTROLLING THE CLOCK: South Dakota State held a 15-minute advantage in time of possession in its Oct. 30 victory at Youngstown State.

The Jackrabbits held the ball for 37 minutes and 33 seconds in the 47-16 road victory, compared to 22:27 by YSU. That marked the highest time of possession in a game by an SDSU squad since racking up 37:42 against Montana State in 2018.

SDSU has posted a 7-1 record in games this season in which it has led in TOP.

THIRD-DOWN EFFICIENCY: The Jackrabbits converted a season-best 10-of-12 on third-down attempts in its win at Youngstown State on Oct. 30, a game in which SDSU never punted. Both of the failed attempts came in the second quarter and resulted in a fumble and sack — after the latter of which Cole Frahm kicked a 52-yard field goal to end the first half.

That performance came on the heels of some recent third-down struggles. SDSU had gone a combined 11-for-41 (26.8 percent) on third down in the prior three games.

TIGHT ENDS CATCHING ON: South Dakota State's stable of tight ends has played a key role in the passing game for the Jackrabbits this season. Combined, the trio of Tucker Kraft (6), Zach Heins (6) and Mike Morgan (2) have combined for 14 of the Jackrabbits' 28 touchdown catches so far this season.

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

Kraft also ranks second on the team in total receptions with 53.

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 12 games this season, the Jackrabbits have outscored the opposition by a 167-65 margin in the second quarter.

JACKRABBITS IN THE 2021 NCAA STATISTICS

TEAM (top 25)

- 2nd in fewest tackles for loss allowed, 3.42/game
- 3rd in turnover margin, plus-1.17 per game
- 4th in defensive touchdowns, 4
- 5th in fewest turnovers lost, 9
- 6th in scoring offense, 38.8 points/game
- 6th in team passing efficiency, 160.17
- 7th in fewest sacks allowed, 1.00 per game
- 10th in fewest passes had intercepted, 5
- 10th in rushing offense, 215.7 yards/game
- 10th in total offense, 449.8 yards/game
- 12th in rushing defense, 105.0 yards/game
- 12th in red zone offense, .891
- 12th in turnovers gained, 23
- 13th in first downs offense, 254
- 15th in red zone defense, .722
- 15th in passing yards per completion, 13.57
- 16th in net punting, 39.5 yards/attempt
- 18th in scoring defense, 18.8 points/game
- 19th in completion percentage, .631
- 19th in fewest fumbles lost, 5

INDIVIDUAL (top 40)

DALYS BEANUM

- 30th in interceptions, 0.3 per game

ADAM BOCK

- 35th in total tackles, 8.8 per game

COLE FRAHM

- 10th in scoring, 8.8 points/game
- 15th in field goals per game, 1.42

JADON JANKE

- 24th in receiving touchdowns, 8

JAXON JANKE

- 17th in receiving yards, 912
- 31st in receiving yards per game, 76.0

MALIK LOFTON

- 14th in fumbles recovered, 2

CHRIS OLADOKUN

- 13th in passing efficiency, 153.40
- 15th in yards per pass attempt, 8.27
- 16th in passing touchdowns, 22
- 18th in passing yards per completion, 13.22
- 22nd in points responsible for, 158
- 24th in passing yards, 2,539
- 27th in completion percentage, .630
- 30th in points responsible for per game, 13.2
- 37th in passing yards per game, 211.6

PIERRE STRONG, JR.

- 1st in rushing yards, 1,502
- 2nd in rushing yards per game, 125.2
- 3rd in rushing touchdowns, 16
- 4th in rush yards per carry, 7.12
- 7th in total touchdowns, 15
- 9th in all-purpose yards, 136.08 per game
- 25th in scoring, 8.0 points per game

JANKES SCORE IN TANDEM: Twin brothers Jaxon and Jadon Janke have each tallied receiving touchdowns in the same game three times this season. The wide receivers from Madison, South Dakota, have now scored in the same game four times in their Jackrabbit careers.

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

The brothers again hauled in touchdown passes in the same contest Nov. 20 against North Dakota. Jadon scored his team-leading seventh receiving touchdown on a 17-yard catch and run early in the second quarter, by Jaxon's TD came on a deflected pass in the end zone from 21 yards out late in the third quarter.

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

Jaxon Janke reached a couple of milestones Nov. 13 at South Dakota, surpassing 100 career catches (currently 114) and 1,500 receiving yards (currently 1,720). He topped the century mark for receiving yards in each of the final four regular season games and five of the last six. His 55 receptions and 894 receiving yards this season both lead the squad.

Jaxon Janke has caught a pass in 32 of 34 games over the past three seasons.

STRONG GOES FOR 4,000: Senior Pierre Strong, Jr., became the fourth running back in South Dakota State history to hit the 4,000-yard mark for his career, reaching the milestone Nov. 13 at South Dakota.

A native of Little Rock, Arkansas, Strong enters the week with 4,343 career rushing yards, after passing Kyle Minett (4,277 yards from 2007-10) for third place on the all-time Jackrabbit charts last week against UC Davis. He also is fourth in career rushing touchdowns at SDSU with 38 after breaking a tie with Jerry Welch (34 rushing TDs from 1951-54) with his sixth two-touchdown game of the season Nov. 6 against North Dakota State.

A senior, Strong also became the fourth SDSU running back to post three separate 1,000-yard seasons on Nov. 6, joining Josh Ranek (1998-99, 2001), Kyle Minett (2008-10) and Zach Zenner (2012-14). Strong rushed for 1,116 yards in 2018, 1,018 yards in 2019 and has 1,317 yards so far this season.

100-POINT DUOS: South Dakota State kicker Cole Frahm reached the 100-point mark last week and running back Pierre Strong, Jr. is poised to join him in that club during Saturday's playoff game at Sacramento State.

Frahm, a senior kicker from Omaha, Nebraska, leads the team with 106 points after making 17-of-26 field goal attempts and all 55 PAT tries this season. He has made two or more field goals in six games this season, with his 17 field goals the fourth-most in a season by a Jackrabbit. His 31 career field goals are sixth on the all-time SDSU charts.

Strong, a senior running back from Little Rock, Arkansas, has 96 points on the strength of 16 touchdowns this season. He has scored a pair of touchdowns in a game six times this season to up his career rushing touchdown total to 38 (fourth in school history) and career points total to 246 (eighth in program history).

Frahm and Strong would be the third Jackrabbit tandem in five seasons to hit the 100-point mark in the same year, joining Jake Wieneke (104) and Chase Vinatieri (103) in 2017, followed by Vinatieri (114) and Cade Johnson (102) in 2018.

GAME NOTES — SOUTH DAKOTA STATE at SACRAMENTO STATE

SDSU CAREER SACKS

1. Mark Dunbar, 1977-80	28.0
2. Jeff Wolgamott, 1993-97	27.0
3. Danny Batten, 2006-09	23.0
4. Ryan Earith, 2016-19	19.0
5. Eric Cohen, 1978-80	18.0
6. Darwin Bishop, 1985-88	17.5
Jim Remme, 1990-93	17.5
Eric Schroeder, 2005-08	17.5
9. Zach Carter, 1994-95, 97-98	16.5
10. Kevin Tetzlaff, 1988-91	15.0
Caleb Sanders (2018-present)	15.0

Reece Winkelman (2018-present)15.0

Note: Sacks became an official statistic in 1978

SDSU CAREER TACKLES FOR LOSS

1. Danny Batten, 2006-09	52.5
2. Jeff Wolgamott, 1993-97	52.0
3. Ted Ortale, 1985-88	50.0
4. Zach Carter, 1994-95, 97-98	38.0
5. Mark Dunbar, 1977-80	35.0
Eric Schroeder, 2005-08	35.0
7. Joey Abell, 2001-04	33.5
8. Jason Aune, 1992, 94-96	32.5
9. Eric Cohen, 1978-80	32.0
Caleb Sanders (2018-present)	32.0

Reece Winkelman (2018-present)28.5

SDSU CAREER FIELD GOALS

1. Parker Douglass, 2004-07	62
2. Justin Syrovatka, 2011-14	55
3. Chase Vinatieri, 2016-19	47
4. Brett Gorden, 1995-98	36
5. Peter Reifenrath, 2008-10	34
6. Cole Frahm, 2019-present	31
7. Adam Vinatieri, 1991-94	27
8. Tony Harris, 1977-80	23
K.C. Johnson, 1984-86	23
Keith Witt, 2002-03	23

SDSU SINGLE-SEASON FIELD GOALS

1. Parker Douglass, 2005	19
Justin Syrovatka, 2014	19
3. Justin Syrovatka, 2012	18
4. Cole Frahm, 2021	17
5. Russ Meier, 1981	16
Parker Douglass, 2007	16
Peter Reifenrath, 2008	16

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

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

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

The Jackrabbits enter the week ranked sixth in the Football Championship Subdivision with an average of 38.8 points per game after reaching the 40-point mark for the eighth time this season in a 56-24 victory Nov. 27 over UC Davis.

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

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

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

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

Bock's 17 tackles are tied for sixth-most in a game by a Jackrabbit since tackles became an official NCAA statistic in 2000, and are the most by an SDSU player since Christian Rozeboom tallied 18 stops in a 2017 game at Missouri State. Bock currently leads the team with 106 tackles after the ninth double-digit-tackle performance of his career — and sixth this season — with 12 stops Nov. 20 against North Dakota.

The sophomore from Solon, Iowa, also made Jackrabbit history when he returned a blocked extra-point attempt at Youngstown State for a defensive 2-point conversion. It was the third time an SDSU player scored a defensive extra point, joining Vic Sosa (1997 at Augustana) and Trey Carr (2014 at Southern Utah).

SACK RABBITS: South Dakota State saw its streak of notching multiple sacks in a game end at 10 games when it managed only one sack in its Nov. 6 win over North Dakota State. The streak began with a seven-sack outing against Delaware in the semi-finals of the Football Championship Subdivision playoffs in May.

As a team, the Jackrabbits have a total of 32 sacks so far this year after notching two sacks in their Nov. 27 playoff opener against UC Davis. Their average of 2.67 sacks per game ranks 26th among FCS teams this season.

Caleb Sanders leads the team with 6.5 sacks, while a total of 17 different players have recorded at least a half-sack this season.

QUICK FACTS

SDSU INFORMATION

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

2020-21 RECAP

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

TEAM INFORMATION

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

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

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

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

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

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

WINKELMAN, SANDERS NEAR TOP 10: Senior defensive linemen Reece Winkelman and Caleb Sanders are not only the top two sack artists for the Jackrabbits this season, but the Jackrabbit duo have nearly identical career numbers for sacks and tackles for loss as they both have either moved into the SDSU career top 10 in those categories or poised to enter that territory yet this season.

Sanders, a defensive tackle from Glenwood, Iowa, has moved into ties for ninth in tackles for loss (32) and 10th in sacks (15) in recent weeks. His 32 TFLs match Eric Cohen's total from 1978-80, while his 15 sacks are tied with Division II All-American Kevin Tetzlaff (1988-91).

A defensive end from Marshall, Minnesota, Winkelman has tallied 14 sacks and 28.5 tackles for loss in his career. Winkelman notched a team- and career-best 6.5 sacks during the 2019 campaign.

50-PLUS CLUB: Cole Frahm made his second field goal of more than 50 yards this season—and third of his career—in the Oct. 30 game at Youngstown State, connecting on a 52-yarder on the final play of the first half. It was the 15th field goal of 50 or more yards in program history.

Frahm's 54-yarder earlier this season against Lindenwood is tied for the fourth-longest field goal in program history. 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
 52-Cole Frahm, at Youngstown State, 2021
 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 (3); Brett Gorden (2); Adam Vinatieri (2).

In addition, Frahm has moved into sixth place on the SDSU career charts for field goals made with 31. After booting two field goals in the Nov. 6 win over North Dakota State, he passed Adam Vinatieri, who made 27 field goals in a Jackrabbit uniform from 1991-94.

For his career, Frahm is 31-for-47 on field goal tries. He had a streak of 10 straight games with a made field goal end in the Nov. 27 game against UC Davis. He has made a field goal in 19 of 22 games over the past two seasons.

605 HOGS: The success of the South Dakota State offense can be attributed in large part to the continuity the Jackrabbits have been able to maintain along the offensive line.

The quintet of Aron Johnson (left tackle), Mason McCormick (left guard), Wes Genant (center), Eagan Lickiss (right guard) and Garret Greenfield (right tackle) had started 17 games in a row dating back to the start of the 2020-21 spring season until the string was broken Oct. 30 at Youngstown State. In that game, senior Eddie Miller replaced Lickiss in the starting lineup at right guard and has continued to serve in a starting role.

GAME NOTES — SOUTH DAKOTA STATE at SACRAMENTO STATE

OVERTIME GAMES

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

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
- Pierre Strong, Jr. (Nov. 6)
 - 23 carries, 156 yards, 2 TDs vs. North Dakota State
 - 2 receptions, 2 yards
 - 1-for-1 passing, 11 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)
- Aron Johnson (Nov. 6)
 - 86 percent grade versus North Dakota State
 - no quarterback pressures or sacks

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

Johnson missed the Nov. 20 regular season finale against North Dakota, but returned to the lineup this past weekend against UC Davis. Greenfield flipped over to start at left tackle in Johnson's absence against UND, with Bo Donald earning the start at right tackle.

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

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

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

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

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

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 172 receptions for 1,956 yards and 14 touchdowns in four seasons.

While Goedert was the lone former Jackrabbit on an opening day active roster, two other recent defensive standouts were assigned to practice squads. Linebacker Christian Rozeboom has spent time on the active roster with both the Kansas City Chiefs and Los Angeles Rams this season, 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 after 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. Over three seasons, he ranked third in program history for touchdown catches (28), fifth in receiving yards (2,872) and sixth in 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.

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

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 Atlanta 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 44 catches for 569 yards with eight touchdowns. The CFL did not compete in 2020 due to the pandemic, but Wieneke has already exceeded his 2019 totals with 56 receptions for 898 yards and 11 touchdowns thus far during the 2021 campaign.

Also in the CFL is Wieneke's former teammate Taryn Christion. A Sioux Falls native, Christion is a member of the Ottawa Redblacks. He has played in four games this season and has registered 20 yards on 2-of-6 passing.

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

Over Vinatieri's 24 seasons, his totals included 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.

ACADEMIC ALL-DISTRICT: South Dakota State offensive lineman Wes Genant and defensive end Reece Winkelman were both repeat selections to the CoSIDA Academic All-District 6 Team announced recently. Both student-athletes will advance to the national ballot for Academic All-America consideration in mid-December.

A Parkston native who is in his first semester of graduate school, Genant was named to the squad for the fourth time after compiling a 3.90 undergraduate grade-point average as a human biology major. The Jackrabbits' starting center, he has helped pave the way up front for an offense averaging 38.8 points and 215.7 rushing yards per game.

Winkelman earned his second honor in as many seasons after posting a 3.97 GPA as a business economics major. The Marshall, Minnesota, native ranks second on the team this season with 11.5 tackles for loss and 4.5 sacks.

The Academic All-District 6 Team is determined by a vote among members of the College Sports Information Directors of America in Arkansas, Iowa, Louisiana, Minnesota, Missouri, Mississippi, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin and Wyoming. Candidates must be at least a sophomore in athletic and academic standing, a starter or key reserve on his team and carry at least a 3.3 GPA.

Genant is seeking to become the first Jackrabbit student-athlete to earn CoSIDA Academic All-America honors four times. He was a second-team honoree in 2017 and a first-team honoree in both 2018 and during the 2020-21 spring season. With his previous selections he joined Paul Kippley (1978-80), Kyle Minett (2008-10) and Zach Zenner (2012-14) as three-time honorees.

SDSU has placed at least one player on the Academic All-America squad in 14 of the last 16 seasons, including multiple selections 12 times.

DANA J. DYKHOUSE STADIUM RECORDS

YEAR-BY-YEAR RECORDS

2016	6-1
2017	7-1
2018	7-0
2019	5-3
2020-21	5-0
2021	5-2
TOTALS	35-7

ATTENDANCE TOP 10

Oct. 26, 2019 • vs. North Dakota State	19,371
Nov. 4, 2017 • vs. North Dakota State	18,130
Nov. 6, 2021 • vs. North Dakota State	18,122
Oct. 22, 2016 • vs. Youngstown State	17,730
Oct. 23, 2021 • vs. Northern Iowa	16,889
Sept. 17, 2016 • vs. Cal Poly	16,887
Sept. 16, 2017 • vs. Drake	15,806
Nov. 12, 2016 • vs. South Dakota	15,345
Sept. 10, 2016 • vs. Drake [inaugural game]	15,171
Sept. 11, 2021 • vs. Lindenwood	15,162

Overall, SDSU football student-athletes have received Academic All-America recognition from CoSIDA 42 times since 1974.

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

DANA J. DYKHOUSE STADIUM: Jackrabbit football moved into a new home in September of 2016 with the completion of Dana J. Dykhous 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 Dykhous 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 35-7 record at Dana J. Dykhous Stadium during its first five-plus seasons of operation, including an 8-1 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.

Dana J. Dykhous 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: Should the Jackrabbits win Saturday, they will earn the right to face the winner between No. 5 Villanova and Holy Cross in quarterfinal action Dec. 10 or 11 at a site to be determined.

DEPTH CHART vs. SACRAMENTO STATE

OFFENSE

LT or	71	ARON JOHNSON, 6-6, 300, *Sr., Chisago City, Minn.
	74	GARRET GREENFIELD, 6-6, 295, Jr., Rock Valley, Iowa
	72	Jason Titus, 6-5, 295, *Sr., Andover, Minn.
LG	60	MASON McCORMICK, 6-4, 310, Jr., Sioux Falls, S.D.
	56	EAGAN LICKISS, 6-4, 310, Sr., Indianola, Iowa
C	77	WES GENANT, 6-4, 300, Sr., Parkston, S.D.
	56	EAGAN LICKISS, 6-4, 310, Sr., Indianola, Iowa
	78	Adam White, 6-4, 275, R-Fr., DeForest, Wis.
RG	54	Eddie Miller, 6-5, 315, Sr., Brookings, S.D.
	50	Gus Miller, 6-3, 280, R-Fr., Brookings, S.D.
RT or	74	GARRET GREENFIELD, 6-6, 295, Jr., Rock Valley, Iowa
	76	Bo Donald, 6-6, 295, So., Kimball, S.D.
	75	Jon Gruetzmacher, 6-8, 315, Sr., Merrill, Wis.
TE	87	ZACH HEINS, 6-7, 250, Jr., Sioux Falls, S.D.
	82	Caleb Schauf, 6-5, 245, Sr., Sparta, Wis.
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.
	22	Isaiah Davis, 6-1, 220, So., Joplin, Mo.
	3	Amar Johnson, 5-11, 180, Fr., O'Fallon, Mo.

Returning starters indicated in CAPS

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

DEFENSE

DE	97	REECE WINKELMAN, 6-4, 245, *Sr., Marshall, Minn.
	48	QUINTON HICKS, 6-3, 245, Jr., Wichita, Kan.
	90	Randy Keumogne, 6-3, 230, So., Oakdale, Minn.
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 Krolikowski, 6-2, 285, *Sr., Winner, S.D.
	52	Jarod DePriest, 6-5, 270, So., Trivoli, Ill.
DE	22	Tolu Ogunrinde, 6-1, 265, Sr., Cottage Grove, Minn.
	94	Cade Terveer, 6-3, 250, Jr., Brandon, S.D.
	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.
	42	Davion Sterner, 6-0, 190, R-Fr., Alford, Iowa
LB (Mike) or	32	ADAM BOCK, 6-1, 215, So., Solon, Iowa
	57	Kinser Madison, 6-2, 210, Jr., Higginsville, Mo.
	30	Payton Shafer, 6-0, 210, Jr., Cottage Grove, Minn.
LB (Sam)	2	Isaiah Stalbird, 6-1, 200, Jr., Kearney, Neb.
	16	Caleb Francl, 6-0, 185, So., Grand Island, Neb.
	11	Matt Barnett, 6-3, 200, So., Cedar Rapids, Iowa
LCB	21	DON GARDNER, 6-1, 180, Sr., Chicago, Ill.
	7	Dalys Beanum, 6-1, 185, So., Omaha, Neb.
	26	Steven Arrell, 6-2, 190, R-Fr., Brooklyn Park, Minn.
FS or	25	Cale Reeder, 6-0, 180, So., Yorkville, Ill.
	35	Chase Norblade, 6-1, 185, Jr., Papillion, Neb.
	14	Colby Huerter, 6-1, 195, Fr., Katy, Texas
SS	6	MICHAEL GRIFFIN II, 6-0, 215, Sr., Cottage Grove, Minn.
	3	JOSHUA MANCHIGIAH, 6-0, 205, *Sr., Papillion, Neb.
	23	Matthew Durrance, 6-2, 195, Fr., Lutz, Fla.
RCB or	5	DyShawn Gales, 5-11, 190, So., North Chicago, Ill.
	1	MALIK LOFTON, 5-10, 190, *Sr., Crystal, Minn.
	39	Aydan Dautermann, 6-2, 185, Fr., Hartford, Wis.

SPECIAL TEAMS

Snaps	45	Bradey Sorenson, 6-2, 235, Sr., Yankton, S.D.	KO	97	Cole Frahm, 6-5, 230, *Sr., Omaha, Neb.
	33	Thomas Motzko, 6-0, 230, So., Highland Park, Ill.		10	Hunter Dustman, 6-3, 230, So., East Bethel, Minn.
Holder	13	Keaton Heide, 6-3, 200, Jr., Wayzata, Minn.	KOR	8	Tyler Feldkamp, 6-0, 185, Fr., Sioux Falls, S.D.
	49	Ben Dinkel, 5-10, 220, *Sr., Kearney, Neb.		9	Jadon Janke, 6-3, 205, Jr., Madison, S.D.
PK	97	Cole Frahm, 6-5, 230, *Sr., Omaha, Neb.	KOR	3	Amar Johnson, 5-11, 180, Fr., O'Fallon, Mo.
	10	Hunter Dustman, 6-3, 230, So., East Bethel, Minn.		20	Pierre Strong, Jr., 5-11, 205, *Sr., Little Rock, Ark.
P	10	Hunter Dustman, 6-3, 230, So., East Bethel, Minn.	PR	8	Tyler Feldkamp, 6-0, 185, Fr., Sioux Falls, S.D.
	49	BEN DINKEL, 5-10, 220, *Sr., Kearney, Neb.		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 Munstersteiger, 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
0	Daeton Mcgaughy	S	6-0	210	So.	Elwood, Kan.	45	Bradey Sorenson	LS	6-2	235	Sr.	Yankton, S.D.
1	Malik Lofton	CB	5-10	190	*Sr.	Crystal, Minn.	47	Michael Drotzmann	P	6-3	210	So.	Yankton, S.D.
1	Rudy Voss	QB	6-3	205	R-Fr.	Lakefield, Minn.	48	Quinton Hicks	DE	6-3	245	Jr.	Wichita, Kan.
2	J'Bore Gibbs	QB	6-3	215	Jr.	Chicago, Ill.	49	Ben Dinkel	P	5-10	220	*Sr.	Kearney, Neb.
2	Isaiah Stalbird	LB/S	6-1	200	Jr.	Kearney, Neb.	50	Noah Jessup	DE	6-5	225	Fr.	Franklin, Wis.
3	Joshua Manchigiah	S	6-0	205	*Sr.	Papillion, Neb.	50	Gus Miller	OL	6-3	280	R-Fr.	Brookings, S.D.
3	Amar Johnson	RB	5-11	180	Fr.	O'Fallon, Mo.	52	Jarod DePriest	DT	6-5	270	So.	Trivoli, Ill.
4	Canyon Bauer	WR	6-0	195	So.	Sioux Falls, S.D.	53	Caden Johnson	DE	6-3	235	So.	Wahoo, Neb.
5	DyShawn Gales	CB	5-11	190	So.	North Chicago, Ill.	54	Eddie Miller	OL	6-5	315	Sr.	Brookings, S.D.
5	Landon Wolf	WR	5-11	175	Grad.	Tulsa, Okla.	54	Chandler Carter	DE	6-5	245	Fr.	Chandler, Ariz.
6	Michael Griffin II	S	6-0	215	Sr.	Cottage Grove, Minn.	55	Thomas Stacker	DT	6-4	275	Sr.	Chicago, Ill.
6	Chris Oladokun	QB	6-2	195	Grad.	Tampa, Fla.	56	Eagan Lickiss	OL	6-4	310	Sr.	Indianola, Iowa
7	Dalys Beanum	CB	6-1	185	So.	Omaha, Neb.	56	Levi Vanden Bos	DE	6-3	225	Fr.	Rock Valley, Iowa
8	Tyler Feldkamp	WR	6-0	185	Fr.	Sioux Falls, S.D.	57	Kinser Madison	LB	6-2	210	Jr.	Higginsville, Mo.
9	Jadon Janke	WR	6-3	205	Jr.	Madison, S.D.	58	Alex Westendorf	OL	6-5	290	So.	South Elgin, Ill.
10	Jaxon Janke	WR	6-3	210	Jr.	Madison, S.D.	59	Jalen Lee	OL	6-2	305	R-Fr.	Robbins, Ill.
10	Hunter Dustman	K/P	6-3	230	So.	East Bethel, Minn.	60	Mason McCormick	OL	6-4	310	Jr.	Sioux Falls, S.D.
11	Matt Barnett	LB	6-3	200	So.	Cedar Rapids, Iowa	61	Evan Beerntsen	OL	6-4	285	So.	De Pere, Wis.
11	Mark Gronowski	QB	6-3	220	So.	Naperville, Ill.	62	Derrick Brown	OL	6-5	295	Fr.	Mesa, Ariz.
12	Logan Backhaus	LB	6-4	210	Sr.	Spirit Lake, Iowa	63	Ethan Eilers	OL	6-5	265	Fr.	West Burlington, Iowa
12	Regan Bollweg	TE	6-3	220	Fr.	Highmore, S.D.	64	Ethan Vibert	OL	6-4	290	So.	Regina, Saskatchewan
13	Keaton Heide	QB	6-3	200	Jr.	Wayzata, Minn.	65	Matthew Borowicz	DT	6-4	285	Jr.	Lakeville, Minn.
13	Chris Rhodes	CB	6-0	170	Fr.	Independence, Mo.	66	Brady Beck	OL	6-8	290	So.	Sioux Falls, S.D.
14	Colby Huerter	S	6-1	195	Fr.	Katy, Texas	69	Krockett Krolikowski	DT	6-2	285	*Sr.	Winner, S.D.
15	Timothy Croskey	CB	6-0	170	Fr.	Buckeye, Ariz.	70	Colby Christensen	OL	6-8	260	R-Fr.	West Des Moines, Iowa
16	Jon Bell	QB	6-3	185	Fr.	Naperville, Ill.	71	Aron Johnson	OL	6-6	300	*Sr.	Chicago City, Minn.
16	Caleb Franci	LB	6-0	185	So.	Grand Island, Neb.	72	Jason Titus	OL	6-5	295	*Sr.	Andover, Minn.
17	Cade Rice	QB	6-3	210	Fr.	Springfield, Ohio	73	Coby Maeschen	DT	6-3	225	Fr.	Dell Rapids, S.D.
17	Abraham Hoskins III	CB	6-2	185	R-Fr.	Omaha, Neb.	74	Garret Greenfield	OL	6-6	295	Jr.	Rock Valley, Iowa
18	Graham Goering	WR	6-2	190	Fr.	Iowa City, Iowa	75	Jon Gruetzmacher	OL	6-8	315	*Sr.	Merrill, Wis.
19	Mason Leighton	WR	5-9	180	*Sr.	Madison, S.D.	76	Bo Donald	OL	6-6	295	So.	Kimball, S.D.
19	Jaden Crockett	S	6-0	170	Fr.	Laveen, Ariz.	77	Wes Genant	OL	6-4	300	Sr.	Parkston, S.D.
20	Pierre Strong, Jr.	RB	5-11	205	*Sr.	Little Rock, Ark.	77	Aaron Wolfcale-Holsten	DT	6-2	285	Fr.	Gilbert, Ariz.
20	Myles Taylor	CB	6-1	180	Fr.	Gilbert, Ariz.	78	Adam White	OL	6-4	275	R-Fr.	DeForest, Wis.
21	Don Gardner	CB	6-1	180	Sr.	Chicago, Ill.	79	Jharett Bloomenrader	OL	6-6	285	So.	Highmore, S.D.
21	Angel Johnson	WR	5-10	185	Fr.	Irene, S.D.	80	Nate Sullivan Jr.	WR	6-2	210	R-Fr.	Bellevue, Neb.
22	Tolu Ogunrinde	DE	6-1	265	Sr.	Cottage Grove, Minn.	81	Skyler Cavanaugh	TE	6-5	240	Sr.	Vail, Ariz.
22	Isaiah Davis	RB	6-1	220	So.	Joplin, Mo.	82	Caleb Schauf	TE	6-5	245	*Sr.	Sparta, Wis.
23	Matthew Durrance	S	6-2	195	Fr.	Lutz, Fla.	83	A.J. Coons	WR	6-4	210	R-Fr.	Solon, Iowa
24	Cade Reynolds	LB	6-2	205	Fr.	Daphne, Ala.	84	Reece Burckhard	TE	6-8	235	Fr.	Aberdeen, S.D.
25	Cale Reeder	S	6-0	180	So.	Yorkville, Ill.	85	Tucker Kraft	TE	6-5	255	So.	Timber Lake, S.D.
26	Steven Arrell	CB	6-2	190	R-Fr.	Brooklyn Park, Minn.	86	Devon Cole Jr.	WR	5-9	165	R-Fr.	Clermont, Fla.
27	Corben Mahaffy	K	5-11	175	R-Fr.	Piedmont, S.D.	87	Zach Heins	TE	6-7	250	Jr.	Sioux Falls, S.D.
28	Daxon Lindholm	RB	5-11	175	Fr.	Glendale, Ariz.	88	Brandon Lane Jr.	DT	6-2	290	R-Fr.	Kansas City, Mo.
29	Graham Spalding	LB	6-1	205	So.	Oviedo, Fla.	89	Wyatt Seagren	TE	6-7	245	R-Fr.	Oakland, Neb.
30	Payton Shafer	LB	6-0	210	Jr.	Cottage Grove, Minn.	90	Randy Keumogne	DE	6-3	230	So.	Oakdale, Minn.
31	Patrick Hoffmann	WR	6-1	200	R-Fr.	Naperville, Ill.	91	Xavier Ward	DT	6-2	275	Sr.	Freeman, S.D.
32	Adam Bock	LB	6-1	215	So.	Solon, Iowa	92	Kevin Brenner	DE	6-3	240	So.	Silver Lake, Wis.
33	Thomas Motzko	LB	6-0	230	So.	Highland Park, Ill.	93	Max Baloun	DE	6-6	245	R-Fr.	Redfield, S.D.
34	Mike Morgan	TE/FB	6-3	235	Jr.	New Lenox, Ill.	94	Cade Terveer	DE	6-3	250	Jr.	Brandon, S.D.
34	Ryan Swoger	S	6-2	175	Fr.	Tucson, Ariz.	95	Zac Wilson	DE	6-3	235	So.	ChIPLEY, Fla.
35	Chase Norblade	S	6-1	185	Jr.	Papillion, Neb.	96	Mitch Eichacker	DE	6-4	235	R-Fr.	Sioux Falls, S.D.
36	Michael Paulson	WR	6-3	185	Fr.	Sioux Falls, S.D.	97	Reece Winkelman	DE	6-4	245	*Sr.	Marshall, Minn.
37	Tucker Large	S	5-11	170	Fr.	Sioux Falls, S.D.	97	Cole Frahm	K	6-5	230	*Sr.	Omaha, Neb.
38	Josh Buri	RB	5-11	210	Fr.	Stewartville, Minn.	98	Ryan Van Marel	DT	6-4	280	Jr.	Sheldon, Iowa
39	Aydan Dautermann	CB	6-2	185	Fr.	Hartford, Wis.	99	Caleb Sanders	DT	6-1	270	*Sr.	Glenwood, Iowa
40	Aaron Kusler	LB	6-2	220	R-Fr.	Sioux Falls, S.D.	99	Jack Green	K	6-1	190	Fr.	Rapid City, S.D.
42	Davion Sterner	LB	6-0	190	R-Fr.	Alvord, Iowa							
43	Adam Kusler	LB	6-3	215	R-Fr.	Sioux Falls, S.D.							
44	Saiveon Williamson	LB	6-1	205	Jr.	Waseca, Minn.							

*denotes student-athlete has additional year of eligibility remaining after 2021 season



JOHN STIEGELMEIER

Head Coach

25th Season (183-110 record — all at SDSU)

Alma Mater: South Dakota State, 1979

FOOTBALL HONORS AND RECORDS:

- Ranks first on SDSU career football coaching victories list with 183-110 record (.625 winning percentage) in 25 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 21 of his 25 seasons, including 16 of 18 at the Division I Football Championship Subdivision level
- Since moving to the Football Championship Subdivision in 2004, the Jackrabbits have a 141-77 overall record (.647 winning percentage)
- His 76 victories in Missouri Valley Football Conference play rank second in league history, while his 115 overall wins since joining the league in 2008 also rank second 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 11 FCS playoff appearances (2009, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020-21, 2021) and has a 12-10 playoff record
- SDSU hosted playoff games in 2012, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020-21 and 2021
- The Jackrabbits reached the FCS semifinals in 2017, 2018 and 2020-21, and the national championship game in 2020-21
- SDSU was a top-eight seed five seasons in a row (2016-20/21) 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 116-34 (.773) home record in Coach Stig's 25 seasons as head coach
- SDSU has a 239-149 (.616) overall record since Coach Stig joined the coaching staff as an full-time assistant in 1988 and has posted a winning record in 28 of 34 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
- 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	9-3	5-3
TOTALS	115-59	76-34
OVERALL TOTALS	183-110	118-69



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, 2021)
- 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, 2021)
- MVFC Freshman of the Year (2018)
- MVFC All-Newcomer Team (2018)
- MVFC Offensive Player of the Week (Feb. 19, 2021; Sept. 25, 2021; Nov. 6, 2021)
- MVFC Newcomer of the Week (Nov. 10, 2018; Nov. 17, 2018)
- Topped the 100-yard mark in eight of 11 games this season and 18 times in his career (two games with 200-plus yards)
- Scored a touchdown in each of the final six games of the 2018 season, including three-touchdown outings 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 third place in career rushing at SDSU in Nov. 27 playoff game against UC Davis
- Fourth player in school history with three separate 1,000-yard seasons (Josh Ranek, Kyle Minett, Zach Zenner)
- His 38 career touchdown runs are fourth-most in program history and have covered an average of 27.5 yards
- Nine of his career touchdown runs have been 50 or more yards, including career-long 85-yarder Oct. 9 against Southern Illinois
- Has 11 multi-touchdown games (10 rushing, 1 rushing-receiving) in his career
- Career passing statistics include 9-for-9 passing for 208 yards and six touchdowns

SDSU CAREER RUSHING YARDS

1. Josh Ranek, 1997-2001	6,744
2. Zach Zenner, 2011-14	6,548
3. Pierre Strong, Jr., 2018-present	4,343
4. Kyle Minett, 2007-10	4,277
5. Anthony Watson, 2003-06	3,712
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 SINGLE-SEASON RUSHING YARDS

1. Josh Ranek, 1999	2,055
2. Zach Zenner, 2012	2,044
3. Zach Zenner, 2014	2,019
4. Zach Zenner, 2013	2,015
5. Josh Ranek, 1998	1,881
6. Josh Ranek, 2001	1,804
7. Dan Sonnek, 1985	1,518
8. Pierre Strong, Jr., 2021	1,502
9. Rick Wegher, 1984	1,317
10. Kyle Minett, 2009	1,304

SDSU CAREER RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS

1. Josh Ranek, 1997-2001	62
2. Zach Zenner, 2011-14	61
3. Kyle Minett, 2007-10	47
4. Pierre Strong, Jr., 2018-present	38
5. Jerry Welch, 1951-54	34
6. Dan Sonnek, 1984-87	32
7. Scott Nedved, 1998-2002	30
8. Anthony Watson, 2003-06	29
9. Darwin Gonnerman, 1966-68	26
Taryn Christion, 2015-18	26

PIERRE STRONG'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LG	Rec	Yds	TD	LG	KOR	Yds	Avg	TD	LG
2018	117	1,116	9.5	11	*73	6	84	1	*66	2	38	19.0	0	24
2019	143	1,018	7.1	8	*64	14	169	1	*45	2	69	34.5	0	47
2020-21	131	707	5.4	3	*53	20	178	1	19	1	20	20.0	0	20
2021	209	1,502	7.2	16	*85	21	144	0	32	0	0	0.0	0	0
Career	600	4,343	7.2	38	*85	61	575	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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SDSU SINGLE-SEASON RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS

1. Josh Ranek, 1999	25
2. Zach Zenner, 2013	23
3. Zach Zenner, 2014	22
4. Josh Ranek, 2001	18
5. Kyle Minett, 2009	16
Pierre Strong, Jr.; 2021	16
7. Dan Nelson, 1993	15
Paul Klinger, 1994	15
Cory Koenig, 2007	15
10. Kevin Klapprodt, 1988	14
Kyle Minett, 2008	14

SINGLE-GAME RUSHING YARDS

- Zach Zenner33 carries, 295 yds.
• vs. Eastern Illinois, 11-24-2012 [FCS playoffs]
Zach Zenner37 carries, 295 yds.
• at North Dakota, 9-7-2013
- Josh Ranek.....41 carries, 291 yds.
• vs. St. Cloud State, 11-13-1999
- Josh Ranek.....39 carries, 282 yds.
• at North Dakota State, 10-24-1998
- Zach Zenner34 carries, 278 yds.
• at Southeastern Louisiana, 9-8-2012
- Dan Sonnek41 carries, 268 yds.
• vs. Northern Colorado, 11-16-1985
- Dan Sonnek40 carries, 266 yds.
• vs. Augustana, 10-26-1985
- Cory Koenig21 carries, 259 yds.
• vs. Cal Poly, 10-20-2007
- Josh Ranek.....26 carries, 254 yds.
• at North Dakota State, 10-20-2001
- Pierre Strong, Jr.17 carries, 253 yds.**
• vs. South Dakota, 11-17-2018

PIERRE STRONG'S 2019 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

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

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

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

PIERRE STRONG'S 2021 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Game	Rush	Yds	TD	LG	Rec	Yds	TD	LG	KOR	Yds	TD	LG
Colorado State	13	138	2	*48	3	8	0	4	0	0	0	0
Lindenwood	7	110	1	68	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Indiana State	20	150	0	27	2	23	0	15	0	0	0	0
Dixie State	15	88	2	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southern Illinois	20	162	2	*85	4	51	0	32	0	0	0	0
Western Illinois	19	122	2	47	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northern Iowa	14	53	1	9	6	37	0	11	0	0	0	0
Youngstown State	19	163	2	*35	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
North Dakota State	23	156	2	*75	2	2	0	2	0	0	0	0
South Dakota	28	103	1	10	2	6	0	5	0	0	0	0
North Dakota	12	72	0	25	1	6	0	6	0	0	0	0
UC Davis	19	185	1	34	1	11	0	11	0	0	0	0
Season Totals	209	1,502	16	*85	21	144	0	32	0	0	0	0

Note: 4-for-4 passing this season for 62 yards and four touchdowns

- 22-yard touchdown pass to Chris Oladokun at Indiana State, 9-25-2021
- 19-yard touchdown pass to Jadon Janke vs. Southern Illinois, 10-9-2021
- 11-yard touchdown pass to Tucker Kraft vs. North Dakota State, 11-6-2021
- 10-yard touchdown pass to Chris Oladokun vs. UC Davis, 11-27-2021



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, 2021)
- 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)

SDSU CAREER TACKLES

1. Christian Rozeboom, 2016-19	475
2. Greg Osmundson, 1986-89	435
3. T.J. Lally, 2012-15	415
4. J.D. Alexander, 1971-74	393
5. Darrin Thurston, 1984-87	340
6. Mark Huelskamp, 1972-75	328
7. Sterne Akin, 1995-98	325
8. Doug Miller, 1989-92	322
9. Chris Coauette, 2001-04	313
10. Jimmy Rogers, 2006-09	312

Logan Backhaus, 2017-present308

Note: Tackles not officially recognized as an NCAA statistic until 2000

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	10	23	18	41	4.0-16	1.0-12	2	0-0	0	0-0	0
CAREER	58	198	110	308	28.0-73	6.0-33	13	9-5	2	1-0	6

LOGAN BACKHAUS' 2017 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

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

LOGAN BACKHAUS' 2018 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

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

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LOGAN BACKHAUS' 2019 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

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

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

Game	Solo	Ast	Total	TFL-Yds	Sack-Yds	Int-Yds	FF	FR
Northern Iowa	5	0	5	2.0-3	0-0	0-0	0	0
North Dakota	5	6	11	1.0-2	0-0	0-0	0	0
Western Illinois	4	2	6	1.0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0
Youngstown St.	3	2	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0

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

LOGAN BACKHAUS' 2021 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Game	Solo	Ast	Total	TFL-Yds	Sack-Yds	Int-Yds	FF	FR
Colorado State	4	3	7	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0
Lindenwood	2	0	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0
Indiana State	2	6	8	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0
Dixie State	3	0	3	1.0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0
Southern Illinois	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0
Western Illinois		DNP						
Northern Iowa		DNP						
Youngstown St.	1	1	2	1.5-13	1.0-12	0-0	0	0
North Dakota St.	3	2	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0
South Dakota	1	2	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0
North Dakota	2	3	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0
UC Davis	5	1	6	1.5-2	0-0	0-0	0	0
Season Totals	23	18	41	4.0-16	1.0-12	0-0	0	0



32-ADAM BOCK

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

FOOTBALL HONORS AND HIGHLIGHTS:

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

ADAM BOCK'S CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	G	SOLO	AST	TOTAL	TFL-Yds	SACK-Yds	PBU	INT-Yds	BK	FR-Yds	FF
2019	4	3	1	4	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0-0	0
2020-21	10	36	38	74	5.5-20	2.0-15	0	0-0	0	0-0	0
2021	12	58	48	106	9.0-29	2.5-15	5	2-55	1	0-0	2
CAREER	26	97	87	184	14.5-49	4.5-30	5	2-55	1	0-0	2

SDSU SINGLE-SEASON TACKLES

1. Ross Shafraath, 2012	150
2. R.C. Kilgore, 2013	134
3. Christian Rozeboom, 2016	132
4. Christian Rozeboom, 2017	127
5. T.J. Lally, 2014	117
6. Chris Coauette, 2004	115
7. Christian Rozeboom, 2019	111
8. Jimmy Rogers, 2007	110
Jesse Bobbit, 2016	110
10. T.J. Lally, 2012	107

Adam Bock, 2021.....106

Note: Tackles not officially recognized as an NCAA statistic until 2000

ADAM BOCK'S 2019 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

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

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

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

ADAM BOCK'S 2021 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Game	Solo	Ast	Total	TFL-Yds	Sack-Yds	Int-Yds	FF	FR
Colorado State	7	1	8	2.0-3	0-0	0-0	0	0
Lindenwood	2	1	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0
Indiana State	0	10	10	0.5-0	0-0	1-16	0	0
Dixie State	2	1	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0
Southern Illinois	10	7	17	0.5-2	0.5-2	0-0	1	0
Western Illinois	5	2	7	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0
Northern Iowa	6	4	10	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0
Youngstown St.	2	1	3	0.5-1	0-0	0-0	0	0
North Dakota St.	5	8	13	2.5-8	1.0-2	0-0	1	0
South Dakota	11	3	14	2.0-13	1.0-11	0-0	0	0
North Dakota	5	7	12	1.0-2	0-0	0-0	0	0
UC Davis	3	3	6	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0
Season Totals	58	48	106	9.0-29	2.5-15	1-16	2	0

Note: Blocked and returned extra point for 2-point defensive conversion Oct. 30 at Youngstown State



6-CHRIS OLADOKUN

6-2, 195, Graduate Transfer • Quarterback

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

FOOTBALL HONORS AND HIGHLIGHTS:

- First season at South Dakota State
- Previously started games at South Florida and Samford
- Missouri Valley Football Conference Co-Newcomer of the Week (Sept. 3 at Colorado State)
- Currently ranks 16th among Football Championship Subdivision quarterbacks in passing efficiency (150.88)

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)	12	153.40	192	305	5	63.0	2,539	22	55	55	117	2	20
Career	39	141.13	412	678	15	61.0	5,115	44	82	230	654	12	37

* denotes touchdown

SDSU SINGLE-SEASON PASSING YARDS

1. Taryn Christion, 2016	3,714
2. Taryn Christion, 2017	3,515
3. Brad Nelson, 2003	3,141
4. Ryan Berry, 2008	3,106
5. Taryn Christion, 2018	3,020
6. Austin Sumner, 2013	2,999
7. Todd McDonald, 1993	2,715
8. Dan Fjeldheim, 2002	2,663
9. Mike Busch, 1985	2,554
10. Ted Wahl, 1986	2,542

Chris Oladokun, 2021.....2,539

SDSU SINGLE-SEASON PASSING TOUCHDOWNS

1. Taryn Christion, 2017	35
2. Taryn Christion, 2018	32
3. Ryan Berry, 2008	30
Taryn Christion, 2016	30
5. Brad Nelson, 2003	27
6. Todd McDonald, 1993	25
7. Chris Oladokun, 2021	22
8. Brad Nelson, 2004	20
9. Ron Meyer, 1963	19
Ryan Berry, 2007	19
Austin Sumner, 2013	19

CHRIS OLADOKUN'S 2021 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Game	Comp	Att	Int	Yds	TD	LG	Rush	Yds	TD	LG
^Colorado State	18	28	0	224	2	46	2	19	1	*11
^Lindenwood	12	13	0	171	4	55	0	0	0	0
^Indiana State+	12	21	0	216	3	*42	3	30	0	18
^Dixie State	8	18	0	110	2	39	4	1	0	9
^Southern Illinois	23	31	2	358	1	52	5	8	0	9
^Western Illinois	17	25	0	195	2	36	5	-4	0	12
^Northern Iowa	24	53	0	300	1	36	11	7	0	9
^Youngstown State	16	22	1	260	1	30	7	2	1	7
^North Dakota State	13	22	0	157	0	38	9	19	0	10
^South Dakota	22	30	2	220	1	49	2	18	0	16
^North Dakota	19	25	0	239	3	24	4	-2	0	7
^UC Davis	8	17	0	89	2	*33	3	19	0	20
Season Totals	192	305	5	2,539	22	55	55	117	2	20

+ caught 22-yard touchdown pass

FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP SUBDIVISION POLLS

STATS PERFORM FCS POLL – NOV. 22

PL.	SCHOOL	2021 RECORD	POINTS	PR
1.	Sam Houston [49]	10-0	1,248	1
2.	James Madison	10-1	1,190	2
3.	North Dakota State [1]	10-1	1,154	4
4.	Eastern Washington	9-2	1,027	5
5.	Montana	9-2	1,013	7
6.	Villanova	9-2	996	6
7.	Montana State	9-2	916	3
8.	Sacramento State	9-2	908	11
9.	East Tennessee State	10-1	886	8
10.	Kennesaw State	10-1	826	9
11.	South Dakota State	8-3	721	12
12.	Missouri State	8-3	701	14
13.	Incarnate Word	9-2	629	18
14.	UC Davis	8-3	581	10
15.	Jackson State	10-1	512	19
16.	UT Martin	9-2	469	13
17.	South Dakota	7-4	372	16
18.	Southeastern Louisiana	8-3	366	15
19.	Dartmouth	9-1	365	20
20.	Stephen F. Austin	8-3	293	22
21.	Southern Illinois	7-4	286	17
22.	Florida A&M	9-2	239	23
23.	Princeton	9-1	157	24
24.	Holy Cross	9-2	103	NR
25.	Mercer	7-3	99	21

Others receiving votes: **Northern Iowa** 94; Sacred Heart 24; Eastern Kentucky 23; Harvard 17; Richmond 7; Monmouth 5; Rhode Island 4; Elon 3; Davidson 2.

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

AFCA FCS COACHES' POLL – NOV. 22

PL.	SCHOOL	2021 RECORD	POINTS	PR
1.	Sam Houston [27]	10-0	675	1
2.	James Madison	10-1	647	2
3.	North Dakota State [1]	10-1	619	4
4.	Kennesaw State	10-1	561	5
5.	Montana	9-2	556	7
6.	Eastern Washington	9-2	543	6
7.	Villanova	9-2	496	9
8.	East Tennessee State	10-1	477	10
9.	Montana State	9-2	447	3
10.	Missouri State	8-3	404	14
11.	South Dakota State	8-3	401	13
12.	Sacramento State	9-2	377	18
13.	UT Martin	9-2	304	8
14.	Jackson State	10-1	301	17
15.	Incarnate Word	9-2	265	19
16.	UC Davis	8-3	261	11
17.	Southeastern Louisiana	8-3	197	12
18.	Princeton	9-1	191	20
19.	Stephen F. Austin	8-3	178	22
20.	South Dakota	7-4	175	16
	Dartmouth	9-1	175	21
22.	Florida A&M	9-2	156	25
23.	Southern Illinois	7-4	144	15
24.	Holy Cross	9-2	80	NR
25.	Northern Iowa	6-5	29	NR

Others receiving votes: Eastern Kentucky, 26; Mercer, 26; Chattanooga, 14; Monmouth (N.J.), 12; Davidson, 8; Harvard, 8; Elon, 5; Nicholls, 5; Sacred Heart, 4; Rhode Island, 3; Maine, 2; Weber State 2; Austin Peay, 1.

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

MISSOURI VALLEY FOOTBALL CONFERENCE

2021 MVFC STANDINGS

SCHOOL	CONFERENCE	PF	PA	OVERALL	PF	PA
North Dakota State	7-1	261	120	10-1	388	133
Missouri State	6-2	266	201	8-4	411	314
South Dakota State	5-3	261	164	9-3	466	225
Southern Illinois	5-3	248	233	8-4	395	298
South Dakota	5-3	218	188	7-5	324	248
Northern Iowa	4-4	202	162	6-6	299	216
North Dakota	3-5	172	161	5-6	269	223
Indiana State	3-5	120	264	5-6	175	330
Illinois State	2-6	122	187	4-7	202	246
Youngstown State	2-6	189	271	3-7	247	354
Western Illinois	2-6	184	292	2-9	268	427

SCHEDULE AND RECENT RESULTS

SATURDAY, NOV. 27 — FCS PLAYOFFS

South Dakota State 56, UC Davis 24
 UT Martin 32, Missouri State 31
 Eastern Washington 19, Northern Iowa 9
 Southern Illinois 22, South Dakota 10

SATURDAY, DEC. 4 — FCS PLAYOFFS

Southern Illinois at North Dakota State, 2:30 p.m.
 South Dakota State at Sacramento State, 8 p.m.
 All times Central

2021 PRESEASON POLL

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



#3/4 SDSU 42, COLORADO STATE 23

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

SCORING SUMMARY

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

TEAM STATISTICS

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

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

#2/3 SDSU 52, LINDENWOOD 7

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

SCORING SUMMARY

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

TEAM STATISTICS

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

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

GAME 3 RECAP

#2/3 SDSU 44, INDIANA STATE 0

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

SCORING SUMMARY

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

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

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

#2/3 SDSU 55, DIXIE STATE 7

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

Jalen Powell tallied seven receptions for 32 yards.

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

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

SCORING SUMMARY

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

TEAM STATISTICS

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

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

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

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

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

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

TACKLE LEADERS (UA-A-TOT): DSU - Malaki Malaki 6-3-9; Tyrell Grayson 6-2-8; Syrus Webster 5-3-8; Kanoah Tanuvasa 4-2-6.

SDSU - Steven Arrell 4-3-7; DyShawn Gales 5-1-6; Adam Kusler 2-3-5; Matt Barnett 3-1-4.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

SCORING SUMMARY

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

TEAM STATISTICS

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

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

#7/8 SDSU 41, WESTERN ILLINOIS 17

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

SCORING SUMMARY

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

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

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

GAME 7 RECAP

#20/24 NORTHERN IOWA 26, #6/7 SDSU 17

Oct. 23, 2021 • Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium (Att.: 16,889)

Northern Iowa held South Dakota State's high-powered offense in check, pulling out a 26-17 victory in a matchup of nationally ranked teams before a Hobo Day crowd of 16,889 Saturday afternoon at Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium.

UNI, ranked 20th in the Stats Perform media poll and 24th by the Football Championship Subdivision coaches, improved to 4-3 overall and 2-2 in league play. The Jackrabbits, ranked sixth and seventh, respectively, dropped to 5-2 overall and 2-2 in the MVFC.

Early on, the game appeared to be headed toward a shootout. The Panthers forced an SDSU fumble on the opening drive of the game and turned a short field into a touchdown. Taking over at the Jackrabbit 14-yard line, Bradrick Shaw finished off a six-play drive — all on the ground — with a 1-yard run 5 minutes and 50 seconds into the game.

The Jackrabbits who had scored 40-plus points in each of their first six games this season, responded with their best drive of the game, needing only six plays to cover 80 yards. The last 12 yards came on a touchdown pass from Chris Oladokun to Jadon Janke. It was Janke's team-leading sixth touchdown catch of the season.

The two squads traded field goals for a 10-all tie as the game moved into the second quarter. UNI's Matthew Cook booted a 55-yard field goal in the closing seconds of the first quarter before Cole Frahm answered with a 34-yarder on the ensuing Jackrabbit drive.

Northern Iowa took a lead it would not relinquish as Isaiah Weston got behind the Jackrabbit defense for a 40-yard touchdown pass from Theo Day. Cook pushed the UNI lead to 20-10 at halftime with a 27-yard field goal late in the second quarter, then tallied a 46-yarder midway through the third quarter.

Weston ended the afternoon with a game-high 125 receiving yards on four catches. Day completed 11-of-21 attempts for 232 yards. Vance McShane led a balanced Panther rushing attack with 54 yards on 20 carries.

UNI continued to win the field-position battle until the Jackrabbits finally flipped the field by pinning the Panthers at their own 2 on a 63-yard punt by Ben Dinkel. After forcing UNI to punt out of its own end zone, the Jackrabbits made it a one-possession game in the opening minute of the fourth quarter with a four-play, 40-yard scoring drive.

Oladokun connected with Tucker Kraft for 25 yards on a third-and-4 play, setting up Pierre Strong's 9-yard touchdown run, which proved to be the Walter Payton Award candidate's longest run of the day as he finished with 53 yards on 14 carries.

Cook's fourth field goal of the day, this one from 51 yards, on the next UNI drive provided the final tally on the scoreboard for either team.

Several dropped passes thwarted Jackrabbit drives the remainder of the game and SDSU missed a chance to onnce again to get within one score as Frahm's 47-yard field goal attempt with 2:45 to play sailed wide right.

SDSU finished with a narrow 360-335 advantage in total offense. Oladokun threw for 300 yards on 24-of-53 passing, with Kraft recording nine catches for 123 yards and Jaxon Janke adding 101 yards on four receptions.

Jackrabbit linebacker Graham Spalding led all players 12 tackles, including 2.5 tackles for loss, and came away with the lone interception of the game. Michael Griffin II and Adam Bock each registered 10 tackles for SDSU, with Alfonzo Lambert pacing the Panthers with 10 stops.



Tucker Kraft recorded his second 100-yard receiving game of the season, catching nine passes for 123 yards Oct. 23 against Northern Iowa.

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Northern Iowa (4-3, 2-2)	10	10	3	3	26
South Dakota State (5-2, 2-2)	7	3	0	7	17

SCORING SUMMARY

1st	9:10	UNI	Bradrick Shaw 1 yd run (Matthew Cook kick)
1st	5:50	SDSU	Jadon Janke 12 yd pass from Chris Oladokun (Cole Frahm kick)
1st	00:05	UNI	Cook 55 yd field goal
2nd	13:21	SDSU	Frahm 34 yd field goal
2nd	10:48	UNI	Isaiah Weston 40 yd pass from Theo Day (Cook kick)
2nd	4:03	UNI	Cook 27 yd field goal
3rd	7:52	UNI	Cook 46 yd field goal
4th	14:17	SDSU	Pierre Strong, Jr. 9 yd run (Frahm kick)
4th	12:04	UNI	Cook 51 yd field goal

TEAM STATISTICS	UNI	SDSU
FIRST DOWNS	16	18
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	49-103	25-60
PASSING YDS (NET)	232	300
Passes Att-Comp-Int	21-11-1	54-24-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	70-335	79-360
Fumble Returns-Yards	1-11	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	1-16	0-0
Kickoff Returns-Yards	1-7	5-87
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	1-8
Punts (Number-Avg)	5-43.2	5-45.0
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-1
Penalties-Yards	3-38	4-42
Possession Time	34:32	25:28
Third-Down Conversions	4 of 15	5 of 19
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 1	2 of 6
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	2-2	3-3
Sacks By: Number-Yards	3-33	3-25

RUSHING LEADERS: UNI - Vance McShane 20-54; Dom Williams 10-37; Bradrick Shaw 12-34. SDSU - Pierre Strong, Jr. 14-53; Chris Oladokun 11-7. **PASSING LEADERS:** UNI - Theo Day 11-21-1. SDSU - Chris Oladokun 24-53-0 300; Keaton Heide 0-1-0 0. **RECEIVING LEADERS:** UNI - Isaiah Weston 4-125; Quan Hampton 4-38; Tysen Kershaw 1-38; Vance McShane 1-16; Dom Williams 1-15. SDSU - Tucker Kraft 9-123; Pierre Strong, Jr. 6-37; Jaxon Janke 4-83; Zach Heins 3-38; Jadon Janke 1-12; Tyler Feldkamp 1-7. **INTERCEPTIONS:** UNI - none. SDSU - Graham Spalding 1-8. **SACKS:** UNI - Bryce Flater 1.0-14; Korby Sander 1.0-10; Caleb Houghtelling 1.0-9. SDSU - Tolu Ogunrinde 1.0-17; Xavier Ward 1.0-6; Caleb Sanders 1.0-2. **TACKLE LEADERS (UA-A-TOT):** UNI - Alfonzo Lambert 4-6-10; Riley Van Wyhe 5-2-7; Bryce Flater 5-27; Omar Brown 5-1-6; Jared Brinkman 2-4-6. SDSU - Graham Spalding 4-8-12; Michael Griffin II 6-4-10; Adam Bock 6-4-10; Caleb Frandl 5-2-7; Caleb Sanders 2-3-5; DyShawn Gales 1-4-5.

#10/13 SDSU 47, YOUNGSTOWN STATE 16

Oct. 30, 2021 • Stambaugh Stadium (Att.: 9,423)

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio — Walter Payton Award candidate Pierre Strong, Jr. rushed for a season-high 163 yards and two touchdowns, and the South Dakota State defense turned in a strong effort to lead the Jackrabbit football team to a 47-16 road win Saturday afternoon at Stambaugh Stadium.

South Dakota State, ranked 10th in the Stats Perform media poll and 13th by the Football Championship Subdivision coaches, improved to 6-2 overall and 3-2 in the Missouri Valley Football Conference. YSU dropped to 2-5 overall and 1-4 in league play.

The Jackrabbits wasted little time to break into the scoring column, taking the opening kickoff and marching 75 yards on eight plays. After extending the drive with a pair of third-down runs that resulted in first downs, quarterback Chris Oladokun found a wide-open Zach Heins down the middle of the field for a 25-yard touchdown pass three and a half minutes into the contest.

SDSU would go on to finish 10-of-12 on third-down attempts in the game, compared to 1-of-9 by the Penguins.

Strong made it 14-0 on the next SDSU possession, scoring the first of his two touchdowns on a 5-yard run to cap a nine-play, 71-yard drive that chewed up more than five minutes.

YSU put its first points on the board on the ensuing first-quarter drive as Colt McFadden kicked a 28-yard field goal. The Penguins prevented SDSU from further increasing its lead by forcing a pair of turnovers deep in YSU territory in the second quarter, although Cole Frahm put up the only points of the second stanza on the board on the final play of the half for SDSU with a 52-yard field goal.

The Jackrabbits put the game out of reach with a pair of touchdowns in the third quarter. After Malik Lofton intercepted a pass at the YSU 35 on the Penguins' first drive of the second half, SDSU and Strong needed only one play to answer as the senior running back broke through a big hole in the center of the line and rumbled to the end zone.

That touchdown run put Strong over the 100-yard mark for the sixth time this season as he finished the afternoon with his 163 yards on 19 carries.

Reserve quarterback Rudy Voss added a 14-yard touchdown run later in the quarter for a 31-3 Jackrabbit lead.

The Penguin tandem of Bryce Oliver and backup quarterback Mitch Davidson connected for both of YSU's touchdowns — a 35-yard pass play late in the third quarter and a 31-yarder midway through the fourth. YSU starting quarterback Joe Craycraft completed only 4-of-10 passes for 36 yards, while Davidson was 6-of-7 for 111 yards.

However, after Oliver's first touchdown, Adam Bock blocked and returned the PAT try for two points for the Jackrabbits.

Oladokun and backup running back Amar Johnson each scored on 1-yard runs in the fourth quarter to finish off the scoring for SDSU, which reached the 40-point mark for the seventh time in eight games this season. Johnson carried 18 times for 87 yards, while Oladokun completed 16-of-22 passes for 260 yards.

Jaxon Janke tallied game highs of seven catches and 111 receiving yards as the Jackrabbits finished with a 553-223 advantage in total offense.

SDSU held Youngstown State's Jaleel McLaughlin to 54 yards on eight carries. As a team, the Jackrabbits registered 10 tackles for loss, led by three from Reece Winkelman and sacks by Logan Backhaus and Ryan Van Marel. Cade Terveer notched a team-high five total tackles.



Reece Winkelman recorded three of South Dakota State's 10 tackles for loss in limiting Youngstown State to 76 rushing yards in a 47-16 road victory Oct. 30

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	FINAL
South Dakota State (6-2, 3-2)	14	3	16	14	47
Youngstown State (2-5, 1-4)	3	0	6	7	16

SCORING SUMMARY

1st	11:37	SDSU	— Zach Heins 25 yd pass from Chris Oladokun (Cole Frahm kick)
1st	5:10	SDSU	— Pierre Strong, Jr., 5 yd run (Frahm kick)
1st	2:13	YSU	— Colt McFadden 28 yd field goal
2nd	00:00	SDSU	— Frahm 52 yd field goal
3rd	13:36	SDSU	— Strong 35 yd run (Frahm kick)
3rd	3:28	SDSU	— Rudy Voss 14 yd run
3rd	1:12	YSU	— Bryce Oliver 35 yd pass from Mitch Davidson (kick blocked)
3rd	1:12	SDSU	— Adam Bock PAT return
4th	11:42	SDSU	— Oladokun 1 yd run (Frahm kick)
4th	9:32	YSU	— Oliver 31 yd pass from Davidson (McFadden kick)
4th	4:43	SDSU	— Amar Johnson 1 yd run

TEAM STATISTICS	SDSU	YSU
FIRST DOWNS	28	13
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	48-293	26-76
PASSING YDS (NET)	260	147
Passes Att-Comp-Int	22-16-1	17-10-1
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	70-553	43-223
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	2-2	0-0
Kickoff Returns-Yards	1-15	1-28
Interception Returns-Yards	1-0	1-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	0-0-0	5-45.2
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	0-0
Penalties-Yards	9-57	2-30
Possession Time	37:33	22:27
Third-Down Conversions	10 of 12	1 of 9
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 0	0 of 0
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	4-5	1-1
Sacks By: Number-Yards	2-16	2-14

RUSHING LEADERS: SDSU - Pierre Strong, Jr. 19-163; Amar Johnson 18-87; Rudy Voss 3-42. YSU - Jaleel McLaughlin 8-54; Dra Rushton 4-14. **PASSING LEADERS:** SDSU - Chris Oladokun 16-22-1 260. YSU - Joe Craycraft 4-10-1 36; Mitch Davidson 6-7-0 111. **RECEIVING LEADERS:** SDSU - Jaxon Janke 7-111; Tucker Kraft 3-42; Jadon Janke 3-39; Zach Heins 2-38; Canyon Bauer 1-30. YSU - Bryce Oliver 3-78; Andrew Ogletree 2-25; Jaleel McLaughlin 2-11. **INTERCEPTIONS:** SDSU - Malik Lofton 1-0. YSU - Quincy Lenton 1-0. **SACKS:** SDSU - Logan Backhaus 1.0-12; Ryan Van Marel 1.0-4. YSU - Amarian Robinson 1.0-8; Dylan Wudke 1.0-6. **TACKLE LEADERS (UA-A-TOT):** SDSU - Cade Terveer 4-1-5; Reece Winkelman 4-0-4; Cale Reeder 3-1-4; Adam Bock 2-1-3. YSU - Jordan White 2-7-9; Isaac James-Gray 4-2-6; Grant Dixon 4-2-6; Quincy Lenton 3-3-6.

#9/12 SDSU 27, #2/2 NORTH DAKOTA STATE 19

Nov. 6, 2021 • Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium (Att.: 18,122)

South Dakota State scored on three long touchdown drives in the first half and held off second-ranked North Dakota State for a 27-19 victory Nov. 6 to retain the Dakota Marker before a crowd of 18,122 at Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium.

The Jackrabbits, ranked ninth in the Stats Perform media poll and 10th by the Football Championship Subdivision coaches, improved to 7-2 overall and remained in contention in the Missouri Valley Football Conference race with a 4-2 mark. NDSU suffered its first loss of the season, falling to 8-1 overall and 5-1 in league play.

Two plays and 16 seconds into the game, Walter Payton Award candidate Pierre Strong, Jr. broke around right end for a 75-yard touchdown run, setting the tone for a Jackrabbit squad that had lost its previous two home games.

NDSU knotted the game at 7-all midway through the opening quarter on a 22-yard touchdown pass from Cam Miller to Josh Babicz that capped a five-play, 54-yard drive.

The Jackrabbits took the lead for good on the ensuing drive, putting together a 12-play, 75-yard march that was finished off by a 1-yard touchdown run by Strong, his 14th of the season, with 18 seconds remaining in the opening quarter.

SDSU upped its lead to 24-7 with a pair of scores over a two-plus-minute span late in the second quarter. With the aid of a pair of NDSU personal foul penalties, the Jackrabbits strung together their longest scoring drive of the season in terms of plays and time of possession with a 16-play, 80-yard trek that chewed up more than nine minutes following an interception by Chase Norblade. Facing fourth-and-1 from the NDSU 11, the Jackrabbits dug deep into the playbook, directly snapping the ball through the legs of quarterback Chris Oladokun to Strong, who lofted a pass over the defense to tight end Tucker Kraft down the left seam in the end zone for a touchdown.

After forcing a punt on the next NDSU drive, the Jackrabbits gained 52 yards on seven plays to set up a 32-yard field goal by Cole Frahm on the final play of the first half.

Frahm opened the second-half scoring with a 45-yard field goal midway through the third period for what proved to be the final Jackrabbit points of the afternoon.

NDSU put together its best drive of the day later in the third quarter, drawing to within 27-14 on a 14-yard touchdown pass from Miller to RaJa Nelson. That finished off a 12-play, 75-yard drive for the Bison.

The Bison had a chance to further trim the deficit as the clock ticked under six minutes to go, but turned the ball over on downs deep in the red zone. Despite having first and goal from the SDSU 2, the Bison came up empty after three straight rushing plays resulted in the loss of one yard and a pass to the end zone on fourth down fell incomplete.

Pinned deep in their own territory, the Jackrabbits gave up a safety out of punting formation and NDSU followed with a 33-yard field goal by Jake Reinholz with 1:09 to play after the free kick.

The Jackrabbits' Cale Reeder recovered NDSU's attempt at an onside kick and SDSU took a pair of kneel-downs to run out the clock.

Strong finished the game with 156 yards on a career-high 23 carries in topping the century mark for the seventh time in nine games this season. Oladokun completed 13-of-22 passes for 157 yards, with Jaxon Janke tallying 118 yards on six catches and Kraft adding five receptions for 42 yards.



South Dakota State retained the Dakota Marker with a 27-19 victory over North Dakota State, marking the Jackrabbits' fourth win in the series in the last six seasons.

Total offense was nearly even as NDSU finished with a slight edge, 365-349. Miller completed 15-of-23 passes for 218 yards and also was the leading rusher for the Bison with 59 yards on 13 carries. Christian Watson was on the receiving end of three passes for 82 yards.

Adam Bock registered a game-high 13 tackles, including 2.5 tackles for loss and a sack, for SDSU. Isaiah Stalbird added nine tackles and Reeder was credited with a career-high seven stops from his safety position.

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	FINAL
North Dakota State (8-1, 5-1)	7	0	7	5	19
South Dakota State (7-2, 4-2)	14	10	3	0	27

SCORING SUMMARY

1st	14:44	SDSU	- Pierre Strong, Jr. 75 yd run (Cole Frahm kick)
1st	6:20	NDSU	- Josh Babicz 22 yd pass from Cam Miller (Jake Reinholz kick)
1st	00:18	SDSU	- Strong 1 yd run (Frahm kick)
2nd	2:17	SDSU	- Tucker Kraft 11 yd pass from Strong (Frahm kick)
2nd	00:00	SDSU	- Frahm 32 yd field goal
3rd	7:35	SDSU	- Frahm 45 yd field goal
3rd	00:42	NDSU	- RaJa Nelson 14 yd pass from Miller (Reinholz kick)
4th	4:21	NDSU	- Team Safety (Dawson Weber)
4th	1:09	NDSU	- Jake Reinholz 33 yd field goal

TEAM STATISTICS	NDSU	SDSU
FIRST DOWNS	20	16
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	36-147	40-181
PASSING YDS (NET)	218	168
Passes Att-Comp-Int	23-15-1	23-14-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	59-365	63-349
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	0-0	1-5
Kickoff Returns-Yards	2-46	0-0
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	1-15
Punts (Number-Avg)	3-37.0	2-34.0
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	0-0
Penalties-Yards	9-75	5-52
Possession Time	29:55	30:05
Third-Down Conversions	5 of 10	7 of 15
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 1	1 of 3
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	2-3	3-3
Sacks By: Number-Yards	1-8	1-2

RUSHING LEADERS: NDSU - Cam Miller 13-59; TaMerick Williams 12-54; Dominic Gonnella 6-33. SDSU - Pierre Strong, Jr. 123-156; Chris Oladokun 9-19; Rudy Voss 2-7. **PASSING LEADERS:** NDSU - Cam Miller 15-23-1 218. SDSU - Chris Oladokun 13-22-0 157; Pierre Strong, Jr. 1-1-0 11. **RECEIVING LEADERS:** NDSU - Christian Watson 3-82; Phoenix Sproles 3-29; Zach Mathis 2-30. SDSU - Jaxon Janke 6-118; Tucker Kraft 5-42. **INTERCEPTIONS:** NDSU - none. SDSU - Chase Norblade 1-15. **SACKS:** NDSU - Eli Mostaert 1.0-8. SDSU - Adam Bock 1.0-2. **TACKLE LEADERS (UA-A-TOT):** NDSU - Jackson Hankey 5-5-10; Michael Tuttsie 5-27; Dawson Weber 4-2-6; Eli Mostaert 2-4-6. SDSU - Adam Bock 5-8-13; Isaiah Stalbird 3-6-9; Cale Reeder 3-4-7.

#17/19 SOUTH DAKOTA 23, #4/7 SDSU 20

Nov. 13, 2021 • DakotaDome (Att.: 9,068)

VERMILLION — South Dakota's Jeremiah Webb hauled in a 57-yard Hail Mary pass on the final play of the game, lifting the 17th-ranked Coyotes to an improbable 23-20 victory over South Dakota State in their Showdown Series matchup Nov. 13 at the DakotaDome.

USD improved to 7-3 overall and 5-2 in the Missouri Valley Football Conference, while the Jackrabbits, ranked fourth in the Stats Perform media poll and seventh by the Football Championship Subdivision coaches, dropped to 7-3 overall and 4-3 in league play.

The Coyotes' game-winner came after a single second was put back on the clock after a replay review following an SDSU attempt to run out the clock on a pass deep downfield on a play that began with eight seconds remaining. On the game-winner, USD quarterback Carson Camp eluded the Jackrabbit pass rush and heaved the ball down the right side of the field to about the 5-yard line, where it was batted around twice before falling into the waiting arms of Webb, who finished the game with six catches for 153 yards.

SDSU had taken a 20-17 lead with six minutes and 10 seconds remaining, putting together a methodical 13-play, 75-yard drive that ended with a 4-yard touchdown run by Walter Payton Award candidate Pierre Strong, Jr.

USD moved into scoring position on the ensuing drive, but Adam Bock stuffed the USD ball carrier on a fourth-and-inches play from the Jackrabbit 28 to turn the ball over on downs with two minutes to play. The Jackrabbits were able to pick up one first down as the Coyotes burned their timeouts, but failed to completely run out the clock.

The Jackrabbits scored the first 10 points of the game as Cole Frahm kicked a 37-yard field goal on SDSU first drive of the game and Zach Heins hauled in a 6-yard touchdown pass from Chris Oladokun early in the second quarter.

The Coyotes, who missed two field goals earlier in the opening half, got on the board with 76 seconds remaining in the first half on an 18-yard touchdown pass from Camp to Caleb Vander Esch.

Frahm booted his second 37-yard field goal of the game to open the second half, but USD gained a 17-13 lead with 10 consecutive points bridging the end of the third quarter and start of the fourth on a 13-yard touchdown run by Nate Thomas and a 37-yard field goal by Mason Lorber.

USD finished with a 422-348 advantage in total offense as Camp completed 19-of-27 passes for 288 yards and the two scores. Thomas carried 16 times for 90 yards.

Oladokun ended the afternoon 22-of-30 passing for 220 yards. Jaxon Janke was on the receiving end of seven of those completions for 105 yards, with Strong crossing the 100-yard mark for the eighth time in 10 games this season with 103 yards on a career-high 28 carries.

Bock led the Jackrabbit defensive effort with 14 tackles, including a sack and 1.5 tackles for loss. Michael Griffin II added eight tackles.

Jack Cochrane paced USD with nine tackles and had one of the Coyotes' two interceptions.



A tipped Hail Mary pass as time expired resulted in a game-winning, 57-yard touchdown for South Dakota in the South Dakota Showdown Series game Nov. 13 in Vermillion.

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	FINAL
South Dakota State (7-3, 4-3)	3	7	3	7	20
South Dakota (7-3, 5-2)	0	7	7	9	23

SCORING SUMMARY

1st	10:55	SDSU	— Cole Frahm 37 yd field goal
2nd	12:49	SDSU	— Zach Heins 6 yd pass from Chris Oladokun (Frahm kick)
2nd	1:16	USD	— Caleb Vander Esch 18 yd pass from Carson Camp (Mason Lorber kick)
3rd	8:03	SDSU	— Cole Frahm 37 yd field goal
3rd	4:45	USD	— Nate Thomas 13 yd run (Lorber kick)
4th	12:34	USD	— Lorber 37 yd field goal
4th	6:10	SDSU	— Pierre Strong, Jr. 4 yd run (Frahm kick)
4th	00:00	USD	— Jeremiah Webb 57 yd pass from Camp

TEAM STATISTICS	SDSU	USD
FIRST DOWNS	18	24
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	33-128	38-134
PASSING YDS (NET)	220	288
Passes Att-Comp-Int	30-22-2	28-19-1
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	63-348	66-422
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Kickoff Returns-Yards	1-29	3-63
Interception Returns-Yards	1-0	2-13
Punts (Number-Avg)	2-42.0	1-49.0
Fumbles-Lost	3-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	9-84	8-76
Possession Time	32:03	27:57
Third-Down Conversions	5 of 14	5 of 11
Fourth-Down Conversions	2 of 3	1 of 2
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	4-4	3-5
Sacks By: Number-Yards	2-17	0-0

RUSHING LEADERS: SDSU - Pierre Strong, Jr. 28-103; Chris Oladokun 2-18; Rudy Voss 2-5.

USD - Nate Thomas 16-90; Travis Theis 17-45. **PASSING LEADERS:** SDSU - Chris Oladokun

22-30-2 220. USD - Carson Camp 19-27-1 288; Travis Theis 0-1-0 0. **RECEIVING LEADERS:**

SDSU - Jaxon Janke 7-105; Jadon Janke 5-62; Tucker Kraft 4-21; Zach Heins 3-22. USD - Jeremiah

Webb 6-153; Caleb Vander Esch 5-59; Travis Theis 2-24; Nate Thomas 2-9; Jaevon McQuitty 2-6.

INTERCEPTIONS: SDSU - DyShawn Gales 1-0. USD - Jack Cochrane 1-8; Jacob Matthew 1-5.

SACKS: SDSU - Adam Bock 1.0-11; Caleb Sanders 1.0-6. USD - none. **TACKLE LEADERS (UA-A-**

TOT): SDSU - Adam Bock 11-3-14; Michael Griffin II 4-5-9; Don Gardner 6-0-6; Isaiah Stalbird 3-3-6.

USD - Jacob Matthew 5-4-9; Jack Cochrane 3-6-9; Elijah Reed 5-3-8.

#12/13 SDSU 24, NORTH DAKOTA 21

Nov. 20, 2021 • Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium (Att.: 8,135)

In a back-and-forth game throughout, South Dakota State had the final answer as Cole Frahm kicked the go-ahead 38-yard field goal with just over five minutes remaining as the Jackrabbits outlasted North Dakota, 24-21, in the regular season football finale for both teams Saturday afternoon at Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium.

With the win, the Jackrabbits, ranked 12th in the Stats Perform media poll and 13th by the Football Championship Subdivision coaches, improved to 8-3 overall and 5-3 in the Missouri Valley Football Conference. UND dropped to 5-6 overall and 3-5 in league play, with all eight of its MVFC games decided by seven points or less.

After a scoreless first period, SDSU cracked the scoring column in the opening minute of the second half on a 17-yard pass from Chris Oladokun to Jadon Janke. That capped a seven-play, 87-yard drive that included a 22-yard run on the opening play of the drive by Isaiah Davis, who made his first appearance since the second game of the season.

UND answered with a 14-play, 79-yard drive of its own on the ensuing possession, with Garret Maag scoring the first Fighting Hawk touchdown of the game on a 16-yard pass from Tommy Schuster.

The Jackrabbits regained the lead in the final seconds of the half as Tucker Kraft caught a middle screen from Oladokun near the line of scrimmage and rumbled 23 yards for his sixth touchdown of the season.

UND knotted the game at 14-all on the opening drive of the second half, putting together another lengthy drive that was finished off by a 1-yard run by backup quarterback Quincy Vaughn.

After being stuffed just shy of the goal line on a fourth-down play on their next drive, the Jackrabbits took advantage of a short field after a UND punt to take the lead once again — thanks to a fortuitous bounce. On first and 10 from the UND 21, Oladokun's pass to the end zone was originally intended for Jadon Janke, but was deflected in the hands of a diving Jaxon Janke for a touchdown.

Once again the Fighting Hawks put together the game-tying drive, covering 75 yards on 14 plays, the final seven yards of which came on a rushing touchdown by Otis Weah.

Tyler Feldkamp returned the ensuing kickoff 41 yards to set up SDSU at its own 42. Passes of nine yards to Kraft and seven yards to Jaxon Janke for first downs helped move the ball to as far as the UND 21, putting Frahm in position for his 38-yard field goal that proved to be the game-winner despite some anxious moments late.

UND converted twice on third down and once on fourth down, the last conversion of which was a 25-yard pass from Schuster to Jacob Richter that put the ball at the SDSU 23. Following Cade Terveer's second sack of the drive, Malik Lofton came up with the game-sealing interception at the UND 12. It was the only turnover by either team in the evenly matched contest.

Lofton's interception was his team-leading third of the season.

SDSU finished with a 368-329 advantage in total offense despite running 20 fewer plays as UND converted 13-of-19 times on third-down attempts. The Fighting Hawks also held a 33:01 to 26:39 edge in time of possession.

Oladokun completed 19-of-25 passes for 239 yards and the three touchdowns to lead the Jackrabbit offense, with Jaxon Janke tallying eight catches for 103 yards. Pierre Strong, Jr. rushed for 72 yards on 12 carries, with Davis adding 64 yards on nine attempts.



Malik Lofton's interception in the final minute of the game sealed a 24-21 Jackrabbit victory over North Dakota in the regular season final Nov. 20.

For UND, Schuster completed 22-of-37 passes for 218 yards. Bo Belquist and Brock Boltmann each caught five passes for 62 and 40 yards, respectively. Weah was the leading ground-gainer with 63 yards on 16 carries.

Adam Bock paced the Jackrabbit defense with a game-high 12 tackles, followed by eight by Isaiah Stalbird.

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	FINAL
North Dakota (5-6, 3-5)	0	7	7	7	21
South Dakota State (8-3, 5-3)	0	14	7	3	24

SCORING SUMMARY

2nd	14:13	SDSU	—	Jadon Janke 17 yd pass from Chris Oladokun (Cole Frahm kick)
2nd	7:02	UND	—	Garrett Maag 16 yd pass from Tommy Schuster (Brady Stevens kick)
2nd	00:17	SDSU	—	Tucker Kraft 23 yd pass from Oladokun (Frahm kick)
3rd	9:30	UND	—	Quincy Vaughn 1 yd run (Stevens kick)
3rd	00:25	SDSU	—	Jaxon Janke 21 yd pass from Oladokun (Frahm kick)
4th	9:34	UND	—	Otis Weah 7 yd run (Stevens kick)
4th	5:23	SDSU	—	Frahm 38 yd field goal

TEAM STATISTICS	UND	SDSU
FIRST DOWNS	21	21
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	36-111	28-129
PASSING YDS (NET)	218	239
Passes Att-Comp-Int	38-22-1	25-19-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	74-329	53-368
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	0-0	2-1
Kickoff Returns-Yards	3-69	3-85
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	1-(-3)
Punts (Number-Avg)	4-38.5	3-40.7
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-0
Penalties-Yards	0-0	4-35
Possession Time	33:01	26:59
Third-Down Conversions	13 of 19	3 of 9
Fourth-Down Conversions	2 of 2	0 of 1
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	3-3	2-3
Sacks By: Number-Yards	1-10	3-16

RUSHING LEADERS: UND - Otis Weah 16-63; Tommy Schuster 10-31. SDSU - Pierre Strong, Jr. 12-72; Isaiah Davis 9-64. **PASSING LEADERS:** UND - Tommy Schuster 22-37-1 218; Quincy Vaughn 0-1-0 0. SDSU - Chris Oladokun 19-25-0 239. **RECEIVING LEADERS:** UND - Bo Belquist 5-62; Brock Boltmann 5-40; Garrett Maag 4-45; Otis Weah 4-15; Jacob Richter 3-51. SDSU - Jaxon Janke 8-103; Jadon Janke 5-50; Tucker Kraft 2-32; Zach Heins 2-29. **INTERCEPTIONS:** UND - none. SDSU - Malik Lofton 1-(-3). **SACKS:** UND - Jaxon Turner 1.0-10. SDSU - Cade Terveer 2.0-14; Caleb Sanders 1.0-2. **TACKLE LEADERS (UA-A-TOT):** UND - Jordan Canady 7-1-8; Hayden Galvin 6-1-7; Devon Krzanowski 4-2-6. SDSU - Adam Bock 5-7-12; Isaiah Stalbird 6-2-8; Chase Norblade 5-2-7; Graham Spalding 1-6-7.

#11/11 SDSU 56, #14/16 UC DAVIS 24

Nov. 27, 2021 • Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium (Att.: 3,681)

South Dakota State rushed for a team playoff-record 446 yards and tied a school record with six interceptions as the Jackrabbits advanced in the FCS playoffs with a convincing 56-24 opening-round victory over UC Davis Nov. 27 at Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium.

In advancing to meet fourth-seeded Sacramento State, the Jackrabbits improved to 9-3 overall. UC Davis had its season end at 8-4 overall.

UC Davis held a pair of early leads, taking the opening kickoff and marching 60 yards on nine plays before settling on a 32-yard field goal by Isaiah Gomez two and a half minutes into the contest.

SDSU answered later in the quarter with a six-play, 70-yard drive capped by a 2-yard touchdown run by Walter Payton Award finalist Pierre Strong, Jr. It was Strong's 16th rushing touchdown of the season.

The Aggies regained the lead after taking advantage of the Jackrabbits' lone turnover of the day. After a muffed punt was recovered by UC Davis at the SDSU 9, the Aggies converted on fourth-and-goal as C.J. Hutton caught a 4-yard touchdown pass from Miles Hastings.

The Jackrabbit running game hit full stride on the ensuing drive in the second quarter, quickly moving 75 yards — all on the ground — on only four plays. Strong carried for 24 and 31 yards on the first two plays of the drive to set up an 18-yard touchdown run by Isaiah Davis.

On the next SDSU possession, Davis recorded attempts of 40 and 23 yards before Strong tossed his fourth touchdown of the season on a 10-yard throwback to quarterback Chris Oladokun down the left sideline.

The SDSU lead grew to 28-10 moments after the first Jackrabbit interception of the afternoon as defensive end Cade Terveer picked off a pass that was initially broken up by Cale Reeder. On the very next play, Oladokun found Jadon Janke for a 33-yard touchdown.

The Jackrabbits' lead could have been even larger had it not been for three missed field goals in the opening half.

UC Davis cut the margin to 28-17 with a touchdown late in the first half as Ulonzo Gilliam plunged in from 2 yards out. Gilliam gained 73 yards on 10 carries and added game highs of eight receptions and 55 receiving yards.

Each of the Aggies' first four drives of the second half ended on interceptions — two of which SDSU returned for touchdowns. Buck Buchanan Award finalist Adam Bock stepped in front of a Hunter Rodrigues pass on the opening drive of the half and returned it 39 yards for a touchdown.

Don Gardner and Dalys Beanum picked off passes on the next two drives before Beanum came up with his third interception of the game midway through the fourth quarter, one he returned 59 yards for the score.

In between, SDSU tacked on two more offensive touchdowns. Zach Heins caught a 3-yard touchdown pass from Oladokun after runs of 41 yards by Davis and a 20-yard scramble by Oladokun on third-and-19. The final Jackrabbit touchdown came on a fumble recovery in the end zone by offensive lineman Gus Miller after Strong was stripped of the ball just shy of the goal line.

Rodrigues scored the lone touchdown of the second half for UC Davis on a 15-yard run with four minutes remaining.

The Jackrabbits' 446 rushing yards surpassed the program's previous playoff record of 434 yards set in 2012 against Eastern Illinois. Davis carried 15 times for a career-high 217 yards, while Strong added a season-high 185 yards on 19 carries.

Oladokun completed 8-of-17 passes for 89 yards and two touchdowns. Jadon Janke led the receiving corps with 41 yards on two catches.



Isaiah Davis ran for a career-high 217 yards on only 15 carries to lead a potent rushing attack by the Jackrabbits in a 56-24 playoff victory over UC Davis.

Overall, SDSU finished with a 532-402 advantage in total offense and averaged 8.9 yards per play.

Reeder led the Jackrabbits with eight tackles, followed by six each by Bock, Logan Backhaus and Isaiah Stalbird. Besides their six interceptions, SDSU also broke up seven passes.

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	FINAL
UC Davis (8-4)	3	14	0	7	24
South Dakota State (9-3)	7	21	14	14	56

SCORING SUMMARY

1st	12:28	UCD	—	Isaiah Gomez 32 yd field goal
1st	4:59	SDSU	—	Pierre Strong, Jr. 2 yd run (Cole Frahm kick)
2nd	12:57	UCD	—	C.J. Hutton 4 yd pass from Miles Hastings (Gomez kick)
2nd	11:19	SDSU	—	Isaiah Davis 18 yd run (Frahm kick)
2nd	7:41	SDSU	—	Chris Oladokun 10 yd pass from Strong (Frahm kick)
2nd	6:09	SDSU	—	Jadon Janke 33 yd pass from Oladokun (Frahm kick)
2nd	00:52	UCD	—	Ulonzo Gilliam 2 yd run (Gomez kick)
3rd	11:44	SDSU	—	Adam Bock 39 yd interception return (Frahm kick)
3rd	3:55	SDSU	—	Zach Heins 3 yd pass from Oladokun (Frahm kick)
4th	9:49	SDSU	—	Gus Miller fumble recovery in end zone (Frahm kick)
4th	8:46	SDSU	—	Dalys Beanum 59 yd interception return (Frahm kick)
4th	4:01	UCD	—	Hunter Rodrigues 15 yd run (Gomez kick)

TEAM STATISTICS	UCD	SDSU
FIRST DOWNS	21	20
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	36-184	42-446
PASSING YDS (NET)	218	99
Passes Att-Comp-Int	46-27-6	18-9-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	82-402	60-545
Punt Returns-Yards	0-0	1-(-3)
Kickoff Returns-Yards	4-71	2-14
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	6-131
Punts (Number-Avg)	3-41.0	2-27.0
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	3-1
Penalties-Yards	4-35	5-50
Possession Time	29:42	30:18
Third-Down Conversions	7 of 18	7 of 12
Fourth-Down Conversions	3 of 4	0 of 0
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	4-5	5-6
Sacks By: Number-Yards	0-0	2-14

RUSHING LEADERS: UCD - Ulonzo Gilliam 10-73; Hunter Rodrigues 12-62; C.J. Hutton 5-20.

SDSU - Isaiah Davis 15-217; Pierre Strong, Jr. 19-185; Amar Johnson 4-26. **PASSING LEADERS:**

UCD - Hunter Rodrigues 19-27-4 146; Miles Hastings 8-18-2 72; SDSU - Chris Oladokun 8-17-0 89;

Pierre Strong, Jr. 1-1-0 10. **RECEIVING LEADERS:** UCD - Ulonzo Gilliam 8-55; C.J. Hutton 4-28;

Carson Crawford 3-20. SDSU - Jadon Janke 2-41; Jaxon Janke 2-18; Tucker Kraft 2-16. **INTER-**

CEPTIONS: UCD - none. SDSU - Dalys Beanum 3-60; Adam Bock 1-39; Don Gardner 1-18; Cade

Terveer 1-14. **SACKS:** UCD - none. SDSU - Tolu Ogunrinde 1.0-9; Josh Manchigiah 1.0-5. **TACKLE**

LEADERS (A-A-TOT): UCD - Chris Venable 5-5-10; Erron Duncan 5-4-9; Teddye Buchanan 4-3-7.

SDSU - Cale Reeder 7-1-8; Logan Backhaus 5-1-6; Adam Bock 3-3-6; Isaiah Stalbird 3-3-6.

2021 STATISTICS

GAME-BY-GAME COMPARISON

OPPONENT	SCORE	TOTAL	----FIRST DOWNS----			--RUSHING--	--PASSING--	YARDS	-TOTAL OFFENSE-	RETURN Yds	TURNOVERS
			RUSH	PASS	PEN	NUMBER-YARDS	COMP-ATT-INT		PLAYS-YARDS		
Colorado State	42-23	22/28	10/7	11/21	1/0	34-240 / 40-124	18-28-0 / 33-49-1	224 / 338	62-464 / 89-462	6 / 8	0 / 2
Lindenwood	52-7	25/10	14/4	10/6	1/0	41-330 / 31-84	16-19-0 / 9-18-1	230 / 112	60-560 / 49-196	18 / 144	0 / 1
Indiana State	44-0	22/16	8/6	13/7	1/3	34-224 / 39-78	16-25-0 / 14-29-1	293 / 148	59-517 / 68-226	13 / 71	0 / 1
Dixie State	55-7	22/17	11/2	7/13	4/2	44-200 / 24-6	12-25-0 / 28-48-4	204 / 247	69-404 / 72-253	91 / 77	0 / 5
Southern Illinois	41-42	23/26	7/11	15/13	1/2	29-182 / 38-183	24-32-2 / 29-47-0	377 / 363	61-559 / 85-546	168 / 39	3 / 2
Western Illinois	41-17	18/17	10/5	7/10	1/2	35-175 / 18-30	17-25-0 / 29-51-0	195 / 207	60-370 / 59-237	64 / 4	1 / 1
Northern Iowa	17-26	18/16	4/7	12/9	2/0	25-60 / 49-103	24-54-0 / 11-21-1	300 / 232	79-360 / 70-335	95 / 34	1 / 1
Youngstown State	47-16	28/13	15/5	12/6	1/2	48-293 / 26-76	16-22-1 / 10-17-1	260 / 147	70-553 / 43-223	17 / 28	2 / 1
North Dakota State	27-19	16/20	5/7	9/10	2/3	40-181 / 36-147	14-23-0 / 15-23-1	168 / 218	63-349 / 59-365	20 / 46	0 / 2
South Dakota	20-23	18/24	6/9	11/12	1/3	33-128 / 38-134	22-30-2 / 19-28-1	220 / 288	63-348 / 66-422	29 / 76	2 / 1
North Dakota	24-21	21/21	7/11	14/10	0/0	28-129 / 36-111	19-25-0 / 22-38-1	239 / 218	53-368 / 74-329	83 / 69	0 / 1
UC Davis	56-24	20/21	15/7	5/14	0/0	42-446 / 36-184	9-18-0 / 27-46-6	99 / 218	60-545 / 82-402	142 / 71	1 / 6
Totals	466-225	253/229	112/81	125/131	15/17	433-2,588 / 411-1,260	207-326-5 / 246-415-18	2,809 / 2,736	759-5,397 / 826-3,996	746 / 667	10 / 24

MISCELLANEOUS GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

THIRD-DOWN CONVERSIONS

OPPONENT	OVERALL	1ST QTR	2ND QTR	3RD QTR	4TH QTR/OT
Colorado State	5-11	1-3	3-3	0-3	1-2
Lindenwood	7-10	1-1	3-4	0-1	3-4
Indiana State	4-11	1-4	1-2	1-2	1-3
Dixie State	5-14	1-6	2-2	0-2	2-4
Southern Illinois	2-10	1-2	0-4	1-2	0-2/0-0
Western Illinois	4-12	0-2	1-5	2-2	1-3
Northern Iowa	5-19	1-2	1-5	0-3	3-9
Youngstown State	10-12	3-3	3-5	2-2	2-2
North Dakota State	7-15	3-4	2-5	1-3	1-3
South Dakota	5-14	1-3	2-4	1-4	1-3
North Dakota	3-9	1-3	2-3	0-1	0-2
UC Davis	7-12	2-4	0-2	3-4	2-2
Totals	64-149	16-37	20-44	11-29	17-39/0-0
	43.0%	43.2%	45.5%	37.9%	43.6%
Opponents	72-179	20-47	18-46	16-44	18-42/0-0
	40.2%	42.6%	39.1%	36.4%	42.9%

TIME OF POSSESSION

OPPONENT	OVERALL	1ST QTR	2ND QTR	3RD QTR	4TH QTR
Colorado State	30:27	7:26	7:04	9:18	6:39
Lindenwood	34:32	8:36	9:22	6:38	9:56
Indiana State	28:43	7:26	8:19	7:03	5:55
Dixie State	32:45	8:26	7:39	7:17	9:23
Southern Illinois	29:49	10:18	8:15	3:21	7:55
Western Illinois	31:36	6:53	7:52	8:00	8:51
Northern Iowa	25:28	6:12	6:29	4:46	8:01
Youngstown State	37:33	10:40	10:57	7:08	8:48
North Dakota State	30:05	8:20	10:59	5:18	5:28
South Dakota	32:03	7:47	5:44	10:10	8:22
North Dakota	26:59	7:31	6:30	8:05	4:53
UC Davis	30:18	7:41	7:59	6:37	8:01
Totals	370:18	97:16	97:09	83:41	92:12
Avg.	30:51	8:06	8:05	6:58	7:41
Opponents	349:42	82:44	82:51	96:19	87:48
Avg.	29:08	6:53	6:54	8:01	7:19

FOURTH-DOWN CONVERSIONS

OPPONENT	OVERALL	1ST QTR	2ND QTR	3RD QTR	4TH QTR/OT
Colorado State	1-1	0-0	0-0	1-1	0-0
Lindenwood	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Indiana State	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Dixie State	1-1	0-0	1-1	0-0	0-0
Southern Illinois	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0/0-0
Western Illinois	1-1	0-0	1-1	0-0	0-0
Northern Iowa	2-6	0-0	0-1	0-0	2-5
Youngstown State	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
North Dakota State	1-3	0-0	1-1	0-1	0-1
South Dakota	2-3	0-0	0-0	1-1	1-2
North Dakota	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0
UC Davis	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Totals	8-16	0-0	3-4	2-4	3-8/0-0
	50.0%	0.0%	75.0%	50.0%	37.5%
Opponents	13-28	0-1	3-6	1-5	9-16/0-0
	46.4%	0.0%	50.0%	20.0%	56.2%

PENALTIES

OPPONENT	SDSU	OPP
Colorado State	6-42	5-50
Lindenwood	3-20	5-50
Indiana State	6-60	4-45
Dixie State	10-110	8-78
Southern Illinois	7-48	5-25
Western Illinois	7-55	8-56
Northern Iowa	4-42	3-38
Youngstown State	9-57	2-30
North Dakota State	5-52	9-75
South Dakota	9-84	8-76
North Dakota	4-35	0-0
UC Davis	5-50	4-35
Totals	75-655	61-558

GAME-BY-GAME STARTERS

OFFENSE

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

DEFENSE

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

VERSUS RANKED OPPONENTS

Since moving to the Football Championship Subdivision at the start of the 2004 season, the Jackrabbits have compiled a 44-51 record versus ranked opponents.

Following is a year-by-year look at games against ranked opponents:

2004 0-3 record

- at #13 Cal Poly (L, 7-14)
- at #24 Montana State (L, 24-27)
- at #1 Georgia Southern (L, 7-63)

2005 0-5 record

- at #3 Montana (L, 0-7)
- #12 Cal Poly (L, 16-24)
- at #16 Texas State (L, 12-42)
- #19 Georgia Southern (L, 42-55)
- at #20 North Dakota State (L, 17-41)

2006 3-3 record

- at #6 Montana (L, 7-36)
- at #12 Northern Iowa (L, 17-27)
- at #16 McNeese State (W, 20-17)
- at #4 Cal Poly (W, 29-28)
- #16 UC Davis (W, 22-21)
- at #4 North Dakota State (L, 28-41)

2007 2-2 record

- at #6 Youngstown State (L, 17-23)
- #5 Northern Iowa (L, 17-31)
- #19 Cal Poly (W, 48-35)
- #1 North Dakota State (W, 29-24)

2008 3-4 record

- #14 Youngstown State (W, 40-7)
- #15 Western Illinois (W, 24-22)
- #8 Northern Iowa (L, 20-34)

- #4 McNeese State (L, 44-46 - 3OT)
- #3 Cal Poly (L, 28-42)
- #9 Southern Illinois (L, 35-38)
- at #24 North Dakota State (W, 25-24)

2009 1-3 record

- at #17 Cal Poly (L, 14-21)
- vs. #6 Northern Iowa (W, 24-14)
- vs. #3 Southern Illinois (L, 15-34)
- ^at #1 Montana (L, 48-61)

2010 2-3 record

- at #16 Delaware (L, 3-26)
- at #15 Northern Iowa (L, 14-24)
- vs. #20 Western Illinois (W, 33-29)
- at #15 Southern Illinois (W, 31-10)
- at #20 North Dakota State (L, 24-31)

2011 0-3 record

- vs. #23 Indiana State (L, 28-38)
- vs. #2 Northern Iowa (L, 14-31)
- vs. #3/5 North Dakota State (L, 14-38)

2012 3-2 record

- at #22/25 Indiana State (W, 24-10)
- vs. #21/22 Youngstown St. (W, 41-28)
- at #1/1 North Dakota State (L, 17-20)
- ^vs. #25 Eastern Illinois (W, 58-10)
- ^at #1/1 North Dakota State (L, 3-28)

2013 3-2 record

- vs. #1/1 North Dakota State (L, 0-20)
- vs. #17/18 Northern Iowa (W, 37-34 - 2 OT)
- at #15/18 Youngstown St. (W, 42-13)
- ^at #8/9 Northern Arizona (W, 26-7)
- ^at #3/3 Eastern Washington (L, 17-41)

2014 3-4 record

- at #22/22 Illinois State (L, 10-45)
- at #20/21 Northern Iowa (W, 31-28)
- vs. #16/17 Youngstown State (L, 27-30)
- at #1/1 North Dakota State (L, 17-37)
- at #17/19 Indiana State (W, 32-17)
- ^at #17/17 Montana State (W, 47-40)
- at #2/3 North Dakota State (L, 24-27)

2015 3-3 record

- vs. #2/3 North Dakota State (L, 7-28)
- vs. #19/21 Indiana State (W, 24-7)
- at #11/12 Youngstown State (W, 38-8)
- vs. #22/25 Northern Iowa (L, 7-10)
- vs. #2/2 Illinois State (W, 25-20)
- ^at #16/17 Montana (L, 17-24)

2016 4-1 record

- vs. #8/8 Western Illinois (W, 52-14)
- at #1/1 North Dakota State (W, 19-17)
- vs. #12/13 Youngstown State (W, 24-10)
- ^vs. #9/10 Villanova (W, 10-7)
- ^at #3/3 North Dakota State (L, 10-36)

2017 6-2 record

- at #5/6 Youngstown State (L, 7-19)
- at #12/14 Western Illinois (W, 52-48)
- vs. #2/2 North Dakota State (W, 33-21)
- vs. #17/20 Illinois State (W, 27-24 - OT)
- at #15/16 South Dakota (W, 31-28)
- ^vs. #20/21 Northern Iowa (W, 37-22)
- ^vs. #20/21 New Hampshire (W, 56-14)
- ^at #1/1 James Madison (L, 16-51)

2018 2-3 record

- at #1/1 North Dakota State (L, 17-21)
- at #25 Northern Iowa (L, 9-24)
- at #9/11 Illinois State (W, 38-28)
- ^at #2/2 Kennesaw State (W, 27-17)
- ^at #1/1 North Dakota State (L, 21-44)

2019 2-3 record

- at #17/19 Youngstown State (W, 38-28)
- vs. #1/1 North Dakota State (L, 16-23)
- vs. #11/12 Illinois State (L, 18-27)
- vs. #4/5 Northern Iowa (W, 38-7)
- ^vs. #6/6 Northern Iowa (L, 10-13)

2020-21 5-2 record

- at #3 Northern Iowa (W, 24-20)
- at #14 North Dakota (L, 17-28)
- at #5/5 Southern Illinois (W, 44-3)
- at #2/3 North Dakota State (W, 27-17)
- ^vs. #14/14 Southern Illinois (W, 31-26)
- ^vs. #5/5 Delaware (W, 33-3)
- ^vs. #4/4 Sam Houston (L, 21-23)

2021 2-3 record

- vs. #7/8 Southern Illinois (L, 41-42 OT)
- vs. #20/24 Northern Iowa (L, 17-26)
- vs. #2/2 North Dakota State (W, 27-19)
- at #17/19 South Dakota (L, 20-23)
- ^vs. #14/16 UC Davis (W, 56-24)

^denotes FCS playoff game

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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
* Oct 09, 2021	SOUTHERN ILL.	Lo	41-42	4-1	1-1	03:30	12216
* Oct 16, 2021	at Western Illinois	W	41-17	5-1	2-1	3:18	2827
* Oct 23, 2021	#20 UNI	L	17-26	5-2	2-2	03:24	16889
* Oct 30, 2021	at Youngstown State	W	47-16	6-2	3-2	02:53	9423
* Nov 06, 2021	NORTH DAKOTA ST.	W	27-19	7-2	4-2	03:04	18122
* Nov 13, 2021	at #17 South Dakota	L	20-23	7-3	4-3	3:13	9068
* Nov 20, 2021	NORTH DAKOTA	W	24-21	8-3	5-3	03:04	8135
Nov 27, 2021	UC DAVIS	W	56-24	9-3	5-3	03:24	3681

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South Dakota State Overall Team Statistics (as of Nov 27, 2021)
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Team Statistics	SDSU	OPP
SCORING	466	225
Points Per Game	38.8	18.8
Points Off Turnovers	108	35
FIRST DOWNS	253	229
Rushing	112	81
Passing	126	131
Penalty	15	17
RUSHING YARDAGE	2588	1260
Yards gained rushing	2802	1593
Yards lost rushing	214	333
Rushing Attempts	433	411
Average Per Rush	6.0	3.1
Average Per Game	215.7	105.0
TDs Rushing	26	12
PASSING YARDAGE	2809	2736
Comp-Att-Int	207-326-5	246-415-18
Average Per Pass	8.6	6.6
Average Per Catch	13.6	11.1
Average Per Game	234.1	228.0
TDs Passing	28	16
TOTAL OFFENSE	5397	3996
Total Plays	759	826
Average Per Play	7.1	4.8
Average Per Game	449.8	333.0
KICK RETURNS: #-Yards	21-383	31-579
PUNT RETURNS: #-Yards	17-62	7-58
INT RETURNS: #-Yards	18-204	5-13
KICK RETURN AVERAGE	18.2	18.7
PUNT RETURN AVERAGE	3.6	8.3
INT RETURN AVERAGE	11.3	3.2
FUMBLES-LOST	14-5	16-6
PENALTIES-Yards	75-655	61-558
Average Per Game	54.6	46.5
PUNTS-Yards	32-1342	59-2312
Average Per Punt	41.9	39.2
Net punt average	39.5	37.8
KICKOFFS-Yards	85-5010	48-2763
Average Per Kick	58.9	57.6
Net kick average	40.4	38.6
TIME OF POSSESSION/Game	30:52	29:08
3RD-DOWN Conversions	64/149	72/179
3rd-Down Pct	43%	40%
4TH-DOWN Conversions	8/16	13/28
4th-Down Pct	50%	46%
SACKS BY-Yards	32-213	12-103
MISC YARDS	0	10
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED	59	28
FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS	17-26	10-14
ON-SIDE KICKS	0-0	0-0
RED-ZONE SCORES	(49-55) 89%	(26-36) 72%
RED-ZONE TOUCHDOWNS	(39-55) 71%	(20-36) 56%
PAT-ATTEMPTS	(57-57) 100%	(25-26) 96%
ATTENDANCE	88678	60297
Games/Avg Per Game	7/12668	5/12059
Neutral Site Games		0/0

Score by Quarters	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Total
South Dakota State	104	167	103	86	6	466
Opponents	30	65	37	86	7	225

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Rushing	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Pierre Strong	12	209	1552	50	1502	7.2	16	85	125.2
Isaiah Davis	4	42	410	4	406	9.7	2	53	101.5
Amar Johnson	12	72	384	21	363	5.0	3	28	30.2
Chris Oladokun	12	55	230	113	117	2.1	2	20	9.8
Rudy Voss	6	12	91	0	91	7.6	1	20	15.2
Angel Johnson	2	12	66	0	66	5.5	0	15	33.0
Josh Buri	2	10	31	0	31	3.1	1	9	15.5
Keaton Heide	12	4	22	7	15	3.8	0	10	1.2
Jaxon Janke	12	1	7	0	7	7.0	0	7	0.6
Tucker Kraft	12	2	6	0	6	3.0	0	4	0.5
Tyler Feldkamp	11	1	3	0	3	3.0	0	3	0.3
Gus Miller	9	0	0	0	0	0.0	1	0	0.0
TM	1	1	0	1	-1	-1.0	0	0	-1.0
TEAM	9	12	0	18	-18	-1.5	0	0	-2.0
Total	12	433	2802	214	2588	6.0	26	85	215.7
Opponents	12	411	1593	333	1260	3.1	12	63	105.0

Passing	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
Chris Oladokun	12	153.40	192-305-5	63.0	2539	22	55	211.6
Keaton Heide	12	240.37	10-14-0	71.4	203	2	55	16.9
Pierre Strong	12	560.20	4-4-0	100.0	62	4	22	5.2
Rudy Voss	6	47.33	1-3-0	33.3	5	0	5	0.8
Total	12	161.15	207-326-5	63.5	2809	28	55	234.1
Opponents	12	118.70	246-415-18	59.3	2736	16	61	228.0

Receiving	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Jaxon Janke	12	55	894	16.3	3	55	74.5
Tucker Kraft	12	53	612	11.5	6	36	51.0
Jadon Janke	12	34	535	15.7	8	52	44.6
Pierre Strong	12	21	144	6.9	0	32	12.0
Zach Heins	12	19	202	10.6	6	25	16.8
Canyon Bauer	11	8	135	16.9	0	36	12.3
Mason Leighton	10	4	69	17.2	1	29	6.9
Tyler Feldkamp	11	4	48	12.0	0	22	4.4
Mike Morgan	9	2	66	33.0	2	55	7.3
Amar Johnson	12	2	38	19.0	0	34	3.2
Chris Oladokun	12	2	32	16.0	2	22	2.7
A.J. Coons	9	1	18	18.0	0	18	2.0
Wyatt Seagren	5	1	11	11.0	0	11	2.2
Caleb Schauf	5	1	5	5.0	0	5	1.0
Total	12	207	2809	13.6	28	55	234.1
Opponents	12	246	2736	11.1	16	61	228.0

Punt Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Tyler Feldkamp	12	26	2.2	0	14
Isaiah Davis	2	1	0.5	0	1
Landon Wolf	1	5	5.0	0	5
Kinser Madison	1	19	19.0	0	0
Cole,Devon	1	2	2.0	0	2
Canyon Bauer	0	9	0.0	1	9
Total	17	62	3.6	1	14
Opponents	7	58	8.3	0	37

Interceptions	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Dalys Beanum	4	96	24.0	2	59
Malik Lofton	3	-2	-0.7	0	1
Graham Spalding	2	8	4.0	0	8
Daeton Mcgaughy	2	0	0.0	0	0
Adam Bock	2	16	8.0	0	16
Gardner,Donald	1	18	18.0	0	18
Chase Norblade	1	15	15.0	0	15
Terveer,Cade	1	14	14.0	0	14
Steven Arrell	1	0	0.0	0	0
DyShawn Gales	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total	18	165	9.2	2	59
Opponents	5	13	2.6	0	8

Kick Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Tyler Feldkamp	12	236	19.7	0	41
Amar Johnson	5	86	17.2	0	29
Jadon Janke	1	28	28.0	0	28
Canyon Bauer	1	0	0.0	0	0
Mike Morgan	1	14	14.0	0	14
Brenner,Kevin	1	19	19.0	0	19
Total	21	383	18.2	0	41
Opponents	31	579	18.7	0	67

Fumble Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Adam Bock	1	39	39.0	1	39
Malik Lofton	1	97	97.0	1	97
Total	2	136	68.0	2	97
Opponents	2	17	8.5	0	11

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Scoring	td	fg	PAT				dxd	saf	pts
			kick	rush	rcv	pass			
Cole Frahm	-	17-26	55-55	-	-	-	-	-	106
Pierre Strong	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	96
Jadon Janke	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48
Zach Heins	6	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	38
Tucker Kraft	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	36
Chris Oladokun	4	-	-	-	-	1-2	-	-	24
Jaxon Janke	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
Amar Johnson	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
Mike Morgan	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Isaiah Davis	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Dalys Beanum	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Adam Bock	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	8
Gus Miller	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Mason Leighton	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Canyon Bauer	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Malik Lofton	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Rudy Voss	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Josh Buri	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Corben Mahaffy	-	-	1-1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Hunter Dustman	-	-	1-1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Total	59	17-26	57-57	-	1	1-2	1	-	466
Opponents	28	10-14	25-26	-	-	0-1	-	1	225

Total Offense	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
Chris Oladokun	12	360	117	2539	2656	221.3
Pierre Strong	12	213	1502	62	1564	130.3
Isaiah Davis	4	42	406	0	406	101.5
Amar Johnson	12	72	363	0	363	30.2
Keaton Heide	12	18	15	203	218	18.2
Rudy Voss	6	15	91	5	96	16.0
Angel Johnson	2	12	66	0	66	33.0
Josh Buri	2	10	31	0	31	15.5
Jaxon Janke	12	1	7	0	7	0.6
Tucker Kraft	12	2	6	0	6	0.5
Tyler Feldkamp	11	1	3	0	3	0.3
TM	1	1	-1	0	-1	-1.0
TEAM	9	12	-18	0	-18	-2.0
Total	12	759	2588	2809	5397	449.8
Opponents	12	826	1260	2736	3996	333.0

Field Goals	fg	pct.	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	lg	blk
Cole Frahm	17-26	65.4	0-0	4-4	7-10	4-7	2-5	54	2

FG Sequence	South Dakota State	Opponents
Colorado St.	39	(35),40
Lindenwood (MO)	(54)	-
Indiana State	50,(45),(32),(27)	-
Dixie St.	(26),(37)	-
Southern Ill.	(40),(22),45,37	-
Western Illinois	(47),(29),49	(43)
UNI	(34),47	(55),(27),(46),(51)
Youngstown State	(52)	(28)
North Dakota St.	(32),(45)	(33)
South Dakota	(37),(37)	40,36,(37)
North Dakota	(38)	-
UC Davis	50,56,38	(32),51

Punting	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+	blk
Hunter Dustman	23	941	40.9	52	1	9	8	4	0
Ben Dinkel	9	401	44.6	63	0	4	3	1	0
Total	32	1342	41.9	63	1	13	11	5	0
Opponents	59	2312	39.2	65	1	17	18	7	1

Kickoffs	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob	retn	net	ydln
Cole Frahm	85	5010	58.9	40	3			
Total	85	5010	58.9	40	3	18.7	40.4	24
Opponents	48	2763	57.6	21	2	18.2	38.6	26

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made.

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<u>All Purpose</u>	<u>g</u>	<u>rush</u>	<u>rcv</u>	<u>pr</u>	<u>kr</u>	<u>ir</u>	<u>total</u>	<u>avg/g</u>
Pierre Strong	12	1502	144	0	0	0	1646	137.2
Jaxon Janke	12	7	894	0	0	0	901	75.1
Tucker Kraft	12	6	612	0	0	0	618	51.5
Jadon Janke	12	0	535	0	28	0	563	46.9
Amar Johnson	12	363	38	0	86	0	487	40.6
Isaiah Davis	4	406	0	1	0	0	407	101.8
Tyler Feldkamp	11	3	48	26	236	0	313	28.5
Zach Heins	12	0	202	0	0	0	202	16.8
Chris Oladokun	12	117	32	0	0	0	149	12.4
Canyon Bauer	11	0	135	9	0	0	144	13.1
Dalys Beanum	12	0	0	0	0	96	96	8.0
Rudy Voss	6	91	0	0	0	0	91	15.2
Mike Morgan	9	0	66	0	14	0	80	8.9
Mason Leighton	10	0	69	0	0	0	69	6.9
Angel Johnson	2	66	0	0	0	0	66	33.0
Josh Buri	2	31	0	0	0	0	31	15.5
Kinser Madison	12	0	0	19	0	0	19	1.6
Brenner, Kevin	11	0	0	0	19	0	19	1.7
A.J. Coons	9	0	18	0	0	0	18	2.0
Gardner, Donald	4	0	0	0	0	18	18	4.5
Adam Bock	12	0	0	0	0	16	16	1.3
Chase Norblade	8	0	0	0	0	15	15	1.9
Keaton Heide	12	15	0	0	0	0	15	1.2
Terveer, Cade	11	0	0	0	0	14	14	1.3
Wyatt Seagren	5	0	11	0	0	0	11	2.2
Graham Spaldin	11	0	0	0	0	8	8	0.7
Caleb Schauf	5	0	5	0	0	0	5	1.0
Landon Wolf	1	0	0	5	0	0	5	5.0
Cole, Devon	2	0	0	2	0	0	2	1.0
TM	1	-1	0	0	0	0	-1	-1.0
Malik Lofton	12	0	0	0	0	-2	-2	-0.2
TEAM	9	-18	0	0	0	0	-18	-2.0
Total	12	2588	2809	62	383	165	6007	500.6
Opponents	12	1260	2736	58	579	13	4646	387.2

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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	12	58	48	106	9.0-29	2.5-15	2-55	5	1	.	2	1	.
2D	Isaiah Stalbird	12	29	28	57	4.5-13	.	.	4	3	.	1	.	.
6D	Michael Griffin	12	34	19	53	.	.	.	3	1	.	.	.	.
25	Cale Reeder	12	29	19	48	0.5-0	.	.	5	.	.	.	.	.
29	Graham Spalding	11	23	20	43	4.5-6	1.0-1	2-8	3	.	.	.	.	.
12	Logan Backhaus	10	23	18	41	4.0-16	1.0-12	.	2	3	.	.	.	.
5D	DyShawn Gales	10	22	15	37	2.0-2	.	1-0	5	2	.	1	.	.
1D	Malik Lofton	12	20	8	28	.	.	3--2	4	.	2-97	.	.	.
99	Sanders,Caleb	12	13	14	27	12.0-43	6.5-36	.	.	6	.	1	.	.
97	Winkelman,Reece	11	16	11	27	11.5-43	4.5-30	.	4	3	1-0	1	.	.
91	Ward,Xavier	11	6	20	26	2.5-9	1.0-6	.	.	3	1-0	.	.	.
3D	Josh Manchigiah	11	11	13	24	2.5-8	1.0-5	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
16	Caleb Francl	11	8	14	22	.	.	.	1	.	1-0	.	.	.
35	Chase Norblade	8	11	9	20	.	.	1-15	1	.	.	.	.	.
30	Payton Shafer	9	12	8	20	4.0-16	1.0-11	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
48	Quinton Hicks	10	6	10	16	2.0-12	1.5-11	.	.	2	.	.	.	.
57	Kinser Madison	12	6	10	16	2.0-3	1.0-2	.	.	.	.	.	1	.
26	Steven Arrell	10	12	3	15	2.0-2	.	1-0	1	.	.	.	.	.
94	Terveer,Cade	11	9	6	15	3.5-19	2.5-17	1-14	2	5	.	.	.	.
7	Dalys Beanum	12	7	8	15	2.5-3	.	4-96	.	.	.	.	.	.
22	Tolu Ogunrinde	10	9	6	15	5.5-38	3.5-35	.	2	1	.	1	.	.
69	K. Krolikowski	12	6	6	12	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
43	Adam Kusler	11	4	8	12	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.
55	Thomas Stacker	12	7	5	12	3.5-19	1.5-13	.	.	2	.	.	.	.
0	Daeton Mcgaughy	9	3	6	9	.	.	2-0	.	.	.	.	.	.
21	Gardner,Donald	4	8	.	8	1.0-2	.	1-18	2	.	.	.	.	.
92	Brenner,Kevin	11	6	2	8	2.0-5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
98	Ryan Van Marel	8	4	3	7	1.0-4	1.0-4	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
21	Don Gardner	3	2	4	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1B	Matt Barnett	11	5	1	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
53	Caden Johnson	12	3	3	6	0.5-1	.	.	.	2	1-0	.	.	.
40	Aaron Kusler	3	3	3	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
2T	Myles Taylor	2	3	1	4	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
52	Jarod DePriest	10	.	3	3	0.5-3	0.5-3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
14	Colby Huerter	3	3	.	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
42	Davion Sterner	7	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
33	Thomas Motzko	8	.	3	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
98	Van Marel,Ryan	3	3	.	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
39	AydanDautermann	2	2	.	2	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
90	Randy Keumogne	9	.	2	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
9C	Jaden Crockett	1	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
87	Zach Heins	12	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
10	Jaxon Janke	12	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
4	Canyon Bauer	11	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
9F	Cole Frahm	12	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
95	Wilson,Zac	3	1	.	1	1.0-7	1.0-7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
45	Bradey Sorenson	12	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
88	Brandon Lane Jr	3	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
5V	Levi Vanden Bos	1	1	.	1	1.0-5	1.0-5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
15	Timothy Croskey	2	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
23	Durrance,Matthe	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
54	Eddie Miller	9	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
23	MatthewDurrance	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1C	Chris Rhodes	2	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Total		12	443	360	803	85-308	32-213	18-204	49	35	6-97	8	2	.
Opponents		12	442	288	730	44-179	12-103	5-13	28	18	5-17	10	2	1

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TEAM STATISTICS

Date	Opponent	Rushing				Receiving				Passing				Kick Returns				Punt Returns				tot off
		no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	cmp-att-int	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	
Sep 03	at Colorado St.	34	240	4	48	18	224	2	46	18-28-0	224	2	46	1	0	0	0	2	6	0	5	464
Sep 11	LINDENWOOD (MO)	41	330	2	68	16	230	5	55	16-19-0	230	5	55	1	18	0	18	1	0	0	0	560
Sep 25	at Indiana State	34	224	1	27	16	293	4	42	16-25-0	293	4	42	0	0	0	0	3	-3	0	0	517
Oct 02	DIXIE ST.	44	200	3	30	12	204	3	55	12-25-0	204	3	55	1	28	0	28	2	26	0	14	404
Oct 09	SOUTHERN ILL.	29	182	2	85	24	377	2	52	24-32-2	377	2	52	4	71	0	21	1	0	0	0	559
Oct 16	at Western Illinois	35	175	2	47	17	195	2	36	17-25-0	195	2	36	2	36	0	22	2	28	1	9	370
Oct 23	UNI	25	60	1	9	24	300	1	36	24-54-0	300	1	36	5	87	0	22	0	0	0	0	360
Oct 30	at Youngstown State	48	293	5	35	16	260	1	30	16-22-1	260	1	30	1	15	0	15	2	2	0	2	553
Nov 06	NORTH DAKOTA ST.	40	181	2	75	14	168	1	38	14-23-0	168	1	38	0	0	0	0	1	5	0	5	349
Nov 13	at South Dakota	33	128	1	16	22	220	1	49	22-30-2	220	1	49	1	29	0	29	0	0	0	0	348
Nov 20	NORTH DAKOTA	28	129	0	25	19	239	3	24	19-25-0	239	3	24	3	85	0	41	2	1	0	1	368
Nov 27	UC DAVIS	42	446	3	53	9	99	3	33	9-18-0	99	3	33	2	14	0	15	1	-3	0	0	545
South Dakota State		433	2588	26	85	207	2809	28	55	207-326-5	2809	28	55	21	383	0	41	17	62	1	14	5397
		411	1260	12	63	246	2736	16	61	246-415-18	2736	16	61	31	579	0	67	7	58	0	37	3996

Games: 12 • Avg/rush: 6.0 • Avg/catch: 13.6 • Pass effic: 161.15 • KR avg: 18.2 • PR avg: 3.6 • All purpose avg/game: 503.8 • Total offense avg/gm: 449.8

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
Oct 09	SOUTHERN ILL.	46	30	76	5.0-19	2.0-13		4	2-97	0-0	3	6	0	3-3	0	1	0	15	41
Oct 16	at Western Illinois	36	16	52	8.0-36	4.0-28		1	1-0	0-0	8	6	1	5-5	0	0	0	0	41
Oct 23	UNI	40	38	78	6.0-28	3.0-25		0	0-0	1-8	2	3	0	2-2	0	0	0	0	17
Oct 30	at Youngstown State	27	12	39	10.0-27	2.0-16		0	0-0	1-0	2	0	1	6-6	0	0	0	7	47
Nov 06	NORTH DAKOTA ST.	29	32	61	6.0-12	1.0-2		1	1-0	1-15	3	1	0	3-3	0	0	0	7	27
Nov 13	at South Dakota	43	24	67	5.0-22	2.0-17		0	0-0	1-0	2	2	0	2-2	0	0	0	3	20
Nov 20	NORTH DAKOTA	36	32	68	7.0-23	3.0-16		0	0-0	1-3	2	5	0	3-3	0	0	0	0	24
Nov 27	UC DAVIS	45	22	67	5.0-17	2.0-14		0	0-0	6-131	2	7	0	8-8	0	0	0	35	56
South Dakota State		443	360	803	85.0-308	32.0-213		8	6-97	18-204	35	49	2	57-57	0	1	0	108	466
		442	288	730	44.0-179	12.0-103		10	5-17	5-13	18	28	2	25-26	0	0	1	35	225

Date	Opponent	Punting										Field Goals			Kickoffs				
		no.	yds	avg	long	blkd	tb	fc	50+	i20		md-att	long	blkd	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob
Sep 03	at Colorado St.	4	168	42.0	49	0	0	2	0	1		0-1	0	0	7	455	65.0	7	0
Sep 11	LINDENWOOD (MO)	2	88	44.0	46	0	0	0	0	0		1-1	54	0	9	491	54.6	3	1
Sep 25	at Indiana State	2	72	36.0	40	0	0	1	0	1		3-4	45	1	9	566	62.9	5	0
Oct 02	DIXIE ST.	6	294	49.0	52	0	1	2	2	3		2-2	37	0	10	508	50.8	1	0
Oct 09	SOUTHERN ILL.	1	50	50.0	50	0	0	0	1	0		2-4	40	1	7	432	61.7	4	0
Oct 16	at Western Illinois	3	117	39.0	51	0	0	1	1	1		2-3	47	0	7	418	59.7	5	0
Oct 23	UNI	5	225	45.0	63	0	0	2	1	1		1-2	34	0	4	226	56.5	2	0
Oct 30	at Youngstown State	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0		1-1	52	0	7	420	60.0	4	1
Nov 06	NORTH DAKOTA ST.	2	68	34.0	41	0	0	1	0	1		2-2	45	0	6	368	61.3	3	0
Nov 13	at South Dakota	2	84	42.0	42	0	0	1	0	1		2-2	37	0	5	324	64.8	2	0
Nov 20	NORTH DAKOTA	3	122	40.7	46	0	0	2	0	2		1-1	38	0	5	292	58.4	1	0
Nov 27	UC DAVIS	2	54	27.0	29	0	0	1	0	0		0-3	0	0	9	510	56.7	3	1
South Dakota State		32	1342	41.9	63	0	1	13	5	11		17-26	54	2	85	5010	58.9	40	3
		59	2312	39.2	65	1	1	17	7	18		10-14	55	0	48	2763	57.6	21	2

The Automated ScoreBook

South Dakota State Opponent Game-by-Game (as of Nov 27, 2021)

All games

OPPONENT STATISTICS

Date	Opponent	Rushing				Receiving				Passing				Kick Returns				Punt Returns				tot off
		no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	cmp-att-int	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	
Sep 03	at Colorado St.	40	124	2	19	33	338	1	36	33-49-1	338	1	36	0	0	0	0	2	8	0	9	462
Sep 11	LINDENWOOD (MO)	31	84	0	11	9	112	1	37	9-18-1	112	1	37	4	107	0	67	1	37	0	37	196
Sep 25	at Indiana State	39	78	0	19	14	148	0	27	14-29-1	148	0	27	4	71	0	23	0	0	0	0	226
Oct 02	DIXIE ST.	24	6	0	11	28	247	1	23	28-48-4	247	1	23	6	80	0	22	2	-3	0	0	253
Oct 09	SOUTHERN ILL.	38	183	2	63	29	363	4	61	29-47-0	363	4	61	2	33	0	18	0	0	0	0	546
Oct 16	at Western Illinois	18	30	2	15	29	207	0	27	29-51-0	207	0	27	1	4	0	0	1	0	0	0	237
Oct 23	UNI	49	103	1	13	11	232	1	40	11-21-1	232	1	40	1	7	0	7	1	16	0	16	335
Oct 30	at Youngstown State	26	76	0	28	10	147	2	35	10-17-1	147	2	35	1	28	0	28	0	0	0	0	223
Nov 06	NORTH DAKOTA ST.	36	147	0	19	15	218	2	40	15-23-1	218	2	40	2	46	0	29	0	0	0	0	365
Nov 13	at South Dakota	38	134	1	14	19	288	2	57	19-28-1	288	2	57	3	63	0	23	0	0	0	0	422
Nov 20	NORTH DAKOTA	36	111	2	10	22	218	1	25	22-38-1	218	1	25	3	69	0	27	0	0	0	0	329
Nov 27	UC DAVIS	36	184	2	27	27	218	1	34	27-46-6	218	1	34	4	71	0	30	0	0	0	0	402
Opponents		411	1260	12	63	246	2736	16	61	246-415-18	2736	16	61	31	579	0	67	7	58	0	37	3996
		433	2588	26	85	207	2809	28	55	207-326-5	2809	28	55	21	383	0	41	17	62	1	14	5397

Games: 12 • Avg/rush: 3.1 • Avg/catch: 11.1 • Pass effic: 118.70 • KR avg: 18.7 • PR avg: 8.3 • All purpose avg/game: 387.2 • Total offense avg/gm: 333.0

		Tackles				Sacks	Fumble		Pass Defense			blkd	PAT Attempts			off		
Date	Opponent	ua	a	total	tfl-yds	no-yds	ff	fr-yds	int-yds	qbh	brup	kick	kick	rush	rcv	saf	t/o	pts
Sep 03	at Colorado St.	31	28	59	4.0-11	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	6	1	0	2-2	0	0	0	0	23
Sep 11	LINDENWOOD (MO)	41	18	59	1.0-3	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1-1	0	0	0	0	7
Sep 25	at Indiana State	29	32	61	2.0-6	0.0-0	1	0-0	0-0	4	2	1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Oct 02	DIXIE ST.	42	22	64	5.0-28	2.0-19	0	0-0	0-0	0	4	0	1-1	0	0	0	0	7
Oct 09	SOUTHERN ILL.	45	8	53	5.0-10	0.0-0	1	1-6	2-0	1	0	1	6-6	0	0	0	7	42
Oct 16	at Western Illinois	36	24	60	7.0-30	3.0-19	1	1-0	0-0	1	3	0	2-2	0	0	0	7	17
Oct 23	UNI	36	22	58	5.0-35	3.0-33	1	1-11	0-0	1	10	0	2-2	0	0	0	7	26
Oct 30	at Youngstown State	40	32	72	4.0-19	2.0-14	1	1-0	1-0	0	2	0	1-2	0	0	0	0	16
Nov 06	NORTH DAKOTA ST.	35	30	65	7.0-23	1.0-8	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	2-2	0	0	1	0	19
Nov 13	at South Dakota	35	32	67	0.0-0	0.0-0	3	0-0	2-13	2	4	0	2-2	0	0	0	7	23
Nov 20	NORTH DAKOTA	39	12	51	2.0-11	1.0-10	1	0-0	0-0	2	0	0	3-3	0	0	0	0	21
Nov 27	UC DAVIS	33	28	61	2.0-3	0.0-0	1	1-0	0-0	1	2	0	3-3	0	0	0	7	24
Opponents		442	288	730	44.0-179	12.0-103	10	5-17	5-13	18	28	2	25-26	0	0	1	35	225
		443	360	803	85.0-308	32.0-213	8	6-97	18-204	35	49	2	57-57	0	1	0	108	466

		Punting										Field Goals			Kickoffs				
Date	Opponent	no.	yds	avg	long	blkd	tb	fc	50+	i20	md-att	long	blkd	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob	
Sep 03	at Colorado St.	4	220	55.0	65	0	0	0	3	2	1-2	35	0	5	260	52.0	4	0	
Sep 11	LINDENWOOD (MO)	7	246	35.1	41	0	0	2	0	1	0-0	0	0	2	130	65.0	1	0	
Sep 25	at Indiana State	7	265	37.9	46	0	0	2	0	2	0-0	0	0	1	57	57.0	0	1	
Oct 02	DIXIE ST.	8	300	37.5	50	0	0	3	1	1	0-0	0	0	2	98	49.0	0	0	
Oct 09	SOUTHERN ILL.	5	246	49.2	65	0	0	0	1	3	0-0	0	0	6	362	60.3	2	0	
Oct 16	at Western Illinois	7	156	22.3	34	1	0	0	0	1	1-1	43	0	4	235	58.8	2	0	
Oct 23	UNI	5	216	43.2	53	0	0	2	1	3	4-4	55	0	7	404	57.7	1	1	
Oct 30	at Youngstown State	5	226	45.2	57	0	1	1	1	1	1-1	28	0	4	255	63.8	3	0	
Nov 06	NORTH DAKOTA ST.	3	111	37.0	37	0	0	2	0	1	1-1	33	0	4	206	51.5	3	0	
Nov 13	at South Dakota	1	49	49.0	49	0	0	1	0	0	1-3	37	0	4	231	57.8	2	0	
Nov 20	NORTH DAKOTA	4	154	38.5	43	0	0	2	0	2	0-0	0	0	4	243	60.8	1	0	
Nov 27	UC DAVIS	3	123	41.0	48	0	0	2	0	1	1-2	32	0	5	282	56.4	2	0	
Opponents		59	2312	39.2	65	1	1	17	7	18	10-14	55	0	48	2763	57.6	21	2	
		32	1342	41.9	63	0	1	13	5	11	17-26	54	2	85	5010	58.9	40	3	

PLAYOFF HISTORY

South Dakota State has made 11 postseason appearances in its football history, with 10 of those berths coming as a member of the Football Championship Subdivision. The Jackrabbits have compiled a 12-11 record in the playoffs and have made 10 consecutive appearances in the FCS playoffs.

Following is a recap of each postseason contest from 1979 through the spring of 2021:

• **Nov. 24, 1979 — Youngstown State 50, SDSU 7:** South Dakota State's lone appearance in the NCAA Division II playoffs resulted in a 50-7 defeat to second-ranked Youngstown State on a rain-soaked field in Ohio.

The Jackrabbits turned the ball over seven times in the game, with Youngstown State cashing in three times after first-half turnovers to build a 22-0 halftime lead.

SDSU pulled to within 22-7 midway through the third quarter on a 9-yard touchdown pass from Gary Maffett to Brian Bunkers, but the Penguins reeled off the final 28 points to complete the victory.

Lionel Macklin caught seven passes for 89 yards, while Maffett finished the game 17-for-35 passing for 204 yards.

Youngstown State rushed for 319 yards in the contest, and was led by Robbie Robson's 166 yards on 31 carries.

• **Nov. 28, 2009 — Montana 61, SDSU 48:** Top-seeded Montana scored the final 40 points of the game, including five touchdowns in the fourth quarter, to post a wild 61-48 victory and spoil South Dakota State's first appearance in an NCAA Division I Football Championship Subdivision playoff game, at Washington-Grizzly Stadium in Missoula, Montana.

SDSU built a 17-0 lead early in the second quarter and led 34-14 at halftime after Colin Cochart's third touchdown reception of the game and a 1-yard run by Kyle Minett late in the half.

The Jackrabbit lead grew to 41-14 as Corey Jeske fell on a blocked punt in the end zone for an SDSU touchdown early in the third quarter.

Montana's comeback began late in the third quarter on Marc Mariani's 98-yard kickoff return. Mariani later added touchdown receptions of 15 and 4 yards, the last of which gave the Grizzlies their first lead of the game with 1:08 to play.

A 32-yard interception return for touchdown by Severin Campbell sealed the win for Montana, which would go on to reach the FCS title game.

• **Nov. 24, 2012 — SDSU 58, Eastern Illinois 10:** Zach Zenner rushed for a school-record 295 yards and three touchdowns, pacing SDSU to its first-ever playoff victory with a 58-10 victory over Eastern Illinois at Coughlin-Alumni Stadium.

Zenner opened the scoring with a 68-yard TD run and added scoring runs of 4 and 7 yards as part of a 24-point second quarter as SDSU built a 34-3 halftime lead.

Backup running back Reggie Gandy added 151 yards and two touchdowns as SDSU finished with 434 rushing yards and 580 yards of total offense.



Zach Zenner rushed for a school-record 295 yards and scored three touchdowns as the Jackrabbits downed Eastern Illinois, 58-10, in their first-ever home playoff game, in 2012 at Coughlin-Alumni Stadium.

Eastern Illinois quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo completed 25-of-41 passes for 221 yards with an interception.

• **Dec. 1, 2012 — North Dakota State 28, SDSU 3:** Top-seeded North Dakota State scored three second-quarter touchdowns and the Bison defense held South Dakota State out of the end zone in a 28-3 victory in Football Championship Subdivision second-round playoff action at the Fargodome.

SDSU put the first points on the board with a six-play, 66-yard drive capped by a 26-yard field goal by Justin Syrovatka two ticks under the three-minute mark of the opening quarter. A 49-yard pass play down the middle of the field from Austin Sumner to Brandon Hubert set up what would be the only score for the Jackrabbits.

Bison quarterback Brock Jensen ran for one touchdown and threw a pair of touchdown passes to Garrett Bruhn.

• **Nov. 30, 2013 — SDSU 26, Northern Arizona 7:** South Dakota State scored 26 consecutive points and recorded seven sacks as the Jackrabbits advanced in the Football Championship Subdivision playoffs with a 26-7 victory in Flagstaff, Arizona.

Tied at 7-all at halftime, the Jackrabbits took the lead midway through the third quarter on a safety as linebacker T.J. Lally drove running back Zach Bauman out of the end zone for a 9-7 SDSU lead.

On the free kick following the safety, Je Ryan Butler broke off a 38-yard return to the NAU 39. Two plays later, Zach Zenner broke around the right end for a 34-yard touchdown run. Zenner added an 87-yard TD run later in the game as he finished the night with 249 yards on 30 carries.

• **Dec. 7, 2013 — Eastern Washington 41, SDSU 17:** Eastern Washington quarterback Vernon Adams threw for five touchdowns, including two in a pivotal

third quarter, to lead Eastern Washington to a 41-17 victory in frigid Cheney, Washington.

The Jackrabbits took the opening kickoff and drew first blood with an eight-play, 75-yard scoring drive, which was capped by a 14-yard touchdown pass from Austin Sumner to running back Reggie Gandy.

Adams hooked up twice with freshman sensation Cooper Kupp on scoring plays of 40 and 15 yards, the second of which gave the Eagles a 27-14 lead.

Sumner completed 26-of-40 passes for 315 yards, while Trevor Tiefenthaler set career highs with 11 receptions for 139 yards.

• **Nov. 29, 2014 — SDSU 47, Montana State 40:** Zach Zenner accounted for 324 all-purpose yards and scored a career-high five touchdowns to lead South Dakota State to a 47-40 victory at a snowy Bobcat Stadium in Bozeman, Montana, in the opening round of the FCS playoffs.

Zenner tallied the first of four long scores on the second play from scrimmage and a mere 30 seconds into the game with a 45-yard touchdown run. He added scoring runs of 7, 60 and 69 yards and caught another TD that also covered 69 yards.

The two squads combined for 1,018 yards of total offense — 526 by SDSU and 492 for Montana State.

Special teams loomed large as SDSU kicker Justin Syrovatka hit field goals of 21 and 30 yards in the adverse conditions.

Montana State, meanwhile, had a bobbled snap on its first point-after attempt and had another extra-point try blocked.

• **Dec. 6, 2014 — North Dakota State 27, SDSU 24:** South Dakota State took the lead late in the fourth quarter, but North Dakota State had the final answer in the closing seconds to pull out a 27-24 victory in second-round playoff action in Fargo, North Dakota.

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The final Bison tally came on a 12-yard touchdown pass from Carson Wentz to R.J. Urzendowski with 54 seconds to play.

SDSU had taken a 24-20 lead with 3:18 to play on a 3-yard touchdown pass from Austin Sumner to Jake Wieneke. That capped a nine-play, 65-yard drive in which the Jackrabbits converted on fourth-and-3 from the Bison 32 on a 4-yard run by Zach Zenner.

The Jackrabbits fell behind 14-0 before first grabbing the lead with 17 consecutive points, including two short touchdown runs by Zenner.

• Nov. 28, 2015 — Montana 24, SDSU 17:

Montana built a 24-0 halftime lead and held off a valiant SDSU comeback attempt in the second half.

The Jackrabbit defense held Montana without a first down on its first five possessions of the second half, allowing the offense to play catchup. A 34-yard field goal by Jay Carlson put SDSU on the board and a 1-yard touchdown run by Taryn Christion later in the third quarter trimmed the deficit to 24-10.

SDSU pulled to within one score with 4:44 remaining on a 30-yard touchdown pass from Christion to Dallas Goedert on a fourth-down play.

Montana was able to run out the clock, mixing a short-passing game with a strong rushing attack.

• Dec. 3, 2016 — SDSU 10, Villanova 7:

Chase Vinatieri kicked the game-winning 40-yard field goal with 1:21 remaining in the game to lift eighth-seeded SDSU to a hard-fought 10-7 victory over Villanova in the second round of the FCS playoffs. The game marked the first postseason contest at Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium.

Vinatieri's heroics were set up by a 33-yard catch and run by Dallas Goedert on a pass from Taryn Christion that moved the ball to the Villanova 26. Christion and Goedert had hooked up on a 4-yard touchdown earlier in the game for the lone Jackrabbit touchdown of the game.

Christian Rozeboom led a strong Jackrabbit defensive effort with 13 tackles.

• Dec. 10, 2016 — North Dakota State 36, SDSU 10:

North Dakota State's ball-control offense scored the final 36 points of the game, ending South Dakota State's season with a 36-10 victory in the Football Championship Subdivision quarterfinals at the Fargodome.

The Jackrabbits reached into their bag of tricks to score the first touchdown of the game on a 5-yard run by Brady Mengarelli on the opening drive of the game.

Chase Vinatieri's 34-yard field goal later in the first quarter pushed the SDSU advantage to 10-0.

NDSD countered with a 49-yard touchdown run by Lance Dunn later in the first quarter and took its first lead at 14-10 late in the second quarter on a 3-yard run by quarterback Easton Stick.

The Bison continued the momentum in the third quarter with a safety and two Cam Pedersen field goals. Stick put the game further out of reach with a 14-yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter.

• Dec. 2, 2017 — SDSU 37, Northern Iowa 22:

On a record-setting day by South Dakota State quarterback Taryn Christion, the Jackrabbits scored on all five of their offensive possessions in the first half and went on to avenge a regular season loss to Northern Iowa with a 37-22 triumph in second-round action of the Football Championship Playoffs at Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium.

After kicking a field goal on the opening possession of the game, the fifth-seeded Jackrabbits made the score 10-0 on a 2-yard touchdown pass from Christion to Cade Johnson later in the first quarter. The touchdown pass was the 66th of his career, breaking the school record previously set by Austin Sumner.

Chase Vinatieri kicked a career-best 55-yard field goal early in the second quarter, and the Jackrabbits led 26-7 at halftime after Christion ran 2 yards for a score and threw a 28-yard touchdown pass to tight end Dallas Goedert later in the stanza.

Vinatieri added a 44-yard field goal in the fourth quarter to cap the scoring for SDSU.

• Dec. 9, 2017 — SDSU 56, New Hampshire 14:

Wide receiver Jake Wieneke caught two touchdown passes and ran for another for a South Dakota State team that cruised into the Football Championship Subdivision semifinals for the first time in program history with a 56-14 victory over New Hampshire at Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium.

For the second week in a row, the SDSU offense clicked early and often. The Jackrabbits took the opening kickoff and drove 70 yards on only six plays. Junior quarterback Taryn Christion hit Dallas Goedert for 19 yards on the first play before back-to-back 15-yard completions to Wieneke. Christion later scored on a 13-yard run.

Wieneke's first touchdown of the day came on the next Jackrabbit possession as he took the ball on an end around, got a key block downfield from Tyler Weir as he turned the corner and scored from 48 yards out.

SDSU made it 3-for-3 on first-quarter drives with a 12-play, 85-yard scoring march. All but 24 yards — a one-handed catch by Wieneke — came on the ground as Isaac Wallace scampered into the end zone from 13 yards out in the final minute of the opening stanza for a 21-0 Jackrabbit lead.

Wieneke added touchdown receptions of 32 and 10 yards in the second and third quarters, respectively.

Cade Johnson answered New Hampshire's first touchdown of the game with a 99-yard return for touchdown on the ensuing kickoff in the third quarter.

SDSU held a 265-96 advantage in rushing yards.

• Dec. 16, 2017 — James Madison 51, SDSU 16:

A ball-hawking James Madison defense forced 10 South Dakota State turnovers — five in each half — and the Dukes slammed the door shut on a Jackrabbit comeback with two long touchdown runs early in the third quarter en route to a 51-16 victory in the Football Championship Subdivision semifinals in Harrisonburg, Virginia.

Each of the Jackrabbits' five first-quarter drives



Cade Johnson returned a kickoff 99 yards for a touchdown in the third quarter of South Dakota State's 56-14 FCS semifinal victory over New Hampshire on Dec. 9, 2017, at Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium. SDSU is 8-1 in home playoff games, including a 7-1 mark at DJDS.

ended on turnovers, yet SDSU trailed only 7-0 after the first stanza.

The Dukes later cashed in on a short field after forcing a second fumble in as many possessions deep in SDSU territory as Bryan Schor hit receiver Riley Stapleton on third-and-goal from two yards out.

SDSU tied the game on its first possession of the second quarter, capping an eight-play, 74-yard drive on a 9-yard touchdown pass from Taryn Christion to Jake Wieneke.

The Jackrabbits pulled to within 14-10 on a 37-yard field goal by Chase Vinatieri with 56 seconds remaining in the first half, but JMU stole back the momentum with a 38-yard kickoff return by Marcus Marshall and a 30-yard pass from Schor to Stapleton that moved the ball deep into SDSU territory. Schor later scored from a yard out with nine seconds left in the quarter to push the JMU lead to 21-10 heading into halftime.

Any hopes of an SDSU comeback were dashed when Marshall rushed for touchdowns of 65 and 87 yards in the first five minutes of the third quarter to put JMU up 35-10.

• Dec. 1, 2018 — SDSU 51, Duquesne 6: Fifth-seeded South Dakota State turned to a potent rushing attack to open its 2018 playoff run with a convincing 51-6 victory over Duquesne at snowy Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium.

On the opening drive of the game, SDSU went to the air, converting on fourth-and-1 from midfield on a pass from Taryn Christion to Cade Johnson. The pair hooked up three plays later on a 43-yard touchdown to cap a nine-play, 75-yard drive.

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Early in the second quarter, wide receiver Isaiah Hill took a handoff from Johnson on a reverse and weaved his way around right end for a 23-yard touchdown run.

SDSU pushed the lead to 24-0 going into intermission with 10 points in the final 92 seconds of the second quarter. Pierre Strong, Jr. continued his late-season surge with a 52-yard touchdown run. One play after the Jackrabbit defense stuffed Duquesne on fourth-and-1.

After the SDSU defense forced a quick three-and-out, Chase Vinatieri capped the first-half scoring with a 39-yard field goal.

The Jackrabbits put the game away in the third quarter, reeling off 20 points in the span of a little over three minutes. Hill scored for the second time on a reverse, this time going around left end for a 15-yard score. Two plays after a Lorenzo Williams interception and 22-yard return, Mikey Daniel got into the scoring act by hurdling a defender en route to a 27-yard highlight-reel touchdown run.

The final SDSU tally of the scoring blitz came on a 43-yard interception return for touchdown by Zy Mosley.

As a team, the Jackrabbits racked up 326 yards on the ground, averaging 8.1 yards per carry. Strong ended the afternoon with 92 yards on 12 carries.

• Dec. 8, 2018 — SDSU 27, Kennesaw State 17:

The Jackrabbits earned their second consecutive trip to the FCS semifinals by grinding out a 27-17 win at fourth-seeded Kennesaw State.

SDSU never trailed in the contest, building a 17-3 cushion with two second-quarter touchdowns after the teams traded field goals in the opening stanza. Adam Anderson gave the Jackrabbits the lead for good on a 5-yard touchdown reception from Taryn Christion, with Pierre Strong, Jr. adding a 9-yard touchdown run in the closing minutes of the quarter.

Kennesaw State rallied behind backup quarterback Daniel David, cutting the Jackrabbit advantage to 20-17 with a pair of fourth-quarter scores. David's 1-yard touchdown run with 6:42 to play in the game capped a nine-play, 91-yard drive.

The Jackrabbits responded with the game-clinching drive on their next possession. First, Christian Rozeboom scrambled and hit Cade Johnson for 33 yards on a third-and-12 play before Christion scored from 15 yards out on another third-down play later in the drive.

Christian Rozeboom posted a game-high 14 tackles, including three tackles for loss, for SDSU.

• **Dec. 14, 2018 — North Dakota State 44, SDSU 21:** North Dakota State quarterback Easton Stick ran for three touchdowns to lead the Bison back to the FCS national championship game with a 44-21 semifinal victory at the Fargodome.

NDSDU grabbed 14-7 lead late in the first half on a 34-yard run by Stick, then scored on its first five possessions of the second half to pull away for the victory.

After Stick scored on a 5-yard run midway through the first quarter, the Jackrabbits' Pierre Strong, Jr.



South Dakota State ran for 326 yards at a snowy Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium in a 51-6 victory over Duquesne on Dec. 1, 2018. Mikey Daniel (pictured), rushed 10 times for a team-best 100 yards and scored touchdowns on runs of 27 and 4 yards.

answered with a 30-yard touchdown in the closing seconds of the opening stanza.

The two squads combined for 35 points in the third quarter. Bruce Anderson scored all three Bison touchdowns, running to paydirt from 1 and 41 yards and adding a 14-yard touchdown reception.

Blake Kunz (8 yards) and Cade Johnson (52 yards) caught touchdown passes from Taryn Christion for SDSU's third-quarter scores.

Stick capped the scoring with a 28-yard touchdown run as he ended the day with 147 yards on 16 carries. The Bison accumulated 439 yards on the ground en route to 608 yards of total offense.

Strong posted 135 yards on 20 carries to lead the Jackrabbits' offensive attack.

• Dec. 7, 2019 — Northern Iowa 13, SDSU 10:

Northern Iowa scored the final 13 points of the game, including the game-winning 18-yard field goal by Matthew Cook with 2 minutes and 10 seconds remaining, as the Panthers knocked off seventh-seeded South Dakota State, 13-10, in second-round action of the Football Championship Subdivision playoffs at Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium.

The Jackrabbits dominated the first quarter, scoring all 10 of their points. Walter Payton Award finalist Cade Johnson put the Jackrabbits at midfield by returning the opening kickoff 43 yards. Freshman quarterback Keaton Heide completed all three of his passes on the five-play opening drive, culminating with a 22-yard touchdown pass to Adam Anderson.

After the SDSU forced a three-and-out on the Panthers' first drive of the game, followed by a short punt, the Jackrabbits upped their lead to 10-0 on a 22-yard field goal by Chase Vinatieri.

SDSU turned the ball over on each of its first three

possessions of the second quarter, but UNI could only capitalize once as the Panthers turned the final miscue into three points as Cook connected on a 23-yard field goal with 2:13 to play in the first half.

UNI tied the game with a 10-play, 75-yard drive to open the second half. Running back Trevor Allen scored on a 2-yard run, two plays after a 33-yard catch and run by Aaron Graham on a pass to the right flat by Will McElvain.

Yards and first downs remained elusive for both offensive units until UNI put together the game-winning 12-play drive that started midway through the fourth quarter. Starting at their own 19, McElvain jump-started the Panthers with a 31-yard scramble and run to midfield on the opening play. Allen extended the drive with a 2-yard run for a first down on fourth-and-2 from the SDSU 42 before McElvain hit Suni Lane along the right sideline for a 31 yards to the set up first and goal at the Jackrabbit 5.

The SDSU defense held UNI out of the end zone, but Cook converted his second field-goal attempt of the game.

UNI held a 238-220 advantage in total offense. For SDSU, Heide completed 14-of-27 passes for 167 yards. Johnson caught five passes for 35 yards, with Anderson tallying four receptions for a season-high 84 yards in his final collegiate game. Mikey Daniel paced the ground game with 43 yards on nine carries.

Christian Rozeboom and Seven Wilson shared game-high honors in tackles with 10 apiece. Senior defensive end Ryan Eairth collected eight tackles, including a career-best two-and-a-half sacks.

• April 24, 2021 — SDSU 31, Holy Cross 3:

The top-seeded Jackrabbits' march to the FCS national title game began with a convincing 31-3 victory over Holy Cross in opening-round action at Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium.

Quarterback Mark Gronowski threw a season-high three touchdown passes to the Janke brothers, connecting with Jaxon Janke on an 11-yard TD late in the first quarter, followed by scoring strikes of 13 and 45 yards to Jadon Janke in the second and third quarters, respectively.

Gronowski completed 12-of-21 passes for 153 yards.

SDSU put the game away on the ground, with freshman running back Isaiah Davis capping the scoring with a 60-yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter. Davis finished the game with 156 yards on only 10 carries.

As a team, SDSU finished with a 439-198 edge in total offense, including a 281-112 rushing advantage. The Jackrabbit defense recorded eight tackles for loss, including a pair of sacks by linebacker Logan Backhaus.

Adam Bock paced SDSU defensively with nine tackles.

The Crusaders' lone points came on a 46-yard field goal by Derek Ng in the final minute of the first half.

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• May 2, 2021 — SDSU 31, Southern Illinois 26:

The Jackrabbits kept their postseason run alive by overcoming a 13-point first-half deficit to rally past Southern Illinois in FCS quarterfinal action at Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium.

SDSU turned the tide with a goal-line stand early in the fourth quarter that was followed by a 67-yard touchdown run by quarterback Mark Gronowski that gave the Jackrabbits a 24-20 lead. Moments later, the Jackrabbits recovered an SIU fumble and cashed in as Isaiah Davis scored on a 4-yard touchdown run to push the advantage to 31-20.

After the Jackrabbits opened the scoring on a 23-yard touchdown pass from Gronowski to Jadon Janke on the first drive of the game, SIU reeled off the next 20 points. SDSU drew back to within 20-10 on a 34-yard field goal by Cole Frahm on the final play of the first half.

The Frahm field goal, which was set up by a 50-yard kickoff return by Davis and a 31-yard catch and run by Pierre Strong, Jr., in the closing seconds of the half, ignited a streak of 24 consecutive points by the Jackrabbits. Janke opened the second-half scoring with a 26-yard TD reception.

SIU ran 31 more offensive plays than the Jacks, 80-49, and held a 11-plus minute advantage in time of possession, although total yardage was nearly equal with the Salukis holding a 443-414 edge. SDSU did not turn the ball over while SIU committed three costly turnovers, including throwing the game-sealing interception, which was picked off by Michael Griffin II at the SDSU 9-yard line with 13 seconds remaining.

• **May 8, 2021 — SDSU 33, Delaware 3:** For the second time in the 2021 postseason, South Dakota State held an opponent out of the end zone in drubbing Delaware, 33-3, at Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium.

With the win, the Jackrabbits earned a trip to Frisco, Texas, to play for a Football Championship Subdivision national title for the first time in program history.

Delaware actually opened the scoring with a 29-yard field goal late in the first quarter, but it was all Jackrabbits from there.

A 30-yard touchdown pass from Mark Gronowski to Jaxon Janke on the ensuing drive gave SDSU a lead it would not relinquish. The SDSU defense was in the Delaware backfield all afternoon, tying a team playoff record with seven sacks and a total of 12 tackles for loss.

Junior defensive end Reece Winkelman led the charge with 3.5 tackles for loss, including 2.5 sacks. SDSU held CAA Offensive Player of the Year Dejour Lee to nine rushing yards on 11 carries and limited the Blue Hens to 216 yards of total offense for the game.



Jackrabbit head coach John Stiegelmeier is doused as SDSU players celebrated their 33-3 win over Delaware in a Football Championship Subdivision national semifinal game at Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium on May 8, 2021. With that victory, SDSU reached a national championship game in football for the first time and also marked the first national championship game appearance for the Jackrabbits in any sport at the Division I level.

The Jackrabbits put the game out of reach with a 20-point second quarter that included a 24-yard touchdown on a halfback pass from Pierre Strong, Jr. to Gronowski. Strong would later score on a 3-yard run and Gronowski capped the outburst with a 14-yard touchdown pass to Blake Kunz that upped the SDSU lead to 27-3 seconds before halftime.

• **May 16, 2021 — Sam Houston 23, SDSU 21:** South Dakota State's quest for a national title came up one play and 16 seconds short as Sam Houston put together a game-winning drive in the closing minutes to defeat the Jackrabbits, 23-21, at a rain-soaked Toyota Stadium in Frisco, Texas.

The Jackrabbits overcame both an injury to starting quarterback Mark Gronowski on the first offensive series and the weather to battle back from a 17-7 deficit to regain the lead in the fourth quarter. The Jackrabbits rode the legs of freshman running back Isaiah Davis, who scored on a 28-yard run two minutes into the final stanza, then gave SDSU its first lead since 7-0 with an 85-yard burst with 5 minutes and 41 seconds remaining.

Sam Houston followed with the game-winning drive, a methodical 16-play, 65-yard march. The Bearkats converted twice on short-yardage fourth-down plays – the second of which was a 5-yard pass to Jequez Ezzard on fourth-and-3 that set up Sam Houston with first and goal at the Jackrabbit 10. After

two incompletions, quarterback Eric Schmid found Ife Adeyi in the middle of the end zone for the game-winning 10-yard touchdown with 16 seconds left on the clock.

Early on, the weather was the story. The game began in heavy rain, which hindered both squads' offensive and special teams efforts. The Jackrabbits recovered a botched snap on Sam Houston's first offensive possession at the Bearkats' 41 and SDSU quickly turned that miscue into seven points as Davis scored from a yard out after a 20-yard run for the first of his three touchdowns on the day.

Davis rushed for a career-high 178 yards on 14 carries.

Sam Houston began to gain control in the second quarter, tying the game when Ezzard caught a pass from Schmid along the left sideline and weaved his way through the Jackrabbit defense in the middle of the field for a 35-yard touchdown.

The game was delayed for nearly 75 minutes due to lightning in the area, and when play resumed the Bearkat duo of Schmid and Ezzard hooked up again for a 15-yard touchdown. Ezzard hauled in 10 catches on the day for 108 yards, while Adeyi tallied five catches for 73 yards.

Seth Morgan provided the only points of the third quarter for either team with a 45-yard field goal for Sam Houston.

PLAYOFF RECORDS

INDIVIDUAL

RUSHING ATTEMPTS: 35, by Kyle Minett, at Montana, 11-28-2009
RUSHING YARDS: ^295, by Zach Zenner, vs. Eastern Illinois, 11-24-2012
RUSHING AVERAGE (MIN. 10 ATT.): 15.6 yards per carry (10-156), by Isaiah Davis, vs. Holy Cross, 4-24-2021
RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS: 4, by Zach Zenner, at Montana State, 11-29-2014
LONG RUSH: 87 yards (for TD), by Zach Zenner, at Northern Arizona, 11-30-2013
PASS ATTEMPTS: 43, by Taryn Christion, at Montana, 11-28-2015, and at James Madison, 12-16-2017
PASS COMPLETIONS: 26, by Austin Sumner, at Eastern Washington, 12-7-2013
YARDS PASSING: 315, by Austin Sumner, at Eastern Washington, 12-7-2013
TOUCHDOWN PASSES: 3, by Thomas O'Brien, at Montana, 11-28-2009; by Taryn Christion, vs. Northern Iowa, 12-2-2017, and by Mark Gronowski, vs. Holy Cross, 4-24-2021
RECEPTIONS: 11, by Trevor Tiefenthaler, at Eastern Washington, 12-7-2013
YARDS RECEIVING: 140, by Jake Wieneke, vs. New Hampshire, 12-9-2017
RECEIVING AVERAGE (MIN. 4 REC.): 21.3 yards, by Jake Wieneke, at Montana, 11-28-2015
RECEIVING TOUCHDOWNS: 3, by Colin Cochart, at Montana, 11-28-2009
LONG RECEPTION: 69 yards (for TD), by Zach Zenner, at Montana State, 11-29-2014
ALL-PURPOSE YARDS: 324 (252 rushing, 72 receiving), by Zach Zenner, at Montana State, 11-29-2014
TOTAL OFFENSE: 331 yards (315 passing, 16 receiving), by Austin Sumner, at Eastern Washington, 12-7-2013
FIELD GOALS MADE: 3, by Justin Syrovatka, vs. Eastern Illinois, 11-24-2012, and by Chase Vinatieri, vs. Northern Iowa, 12-2-2017
FIELD GOALS ATTEMPTED: 3, by Justin Syrovatka, vs. Eastern Illinois, 11-24-2012; by Chase Vinatieri, vs. Northern Iowa, 12-2-2017, and by Cole Frahm, vs. UC Davis, 11-27-2021
LONG FIELD GOAL: 55 yards, by Chase Vinatieri, vs. Northern Iowa, 12-2-2017
PUNTS: 9, by Brady Hale, at Montana, 11-28-2015
PUNTING AVERAGE (MIN. 2 ATT.): 47.7 yards (3 punts), by Ben Dinkel, vs. Delaware, 5-8-2021
LONG PUNT: 61 yards, by Brady Hale, vs. Villanova, 12-3-2016, and by Ben Dinkel, vs. Delaware, 5-8-2021
PUNT RETURNS: 5, by Je Ryan Butler, at Northern Arizona, 11-30-2013
PUNT RETURN YARDS: 90, by Je Ryan Butler, at Northern Arizona, 11-30-2013
LONG PUNT RETURN: 80 yards, by Je Ryan Butler, at North Dakota State, 12-6-2014
KICKOFF RETURNS: 5, by Tyrel Kool, at Montana, 11-28-2009
KICKOFF RETURN YARDS: 115 (2 returns), by Cade Johnson, vs. New Hampshire, 12-9-2017
LONG KICKOFF RETURN: 99 yards (for TD), by Cade Johnson, vs. New Hampshire, 12-9-2017
TACKLES: 18, by Ross Shafrath, at North Dakota State, 12-1-2012
TACKLES FOR LOSS: 4.0, by Chase Douglas, at Northern Arizona, 11-30-2013
SACKS: 2.5, by Ryan Earith, vs. Northern Iowa, 12-7-2019, and by Reece Winkelman, vs. Delaware, 5-8-2021
INTERCEPTIONS: 3, by Dalys Beanum, vs. UC Davis, 11-27-2021
LONG INTERCEPTION RETURN: 65 yards, by Christian Rozeboom, at James Madison, 12-16-2017
PASS BREAKUPS: 3, by Don Gardner, vs. Sam Houston, 5-16-2021
LONG FUMBLE RETURN: 45 yards, by Winston Wright, vs. Eastern Illinois, 11-24-2012

^ tied school record



Tight end Colin Cochart caught three touchdown passes in the Jackrabbits' first-ever Football Championship Subdivision playoff game, Nov. 28, 2009, at Montana.

TEAM

POINTS SCORED: 58, vs. Eastern Illinois, 11-24-2012
MOST POINTS-QUARTER: 24 (2nd Quarter), vs. Eastern Illinois, 11-24-2012
FIRST DOWNS: 29, vs. Eastern Illinois, 11-24-2012
RUSHING ATTEMPTS: 53, vs. Eastern Illinois, 11-24-2012
RUSHING YARDS: 446, vs. UC Davis, 11-27-2021
AVERAGE PER RUSH: 10.6 yards per carry, vs. UC Davis, 11-27-2021
RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS: 6, vs. Eastern Illinois, 11-24-2012
PASS ATTEMPTS: 48, at James Madison, 12-16-2017
PASS COMPLETIONS: 26, at Eastern Washington, 12-7-2013
YARDS PASSING: 315, at Eastern Washington, 12-7-2013
YARDS PER ATTEMPT: 11.4, vs. Southern Illinois, 5-2-2021
YARDS PER COMPLETION: 20.3, vs. Southern Illinois, 5-2-2021
TOUCHDOWN PASSES: 3, four times (last: vs. UC Davis, 11-27-2021)
TOTAL OFFENSE: 580 yards (434 rushing, 146 passing), vs. Eastern Illinois, 11-24-2012
TOTAL PLAYS: 84, at Montana, 11-28-2015
AVERAGE GAIN PER PLAY: 9.1 yards, vs. UC Davis, 11-27-2021
SACKS: 7, at Northern Arizona, 11-30-2013, and vs. Delaware, 5-8-2021
INTERCEPTIONS FORCED: ^6, vs. UC Davis, 11-27-2021
PENALTIES: 10, at Montana, 11-28-2009
PENALTY YARDS: 75, at Montana, 11-28-2009
FUMBLES: 4, at James Madison, 12-16-2017
FUMBLES LOST: 4, at James Madison, 12-16-2017
TIME OF POSSESSION-GAME: 37:03, vs. Eastern Illinois, 11-24-2012
TIME OF POSSESSION-QUARTER: 11:04 (1st Quarter), vs. Duquesne, 12-1-2018