



SOUTH DAKOTA STATE

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2020-21 FOOTBALL INFORMATION

Football returns at UNI

JACKRABBIT GAME NOTES — FEB. 19

#5 SOUTH DAKOTA STATE (0-0)
at #3 NORTHERN IOWA (0-0)
 7 p.m. Friday
 UNI-Dome; Cedar Falls, Iowa



SERIES NOTES

- 57th Meeting (Northern Iowa leads 32-22-2)
- UNI won the last meeting, 13-10, on Dec. 7, 2019, in the FCS playoffs

MEDIA INFORMATION

- Game will be televised on ESPN+, with coverage in South Dakota on Sioux Falls-based MyUTV and Rapid City-based CW of the Black Hills
- Pre-game radio show begins at 6 p.m. Central Time on the Jackrabbit Sports Network, which includes originating 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/KELO 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

Note: Some affiliates may opt to carry Jackrabbit basketball games at North Dakota State on Friday instead of football.

HEAD COACH: Mark Farley (Northern Iowa, 1987)
 • 159-83 record in 19 seasons as a collegiate head coach — all at Northern Iowa
STARTERS RETURNING: 15 (7 Off., 7 Def., 1 ST)

HEAD COACH: John Stiegelmeier (SDSU, 1979)
 • 166-105 record in 23 seasons — all at South Dakota State
STARTERS RETURNING: 15 (4 Off., 8 Def., 1 ST)

- Audio streaming (free) available through Jackrabbits All-Access media portal at GoJacks.com
- Radio team of Tyler Merriam (play-by-play), Alex Parker(color) and Scotty Kwas (sidelines) will call the action

2020-21 SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY		
19	*at Northern Iowa	7 p.m.
27	*at North Dakota	noon
MARCH		
6	*WESTERN ILLINOIS	2 p.m.
13	*YOUNGSTOWN STATE	2 p.m.
20	*at Southern Illinois	noon
27	*ILLINOIS STATE	2 p.m.
APRIL		
3	*at North Dakota State	2:30 p.m.
10	*SOUTH DAKOTA	2 p.m.
24	FCS Playoffs Begin [if qualified] TBA	

* Missouri Valley Football Conference game
 All times Central

TALE OF THE TAPE — 2019 STATISTICS

NORTHERN IOWA	CATEGORY	SOUTH DAKOTA STATE
21.0	Points Per Game	29.7
17.7	Points Allowed Per Game	16.7
110.9	Rushing Yardage Per Game	198.2
110.3	Rush Yardage Allowed/Game	128.9
185.2	Passing Yardage Per Game	195.7
13.7	Average Per Catch	13.8
187.4	Pass Yardage Allowed/Game	165.8
296.1	Total Offense Per Game	393.8
297.7	Total Offense Allowed/Game	294.8
15.4	Kick Return Average	20.3
5.0	Punt Return Average	11.3
19-230	Interception Returns	18-164
19-11	Fumbles-Lost	25-17
75-675	Penalties-Yards	76-669
28:50	Time of Possession/Game	29:58
66/205 (32%)	Third-Down Conversions	64/152 (42%)

GAME NOTES — SOUTH DAKOTA STATE AT NORTHERN IOWA

2019 RESULTS

AUGUST

29 at Minnesota L, 21-28

SEPTEMBER

7 LONG ISLAND [Dairy Drive] W, 38-3

14 DRAKE W, 38-10

21 SOUTHERN UTAH [Beef Bowl] W, 43-7

OCTOBER

5 *SOUTHERN ILLINOIS [Hobo Day] W, 28-10

12 *at Youngstown State W, 38-28

19 *at Indiana State W, 42-23

26 *NORTH DAKOTA STATE L, 16-23

NOVEMBER

2 *at Missouri State W, 35-14

9 *ILLINOIS STATE [Hall of Fame] L, 18-27

16 *NORTHERN IOWA [Precision Ag Bowl] W, 38-7

23 *at South Dakota L, 21-24

DECEMBER

7 ^NORTHERN IOWA L, 10-13

*Denotes Missouri Valley Football Conference game

^ FCS playoff game

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Feb. 17, 2021

BROOKINGS, S.D. — South Dakota State and Northern Iowa will at long last kick off their respective college football seasons Friday night with a top-five clash among perennial Missouri Valley Football Conference contenders inside the UNI-Dome in Cedar Falls, Iowa.

Kickoff is set for 7 p.m. The game will air on ESPN+ (subscription required), with statewide television coverage on Sioux Falls-based MyUTV and Rapid City-based CW of the Black Hills. Radio coverage begins at 6 p.m. on the Jackrabbit Sports Network.

SDSU, which posted an 8-5 overall record during the 2019 season, was ranked fifth in the preseason STATS Perform FCS media poll. The Jackrabbits, 5-3 in the Missouri Valley Football Conference in 2019, also hold preseason rankings of second in the HERO Sports poll and fifth in the initial Athlon rankings. The first AFCA coaches' poll of the season will be announced following this weekend's games.

Northern Iowa, ranked third in the STATS Perform preseason poll, is coming off a 2019 season in which the Panthers compiled a 10-5 overall mark in advancing to the FCS quarterfinals, including a 6-2 record in league play.

THE SERIES: Friday's game will feature a matchup between two familiar foes. For SDSU, this week's matchup will mark the third time in four games overall that the Jackrabbits will have faced UNI, dating back to the 2019 season.

SDSU defeated UNI, 38-7, in a Nov. 16, 2019, regular season matchup at Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium. The Panthers won the rematch three weeks later in the second round of the Football Championship Subdivision playoffs on Dec. 7, 2019, posting a 13-10 victory on the Jackrabbits' home field.

Overall, Friday's game will mark the 57th meeting on the gridiron between SDSU and UNI. The two squads met regularly from the time the series started in 1935 until UNI (formerly Iowa Teachers College) left the North Central Conference in the late 1970s to join the Division I ranks.

UNI holds a 32-22-2 advantage in the series, including a 10-6 advantage since SDSU joined the Football Championship Subdivision in 2004. Two of the meetings have been in the FCS playoffs, with the Jackrabbits posting a 37-22 second-round home victory in 2017.

FOR OPENERS: Now in his 24th year as head coach, John Stiegelmeier has led SDSU to a 14-9 record in season openers. The Jackrabbits won each of their first seven season openers under Coach Stig, starting with a 17-7 victory at UC Davis in 1997.

Of SDSU's nine losses in season openers under Coach Stig, five have come against Football Bowl Subdivision opponents, including a 28-21 setback at Minnesota in the 2019 opener.

RARE FRIDAY NIGHT: South Dakota State will take to the field for a rare Friday night college football game. The last time the Jackrabbits suited up on a Friday night was in the 2018 Football Championship Subdivision semifinals, when SDSU dropped a 44-21 decision at North Dakota State.

One would have to go back more than 65 years, to Nov. 5, 1954, for the last time SDSU played a regular season game on a Friday night. In that instance, the Jackrabbits dropped a 39-34 decision to Morningside at State Field.

South Dakota State played one other Friday night game during the 1954 season, blanking Mankato Teachers College, 66-0, on Oct. 1.

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

North Dakota State holds the longest active streak with 10 consecutive trips to the playoffs.

SEASON OPENERS DURING THE JOHN STIEGELMEIER ERA

1997: SDSU 17, UC Davis 7

1998: SDSU 56, Wisconsin-Stout 13

1999: SDSU 35, Grand Valley State (Mich.) 20

2000: SDSU 36, Grand Valley State (Mich.) 27

2001: SDSU 34, Ferris State (Mich.) 24

2002: SDSU 28, Chadron State (Neb.) 15

2003: SDSU 20, Northwest Missouri State 0

2004: UC Davis 52, SDSU 0

2005: SDSU 42, Wisconsin-La Crosse 13

2006: Wisconsin-La Crosse 17, SDSU 3

2007: Western Illinois 29, SDSU 26 (4 OT)

2008: Iowa State 44, SDSU 17

2009: SDSU 44, Georgia Southern 6

2010: Delaware 26, SDSU 3

2011: SDSU 29, Southern Utah 28

2012: Kansas 31, SDSU 17

2013: SDSU 55, Butler (Ind.) 14

2014: Missouri 38, SDSU 18

2015: SDSU 41, Kansas 38

2016: TCU 59, SDSU 41

2017: SDSU 51, Duquesne 13

2018: SDSU 45, Montana State 14

2019: Minnesota 28, South Dakota State 21

Note: 2018 original season opener at Iowa State was canceled due to inclement weather

GAME NOTES — SOUTH DAKOTA STATE AT NORTHERN IOWA

2019 GAME HIGHS

TEAM GAME HIGHS

RUSHING ATTEMPTS: 43, vs. North Dakota State, 10-26-2019
RUSHING YARDS: 369, vs. Drake, 9-14-2019
YARDS PER RUSH: 9.0, vs. Drake, 9-14-2019
RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS: 3, six times (last: at Missouri State, 11-2-2019)
PASS ATTEMPTS: 37, at South Dakota, 11-23-2019
PASS COMPLETIONS: 28, at South Dakota, 11-23-2019
YARDS PASSING: 307, at South Dakota, 11-23-2019
YARDS PER PASS: 13.8, vs. Long Island, 9-7-2019
PASSING TOUCHDOWNS: 3, vs. Southern Illinois, 10-5-2019, and vs. Indiana State, 10-19-2019
TOTAL PLAYS: 66, at Youngstown State, 10-12-2019
TOTAL OFFENSE: 534 yards, vs. Drake, 9-14-2019
YARDS PER PLAY: 8.9, vs. Drake, 9-14-2019
POINTS: 43, vs. Southern Utah, 9-21-2019
FIRST DOWNS: 23, at Minnesota, 8-29-2019, and at Indiana State, 10-19-2019
SACKS BY: 8, at Indiana State, 10-19-2019
PENALTIES: 9, at Youngstown State, 10-12-2019, and at Missouri State, 11-2-2019
PENALTY YARDS: 105, at Youngstown State, 10-12-2019
TURNOVERS BY: 4, vs. Illinois State, 11-9-2019, and at South Dakota, 11-23-2019
TURNOVERS FORCED: 4, at Indiana State, 10-19-2019, and vs. Northern Iowa, 11-16-2019
INTERCEPTIONS: 3, vs. Northern Iowa, 11-16-2019
FUMBLES RECOVERED: 3, at Indiana State, 10-19-2019

SDSU'S 2019 RECORD WHEN...

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

RANKINGS STREAK: With its appearance in the STATS Perform FCS Preseason Poll, SDSU has now appeared in the top 25 of 106 consecutive media polls dating back to October 2012.

100 FCS WINS: South Dakota State recorded its 100th win as a Football Championship Subdivision program with a 62-30 victory at Missouri State on Oct. 21, 2017. Since moving to the FCS ranks at the start of the 2004 season, the Jackrabbits have posted a 124-72 overall record (.633 winning percentage).

SDSU has turned in a winning record in 14 of 16 full seasons and has compiled a 66-30 mark (.688 winning percentage) in Missouri Valley Football Conference games.

The Jackrabbits have not finished below .500 in league play in any of its 12 seasons as an MVFC member, making it the only current member (outside of newcomer North Dakota) since 2008 to be able to make that claim.

CAPTAINS: Leading the Jackrabbit football team on the field and in the locker room are five captains:

- Logan Backhaus, Sr., linebacker, Spirit Lake, Iowa;
- Wes Genant, Sr., offensive lineman, Parkston, South Dakota.;
- Michael Griffin II, Sr., safety, Cottage Grove, Minnesota;
- Pierre Strong, Jr.; Jr.; running back, Little Rock, Arkansas; and
- Preston Tetzlaff, Sr., linebacker, Brookings, South Dakota.

Backhaus is in his second season as a team captain. All four other captains are in their first seasons in the role.

VALLEY PREVIEW: South Dakota State was picked to finish third in the Missouri Valley Football Conference preseason poll, which was announced earlier this month.

The Jackrabbits, who finished the 2019 season with an 8-5 overall record and 5-3 mark in the MVFC, tallied 91 points in the balloting among league coaches, sports information directors and a media panel. The Jackrabbits extended their streak of Football Championship Subdivision playoff appearances to eight seasons in 2019.

Defending conference and FCS national champion North Dakota State again led the preseason poll with 101 points, followed by Northern Iowa with 92 points. Rounding out the top five were Illinois State (80) and Southern Illinois (68).

In the bottom half of the poll, South Dakota was sixth with 52 points, followed by league newcomer North Dakota with 39 points. Youngstown State held the eighth spot with 36 points, with Missouri State and Western Illinois tying for ninth with 23 points. Indiana State has opted out of the spring season.

MVFC squads will play an eight-game league schedule, with games beginning the weekend of Feb. 19-21. Ten of the league's 11 teams will play a spring season after Indiana State opted out in January.

In addition, nine Jackrabbits were honored on the MVFC Preseason Team revealed Wednesday. Three of SDSU's four first-team selections came on the defensive side of the ball, with defensive end Reece Winkelman, linebacker Logan Backhaus and cornerback Don Gardner honored.

Winkelman, a junior from Marshall, Minnesota, tied for the team lead with 6.5 sacks in 2019. He totaled 36 tackles, including nine tackles for loss, and forced a fumble in his first season as a starter.

A senior from Spirit Lake, Iowa, Backhaus is the team's top returning tackler after registering 79 tackles in 2019 to rank third on the squad. An honorable mention all-MVFC selection in 2019, he shared the team lead with four interceptions and three forced fumbles.

Gardner put together an all-conference season in 2019, earning second-team honors after registering 45 tackles, six tackles for loss and a team-high six pass breakups. The senior from Chicago also scored two defensive touchdowns — one on his lone interception of the 2019 season and the other on a fumble recovery.

2019 GAME HIGHS

INDIVIDUAL GAME HIGHS

RUSHING ATTEMPTS: 21, by Mikey Daniel, vs. Northern Iowa, 11-16-2019
RUSHING YARDS: 229, by Pierre Strong, Jr., vs. Southern Illinois, 10-5-2019
RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS: 2, by J'Bore Gibbs, at Youngstown State, 10-12-2019, and by Pierre Strong, Jr. at Indiana State, 10-19-2019
LONG RUSH: 76 yards, by Cade Johnson, vs. Drake, 9-14-2019
PASS ATTEMPTS: 35, by Keaton Heide, at South Dakota, 11-23-2019
PASS COMPLETIONS: 26, by Keaton Heide, at South Dakota, 11-23-2019
YARDS PASSING: 308, by Keaton Heide, at South Dakota, 11-23-2019
TOUCHDOWN PASSES: 3, by J'Bore Gibbs, vs. Southern Illinois, 10-5-2019, and at Indiana State, 10-19-2019
RECEPTIONS: 11, by Cade Johnson, vs. Illinois State, 11-9-2019
YARDS RECEIVING: 164, by Cade Johnson, at Missouri State, 11-2-2019
RECEIVING TOUCHDOWNS: 2, by Cade Johnson, vs. Drake, 9-14-2019, and by Jaxon Janke, vs. Southern Illinois, 10-5-2019
LONG RECEPTION: 89 yards (for TD), by Cade Johnson (from Pierre Strong, Jr.), at Missouri State, 11-2-2019
FIELD GOALS: 3, by Chase Vinatieri, vs. North Dakota State, 10-26-2019
LONG FIELD GOAL: 44 yards, by Chase Vinatieri, vs. Northern Iowa, 11-16-2019
PUNTS: 5, three times by Ben Dinkel (last: at Missouri State, 11-2-2019)
PUNTING AVERAGE: 55.0 yards (3 punts), by Ben Dinkel, vs. Illinois State, 11-9-2019
LONG PUNT: 75 yards, by Ben Dinkel, vs. Southern Utah, 9-21-2019
LONG PUNT RETURN: 77 yards (for TD), by Jaxon Janke, vs. Long Island, 9-7-2019
LONG KICKOFF RETURN: 47 yards, by Pierre Strong, Jr., at Minnesota, 8-29-2019
TACKLES: 14, by Christian Rozeboom, vs. Illinois State, 11-9-2019, and at South Dakota, 11-23-2019
TACKLES FOR LOSS: 3.0, by Ryan Earith, at Youngstown State, 10-12-2019
SACKS: 2.5, by Ryan Earith, vs. Northern Iowa, 12-7-2019
INTERCEPTIONS: 1, 17 times by 10 different players (four times by Logan Backhaus)
PASS BREAKUPS: 2, by four different players (twice by Diamond Evans, vs. Southern Illinois, 10-5-2019, and vs. North Dakota State, 10-26-2019)
FUMBLES FORCED: 1, by four different players (three times by Christian Rozeboom)
BLOCKED KICKS: 1, by five different players

The lone first-team offensive selection for the Jackrabbits was running back Pierre Strong, Jr. A junior from Little Rock, Arkansas, Strong has posted consecutive 1,000-yard seasons, rushing for 1,116 yards as a freshman in 2018 and 1,018 yards in 11 games as a sophomore. He also rushed for eight touchdowns in 2019 en route to All-America recognition from the Associated Press and HERO Sports.

Receiving honorable mention recognition on offense were sophomore quarterback J'Bore Gibbs and senior offensive lineman Wes Genant. Gibbs started the first six games in 2019 before suffering a season-ending injury. He completed 59 percent of his passes (73-of-124) for 1,058 yards and 10 touchdowns, while adding four scores on the ground.

Genant, a Parkston native, has played all along the offensive line during his Jackrabbit career. He returns to a starting role at center during the 2020-21 season after redshirting in 2019.

Honorable mention selections on defense for the Jackrabbits included seniors Xavier Ward and Michael Griffin II.

A defensive tackle from Freeman, Ward will likely see his streak of starting 26 games in a row for the Jackrabbits come to an end as he is likely to miss the early portion of the season due to injury. He contributed 21 total tackles in 2019, including seven tackles for loss with four sacks.

Griffin earned a spot on the MVFC All-Newcomer Team in 2019. A safety from Cottage Grove, Minnesota, he shared the team lead with four interceptions, while also tallying 40 tackles and a pair of fumble recoveries.

Also earning preseason recognition was sophomore Jaxon Janke as a return specialist. The Madison native averaged 10.7 yards per punt return — with one touchdown — in 2019 and added 29 receptions for 353 yards and four touchdowns as a wide receiver in being named to the MVFC All-Newcomer Team.

STRONG EARNS PRESEASON PRAISE: South Dakota State running back Pierre Strong, Jr., has been named to the preseason All-America team selected by HERO Sports.

A junior from Little Rock, Arkansas, Strong received first-team accolades after topping the 1,000-yard mark in each of his first two seasons. He rushed for 1,116 yards as a freshman in 2018 and gained 1,018 yards with eight touchdowns in 11 games as a sophomore. Over two seasons, Strong is averaging 8.2 yards per carry, and needed only 100 carries to reach the 1,000-yard mark during the 2018 season.

Strong enters the 2020-21 season needing only 160 rushing yards to break into the Jackrabbit career top 10.

In 2019, he became only the seventh player in SDSU history to top the 1,000-yard mark in consecutive seasons. He will attempt to become the third to post three straight 1,000-yard campaigns.

Following is the complete list of Jackrabbits with consecutive 1,000-yard seasons:

- Pete Retzlaff, 1951 (1,016 yards) and 1952 (1,008)
- Darwin Gonnerman, 1967 (1,023) and 1968 (1,023)
- Les Tuma, 1972 (1,061) and 1973 (1,052)
- Josh Ranek, 1998 (1,881) and 1999 (2,055)
- Kyle Minett, 2008 (1,289), 2009 (1,304) and 2010 (1,208)
- Zach Zenner, 2012 (2,044), 2013 (2,015) and 2014 (2,019)
- Pierre Strong, Jr., 2018 (1,116), 2019 (1,018)

GIBBS BACK UNDER CENTER: As of midweek, South Dakota State had not settled on a starting quarterback, but sophomore signal-caller J'Bore Gibbs is on track to return to the lineup.

A Chicago native, Gibbs started six games during the 2019 season, including the opener at Minnesota, before suffering a season-ending knee injury in late October versus North Dakota State.

Keaton Heide started the final five games at quarterback in 2019 as a true freshman.

JACKRABBITS IN THE
2019 NCAA STATISTICS

TEAM (top 25)

- 1st in punt return defense, .57 yards/attempt
- 4th in fewest passing yards allowed, 165.8/game
- 5th in team passing efficiency defense, 110.17
- 6th in interceptions, 18
- 6th in scoring defense, 16.7 points/game
- 7th in total defense, 294.8 yards/game
- 8th in kickoff return defense, 15.70 yards/attempt
- 9th in blocked kicks, 5
- 11th in blocked punts, 2
- 11th in net punting, 39.48 yards/attempt
- 11th in defensive touchdowns, 3
- 12th in team passing efficiency, 154.42
- 13th in turnovers gained, 25
- 15th in red-zone defense, .722
- 16th in team sacks, 2.85/game
- 21st in third-down conversion pct.–defense, .337
- 22nd in fewest passes had intercepted, 7
- 22nd in completion percentage, .629
- 23rd in rushing offense, 198.2 yards/game
- 24th in rushing defense, 128.9 yards/game
- 25th in passing yards per completion, 13.75
- 25th in punt returns, 11.31 yards/attempt

INDIVIDUAL (top 40)

***BEN DINKEL**

- 31st in punting, 41.6 yards/attempt

***MICHAEL GRIFFIN II**

- 35th in interceptions/game, 0.3
- T-39th in fumbles recovered, 2

***JAXON JANKE**

- T-2nd in punt return touchdowns, 1
- 14th in punt returns, 10.7 yards/attempt

CADE JOHNSON

- 7th in receiving yards, 1,222
- 17th in receiving yards per game, 94.0
- 29th in all-purpose yardage, 120.46 yards/game
- 35th in receptions per game, 5.5

CHRISTIAN ROZEBOOM

- T-39th in fumbles recovered, 2

***PIERRE STRONG, JR.**

- 5th in rushing yards per carry, 7.12
- 22nd in rushing yards per game, 92.5
- 29th in rushing yards, 1,018

** Denotes returning player*

Rankings based on all games among 125 FCS teams

Must have played in half of team's games to qualify for rankings

LIMITED RETURNS: South Dakota State all but eliminated the punt return game during the 2019 season. Opponents netted a total of four yards on seven punt returns (in 48 punts) last season.

That allowed the Jackrabbits to lead all FCS programs for punt return defense with an average of .57 yards per return for the entire season.

The longest punt return allowed by SDSU in 2019 was eight yards in the Aug. 29 season opener at Minnesota. The Jackrabbits also ranked 11th among FCS teams in net punting at 39.5 yards per attempt, with punter Ben Dinkel ranking 31st individually with an average of 41.6 yards per attempt.

SDSU also ranked eighth in kickoff return defense with an average of 13.5 yards allowed per attempt during the 2019 season.

INTERCEPTIONS STREAK: The South Dakota State defense came up with at least one interception in all 13 games during the 2019 season, highlighted by a three-pick performance in the regular season matchup against Northern Iowa.

As a team, the Jackrabbits tallied 18 interceptions to rank sixth among Football Championship Subdivision programs. Linebacker Logan Backhaus and safety Michael Griffin II shared the team lead with four interceptions. In all, 10 different Jackrabbit players recorded at least one interception in 2019.

Dating back to the 2018 season, SDSU has intercepted a pass in 19 of its last 20 games.

SACK ATTACK: The South Dakota State defense nearly doubled its sack total from the previous year in 2019, tallying 37 sacks to rank 16th among FCS programs with an average of 2.85 per game. That compared to 20 sacks in 2018.

Despite the loss of team co-leader Ryan Earith, the Jackrabbits do return four of their top five sack artists from the 2019 squad. Junior defensive end Reece Winkelman shared the team lead with Earith with 6.5 sacks, while pass rush specialist Quinton Hicks tallied five sacks during an impressive freshman campaign in 2019.

Also returning are defensive tackle Xavier Ward (four sacks) and defensive end Tolu Ogunrinde (2.5 sacks).

BALL SECURITY: One area the Jackrabbits will look to improve during the 2020-21 season is in the turnover margin department. Despite forcing 25 turnovers (18 interceptions, 7 fumbles), the Jackrabbits turned the ball over an uncharacteristic 24 times in 2019 to finish plus-1 in turnover margin.

Of the 24 turnovers, 17 were lost fumbles — the most by an SDSU squad in the Division I era (since 2004). By comparison, the Jackrabbits lost a total of 18 fumbles in the three previous seasons combined.

SEEING DOUBLE: The 2020-21 South Dakota State football team features two sets of twin brothers.

Returning for their sophomore seasons are wide receivers and Madison natives Jadon and Jaxon Janke. Jadon Janke has primarily contributed on special teams during his Jackrabbit career, while Jaxon Janke is the team's top returning receiver after catching 29 passes for 353 yards and four touchdowns in 2019. A member of the MVFC All-Newcomer Team that season, Jaxon Janke also handled the team's punt return duties, averaging 10.7 yards per attempt that included a 77-yard touchdown in the 2019 home opener against Long Island.

Joining the Jackrabbits this fall were twins Aaron and Adam Kusler. The Sioux Falls tandem, who excelled at Roosevelt High School, are both 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 incoming freshman.

QUICK FACTS

SDSU INFORMATION

LOCATION: Brookings, S.D.
ENROLLMENT: 11,518 (fall 2019)
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)

2019 RECAP

OVERALL RECORD: 8-5
CONFERENCE RECORD: 5-3 (tied for third place in Missouri Valley Football Conference)
POSTSEASON: Football Championship Subdivision Second Round (seeded seventh)
HOME RECORD: 5-3
AWAY RECORD: 3-2
FINAL RANKINGS: 10th (Stats Perform media)/12th (FCS Coaches)

TEAM INFORMATION

LETTERMEN RETURNING: 37 **LETTERMEN LOST:** 24
 • Offense: 18 • Offense: 10
 • Defense: 17 • Defense: 12
 • Special Teams: 2 • Special Teams: 2

STARTERS RETURNING: 14
 • Offense: 5 • Defense: 8 • Special Teams: 1

OFFENSIVE STARTERS RETURNING (5): Aron Johnson, OT; J'Bore Gibbs, QB; Eagan Lickiss, OG; Eddie Miller, OG; Pierre Strong, Jr., RB.

DEFENSIVE STARTERS RETURNING (8): Logan Backhaus, LB; DyShawn Gales, CB; Don Gardner, CB; Michael Griffin II, S; Joshua Manchigiah, S; Caleb Sanders, DL; Xavier Ward, DT; Reece Winkelman, DE.

SPECIAL TEAMS STARTERS RETURNING (1): Ben Dinkel, P.

OTHER RETURNING LETTERMEN (23): Deyon Campbell, WR; Skyler Cavanaugh, TE; Cole Frahm, K; Wes Genant, OL; Garret Greenfield, OL; Jon Gruetzmacher, OL; Keaton Heide, QB; Quinton Hicks, DE; Jadon Janke, WR; Jaxon Janke, WR; Krockett Krolikowski, DT; Blake Kunz, TE; Malik Lofton, CB; Kinser Madison, LB; Mason McCormick, OL; Mike Morgan, TE/FB; Chase Norblade, S; Tolu Ogunrinde, DE; Caleb Schauf, TE; Payton Shafer, LB; Thomas Stacker, DT; Preston Tetzlaff, LB; Jason Titus, OL.

JACKS IN THE PROS: At the conclusion of the 2020 football season, four former South Dakota State standouts were members of 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 137 receptions for 1,465 yards and 12 touchdowns in his first three seasons.

Veteran offensive lineman Bryan 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 this past season, but was assigned to the team's practice squad for much of the year, including the postseason.

Witzmann has been with eight different teams since excelling for the Jackrabbits from 2010-13. He began the 2019 season with the Cleveland Browns and later played in two games for Carolina. He also has spent time with Houston, New Orleans, Dallas, Minnesota and Chicago.

Also on NFL rosters in 2020 as practice squad members were cornerback Jordan Brown (Washington) and linebacker Christian Rozeboom (Los Angeles Rams). 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.

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. Teammates Mikey Daniel (Atlanta Falcons) and Luke Sellers (Detroit Lions) also signed free agent agreements from the 2019 SDSU senior class.

In addition, wide receiver Jake Wieneke caught on with the Montreal Alouettes of the Canadian Football League in 2019 and finished the year with 41 catches for 569 yards with eight touchdowns. The CFL did not compete in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

DANA J. DYKHOUSE STADIUM: Jackrabbit football moved into a new home in September of 2016 with the completion of Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium.

The stadium, which was constructed in phases on the site of SDSU's previous home field, Coughlin-Alumni Stadium, seats 19,340 spectators and cost \$65 million to build. The stadium is being funded through private gifts and long-term revenue streams, including concessions and suite, loge box and ticket sales. Bonds are financing nearly two-thirds of the project's construction, with the remaining dollars coming from private support. Lead gifts totaling \$12.5 million from Sioux Falls banker Dana Dykhouse and philanthropist T. Denny Sanford were announced in October 2013.

The stadium officially opened Sept. 8, 2016, featuring a concert by country music superstars Luke Bryan, Little Big Town and Lee Brice as part of the Jacks Bash opening weekend. The first football game was two days later, on Sept. 10, when the Jackrabbits defeated Drake, 56-28.

SDSU has gone on to post a 25-5 record at Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium during its first four seasons of operation, including a 4-1 mark in Football Championship Subdivision playoff games. The Jackrabbits went undefeated at home in 2018 with a 7-0 mark.

Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium was designed by Kansas City-based Crawford Architects, with the construction firm JE Dunn serving as the project manager at risk and Henry Carlson Company of Sioux Falls serving as general contractor. The stadium won the 2017 Alliant Build America Award from the Associated General Contractors of America South Dakota Building Chapter.

Year-By-Year Records at Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium

2016: 6-1	2019: 5-3
2017: 7-1	Totals: 25-5
2018: 7-0	

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
Matthew Borowicz	BORE-oh-wits
Mitch Eichacker	IKE-hack-er
Cole Frahm	fromm
Caleb Franci	FRANCE-ill
Wes Genant	juh-NANT
J'Bore Gibbs	juh-BORE-ay
Jon Gruetzmacher	GRITS-mock-er
Keaton Heide	HY-dee
Zach Heins	HINES
Jadon/Jaxon Janke	YON-key
Randy Keumogne	cuh-MOAN
Krockett Krolkowski	crow-lah-COW-ski
Blake Kunz	coons
Aaron/Adam Kusler	COOSE-ler
Mason Leighton	LAY-ton
Joshua Manchigiah	manch-ah-GUY-ah
Daeton Mcgaughy	mc-GOY
Tolu Ogunrinde	TOE-loo oh-GRIN-dee
Preston Tetzlaff	TETS-loff
Avian Thomas	AY-vee-on
Ryan Van Marel	van-MARR-ill
Trajan Walhof	TRAY-jun WALL-hoff
Xavier Ward	EX-zay-vee-ir

WORKING OVERTIME: South Dakota State has split its 10 overtime games since overtime rules were implemented in the mid-1990s. The Jackrabbits have won four of their five overtime contests in Missouri Valley Football Conference games, including a 37-34, double-overtime victory over Northern Iowa at Coughlin-Alumni Stadium on Oct. 26, 2013.

Following is a list of the Jackrabbits' overtime results

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

NEW COACHES: South Dakota State will have some fresh faces on the sidelines and in the coaching booth this season.

Taking over the role of special teams coordinator and cornerbacks coach is Rob Erickson, who served as defensive coordinator and defensive backs coach for NCAA Division III powerhouse Wisconsin-Whitewater. During his tenure, UWW went a combined 56-9 en route to three national semifinal appearances, including a berth in the championship game in 2019.

Another new Jackrabbit coach with Wisconsin-Whitewater connections is tight ends coach Ryan Olson. An addition to the staff in January, Olson Olson has coached at the collegiate level for nearly a decade, most recently serving as co-offensive coordinator and offensive line coach at Bemidji State from 2017-19.

As an offensive tackle as a player for Wisconsin-Whitewater, Olson was a member of national championship teams in 2009, 2010 and 2011 and played on squads that compiled a 58-2 record in his four seasons, including posting a 45-game winning streak.

To make room for Olson, passing game coordinator Luke Schleusner moves from coaching the tight ends to coaching the wide receivers.

Rejoining the SDSU coaching staff as running backs coach is John Johnson. He previously held the same position with the Jackrabbits from 2016-17.

STIG SHOW: The John Stiegelmeier Radio Show airs each Monday throughout the 2020-21 football season.

The show is scheduled to air at 6 p.m. on the Jackrabbit Sports Network, originating with flagship station WNAX 570 AM in Yankton. In addition, the weekly show, hosted by Tyler Merriam, also will be streamed online free of charge at GoJacks.com.

A LOOK AHEAD: The Jackrabbits continue Missouri Valley Football Conference action with a road tilt Feb. 27 at league newcomer North Dakota. Kickoff is set for noon at the Alerus Center in Grand Forks, North Dakota.

That matchup will mark the first game between the longtime North Central Conference rivals since 2013.

SDSU's home opener is set for March 6 against Western Illinois.

DEPTH CHART vs. NORTHERN IOWA

OFFENSE

LT	71	ARON JOHNSON, 6-6, 295, Jr., Chisago City, Minn.
	68	Ian Bass, 6-4, 285, So., Rosemount, Minn.
LG	60	Mason McCormick, 6-4, 300, So., Sioux Falls, S.D.
	54	EDDIE MILLER, 6-5, 315, Sr., Brookings, S.D.
C	77	Wes Genant, 6-4, 295, Sr., Parkston, S.D.
	61	Evan Beemtsen, 6-4, 285, R-Fr., De Pere, Wis.
RG	56	EAGAN LICKISS, 6-4, 320, Sr., Indianola, Iowa
	76	Bo Donald, 6-6, 300, R-Fr., Kimball, S.D.
RT	74	Garret Greenfield, 6-6, 295, So., Rock Valley, Iowa
	75	Jon Gruetzmacher, 6-8, 310, Jr., Merrill, Wis.
TE	87	Zach Heins, 6-7, 260, So., Sioux Falls, S.D.
	85	Tucker Kraft, 6-5, 250, R-Fr., Timber Lake, S.D.
WR (Z-Back)	4	Canyon Bauer, 6-0, 195, R-Fr., Sioux Falls, S.D.
	19	Mason Leighton, 5-9, 175, Jr., Madison, S.D.
WR (X-Back)	9	Jadon Janke, 6-3, 210, So., Madison, S.D.
	4	Canyon Bauer, 6-0, 195, R-Fr., Sioux Falls, S.D.
WR (W-Back)	10	JAXON JANKE, 6-2, 210, So. Madison, S.D.
	7	Karst Hunter, 6-4, 205, R-Fr., Miller, S.D.
QB or or	2	J'BORE GIBBS, 6-3, 230, So., Chicago, Ill.
	13	Keaton Heide, 6-3, 195, So., Wayzata, Minn.
	11	Mark Gronowski, 6-3, 200, Fr., Naperville, Ill.
RB	20	PIERRE STRONG, JR., 5-11, 210, Jr., Little Rock, Ark.
	22	Isaiah Davis, 6-1, 220, Fr., Joplin, Mo.

* Returning starters indicated in CAPS

DEFENSE

DE	97	REECE WINKELMAN, 6-4, 245, Jr., Marshall, Minn.
	22	Tolu Ogunrinde, 6-1, 270, Sr., Cottage Grove, Minn.
	53	Caden Johnson, 6-3, 240, R-Fr., Wahoo, Neb.
DT	69	Krockett Krolkowski, 6-2, 290, Jr., Winner, S.D.
	98	Ryan Van Marel, 6-4, 285, So., Sheldon, Iowa
	52	Jarod DePriest, 6-5, 265, R-Fr., Trivoli, Ill.
NT	99	CALEB SANDERS, 6-1, 280, Jr., Glenwood, Iowa
	55	Thomas Stacker, 6-4, 285, Sr., Chicago, Ill.
	88	Brandon Lane Jr., 6-2, 245, Fr., Kansas City, Mo.
DE	48	Quinton Hicks, 6-3, 240, So., Wichita, Kan.
	94	Cade Terveer, 6-3, 245, So., Brandon, S.D.
	90	Randy Keumogne, 6-3, 220, Fr., Oakdale, Minn.
LB or (Will)	29	Graham Spalding, 6-1, 200, R-Fr., Oviedo, Fla.
	46	Preston Tetzlaff, 6-2, 215, Sr., Brookings, S.D.
	30	Payton Shafer, 6-0, 215, So., Cottage Grove, Minn.
LB or (Mike)	46	Preston Tetzlaff, 6-2, 215, Sr., Brookings, S.D.
	32	Adam Bock, 6-1, 210, R-Fr., Solon, Iowa
	44	Saiveon Williamson, 6-1, 210, So., Waseca, Minn.
LB (Sam)	12	LOGAN BACKHAUS, 6-4, 205, Sr., Spirit Lake, Iowa
	11	Matt Barnett, 6-3, 200, R-Fr., Cedar Rapids, Iowa
	57	Kinser Madison, 6-2, 210, So., Higginsville, Mo.
LCB	21	DON GARDNER, 6-1, 185, Sr., Chicago, Ill.
	36	Torren Union, 6-2, 195, R-Fr., Mesa, Ariz.
	28	Dalys Beanum, 6-1, 165, Fr., Omaha, Neb.
FS or	6	MICHAEL GRIFFIN II, 6-0, 6-0, 215, Jr., Cottage Grove, Minn.
	2	Isaiah Stalbird, 6-1, 200, So., Kearney, Neb.
SS or	35	Chase Norblade, 6-1, 185, So., Papillion, Neb.
	3	JOSHUA MANCHIGIAH, 6-0, 210, Jr., Papillion, Neb.
RCB or	1	Malik Lofton, 5-10, 190, Jr., Crystal, Minn.
	13	DYSHAWN GALES, 5-11, 185, So., North Chicago, Ill.

SPECIAL TEAMS

Long	48	Jaden Mueller, 6-1, 210, Fr., Johnston, Iowa
Snaps	33	Thomas Motzko, 6-0, 230, R-Fr., Highland Park, Ill.
Holder	49	BEN DINKEL, 5-10, 220, Jr., Kearney, Neb.
PK	97	Cole Frahm, 6-5, 225, Jr., Omaha, Neb.
	10	Hunter Dustman, 6-3, 215, Fr., East Bethel, Minn.
P	49	BEN DINKEL, 5-10, 220, Jr., Kearney, Neb.
	10	Hunter Dustman, 6-3, 215, Fr., East Bethel, Minn.
KO	97	Cole Frahm, 6-5, 225, Jr., Omaha, Neb.
	10	Hunter Dustman, 6-3, 215, Fr., East Bethel, Minn.
KOR	20	Pierre Strong, Jr., 5-11, 210, Jr., Little Rock, Ark.
	22	Isaiah Davis, 6-1, 220, Fr., Joplin, Mo.
KOR	9	Jadon Janke, 6-3, 210, So., Madison, S.D.
	8	Jordan Meachum, 5-8, 190, Grad., Lamott, Pa.
PR	10	JAXON JANKE, 6-2, 210, So. Madison, S.D.
	20	Pierre Strong, Jr., 5-11, 210, Jr., Little Rock, Ark.

COACHING STAFF

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

Running Backs: John Johnson
 Quarterbacks: Zach Lujan
 Tight Ends: Ryan Olson
 Defensive Line: Christian Smith
 Assistant Defensive Line: Spencer Erickson
 Graduate Assistants: Jared Gallatin, Luke Munsterteiger, C.J. Butt



South Dakota State University

JACKRABBITS

2020-21 Football Roster

No.	NAME	Pos	Ht	Wt	Yr	HOMETOWN	No.	NAME	Pos	Ht	Wt	Yr	HOMETOWN
1	Malik Lofton	CB	5-10	190	Jr.	Crystal, Minn.	49	Ben Dinkel	P	5-10	220	Jr.	Kearney, Neb.
1	Rudy Voss	QB	6-3	200	Fr.	Lakefield, Minn.	50	Gus Miller	OL	6-3	265	Fr.	Brookings, S.D.
2	J'Bore Gibbs	QB	6-3	230	So.	Chicago, Ill.	51	Max VanMeter	DT	6-4	260	Fr.	Overland Park, Kan.
2	Isaiah Stalbird	S	6-1	200	So.	Kearney, Neb.	52	Jarod DePriest	DT	6-5	265	R-Fr.	Trivoli, Ill.
3	Joshua Manchigiah	S	6-0	210	R-Jr.	Papillion, Neb.	53	Caden Johnson	DE	6-3	240	R-Fr.	Wahoo, Neb.
4	Canyon Bauer	WR	6-0	195	R-Fr.	Sioux Falls, S.D.	54	Eddie Miller	OL	6-5	315	Sr.	Brookings, S.D.
6	Michael Griffin II	S	6-0	215	Sr.	Cottage Grove, Minn.	55	Thomas Stackler	DT	6-4	285	Sr.	Chicago, Ill.
7	Karst Hunter	ATH	6-4	205	R-Fr.	Miller, S.D.	56	Eagan Lickiss	OL	6-4	320	Sr.	Indianola, Iowa
8	Jordan Meachum	RB	5-8	190	Gr.	Lamott, Pa.	57	Kinser Madison	LB	6-2	210	So.	Higginsville, Mo.
9	Jadon Janke	WR	6-3	210	So.	Madison, S.D.	58	Alex Westendorf	OL	6-5	280	R-Fr.	South Elgin, Ill.
10	Jaxon Janke	WR	6-2	210	So.	Madison, S.D.	60	Mason McCormick	OL	6-4	300	So.	Sioux Falls, S.D.
11	Matt Barnett	LB	6-3	200	R-Fr.	Cedar Rapids, Iowa	61	Evan Beerntsen	OL	6-4	285	R-Fr.	De Pere, Wis.
11	Mark Gronowski	QB	6-3	200	Fr.	Naperville, Ill.	64	Ethan Vibert	OL	6-4	290	R-Fr.	Regina, Saskatchewan
12	Logan Backhaus	LB	6-4	205	Sr.	Spirit Lake, Iowa	65	Matthew Borowicz	DT	6-4	275	So.	Lakeville, Minn.
13	DyShawn Gales	CB	5-11	185	So.	North Chicago, Ill.	67	Brady Beck	OL	6-8	280	R-Fr.	Sioux Falls, S.D.
13	Keaton Heide	QB	6-3	195	So.	Wayzata, Minn.	68	Ian Bass	OL	6-4	285	So.	Rosemount, Minn.
15	Daeton Mcgaughy	S	6-0	200	Fr.	Elwood, Kan.	69	Krockett Krolikowski	DT	6-2	290	Jr.	Winner, S.D.
17	Abe Hoskins III	CB	6-2	175	Fr.	Omaha, Neb.	70	Colby Christensen	OL	6-8	240	Fr.	West Des Moines, Iowa
18	Corben Mahaffy	K	5-11	170	R-Fr.	Piedmont, S.D.	71	Aron Johnson	OL	6-6	295	Jr.	Chisago City, Minn.
19	Mason Leighton	WR	5-9	175	Jr.	Madison, S.D.	72	Jason Titus	OL	6-5	285	Jr.	Andover, Minn.
20	Pierre Strong, Jr.	RB	5-11	210	Jr.	Little Rock, Ark.	73	Trajan Walhof	OL	6-5	285	So.	Sioux Center, Iowa
21	Don Gardner	CB	6-1	185	Sr.	Chicago, Ill.	74	Garret Greenfield	OL	6-6	295	So.	Rock Valley, Iowa
22	Tolu Ogunrinde	DE	6-1	270	Sr.	Cottage Grove, Minn.	75	Jon Gruetzmacher	OL	6-8	310	Jr.	Merrill, Wis.
22	Isaiah Davis	RB	6-1	220	Fr.	Joplin, Mo.	76	Bo Donald	OL	6-6	300	R-Fr.	Kimball, S.D.
23	Shane Dailey Jr.	WR	5-9	160	R-Fr.	Omaha, Neb.	77	Wes Genant	OL	6-4	295	Sr.	Parkston, S.D.
24	Deyon Campbell	WR	5-9	195	Jr.	Minneapolis, Minn.	79	Jhareth Bloomenrader	OL	6-6	270	R-Fr.	Highmore, S.D.
25	Cale Reeder	S	6-0	185	Fr.	Yorkville, Ill.	80	Nate Sullivan Jr.	WR	6-2	175	Fr.	Bellevue, Neb.
27	Marlon Wiley	WR	5-10	180	R-Fr.	Jordan, Minn.	81	Skyler Cavanaugh	TE	6-5	240	Sr.	Vail, Ariz.
28	Dalys Beanum	CB	6-1	165	Fr.	Omaha, Neb.	82	Caleb Schauf	TE	6-5	245	Jr.	Sparta, Wis.
29	Graham Spalding	LB	6-1	200	R-Fr.	Oviedo, Fla.	83	A.J. Coons	WR	6-4	190	Fr.	Solon, Iowa
30	Payton Shafer	LB	6-0	215	So.	Cottage Grove, Minn.	85	Tucker Kraft	TE	6-5	250	R-Fr.	Timber Lake, S.D.
32	Adam Bock	LB	6-1	210	R-Fr.	Solon, Iowa	86	Devon Cole Jr.	WR	5-9	160	Fr.	Clermont, Fla.
33	Thomas Motzko	LB	6-0	230	R-Fr.	Highland Park, Ill.	87	Zach Heins	TE	6-7	260	So.	Sioux Falls, S.D.
34	Mike Morgan	TE/FB	6-3	235	So.	New Lenox, Ill.	88	Blake Kunz	TE	6-5	255	Jr.	Germantown, Wis.
35	Chase Norblade	S	6-1	185	So.	Papillion, Neb.	89	Wyatt Seagren	TE	6-7	245	Fr.	Oakland, Neb.
36	Torren Union	CB	6-2	195	R-Fr.	Mesa, Ariz.	90	Randy Keumogne	DE	6-3	220	Fr.	Oakdale, Minn.
37	Jefferson Lee, V	RB	5-9	190	So.	Marshall, Minn.	91	Xavier Ward	DT	6-2	285	Sr.	Freeman, S.D.
39	Steven Arrell	CB	6-2	185	Fr.	Brooklyn Park, Minn.	92	Kevin Brenner	DE	6-3	235	R-Fr.	Silver Lake, Wis.
40	Aaron Kusler	LB	6-2	205	Fr.	Sioux Falls, S.D.	93	Max Baloun	DE	6-6	225	Fr.	Redfield, S.D.
41	Avian Thomas	RB	5-10	185	Fr.	Boonville, Mo.	94	Cade Terveer	DE	6-3	245	So.	Brandon, S.D.
42	Davion Sterner	LB	6-0	190	Fr.	Alvord, Iowa	95	Zac Wilson	DE	6-3	220	R-Fr.	Chipley, Fla.
43	Adam Kusler	LB	6-3	205	Fr.	Sioux Falls, S.D.	96	Mitch Eichacker	DE	6-4	225	Fr.	Sioux Falls, S.D.
44	Saiveon Williamson	LB	6-1	210	So.	Waseca, Minn.	97	Reece Winkelman	DE	6-4	245	Jr.	Marshall, Minn.
45	Caleb Francl	LB	6-0	190	Fr.	Grand Island, Neb.	97	Cole Frahm	K	6-5	225	Jr.	Omaha, Neb.
46	Preston Tetzlaff	LB	6-2	215	Sr.	Brookings, S.D.	98	Ryan Van Marel	DT	6-4	285	So.	Sheldon, Iowa
47	Michael Drotzmann	P	6-3	195	R-Fr.	Yankton, S.D.	99	Caleb Sanders	DT	6-1	280	Jr.	Glenwood, Iowa
48	Quinton Hicks	DE	6-3	240	So.	Wichita, Kan.							



JOHN STIEGELMEIER

Head Coach

24th Season (166-105 record — all at SDSU)

Alma Mater: South Dakota State, 1979

FOOTBALL HONORS AND RECORDS:

- Ranks first on SDSU career football coaching victories list with 166-105 record (.613 winning percentage) in 23 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 19 of his 23 seasons, including 14 of 16 at the Division I Football Championship Subdivision level
- Since moving to the Football Championship Subdivision in 2004, the Jackrabbits have a 123-72 overall record (.631 winning percentage)
- His 66 victories in Missouri Valley Football Conference play rank second in league history, while his 98 overall wins since joining the league in 2008 are tied for third among all-time league coaches
- 1999 North Central Conference Coach of the Year
- 2007 Great West Football Conference Coach of the Year after leading SDSU to first conference title in 44 years
- 2016 Bruce Craddock Missouri Valley Football Conference Coach of the Year after leading team to first MVFC title
- 2007 American Football Coaches Association FCS Region 5 Coach of the Year
- 2016 AFCA FCS Region 4 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

PLAYOFF EXPERIENCE:

- Has led Jackrabbits to nine FCS playoff appearances (2009, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019) and has an 8-9 playoff record
- 2009: Montana 61, SDSU 48
- 2012: *SDSU 58, Eastern Illinois 10; North Dakota State 28, SDSU 3
- 2013: SDSU 26, Northern Arizona 7; Eastern Washington 41, SDSU 17
- 2014: SDSU 47, Montana State 40; North Dakota State 27, SDSU 24
- 2015: Montana 24, SDSU 17
- 2016: *SDSU 10, Villanova 7; North Dakota State 36, SDSU 10
- 2017: *SDSU 37, Northern Iowa 22; *SDSU 56, New Hampshire 14; James Madison 51, SDSU 18
- 2018: *SDSU 51, Duquesne 6; SDSU 27, Kennesaw State 17; North Dakota State 44, SDSU 21
- 2019: *Northern Iowa 13, SDSU 10

* denotes home playoff game

- Served as a student assistant on SDSU's lone NCAA Division II playoff-qualifying team in 1979

OTHER NOTES:

- The Jackrabbits have compiled a 106-32 (.768) home record in Coach Stig's 23 seasons as head coach
- SDSU has a 222-144 (.607) overall record since Coach Stig joined the coaching staff as an full-time assistant in 1988 and has posted a winning record in 26 of 32 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 25 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)

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 CONFERENCE

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
TOTALS	98-54	66-30
OVERALL TOTALS	166-105	108-65

JACKRABBITS TO WATCH



12-LOGAN BACKHAUS

6-4, 205, Senior • Linebacker

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

FOOTBALL HONORS AND HIGHLIGHTS:

- Team Captain (2019, 2020-21)
- Missouri Valley Football Conference Honorable Mention (2019)
- MVFC All-Newcomer Team (2017)
- MVFC All-Academic Second Team (2019)
- MVFC Commissioner's Academic Excellence Award (2017, 2018, 2019)
- MVFC Honor Roll (2016, 2017, 2018, 2019)

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
CAREER	38	127	68	195	14.5-35	3.0-11	10	8-5	2	1-0	5

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' 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' 2018 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

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

JACKRABBITS TO WATCH



20-PIERRE STRONG, JR.

5-11, 200, Junior • Running Back

Little Rock, Arkansas (McClellan H.S.)

FOOTBALL HONORS AND HIGHLIGHTS:

- Team Captain (2020-21)
- HERO Sports All-America Second Team (2019)
- Associated Press All-America Third Team (2019)
- 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)
- MVFC Freshman of the Year (2018)
- MVFC All-Newcomer Team (2018)
- MVFC Newcomer of the Week (Nov. 10, 2018; Nov. 17, 2018)
- Topped the 100-yard mark in five of the team's last six games in 2018 and nine times in his career (two games with 200-plus yards)
- Scored a touchdown in final six games of the 2018 season, including three-touchdown performances at Southern Illinois (Nov. 10) and versus South Dakota (Nov. 17)
- Reached 1,000-yard mark on 100th carry of the 2018 season
- Posted 10th-best single-game rushing performance in school history with 253 yards on 17 carries in 2018 regular season finale versus South Dakota
- His 19 career touchdown runs have covered an average of 33.7 yards

SDSU CAREER RUSHING

1. Josh Ranek, 1997-2001	6,744
2. Zach Zenner, 2011-14	6,548
3. Kyle Minett, 2007-10	4,277
4. Anthony Watson, 2003-06	3,712
5. Dan Sonnek, 1984-87	3,304
6. Les Tuma, 1970-73	3,018
7. Cory Koenig, 2004-07	2,990
8. Brady Mengarelli, 2014-17	2,677
9. Darwin Gonnerman, 1966-68	2,598
10. Rick Wegher, 1981-84	2,293

Pierre Strong, Jr., 2018-present**2,134**

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
Career	260	2,134	8.2	19	*73	20	253	2	*66	4	107	26.8	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

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
Season Totals	143	1,018	8	*64	14	169	0	*45	2	69	0	47

REGULAR SEASON MEETING WITH NORTHERN IOWA — NOV. 16, 2019

#8/9 SDSU 38, #4/5 NORTHERN IOWA 7

Nov. 16, 2019 • Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium (Att.: 7,317)

South Dakota State turned in its most complete performance of the season, putting together a big second half in defeating Northern Iowa, 38-7, in a top-10 showdown between Missouri Valley Football Conference rivals Saturday afternoon at Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium.

The Jackrabbits, ranked eighth in the STATS FCS media poll and ninth by the Football Championship Subdivision coaches, matched a season high by forcing four turnovers in improving to 8-3 overall and 5-2 in league play. UNI, ranked fourth by the media and fifth by the coaches, had its four-game winning streak snapped in falling to 7-4 overall and 5-2 in the MVFC.

After a scoreless first quarter, the Jackrabbits cracked the scoring column on its first drive of the second stanza. Freshman quarterback Keaton Heide ended up with the ball on a double reverse and fired a strike downfield to wide receiver Cade Johnson for a 65-yard gain to the UNI 4-yard on the first play of the series. Two plays later, Mikey Daniel, seeing action as the featured back in place of an injured Pierre Strong, Jr., plunged in from two yards out.

The SDSU defense, which came up with an interception by freshman Jordan Gandy on UNI's first drive of the game, came up with another take-away in the second quarter as Logan Backhaus picked off a pass off a deflection by Seven Wilson. The Jackrabbits also forced five Panther punts en route to a 7-0 halftime lead.

SDSU extended its lead to 17-0 with a pair of scores in the third quarter. The Jackrabbits marched 73 yards on nine plays to open the second half, capping the drive with a 10-yard touchdown pass from Heide to Jaxon Janke. Heide set what is believed to be a Jackrabbit single-game record by completing his first 14 passes of the game. The Wayzata, Minnesota, native ended the day 15-of-16 passing for 196 yards.

Chase Vinatieri added a 44-yard field goal for the Jackrabbits before UNI trimmed the margin to 17-7 in the final minute of the third quarter, finishing an eight-play, 60-yard drive with an 11-yard touchdown run by Sam Schnee.

After faltering in the fourth quarter last week against Illinois State, the Jackrabbits turned the tables on Saturday by scoring three touchdowns over the final 15 minutes. First, Tolu Ogunrinde stripped the ball from UNI quarterback Will McElvain and Don Gardner scooped up the rolling football and returned it 24 yards for a touchdown.

Following Michael Griffin II matching Backhaus for the team lead with his third interception of the season, Heide tossed his second touchdown pass of the game, a 20-yard back-shoulder throw to Johnson in the right corner of the end zone. Johnson was the game's leading receiver with six catches for 134 yards.

Backup quarterback Kanin Nelson provided the exclamation point with a 12-yard touchdown run in the waning moments. All 58 yards on the scoring drive came on the ground for a Jackrabbit squad that finished with a 337-239 advantage in total offense.

Daniel, a Brookings native playing on the Jackrabbits' Senior Day, led the SDSU ground game with 82 yards on 21 carries. Devin Blakley added 21 yards on six carries.

For UNI, McElvain ended the afternoon 12-of-24 passing for 85 yards and added 50 rushing yards on 12 carries. Schnee paced the Panthers on the ground with 74 yards on 18 carries. Jaylin James was the receiving leader for UNI with three catches for 34 yards.

The Panthers' Chris Kolarevic led all players with 13 tackles, followed by teammate Bryce Flater with 11.

Seven Wilson led SDSU with eight stops.



Keaton Heide completed 15-of-16 passes for 196 yards and two touchdowns in SDSU's home regular season finale.

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Northern Iowa (7-4, 5-2)	0	0	7	0	7
South Dakota State (8-3, 5-2)	0	7	10	21	38

SCORING SUMMARY

2nd	13:16	SDSU	–	Mikey Daniel	2 yd run (Chase Vinatieri kick)
3rd	9:58	SDSU	–	Jaxon Janke	10 yd pass from Keaton Heide (Vinatieri kick)
	5:20	SDSU	–	Vinatieri	44 yd field goal
	00:49	UNI	–	Sam Schnee	11 yd run (Matthew Cook kick)
4th	13:16	SDSU	–	Don Gardner	24 yd fumble recovery (Vinatieri kick)
	9:04	SDSU	–	Cade Johnson	20 yd pass from Heide (Vinatieri kick)
	2:36	SDSU	–	Kanin Nelson	12 yd run (Vinatieri kick)

TEAM STATISTICS

	UNI	SDSU
FIRST DOWNS	13	15
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	34-154	37-141
PASSING YDS (NET)	85	196
Passes Att-Comp-Int	24-12-3	16-15-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	58-239	53-337
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	1-24-1
Punt Returns-Yards	2-(-4)	3-48
Kickoff Returns-Yards	3-54	2-46
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	3-22
Punts (Number-Avg)	7-38.6	4-35.8
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	0-0
Penalties-Yards	5-42	3-20
Possession Time	27:32	32:28
Third-Down Conversions	5 of 14	3 of 10
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 0	0 of 0
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	1-1	4-4
Sacks By: Number-Yards	1-6	1-6

RUSHING LEADERS: UNI - Sam Schnee 18-74; Will McElvain 12-50; Trevor Allen 3-18. SDSU - Mikey Daniel 21-82; Devin Blakley 6-21; Pierre Strong, Jr. 3-14. **PASSING LEADERS:** UNI - Will McElvain 12-24-3 85. SDSU - Keaton Heide 15-16-0 196. **RECEIVING LEADERS:** UNI - Jaylin James 3-34; Aaron Graham 2-21; Trevor Allen 2-7. SDSU - Cade Johnson 6-134; Jaxon Janke 4-20; Adam Anderson 2-21. **INTERCEPTIONS:** UNI - none. SDSU - Michael Griffin II 1-22; Logan Backhaus 1-0; Jordan Gandy 1-0. **SACKS:** UNI - Christian Jegen 1.0-6. SDSU - Thomas Stacker 0.5-3; Reece Winkelman 0.5-3. **TACKLE LEADERS (UA-A-TOT):** UNI - Chris Kolarevic 6-7-13; Bryce Flater 7-4-11; Christian Jegen 4-3-7. SDSU - Seven Wilson 5-3-8; Christian Rozeboom 3-2-5; Reece Winkelman 1-3-4.

**#6/6 NORTHERN IOWA 13,
#10/12 SDSU 10**

Football Championship Subdivision Playoffs – Second Round

Dec. 7, 2019 • Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium (Att.: 4,102)

Northern Iowa scored the final 13 points of the game, including the game-winning 18-yard field goal by Matthew Cook with 2 minutes, 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.

UNI improved to 10-4 overall and earned a trip to second-seeded James Madison in quarterfinal action. SDSU ended its season with an 8-5 overall record.

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.

The final Jackrabbit drive was aided by a pair of UNI penalties that negated interceptions, but SDSU could not get the ball past its own 35 before turning the ball over on downs.

UNI held a 238-220 advantage in total offense, with Allen gaining a game-high 90 yards on 24 carries. McElvain completed 11-of-20 passes for 124 yards. Graham led Panther receivers with 45 yards on three catches.

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. Defensive end Ryan Earith collected eight tackles, including a career-best two-and-a-half sacks.

Bryce Flater and Spencer Cuvelier each registered eight tackles to



Ryan Earith recorded two and a half sacks from his defensive end position as the Jackrabbits recorded five sacks in the game.

lead UNI.

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Northern Iowa (10-4)	0	3	7	3	13
South Dakota State (8-5)	10	0	0	0	10

SCORING SUMMARY

1st	12:10	SDSU – Adam Anderson 22 yd pass from Keaton Keide (Chase Vinatieri kick)
	5:52	SDSU – Vinatieri 22 yd field goal
2nd	2:13	UNI – Matthew Cook 23 yd field goal
3rd	9:20	UNI – Trevor Allen 2 yd run (Cook kick)
4th	2:10	UNI – Cook 18 yd field goal

TEAM STATISTICS

	UNI	SDSU
FIRST DOWNS	15	11
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	44-114	23-53
PASSING YDS (NET)	124	167
Passes Att-Comp-Int	20-11-1	27-14-1
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	64-238	50-220
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	1-6	2-17
Kickoff Returns-Yards	2-27	4-107
Interception Returns-Yards	1-14	1-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	6-37.5	4-43.5
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	2-2
Penalties-Yards	10-76	7-70
Possession Time	36:24	23:36
Third-Down Conversions	5 of 14	4 of 12
Fourth-Down Conversions	1 of 1	0 of 1
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	3-3	1-1
Sacks By: Number-Yards	3-18	5-42

RUSHING LEADERS: UNI - Trevor Allen 24-90; Will McElvain 16-23. SDSU - Mikey Daniel 9-43; C.J. Wilson 9-20; Cade Johnson 1-3. **PASSING LEADERS:** UNI - Will McElvain 11-20-1 124. SDSU - Keaton Heide 14-27-1 167. **RECEIVING LEADERS:** UNI - Aaron Graham 3-45; Suni Lane 2-37; Isaiah Preston 2-13; Trevor Allen 2-9. SDSU - Cade Johnson 5-35; Adam Anderson 4-84; Jaxon Janke 2-20; Kallan Hart 2-19. **INTERCEPTIONS:** UNI - Roosevelt Lawrence 1-14. SDSU - Michael Griffin II 1-0. **SACKS:** UNI - Spencer Cuvelier 1.0-7; Elerson Smith 1.0-6; Brawntae Wells 1.0-5. SDSU - Ryan Earith 2.5-29; Christian Rozeboom 1.0-9; Reece Winkelman 1.0-3; Quinton Hicks 0.5-1. **TACKLE LEADERS (JA-A-TOT):** UNI - Bryce Flater 5-3-8; Spencer Cuvelier 5-3-8; Jared Brinkman 4-2-6; Khristian Boyd 2-4-6. SDSU - Christian Rozeboom 7-3-10; Seven Wilson 6-4-10; Josh Manchigiah 4-5-9; Ryan Earith 4-4-8; Logan Backhaus 4-2-6.

2019 STATISTICS

2019 TEAM STATISTICS

	SDSU	OPP
SCORING	386	217
Points Per Game	29.7	16.7
Points off Turnovers	75	65
FIRST DOWNS	236	215
Rushing	129	93
Passing	95	100
Penalty	12	22
RUSHING YARDAGE	2,576	1,676
Yards gained rushing	2,858	2,027
Yards lost rushing	281	351
Rushing Attempts	480	491
Average Per Rush	5.4	3.4
Average Per Game	198.2	128.9
TDs Rushing	26	12
PASSING YARDAGE	2,544	2,156
Comp-Att-Int	185-294-7	202-354-18
Average Per Pass	8.7	6.1
Average Per Catch	13.8	10.7
Average Per Game	195.7	165.8
TDs Passing	21	13
TOTAL OFFENSE	5,120	3,832
Total Plays	774	845
Average Per Play	6.6	4.5
Average Per Game	3093.8	294.8
KICK RETURNS	36-731	33-518
PUNT RETURNS	29-328	7-4
INTERCEPTION RETURNS	18-164	7-90
KICK RETURN AVERAGE	20.3	15.7
PUNT RETURN AVERAGE	11.3	0.6
INT RETURN AVERAGE	9.1	12.9
FUMBLES-LOST	25-17	13-7
PENALTIES-YARDS	76-669	70-582
Average Per Game	51.5	44.8
PUNTS-YARDS	48-1,999	78-3,134
Average Per Punt	41.6	40.2
Net punt average	39.5	34.7
KICKOFFS-YARDS	74-4,429	52-2,922
Average Per Kick	59.9	56.2
Net kick average	41.4	36.8
POSSESSION TIME/GAME	29:58	30:02
3RD-DOWN ATTEMPTS	64/152	63/187
3rd-Down Pct	42%	34%
4TH-DOWN ATTEMPTS	5/15	12/18
4th-Down Pct	33%	67%
SACKS BY-YARDS	37-236	31-179
MISC. YARDS	3	0
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED	51	26
FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS	10-20	12-17
PAT-ATTEMPTS	42-46	21-22
ON-SIDE KICKS	0-0	0-1
RED-ZONE SCORES	38-49	26-36
Red-Zone Pct	78%	72%
RED-ZONE TOUCHDOWNS	31-49	16-36
Red-Zone TD Pct	63%	44%
ATTENDANCE	87,764	76,648
Games/Avg Per Game	8/10,970	5/15,330

2019 SCORES

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE	OVERALL	CONF	TIME	ATTEND
Aug. 29	at Minnesota	L, 21-28	0-1	0-0	2:59	49,112
Sept. 7	LONG ISLAND	W, 38-3	1-1	0-0	2:39	10,153
Sept. 14	DRAKE	W, 38-10	2-1	0-0	2:51	11,565
Sept. 21	SOUTHERN UTAH	W, 43-7	3-1	0-0	3:17	14,269
Oct. 5	*SOUTHERN ILLINOIS	W, 28-10	4-1	1-0	2:46	13,776
Oct. 12	*at #17 Youngstown State	W, 38-28	5-1	2-0	3:23	12,381
Oct. 19	*at Indiana State	W, 42-23	6-1	3-0	3:10	4,642
Oct. 26	*#1 NORTH DAKOTA STATE	L, 16-23	6-2	3-1	3:02	19,371
Nov. 2	*at Missouri State	W, 35-14	7-2	4-1	3:05	5,108
Nov. 9	*#11 ILLINOIS STATE	L, 18-27	7-3	4-2	2:54	7,211
Nov. 16	*#4 NORTHERN IOWA	W, 38-7	8-3	5-2	2:43	7,317
Nov. 23	*at South Dakota	L, 21-24	8-4	5-3	3:04	5,405
Dec. 7	*#6 NORTHERN IOWA	L, 10-13	8-5	5-3	2:54	4,102

* indicates Missouri Valley Football Conference game

^ Football Championship Subdivision playoff game

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1ST	2ND	3RD	4TH	OT	TOT
South Dakota State	72	96	110	108	-	386
Opponents	24	62	65	66	-	217

GAME SUPERLATIVES

TEAM GAME HIGHS

RUSHING ATTEMPTS: 43, vs. North Dakota State, 10-26-2019
RUSHING YARDS: 369, vs. Drake, 9-14-2019
YARDS PER RUSH: 9.0, vs. Drake, 9-14-2019
RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS: 3, six times (last: at Missouri State, 11-2-2019)
PASS ATTEMPTS: 37, at South Dakota, 11-23-2019
PASS COMPLETIONS: 28, at South Dakota, 11-23-2019
YARDS PASSING: 307, at South Dakota, 11-23-2019
YARDS PER PASS: 13.8, vs. Long Island, 9-7-2019
PASSING TOUCHDOWNS: 3, vs. Southern Illinois, 10-5-2019, and vs. Indiana State, 10-19-2019
TOTAL PLAYS: 66, at Youngstown State, 10-12-2019
TOTAL OFFENSE: 534 yards, vs. Drake, 9-14-2019

YARDS PER PLAY: 8.9, vs. Drake, 9-14-2019
POINTS: 43, vs. Southern Utah, 9-21-2019
FIRST DOWNS: 23, at Minnesota, 8-29-2019, and at Indiana State, 10-19-2019
SACKS BY: 8, at Indiana State, 10-19-2019
PENALTIES: 9, at Youngstown State, 10-12-2019, and at Missouri State, 11-2-2019
PENALTY YARDS: 105, at Youngstown State, 10-12-2019
TURNOVERS BY: 4, vs. Illinois State, 11-9-2019, and at South Dakota, 11-23-2019
TURNOVERS FORCED: 4, at Indiana State, 10-19-2019, and vs. Northern Iowa, 11-16-2019
INTERCEPTIONS: 3, vs. Northern Iowa, 11-16-2019
FUMBLES RECOVERED: 3, at Indiana State, 10-19-2019

INDIVIDUAL GAME HIGHS

RUSHING ATTEMPTS: 21, by Mikey Daniel, vs. Northern Iowa, 11-16-2019
RUSHING YARDS: 229, by Pierre Strong, Jr., vs. Southern Illinois, 10-5-2019
RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS: 2, by J'Bore Gibbs, at Youngstown State, 10-12-2019, and by Pierre Strong, Jr. at Indiana State, 10-19-2019
LONG RUSH: 76 yards, by Cade Johnson, vs. Drake, 9-14-2019
PASS ATTEMPTS: 35, by Keaton Heide, at South Dakota, 11-23-2019
PASS COMPLETIONS: 26, by Keaton Heide, at South Dakota, 11-23-2019
YARDS PASSING: 308, by Keaton Heide, at South Dakota, 11-23-2019
TOUCHDOWN PASSES: 3, by J'Bore Gibbs, vs. Southern Illinois, 10-5-2019, and at Indiana State, 10-19-2019
RECEPTIONS: 11, by Cade Johnson, vs. Illinois State, 11-9-2019
YARDS RECEIVING: 164, by Cade Johnson, at Missouri State, 11-2-2019
RECEIVING TOUCHDOWNS: 2, by Cade Johnson, vs. Drake, 9-14-2019, and by Jaxon Janke, vs. Southern Illinois, 10-5-2019
LONG RECEPTION: 89 yards (for TD), by Cade Johnson (from Pierre Strong, Jr.), at Missouri State, 11-2-2019

FIELD GOALS: 3, by Chase Vinatieri, vs. North Dakota State, 10-26-2019
LONG FIELD GOAL: 44 yards, by Chase Vinatieri, vs. Northern Iowa, 11-16-2019
PUNTS: 5, three times by Ben Dinkel (last: at Missouri State, 11-2-2019)
PUNTING AVERAGE: 55.0 yards (3 punts), by Ben Dinkel, vs. Illinois State, 11-9-2019
LONG PUNT: 75 yards, by Ben Dinkel, vs. Southern Utah, 9-21-2019
LONG PUNT RETURN: 77 yards (for TD), by Jaxon Janke, vs. Long Island, 9-7-2019
LONG KICKOFF RETURN: 47 yards, by Pierre Strong, Jr., at Minnesota, 8-29-2019
TACKLES: 14, by Christian Rozeboom, vs. Illinois State, 11-9-2019, and at South Dakota, 11-23-2019
TACKLES FOR LOSS: 3.0, by Ryan Earith, at Youngstown State, 10-12-2019
SACKS: 2.5, by Ryan Earith, vs. Northern Iowa, 12-7-19
INTERCEPTIONS: 1, 18 times by 10 different players (four times by Logan Backhaus and Michael Griffin II)
PASS BREAKUPS: 2, by four different players (twice by Diamond Evans, vs. Southern Illinois, 10-5-2019, and vs. North Dakota State, 10-26-2019)
FUMBLES FORCED: 1, by four different players (three times by Logan Backhaus and Christian Rozeboom)
BLOCKED KICKS: 1, by five different players

2019 STATISTICS

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING	GP	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	YPC	TD	LG	YPG
Pierre Strong, Jr.	11	143	1,042	24	1,018	7.1	8	*64	92.5
Mikey Daniel	13	113	549	14	535	4.7	7	28	41.2
C.J. Wilson	9	69	514	23	491	7.1	3	*52	54.6
Cade Johnson	13	8	150	1	149	18.6	0	76	11.5
Devin Blakley	3	15	103	2	101	6.7	0	27	33.7
Blair Mulholland	13	13	92	0	92	7.1	1	18	7.1
J'Bore Gibbs	6	36	167	79	88	2.4	4	*63	14.7
Keaton Heide	7	41	121	73	48	1.2	1	11	6.9
Kanin Nelson	7	25	82	50	32	1.3	2	13	4.6
Deyon Campbell	13	1	19	0	19	19.0	0	19	1.5
Jefferson Lee V	2	2	11	0	11	5.5	0	11	5.5
Luke Sellers	12	4	8	1	7	1.8	0	5	0.6
Total	13	480	2,858	282	2,576	5.4	26	76	198.2
Opponents	13	491	2,027	351	1,676	3.4	12	71	128.9

*denotes touchdown

PASSING	GP	EFFIC.	COMP-ATT-INT	PCT.	Yds	TD	LG	YPG
Keaton Heide	7	151.3	85-127-3	66.9	1,072	7	65	153.1
J'Bore Gibbs	6	150.7	73-124-4	58.9	1,058	10	81	176.3
Kanin Nelson	7	150.0	21-37-0	56.8	293	3	39	41.9
Pierre Strong	11	438.7	4-4-0	100.0	122	1	89	11.1
Mikey Daniel	13	95.8	2-2-0	100.0	-1	0	1	-0.1
Total	13	154.4	185-294-7	62.9	2,544	21	89	195.7
Opponents	13	110.2	202-354-18	57.1	2,156	13	45	165.8

SCORING	TD	FG	Kick	PATs			DXP	SAF	PTS
				RUSH	Rcv	PASS			
Chase Vinatieri	0	9-18	41-45	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	68
Pierre Strong, Jr.	9	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	54
Cade Johnson	8	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1-1	0	0	48
Mikey Daniel	7	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	42
Jaxon Janke	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	30
J'Bore Gibbs	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-2	0	0	24
Adam Anderson	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0-0	0	0	20
C.J. Wilson	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	18
Don Gardner	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12
Kallan Hart	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12
Kanin Nelson	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12
Blake Kunz	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0-0	0	0	8
Christian Rozeboom	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	1	8
Blair Mulholland	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Luke Sellers	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Total	51	10-20	42-46	0-1	2	2-4	0	2	386
Opponents	26	12-17	21-22	0-1	2	2-3	0	0	217

FIELD GOALS	FGM-FGA	Pct.	1-9	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	LG	Bk
Chase Vinatieri	9-18	50.0	0-0	5-7	2-4	2-6	0-1	44	2
Cole Frahm	1-2	50.0	0-0	0-0	0-1	1-1	0-0	43	0
Total	10-20	50.0	0-0	5-7	2-5	3-7	0-1	44	2
Opponents	12-17	70.6	1-1	4-5	6-8	1-3	0-0	46	3

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate attempt was made in field goal sequence

TOP OFFENSIVE PERFORMANCES

100-YARD RUSHING GAMES (6)

- Pierre Strong, Jr. • vs. Drake, 9-14-19
 - 11 carries, 129 yards, 1 TD
- C.J. Wilson • vs. Drake, 9-14-19
 - 10 carries, 117 yards
- Pierre Strong, Jr. • vs. Southern Illinois, 10-5-19
 - 20 carries, 229 yards, 1 TD
- Pierre Strong, Jr. • at Indiana State, 10-19-19
 - 17 carries, 144 yards, 2 TD
- Pierre Strong, Jr. • vs. North Dakota State, 10-26-19
 - 19 carries, 120 yards
- Mikey Daniel • at South Dakota, 11-23-19
 - 17 carries, 125 yards, 1 TD

100-YARD RECEIVING GAMES (4)

- Cade Johnson • at Indiana State, 10-19-19
 - 7 receptions, 134 yards, 1 TD
- Cade Johnson • at Missouri State, 11-2-19
 - 5 receptions, 164 yards, 1 TD
- Cade Johnson • vs. Northern Iowa, 11-16-19
 - 6 receptions, 134 yards, 1 TD
- Cade Johnson • at South Dakota, 11-23-19
 - 10 receptions, 139 yards

300-YARD PASSING GAMES (1)

- Keaton Heide • at South Dakota, 11-23-19
 - 26-of-35, 308 yards, 2 TD

FG SEQUENCE

	SDSU	OPP
Minnesota	-	-
Long Island	(22)	(27)
Drake	(26), 48, 20	34, (22)
Southern Utah	-	34, 25, 40
Southern Illinois	(39)	(31)
Youngstown State	(36), 47	-
Indiana State	22	(37)
North Dakota State	(29), (25), 33, (40)	44, (22)
Missouri State	35	-
Illinois State	(43), 35	(33), (32), (37), (46)
Northern Iowa	52, 45, (44)	-
South Dakota	-	(39)
Northern Iowa	(22), 45	(23), (18)

2019 STATISTICS

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RECEIVING								
GP	No.	Yds	YPC	TD	LG	YPG		
Cade Johnson	13	72	1,222	17.0	8	*89	94.0	
Adam Anderson	13	37	474	12.8	3	44	36.5	
Jaxon Janke	13	29	353	12.2	4	38	27.2	
Pierre Strong, Jr.	11	14	169	12.1	1	45	15.4	
Blake Kunz	12	8	105	13.1	1	34	8.8	
Kallan Hart	13	8	56	7.0	2	12	4.3	
Devin Blakley	3	4	35	8.8	0	21	11.7	
Zach Heins	4	3	63	21.0	1	31	15.8	
Deyon Campbell	13	3	30	10.0	0	16	2.3	
C.J. Wilson	9	3	15	5.0	0	8	1.7	
Mikey Daniel	13	3	14	4.7	0	8	1.1	
Luke Sellers	12	1	8	8.0	1	8	0.7	
Total	13	185	2,544	13.8	21	*89	195.7	
Opponents	13	202	2,156	10.7	13	45	165.8	
TOTAL OFFENSE								
GP	PLAYS	RUSH	PASS	TOTAL	YPG			
J'Bore Gibbs	6	160	88	1,058	1,146	191.0		
Pierre Strong	11	147	1,018	122	1,140	103.6		
Keaton Heide	7	168	48	1,072	1,120	160.0		
Mikey Daniel	13	115	535	-1	534	41.1		
C.J. Wilson	9	69	491	0	491	54.6		
Kanin Nelson	7	62	32	293	325	46.4		
Cade Johnson	13	8	149	0	149	11.5		
Devin Blakley	3	15	101	0	101	33.7		
BlairMulholland	13	13	92	0	92	7.1		
Deyon Campbell	13	1	19	0	19	1.5		
Jefferson Lee V	2	2	11	0	11	5.5		
Luke Sellers	12	4	7	0	7	0.6		
Chase Vinatieri	13	1	-3	0	-3	-0.2		
TEAM	5	9	-12	0	-12	-2.4		
Total	13	774	2,576	2,544	5,120	393.8		
Opponents	13	845	1,676	2,156	3,832	294.8		
ALL-PURPOSE								
GP	RUSH	REC	PR	KR	IR	TOTAL	YPG	
Cade Johnson	13	149	1,222	0	195	0	1,566	120.5
Pierre Strong	11	1,018	169	0	69	0	1,256	114.2
Jaxon Janke	13	0	353	289	46	0	688	52.9
Mikey Daniel	13	535	14	0	104	0	653	50.2
C.J. Wilson	9	491	15	0	125	0	631	70.1
Adam Anderson	13	0	474	0	0	0	474	36.5
Devin Blakley	3	101	35	0	0	0	136	45.3
Deyon Campbell	13	19	30	0	85	0	134	10.3
Jadon Janke	13	0	0	23	84	0	107	8.2
Blake Kunz	12	0	105	0	0	0	105	8.8
BlairMulholland	13	92	0	0	0	0	92	7.1
J'Bore Gibbs	6	88	0	0	0	0	88	14.7
Michael Griffin	12	0	0	0	0	64	64	5.3
Zach Heins	4	0	63	0	0	0	63	15.8
Kallan Hart	13	0	56	0	0	0	56	4.3
Keaton Heide	7	48	0	0	0	0	48	6.9
Don Gardner	13	0	0	0	0	42	42	3.2
Kanin Nelson	7	32	0	0	0	0	32	4.6
C. Rozeboom	13	0	0	0	0	27	27	2.1
Jacob Brown	12	0	0	0	23	0	23	1.9
Josh Manchigiah	13	0	0	0	0	16	16	1.2
Tyler DeMartra	13	0	0	16	0	0	16	1.2
Luke Sellers	12	7	8	0	0	0	15	1.2
Chase Norblade	9	0	0	0	0	15	15	1.7
Jefferson Lee V	2	11	0	0	0	0	11	5.5
Chase Vinatieri	13	-3	0	0	0	0	-3	-0.2
TEAM	5	-12	0	0	0	0	-12	-2.4
Total	13	2,576	2,544	328	731	164	6,343	487.9
Opponents	13	1,676	2,156	4	518	90	4,444	341.8

PUNT RETURNS									
No.	Yds	Avg	TD	LG					
Jaxon Janke	27	289	10.7	1	*77				
Tyler DeMartra	1	16	16.0	0	0				
Jadon Janke	1	23	23.0	0	0				
Total	29	328	11.3	1	*77				
Opponents	7	4	0.6	0	8				
KICKOFF RETURNS									
No.	Yds	Avg	TD	LG					
Cade Johnson	9	195	21.7	0	43				
C.J. Wilson	7	125	17.9	0	23				
Jadon Janke	5	84	16.8	0	23				
Mikey Daniel	5	104	20.8	0	36				
Jaxon Janke	3	46	15.3	0	20				
Deyon Campbell	3	85	28.3	0	37				
Pierre Strong, Jr.	2	69	34.5	0	47				
Jacob Brown	1	23	23.0	0	23				
Don Gardner	1	0	0.0	0	0				
Total	36	731	20.3	0	47				
Opponents	33	518	15.7	0	30				
INTERCEPTIONS									
No.	Yds	Avg	TD	LG					
Logan Backhaus	4	0	0.0	0	0				
Michael Griffin	4	64	16.0	0	23				
Christian Rozeboom	2	27	13.5	1	27				
Josh Manchigiah	2	16	8.0	0	16				
Jordan Gandy	1	0	0.0	0	0				
Diamond Evans	1	0	0.0	0	0				
Chase Norblade	1	15	15.0	0	15				
DyShawn Gales	1	0	0.0	0	0				
Don Gardner	1	42	42.0	1	42				
Levi Brown	1	0	0.0	0	0				
Total	18	164	9.1	2	42				
Opponents	7	90	12.9	1	43				
FUMBLE RETURNS									
No.	Yds	Avg	TD	LG					
Don Gardner	1	24	24.0	1	*24				
Total	1	24	24.0	1	*24				
Opponents	2	3	1.5	0	4				
PUNTING									
No.	Yds	Avg.	LONG	TB	FC	I20	50+	BLK	
Ben Dinkel	48	1,999	41.6	75	5	20	21	11	0
Total	48	1,999	41.6	75	5	20	21	11	0
Opponents	78	3,134	40.2	80	5	14	15	14	2
KICKOFFS									
No.	Yds	Avg	TB	OB					
Chase Vinatieri	47	2,796	59.5	21	1				
Cole Frahm	27	1,633	60.5	13	0				
Total	74	4,429	59.9	34	1				
Opponents	52	2,922	56.2	11	1				

2019 STATISTICS

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

No.	PLAYER	TACKLES			TFL-Yds	SACKS	PASS DEF	PBU	QBH	FUMBLES		BLKD	
		SOLO	ASST	TOT						RCV-Yds	FF		KICK
2	Christian Rozeboom	13	57	54	111	6.0-25	*2.0-12	2-27	2	1	2-0	3	
7	Seven Wilson	12	38	45	83	4.5-6			3	2			
12	Logan Backhaus	13	45	34	79	5.5-13	1.0-3	4-0	5	2		3	
3	Josh Manchigiah	13	30	23	53			2-16	2				
21	Don Gardner	13	31	14	45	6.0-15	2.0-7	1-42	6	1	1-24		
6	Michael Griffin II	12	24	16	40			4-64	2		2-0		
90	Ryan Earith	13	17	22	39	10.0-67	6.5-57		2	1		1	
97	Reece Winkelman	13	17	19	36	9.0-48	6.5-43			1	1-0	1	
16	Levi Brown	9	19	12	31	5.0-18	1.0-8	1-0	2	1			
22	Tolu Ogunrinde	13	13	12	25	3.0-20	2.5-18				1		
46	Preston Tetzlaff	13	11	13	24	0.5-1			1				
99	Caleb Sanders	13	11	11	22	6.0-23	2.5-15			3			
35	Chase Norblade	9	13	9	22	1.0-2		1-15					
91	Xavier Ward	13	11	10	21	7.0-31	4.0-24			4		1	
17	Diamond Evans	11	12	8	20	1.0-0		1-0	4				
13	DyShawn Gales	11	15	3	18	1.0-3		1-0	5				
48	Quinton Hicks	12	13	4	17	6.0-28	5.0-27			2	1-0	1	
69	Krockett Krolkowski	13	12	3	15								
1	Malik Lofton	10	10	4	14				2				
34	Austin Smenda	12	7	7	14								
96	Spencer Hildahl	13	9	4	13	3.0-16	2.0-14						
55	Thomas Stackler	13	7	6	13	2.5-8	1.5-7						
14	Jarek Berg	12	7	3	10								
30	Payton Shafer	9	5	5	10								
57	Kinser Madison	12	3	5	8								
28	Jordan Gandy	8	6	2	8			1-0	1				
5	Blair Mulholland	13	3	3	6								
44	Saiveon Williamson	6	5	1	6								
38	Tyler DeMartra	13	5	1	6				2			1	
18	Marshon Harris	3	4	1	5								
29	Lance Eide	12	3	2	5								
94	Cade Terveer	6	3	2	5	2.0-8							
25	Jake Aanderud	13	1	3	4								
31	Adam Bock	4	3	1	4								
98	Ryan Van Marel	6	2	1	3	1.0-2							
23	Jassan Eubank	3	0	3	3	1.0-2	0.5-1						
9	Jadon Janke	13	2	1	3							1	
20	Pierre Strong, Jr.	11	2	0	2								
19	TiJaih Davis	4	2	0	2				2				
87	Zach Heins	4	2	0	2								
51	Andy Mueller	7	1	1	2					1			
50	Graham Spalding	2	2		2								
26	Mikey Daniel	13		2	2								
1	Jacob Brown	12	1		1								
36	Luke Sellers	12	1		1								
63	Jack Domandle	4	1		1								
60	Mason McCormick	12	1		1								
83	Kallan Hart	13		1	1								
10	Jaxon Janke	13		1	1								
52	Bradey Sorenson	13		1	1								
4	Chase Vinatieri	13		1	1								
80	Adam Anderson	13	1		1								
TM	TEAM		5										
	Total	13	488	374	862	81-336	*37-236	18-64	40	20	7-24	10	5
	Opponents	13	495	295	790	77-268	31-179	7-90	39	6	17-3	18	4

* includes one sack for safety

TOP DEFENSIVE PERFORMANCES

DOUBLE-DIGIT TACKLES (11)

- Christian Rozeboom • at Minnesota, 8-29-19
 - 11 tackles (3 solos, 8 assists, 0.5 TFL)
- Logan Backhaus • vs. Southern Utah, 9-21-19
 - 11 tackles (6 solos, 5 assists)
- Seven Wilson • vs. Southern Utah, 9-21-19
 - 10 tackles (8 solos, 2 assists)
- Logan Backhaus • vs. Southern Illinois, 10-5-19
 - 11 tackles (5 solos, 6 assists, 1 sack, 1.5 TFL)
- Christian Rozeboom • at Youngstown State, 10-12-19
 - 13 tackles (4 solos, 9 assists, 1 TFL)
- Christian Rozeboom • vs. North Dakota St., 10-26-19
 - 13 tackles (6 solos, 7 assists)
- Seven Wilson • at Missouri State, 11-2-19
 - 12 tackles (3 solos, 9 assists, 1 TFL)
- Christian Rozeboom • vs. Illinois State, 11-9-19
 - 14 tackles (7 solos, 7 assists, 1 sack, 1 TFL)
- Christian Rozeboom • at South Dakota, 11-23-19
 - 14 tackles (11 solos, 3 assists, 1 TFL)
- Christian Rozeboom • vs. Northern Iowa, 12-7-19
 - 10 tackles (7 solos, 3 assists, 1 sack, 1 TFL)
- Seven Wilson • vs. Northern Iowa, 12-7-19
 - 10 tackles (6 solos, 4 assists, 2 TFL)

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		
Minnesota	21-28	23/17	13/9	9/8	1/0	34-174	/ 42-132	13-26	1/13-18-1	193/176	60-367	/ 60-308	70/51	2/1
Long Island	38-3	16/8	11/5	5/2	0/1	42-186	/ 32-52	8-10	0/9-20-1	138/71	52-324	/ 52-123	150/92	1/2
Drake	38-10	22/14	14/1	6/12	2/1	41-369	/ 28-57	13-19	0/20-35-2	165/232	60-534	/ 63-289	92/24	2/2
Southern Utah	43-7	21/22	13/8	7/11	1/3	35-241	/ 38-111	15-24	2/30-45-1	215/245	59-456	/ 83-356	113/111	2/1
Southern Illinois	28-10	15/13	11/8	3/4	1/1	42-297	/ 35-107	10-15	0/14-28-1	96/108	57-393	/ 63-215	65/41	1/1
Youngstown State	38-28	19/24	11/9	7/12	1/3	40-213	/ 37-145	14-26	0/20-35-2	210/267	66-423	/ 72-412	140/38	0/3
Indiana State	42-23	23/22	8/11	13/10	2/1	35-178	/ 43-128	18-28	1/20-32-1	274/210	63-452	/ 75-338	56/63	1/4
North Dakota State	16-23	19/18	13/12	4/3	2/3	43-220	/ 44-332	7-17	1/7-15-1	110/62	60-330	/ 59-394	10/34	2/1
Missouri State	35-14	18/15	12/3	6/8	0/4	42-232	/ 29-90	14-23	0/15-32-2	294/159	65-526	/ 61-249	53/22	2/3
Illinois State	18-27	13/16	6/6	7/8	0/2	32-81	/ 45-137	16-26	1/11-17-1	179/165	58-260	/ 62-302	144/43	4/1
Northern Iowa	38-7	15/13	6/6	8/7	1/0	37-141	/ 34-154	15-16	0/12-24-3	196/85	53-337	/ 58-239	140/50	0/4
South Dakota	21-24	21/18	9/7	12/10	0/1	34-191	/ 40-117	28-37	0/20-33-1	307/252	71-498	/ 73-369	90/-1	4/1
Northern Iowa	10-13	11/15	2/8	8/5	1/2	23-53	/ 44-114	14-27	1/11-20-1	167/124	50-220	/ 64-238	124/47	3/1
Totals	386-217	236/215	129/93	95/100	12/22	480-2,576	/491-1,676	185-294-71	202-354-18	2,544/2,156	774-5,120	/ 845-3,832	1247/615	24/25

2019 STATISTICS

MISCELLANEOUS GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

THIRD-DOWN CONVERSIONS

OPPONENT	OVERALL	1ST QTR	2ND QTR	3RD QTR	4TH QTR
Minnesota	3-9	1-3	0-1	2-3	0-2
Long Island	3-8	2-3	0-1	0-2	1-2
Drake	6-12	3-5	1-3	0-1	2-3
Southern Utah	3-8	0-2	2-3	1-3	0-0
Southern Illinois	4-13	1-3	1-3	1-4	1-3
Youngstown State	7-14	0-4	2-4	2-3	3-3
Indiana State	5-12	2-5	1-2	2-3	0-2
North Dakota State	6-14	2-4	2-4	0-2	2-4
Missouri State	4-11	1-2	1-4	1-2	1-3
Illinois State	8-14	3-5	3-6	2-2	0-1
Northern Iowa	3-10	1-3	0-3	1-2	1-2
South Dakota	8-15	3-4	0-3	3-4	2-4
Northern Iowa	4-12	1-3	0-1	2-3	1-5
Totals	64-152	20-46	13-38	17-34	14-34
Opponents	63-187	15-44	17-51	14-43	17-49

TIME OF POSSESSION

OPPONENT	OVERALL	1ST QTR	2ND QTR	3RD QTR	4TH QTR
Minnesota	27:48	4:58	5:12	10:15	7:23
Long Island	29:22	8:25	4:25	7:48	8:44
Drake	32:23	11:02	6:11	7:37	7:33
Southern Utah	28:44	5:48	7:42	5:22	9:52
Southern Illinois	31:52	5:37	9:17	8:15	8:43
Youngstown State	30:08	10:54	4:23	8:43	6:08
Indiana State	29:03	10:40	8:09	6:31	3:43
North Dakota State	29:03	7:44	6:45	7:43	6:51
Missouri State	32:46	8:58	9:08	8:26	6:14
Illinois State	28:56	8:11	10:34	7:18	2:53
Northern Iowa	32:28	7:19	8:55	7:21	8:53
at South Dakota	33:25	7:14	7:24	9:09	9:38
Northern Iowa	23:36	8:21	4:22	4:20	6:33
Totals	389:34	105:11	92:27	98:48	93:08
Avg.	29:58	8:05	7:06	7:36	7:09
Opponents	390:26	89:49	102:33	96:12	101:52
Avg.	30:02	6:54	7:53	7:24	7:50

FOURTH-DOWN CONVERSIONS

OPPONENT	OVERALL	1ST QTR	2ND QTR	3RD QTR	4TH QTR/OT
Minnesota	1-2	0-0	0-0	1-1	0-1
Long Island	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0
Drake	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Southern Utah	1-1	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0
Southern Illinois	1-2	0-0	1-1	0-0	0-1
Youngstown State	1-3	1-1	0-1	0-1	0-0
Indiana State	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
North Dakota State	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1
Missouri State	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0
Illinois State	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0
Northern Iowa	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
South Dakota	1-2	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-2
Northern Iowa	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1
Totals	5-15	2-2	1-4	1-3	1-6
Opponents	12-18	2-3	3-4	2-3	5-8

PENALTIES

OPPONENT	SDSU	OPP
Minnesota	4-32	3-40
Long Island	4-40	6-45
Drake	3-25	7-47
Southern Utah	8-60	4-29
Southern Illinois	4-25	3-40
Youngstown State	9-105	3-32
Indiana State	6-40	5-28
North Dakota State	7-66	10-100
Missouri State	9-77	5-40
Illinois State	6-52	4-30
Northern Iowa	3-20	5-42
South Dakota	6-57	5-33
Northern Iowa	7-70	10-76

GAME-BY-GAME STARTERS

OFFENSE

Opponent	LT	LG	C	RG	RT	TE	TE/FB/WR/RB	WR	WR	QB	RB
Minnesota	Greeneway	Miller	Clark	Lickiss	A. Johnson	Hart	Daniel (FB)	Anderson	C. Johnson	Gibbs	Strong
Long Island	Greeneway	Miller	Clark	Lickiss	A. Johnson	Hart	Sellers (FB)	Anderson	C. Johnson	Nelson	Strong
Drake	Greeneway	Miller	Clark	Lickiss	A. Johnson	Hart	Jax. Janke (WR)	Anderson	C. Johnson	Nelson	Strong
Southern Utah	Greeneway	Miller	Clark	Lickiss	A. Johnson	Hart	Sellers (FB)	Anderson	C. Johnson	Gibbs	Daniel
So. Illinois	Greeneway	Miller	Clark	Lickiss	A. Johnson	Hart	Sellers (FB)	Anderson	J. Brown	Gibbs	Daniel
Youngstown St.	Greeneway	Miller	Clark	Lickiss	A. Johnson	Hart	Jax. Janke (WR)	Anderson	C. Johnson	Gibbs	Strong
Indiana State	Greeneway	Miller	Clark	Lickiss	A. Johnson	Hart	Jax. Janke (WR)	Anderson	C. Johnson	Gibbs	Strong
N. Dakota St.	Greeneway	Miller	Clark	Lickiss	A. Johnson	Hart	Jax. Janke (WR)	Anderson	C. Johnson	Gibbs	Sellers (FB)
Missouri State	Greeneway	Miller	Clark	Lickiss	A. Johnson	Hart	Sellers (FB)	Anderson	C. Johnson	Heide	Strong
Illinois State	Greeneway	Lickiss	Genant	Clark	A. Johnson	Hart	Sellers (FB)	Anderson	C. Johnson	Heide	Strong
Northern Iowa	Greeneway	Lickiss	Genant	Clark	A. Johnson	Hart	J. Brown (WR)	Anderson	C. Johnson	Heide	Daniel
South Dakota	Greeneway	McCormick	Clark	Miller	A. Johnson	Hart	Sellers (FB)	Anderson	C. Johnson	Heide	Daniel
Northern Iowa	Greeneway	McCormick	Clark	Genant	A. Johnson	Hart	Jax. Janke (WR)	Anderson	Campbell	Heide	C.J. Wilson

DEFENSE

Opponent	DE	DT	NT	DE	WLB	MLB	SLB	CB	SS	FS	CB
Minnesota	Winkelman	Ward	Hildahl	Earith	S. Wilson	Rozeboom	L. Brown	Gardner	Manchigiah	Griffin	Gales
Long Island	Winkelman	Ward	Hildahl	Earith	S. Wilson	Rozeboom	Backhaus	Gardner	Manchigiah	Griffin	Gales
Drake	Winkelman	Ward	Hildahl	Earith	S. Wilson	Rozeboom	Backhaus	Gardner	Manchigiah	DeMartra	Gales
Southern Utah	Winkelman	Ward	Hildahl	Earith	S. Wilson	Rozeboom	Backhaus	Gardner	Manchigiah	DeMartra	Gales
So. Illinois	Winkelman	Ward	Hildahl	Earith	S. Wilson	Rozeboom	Backhaus	Gardner	Manchigiah	Griffin	Gales
Youngstown St.	Winkelman	Ward	Hildahl	Earith	S. Wilson	Rozeboom	Backhaus	Gardner	Manchigiah	Griffin	Evans
Indiana State	Winkelman	Ward	Hildahl	Earith	L. Brown	Rozeboom	Backhaus	Gardner	Manchigiah	Griffin	Lofton
N. Dakota St.	Winkelman	Ward	Sanders	Earith	Tetzlaff	Rozeboom	Backhaus	Gardner	Manchigiah	Griffin	Evans
Missouri State	Winkelman	Ward	Sanders	Earith	S. Wilson	Rozeboom	Backhaus	Gardner	Manchigiah	Griffin	Evans
Illinois State	Winkelman	Ward	Sanders	Earith	S. Wilson	Rozeboom	Backhaus	Gardner	Manchigiah	Griffin	Evans
Northern Iowa	Winkelman	Ward	Sanders	Earith	S. Wilson	Rozeboom	Backhaus	Gardner	Manchigiah	Griffin	Harris
South Dakota	Winkelman	Ward	Sanders	Earith	S. Wilson	Rozeboom	Backhaus	Gardner	Manchigiah	Griffin	Harris
Northern Iowa	Winkelman	Ward	Sanders	Earith	S. Wilson	Rozeboom	Backhaus	Gardner	Manchigiah	Griffin	Harris