



SOUTH DAKOTA STATE

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2020-21 FOOTBALL INFORMATION

Jacks set to return at NDSU

JACKRABBIT GAME NOTES — APRIL 17

#4/4 SOUTH DAKOTA STATE (4-1, 4-1 MVFC)
at #2/3 NORTH DAKOTA STATE (6-1, 5-1 MVFC)

2:30 p.m. Saturday
Fargodome; Fargo, N.D.



HEAD COACH: Matt Entz
(Wartburg, 1995)

• 22-1 record in two seasons as a collegiate head coach — both at NDSU

STARTERS RETURNING: 15
(9 Off., 5 Def., 1 ST)

SERIES NOTES

- 111th Meeting (NDSU leads series, 63-42-5)
- The Bison have won the last three meetings, including a 23-16 victory in Brookings during the 2019 season

MEDIA INFORMATION

- Game will be televised on MidcoSN and NBC North Dakota stations; additional coverage available through the ESPN+ streaming platform
- Pre-game radio show begins at 1:30 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/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
- Free audio streaming available through Jackrabbits All-Access
- Radio team of Tyler Merriam (play-by-play), Alex Parker(color) and Scotty Kwas (side-lines) will call the action



HEAD COACH: John Stiegelmeier (SDSU, 1979)

• 170-106 record in 24 seasons — all at South Dakota State

STARTERS RETURNING: 15
(4 Off., 8 Def., 1 ST)

2020-21 SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY

19 *at Northern Iowa W, 24-20
27 *at North Dakota L, 17-28

MARCH

6 *WESTERN ILLINOIS [Dairy Drive] W, 45-10
13 *YOUNGSTOWN STATE W, 19-17
20 *at Southern Illinois W, 44-3
27 *ILLINOIS STATE canceled

APRIL

10 *SOUTH DAKOTA [Showdown Series] canceled
17 *at North Dakota State 2:30 p.m.
24 FCS Playoffs Begin [if qualified] TBA

* Missouri Valley Football Conference game
All times Central

TALE OF THE TAPE — SEASON STATISTICS

NORTH DAKOTA STATE	CATEGORY	SOUTH DAKOTA STATE
25.9	Points Per Game	29.8
17.0	Points Allowed Per Game	15.6
217.9	Rushing Yardage Per Game	218.6
106.7	Rush Yardage Allowed/Game	121.8
134.9	Passing Yardage Per Game	183.0
12.8	Average Per Catch	13.5
176.7	Pass Yardage Allowed/Game	162.8
352.7	Total Offense Per Game	401.6
283.4	Total Offense Allowed/Game	284.6
22.8	Kick Return Average	27.0
23.9	Punt Return Average	10.3
4-50	Interception Returns	9-55
11-5	Fumbles-Lost	8-6
22-222	Penalties-Yards	27-224
30:07	Time of Possession/Game	31:20
33/84 (39%)	Third-Down Conversions	29/65 (45%)

GAME NOTES — SOUTH DAKOTA STATE AT NORTH DAKOTA STATE

DAKOTA MARKER SCORES

2004:	South Dakota State 24, North Dakota State 21 (Oct. 9, 2004, at Coughlin-Alumni Stadium)
2005:	North Dakota State 41, South Dakota State 17 (Nov. 12, 2005, at Fargo, N.D.)
2006:	North Dakota State 41, South Dakota State 28 (Nov. 18, 2006, at Fargo, N.D.)
2007:	South Dakota State 29, North Dakota State 24 (Nov. 17, 2007, at Coughlin-Alumni Stadium)
2008:	South Dakota State 25, North Dakota State 24 (Nov. 22, 2008, at Fargo, N.D.)
2009:	South Dakota State 28, North Dakota State 13 (Oct. 17, 2009, at Coughlin-Alumni Stadium)
2010:	North Dakota State 31, South Dakota State 24 (Nov. 12, 2010, at Fargo, N.D.)
2011:	North Dakota State 38, South Dakota State 14 (Oct. 22, 2011, at Coughlin-Alumni Stadium)
2012:	North Dakota State 20, South Dakota State 17 (Nov. 10, 2012, at Fargo, N.D.)
2013:	North Dakota State 20, South Dakota State 0 (Sept. 28, 2013, at Coughlin-Alumni Stadium)
2014:	North Dakota State 37, South Dakota State 17 (Nov. 1, 2014, at Fargo, N.D.)
2015:	North Dakota State 28, South Dakota State 7 (Oct. 3, 2015, at Coughlin-Alumni Stadium)
2016:	South Dakota State 19, North Dakota State 17 (Oct. 15, 2016, at Fargo, N.D.)
2017:	South Dakota State 33, North Dakota State 21 (Nov. 4, 2017, at Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium)
2018:	North Dakota State 21, South Dakota State 17 (Sept. 29, 2018, at Fargo, N.D.)
2019:	North Dakota State 23, South Dakota State 16 (Oct. 26, 2019, at Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium)
Overall, North Dakota State leads the Dakota Marker series, 10-6	

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April 13, 2021

BROOKINGS, S.D. — A share of the Missouri Valley Football Conference title and the Dakota Marker will be at stake Saturday afternoon, when South Dakota State and North Dakota State meet in a top-five Football Championship Subdivision matchup.

Kickoff for the 2020-21 regular season finale is set for 2:30 p.m. at the Fargodome in Fargo, North Dakota. The game is scheduled to be televised by both MidcoSN and NBC North Dakota affiliates, with additional coverage through the ESPN+ streaming platform.

South Dakota State will be playing its first game in nearly a month. The Jackrabbits ran their record to 4-1 both overall and in the MVFC with a 44-3 win at then-No. 5 Southern Illinois in their last outing on March 20. SDSU, ranked fourth this week in both the Stats Perform media poll and AFCA FCS coaches' poll, ran for a season-high 392 yards in the contest at SIU and forced four Saluki turnovers.

SDSU had subsequent games against Illinois State (March 27) and South Dakota (April 10) canceled, and this week's meeting against NDSU was originally scheduled to be played April 3.

North Dakota State, meanwhile, returned from a two-week layoff to hold off Northern Iowa for a 23-20 road victory last Saturday. The Bison, 6-1 overall and 5-1 in the MVFC, are ranked second in this week's media poll and third in the coaches' poll.

SDSU, NDSU, North Dakota and Missouri State all enter the week with one loss in league play. Missouri State (5-1) is idle this week, while North Dakota (4-1) plays at Youngstown State on Saturday.

THE SERIES: Saturday's game marks the 111th meeting on the gridiron between SDSU and North Dakota State. NDSU leads the overall series by a 63-42-5 count, including a 10-6 advantage in Dakota Marker games since the two programs moved to the Football Championship Subdivision in 2004.

The rivalry began in 1903 with an 85-0 NDSU victory, and the two schools were both charter members of the North Central Conference, meeting every year from 1919 through 1942 until play was interrupted by World War II. The series resumed in 1946 and the two squads have met every year since.

Saturday's contest will mark the 13th consecutive game (playoffs included) in the series that both teams have been nationally ranked, and the eighth in that span in which both teams have been ranked in the top 10.

NDSU has won the last three meetings, including posting a 23-16 victory before a record crowd of 19,371 at SDSU's Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium on Oct. 26, 2019. Adam Cofield's 71-yard touchdown run on a fourth-and-inches play with 2:32 remaining in the game was the winning score for the Bison, who went on to complete an undefeated season.

THE DAKOTA MARKER: Red quartzite monuments that define the border between South Dakota and North Dakota signify a football rivalry between the two states.

The Dakota Marker, a replica of the 7-foot by 10-inch square stone monuments planted in the early 1890s, is the name of a traveling trophy that SDSU and North Dakota State began competing for in 2004.

The original idea for the trophy came from the Blue Key Honor Society at NDSU. The student associations at both schools share dual ownership of the trophy.

Creation of the trophy coincided with SDSU's and NDSU's entry into NCAA Division I-AA football (currently Football Championship Subdivision). And it signaled a revised rivalry between two schools that first played a football game against each other in 1903.

The Dakota Marker stands about three feet tall with the letters "SD" on one side and "ND" on the other side, just like its 720 namesakes that dot the 366-mile border. The trophy stands about three feet high and weighs 78 pounds. The black granite base used to display the trophy weighs another 181 pounds.

GAME NOTES — SOUTH DAKOTA STATE AT NORTH DAKOTA STATE

2020-21 GAME HIGHS

TEAM GAME HIGHS

RUSHING ATTEMPTS: 61, at Southern Illinois, 3-20-2021
RUSHING YARDS: 392, at Southern Illinois, 3-20-2021
YARDS PER RUSH: 7.9, vs. Western Illinois, 3-6-2021
RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS: 5, at Southern Illinois, 3-20-2021
PASS ATTEMPTS: 32, at North Dakota, 2-27-2021
PASS COMPLETIONS: 19, at Northern Iowa, 2-19-2021
YARDS PASSING: 309, at North Dakota, 2-27-2021
YARDS PER PASS: 9.7, at North Dakota, 2-27-2021
PASSING TOUCHDOWNS: 2, three times (last: vs. Western Illinois, 3-6-2021)
TOTAL PLAYS: 73, at Southern Illinois, 3-20-2021
TOTAL OFFENSE: 531, vs. Western Illinois, 3-6-2021
YARDS PER PLAY: 8.0, vs. Western Illinois, 3-6-2021
POINTS: 45, vs. Western Illinois, 3-6-2021
FIRST DOWNS: 26, at Southern Illinois, 3-20-2021
SACKS BY: 2, at Northern Iowa, 2-19-2021, and vs. Youngstown State, 3-13-2021
PENALTIES: 9, at Northern Iowa, 2-19-2021
PENALTY YARDS: 80, at Northern Iowa, 2-19-2021
TURNOVERS BY: 3, at North Dakota, 2-27-2021
TURNOVERS FORCED: 4, at Southern Illinois, 3-20-2021
INTERCEPTIONS: 3, vs. Western Illinois, 3-6-2021, and at Southern Illinois, 3-20-2021
FUMBLES RECOVERED: 1, vs. Youngstown State, 3-13-2021, and at Southern Illinois, 3-20-2021

SDSU'S 2020-21 RECORD WHEN...

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

The Dakota Marker series has provided many memorable moments throughout its 16-game history. Three times the winner of the game has decided a conference regular season title, including the Missouri Valley Football Conference title during the 2012 season. The Jackrabbits and Bison also played for the Great West Football Conference championship in both 2006 and 2007.

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.

RANKINGS STREAK: With its appearance in this week's Stats Perform FCS Poll, SDSU has now appeared in the top 25 of 113 consecutive media polls dating back to October 2012.

Following is a week-by-week look at the Jackrabbits' rankings this season:

Date	STATS	AFC Coaches
Preseason	5th	—
Feb. 22	3rd	—
March 1	8th	—
March 8	8th	—
March 15/16	6th	7th
March 22/23	4th	T-5th
March 29/30	4th	4th
April 5/6	4th	4th
April 12/13	4th	4th

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.

ANOTHER MILESTONE WIN: South Dakota State's March 6 win over Western Illinois marked the program's 100th victory since joining the Missouri Valley Football Conference at the start of the 2008 season. Overall, the Jackrabbits have posted a 102-55 record (.650 winning record) in that span, including a 70-31 mark in MVFC games.

SDSU has not finished below .500 in league play in any of its 13 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.

Since moving to the FCS ranks at the start of the 2004 season, the Jackrabbits have posted a 128-73 overall record (.637 winning percentage). SDSU spent its first four years at the FCS level as a member of the Great West Football Conference.

SDSU has now turned in a winning record in 15 of 17 seasons as an FCS member.

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

The Jackrabbits, who finished the 2019 season with an 8-5 overall record and a 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).

GAME NOTES — SOUTH DAKOTA STATE AT NORTH DAKOTA STATE

2020-21 GAME HIGHS

INDIVIDUAL GAME HIGHS

RUSHING ATTEMPTS: 22, by Pierre Strong, Jr., at Northern Iowa, 2-19-2021, and Isaiah Davis, at Southern Illinois, 3-20-2021

RUSHING YARDS: 150, by Isaiah Davis, at Southern Illinois, 3-20-2021

RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS: 3, by Isaiah Davis, at Southern Illinois, 3-20-2021

LONG RUSH: 80 yards (for TD), by Mark Gronowski, vs. Western Illinois, 3-6-2021

PASS ATTEMPTS: 32, by Mark Gronowski, at North Dakota, 2-27-2021

PASS COMPLETIONS: 19, by Mark Gronowski, at Northern Iowa, 2-19-2021

YARDS PASSING: 309, by Mark Gronowski, at North Dakota, 2-27-2021

TOUCHDOWN PASSES: 2, three times by Mark Gronowski (last: vs. Western Illinois, 3-6-2021)

RECEPTIONS: 7, by Jaxon Janke, at North Dakota, 2-27-2021

YARDS RECEIVING: 161, by Jaxon Janke, at North Dakota, 2-27-2021

RECEIVING TOUCHDOWNS: 2, by Jaxon Janke, at North Dakota, 2-27-2021

LONG RECEPTION: 76 yards (for TD), by Jaxon Janke (from Mark Gronowski), at North Dakota, 2-27-2021

FIELD GOALS: 2, by Cole Frahm, vs. Youngstown State, 3-13-2021, and at Southern Illinois, 3-20-2021

LONG FIELD GOAL: 52 yards, by Cole Frahm, vs. Youngstown State, 3-13-2021

PUNTS: 4, by Ben Dinkel, at Northern Iowa, 2-19-2021, and vs. Youngstown State, 3-13-2021

PUNTING AVERAGE: 42.2 yards (4 punts), by Ben Dinkel, at Northern Iowa, 2-19-2021

LONG PUNT: 61 yards, by Ben Dinkel, at Northern Iowa, 2-19-2021

LONG PUNT RETURN: 14 yards, by Jaxon Janke, at Northern Iowa, 2-19-2021

LONG KICKOFF RETURN: 36 yards, by Isaiah Davis, at Southern Illinois, 3-20-2021

TACKLES: 11, by Logan Backhaus, at North Dakota, 2-27-2021

TACKLES FOR LOSS: 2.0, five times by three players (three times by Tolu Ogunrinde)

SACKS: 1.0, six times by four players (three times by Tolu Ogunrinde)

INTERCEPTIONS: 1, nine times by seven players (three times by Joshua Manchigiah)

PASS BREAKUPS: 2, by Don Gardner and Isaiah Stalbird, at North Dakota, 2-27-2021

FUMBLES FORCED: 1, by Tolu Ogunrinde, vs. Youngstown State, 3-13-2021, and by Graham Spalding, at Southern Illinois, 3-20-2021

BLOCKED KICKS: 1, by Isaiah Stalbird, at Northern Iowa, 2-19-2021, and by Ryan Van Marel, vs. Youngstown State, 3-13-2021

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.

MVFC squads are playing an eight-game league schedule. Ten of the league's 11 teams are playing during this 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.

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 saw his streak of starting 26 games in a row for the Jackrabbits come to an end as he missed the Feb. 19 season opener 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: Jackrabbit running back Pierre Strong, Jr., was named last month 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 averaged 8.2 yards per carry, and needed only 100 carries to reach the 1,000-yard mark during the 2018 season.

GAME NOTES — SOUTH DAKOTA STATE AT NORTH DAKOTA STATE

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

AT NORTHERN IOWA

Offense: Mark Gronowski, Aron Johnson
Defense: Caleb Sanders
Special Teams: Isaiah Stalbird
Scout Offense: A.J. Coons, Rudy Voss
Scout Defense: Daeton Mcgaughy
Scout Special Teams: Dalys Beenum
Effort: Caleb Sanders

AT NORTH DAKOTA

Offense: Jaxon Janke, Mason McCormick
Defense: Logan Backhaus
Special Teams: none
Scout Offense: Landon Wolf
Scout Defense: Caleb Frandl
Scout Special Teams: Aaron Kusler
Effort: N/A

vs. WESTERN ILLINOIS

Offense: Mark Gronowski, Garret Greenfield
Defense: Adam Bock
Special Teams: Isaiah Davis
Scout Offense: Alex Westendorf
Scout Defense: Max VanMeter
Scout Special Teams: Davion Sterner
Effort: Canyon Bauer

vs. YOUNGSTOWN STATE

Offense: Pierre Strong, Jr.; Zach Heins
Defense: Quinton Hicks
Special Teams: Cole Frahm
Scout Offense: Avian Thomas
Scout Defense: Isaac Appleget
Scout Special Teams: Shane Dailey Jr.
Effort: Thomas Motzko

AT SOUTHERN ILLINOIS

Offense: Isaiah Davis, Garret Greenfield
Defense: Joshua Manchigiah, Don Gardner
Special Teams: Graham Spalding
Scout Offense: Rudy Voss
Scout Defense: Aaron Kusler
Scout Special Teams: Isaac Appleget
Effort: Graham Spalding

MVFC AWARDS

OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

- Pierre Strong, Jr. (Feb. 19)
- Mark Gronowski (March 6)

OFFENSIVE LINEMAN OF THE WEEK

- Garret Greenfield (March 6, March 20)

SPECIAL TEAMS PLAYER OF THE WEEK

- Cole Frahm (March 13)

NEWCOMER OF THE WEEK

- Mark Gronowski (Feb. 19)
- Isaiah Davis (March 20)

Strong moved into the SDSU career top 10 for rushing in the Feb. 27 game at North Dakota and enters Saturday's game with 2,492 career yards.

He was selected as the Missouri Valley Football Conference Offensive Player of the Week after tallying 142 all-purpose yards, including 91 rushing yards, and scoring the game-winning touchdown on a 1-yard pass play with 19 seconds remaining in South Dakota State's 24-20 victory at Northern Iowa on Feb. 19.

In his last action, Strong rushed for a season-high 124 yards on 21 carries against Youngstown State. He missed the March 20 game at Southern Illinois due to injury.

In 2019, Strong 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 Gonneman, 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)

FAST STARTS: SDSU scored on its opening drive in each of its first four games this season for a total of 24 points.

Following are the scoring plays and summaries of the Jackrabbits' opening drives:

- Feb. 19 at Northern Iowa – Cole Frahm 24-yard field goal (8 plays, 71 yards, 4:44 time of possession);
- Feb. 27 at North Dakota – Jaxon Janke 18-yard pass from Mark Gronowski (5-75, 2:02);
- March 6 vs. Western Illinois – Mark Gronowski 22-yard run (9-81, 2:50);
- March 13 vs. Youngstown State – Jaxon Janke 8-yard pass from Gronowski (6-75, 3:24);

Southern Illinois became the first team to score against the Jackrabbits on the first drive of the game this season, kicking a field goal in their March 20 matchup. However, SDSU pitched a shutout the rest of the way in a 44-3 road victory.

SECOND-QUARTER DOMINANCE: As good as the Jackrabbits have been early in games, they have been even more dominant in the second quarter.

In five games, SDSU holds a 59-7 scoring advantage in the second quarter. Western Illinois scored the lone second-quarter points against SDSU on March 6, but the Jackrabbits countered with 28 of their own in the period.

In their most recent outing, the Jackrabbits outscored Southern Illinois, 17-0, in the second quarter of their March 20 matchup.

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK: Two South Dakota State players were honored by the Missouri Valley Football Conference for their performances in the Jackrabbits' 44-3 win at Southern Illinois on March 20.

Running back Isaiah Davis was honored as the MVFC Newcomer of the Week after leading a potent Jackrabbit rushing attack. A freshman from Joplin, Missouri, Davis rushed 22 times for a career-high 150 yards and scored three touchdowns. Filling in for injured starter Pierre Strong, Jr., Davis scored on a 3-yard touchdown run in the second quarter, then added rushing touchdowns of 1 and 45 yards in the third quarter.

For the second time in three weeks, South Dakota State's Garret Greenfield was named the MVFC Offensive Lineman of the Week.

The Jackrabbits' starting right tackle, Greenfield anchored an offensive line that paved the way for SDSU to roll up a season-high 392 rushing yards. He graded at 94 percent and was credited with three knockdown blocks, while not allowing any sacks, pressures or quarterback hits in the game. SDSU had a pair of 100-yard rushers in freshman running back Isaiah Davis (150 yards) and freshman quarterback Mark Gronowski (103 yards), with the duo accounting for all five of SDSU's touchdowns.

GAME NOTES — SOUTH DAKOTA STATE AT NORTH DAKOTA STATE

QUICK FACTS

SDSU INFORMATION

LOCATION: Brookings, S.D.
ENROLLMENT: 11,405 (fall 2020)
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.

A sophomore from Rock Valley, Iowa, Greenfield also received the MVFC offensive lineman honor after SDSU ran for 347 yards in a March 6 victory over Western Illinois.

COMING THROUGH IN THE CLUTCH: Freshman quarterback Mark Gronowski has led South Dakota State on two game-winning, fourth-quarter drives in his first four career starts.

On game-winning drives Feb. 19 at Northern Iowa and March 13 versus Youngstown State, Gronowski was a combined 9-for-10 passing for 123 yards and a touchdown.

His top target on those drives was sophomore tight end Zach Heins, who recorded a 43-yard catch and run to set up the game-winning touchdown at UNI, followed by catches of 39 and 16 yards that led to the game-winning field goal versus YSU.

MORE ON GRONOWSKI: Mark Gronowski has taken the reins of the Jackrabbit offense after winning a three-way battle for the starting quarterback position in spring camp.

A native of Naperville, Illinois, Gronowski turned in an impressive collegiate debut by accounting for all three South Dakota State touchdowns as the Jackrabbits prevailed in a matchup between top-five teams in the Feb. 19 season opener at Northern Iowa. He completed 19-of-29 passes for 194 yards and touchdown passes of 6 yards to Jaxon Janke in the second quarter and a 1-yard game-winning toss with 19 seconds left to Pierre Strong, Jr. He also rushed for 24 yards on 10 carries, including a 5-yard touchdown late in the first half.

For his efforts, Gronowski was selected as both the Missouri Valley Football Conference Newcomer of the Week and the Stats Perform FCS National Freshman Player of the Week.

In his next start, Gronowski completed 16-of-32 passes for 309 yards and two first-quarter touchdowns Feb. 27 at North Dakota.

He recorded his third two-touchdown passing game and added two rushing touchdowns in his home debut March 6 against Western Illinois, earning MVFC Offensive Player of the Week honors after racking up 298 yards of total offense (178 passing, 120 rushing) and accounting for four touchdowns. He became the first Jackrabbit quarterback since All-American Taryn Christian in 2017 to pass and rush for 100 yards in the same game.

Gronowski is the fourth different quarterback to start a game for the Jackrabbits since the end of the 2018 season, when Christian wrapped up his career with 41 consecutive starts. J'Bore Gibbs started six games as a redshirt freshman in 2019, including the season opener. Kanin Nelson started the second and third games of the season, while Keaton Heide started the final five games after Gibbs was lost for the season due to injury.

GETTING DEFENSIVE: South Dakota State held Northern Iowa to a meager 28 net yards rushing in the Feb. 19 season opener, a total that ranks as the third-lowest allowed by the Jackrabbits against a Missouri Valley Football Conference opponent since joining the league in 2008. The Panthers' 28 yards came on 25 attempts — an average of 1.1 yards per carry.

The fewest rushing yards allowed by a Jackrabbit team in an MVFC game is 22 yards (on 22 carries) by South Dakota on Nov. 17, 2012. SDSU surrendered only 25 yards (on 24 attempts) versus Indiana State on Sept. 19, 2009.

For the season, SDSU is allowing 122 rushing yards through five games.

NEW INTERCEPTIONS STREAK: After having its 13-game streak with an interception come to an end in the season opener, the SDSU defense has started a new streak with nine interceptions over the past four games.

The nine interceptions rank seventh among Football Championship Subdivision teams entering the week.

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JACKRABBITS IN THE 2020-21 NCAA STATISTICS

TEAM (top 25)

- 3rd in kickoff returns, 27.0 yards/attempt
- 7th in passes intercepted, 9
- 7th in red-zone offense, .944
- 8th in fewest tackles for loss allowed, 4.40/game
- 9th in fewest sacks allowed, 1.00 per game
- 10th in team passing efficiency defense, 98.88
- 10th in rushing offense, 218.6 yards/game
- 11th in blocked kicks, 2
- 12th in scoring defense, 15.6 points/game
- 15th in red-zone defense, .688
- 15th in passing yards allowed, 162.8 yards/game
- 16th in passing yards per completion, 13.46
- 17th in total defense, 284.6 yards/game
- 18th in kickoff return defense, 15.43 yards/attempt
- 20th in third-down conversion pct. – defense, .310
- 21st in fewest passes had intercepted, 3
- 23rd in turnovers gained, 11
- 24th in scoring offense, 29.8 points/game
- 24th in total offense, 401.6 yards/game
- 25th in third-down conversion percentage, .446
- 25th in rushing defense, 121.8 yards/game

INDIVIDUAL (top 40)

MARK GRONOWSKI

- 11th in rushing touchdowns, 6
- 14th in passing yards per completion, 13.67
- 17th in points responsible for, 78
- 16th in points responsible for per game, 15.6
- 20th in total touchdowns, 6
- 27th in total offense, 231.8 yards/game
- 28th in yards per pass attempt, 7.58
- 32nd in passing yards, 902
- 32nd in passing efficiency, 133.5
- 34th in passing touchdowns, 7

ISAIAH DAVIS

- 33rd in rushing touchdowns, 4

COLE FRAHM

- 16th in field goals per game, 1.40
- 39th in scoring, 7.4 points/game

JAXON JANKE

- 21st in receiving touchdowns, 4

JADON JANKE

- 13th in yards per reception, 21.33

JOSHUA MANCHIGIAH

- 17th in interceptions per game, 0.6

PIERRE STRONG, JR.

- 18th in rushing yards per game, 89.5
- 38th in rushing yards per carry, 5.19

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

Linebacker Preston Tetzlaff picked off a pass in the fourth quarter at North Dakota on Feb. 27, followed by a three-interception performance by the Jackrabbits March 6 against Western Illinois and a two-INT afternoon March 13 versus Youngstown State. SDSU matched its season high with three interceptions March 20 at Southern Illinois.

Joshua Manchigiah has recorded interceptions in each of the last three games to take over the team lead.

SDSU has picked off a pass in 23 of its last 25 games dating back to the 2018 season. As a team, the Jackrabbits tallied 18 interceptions in 2019 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.

BLOCK THAT KICK: South Dakota State continued to pick up where it left off with strong special teams play in the Feb. 19 season opener, including blocking a punt. Isaiah Stalbird's blocked punt late in the first half at Northern Iowa led to a touchdown that pushed the Jackrabbits' halftime lead to 17-7.

In the March 13 home win over Youngstown State, defensive tackle Ryan Van Marel got a hand on a 43-yard field goal attempt late in the second quarter for SDSU's second blocked kick of the season.

SDSU has consistently ranked among the FCS leaders for blocked kicks over the past few seasons. The Jackrabbits ranked ninth with five blocked kicks in 2019, after ranking third in 2018 with eight blocked kicks.

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.

SDSU has lost six fumbles so far during the 2020-21 season and enters the week-end plus-2 in turnover margin after forcing a season-high four turnovers (one fumble, three interceptions) at Southern Illinois on March 20.

TWIN CENTURY MARKS: South Dakota State's twin-brother receiving duo of Jaxon and Jadon Janke each topped the 100-yard mark for receiving Feb. 27 at North Dakota.

Jaxon Janke established new career highs of seven receptions for 161 yards, while tying a career best with two touchdowns (18, 76 yards). Jadon Janke added career highs of five catches and 109 receiving yards.

The Janke brothers became the first SDSU tandem with 100 receiving yards in a game since Cade Johnson (5-162) and Adam Anderson (4-128) against Arkansas-Pine Bluff on Sept. 15, 2018.

BALANCING THE ATTACK: One week after having a pair of receivers top the 100-yard mark in a game, South Dakota State turned to a ground-based attack March 6 against Western Illinois, resulting in a pair of 100-yard rushers — both first-year freshmen.

Quarterback Mark Gronowski led the way with 120 yards on only four carries, including touchdown runs of 22 and 80 yards. Running back Isaiah Davis carried nine times for 118 yards, including a 40-yard touchdown run.

The same duo again both reached the century mark March 20 at Southern Illinois, with Davis tallying 150 yards on 22 carries and Gronowski posting 103 yards.

The Jackrabbits finished with 392 rushing yards at Southern Illinois, a total that is tied for the most by an FCS program this season with UC Davis (March 20 vs. Cal Poly) and Nicholls State (Feb. 27 vs. Lamar).

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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 Krolikowski	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

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.

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.

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

2016	6-1
2017	7-1
2018	7-0
2019	5-3
2020-21	2-0
TOTALS	27-5

TOP PERFORMANCES

100-YARD RUSHERS

ISAIAH DAVIS

- 118 yards (9-118, 1 TD) vs. Western Illinois, 3-6-21
- 150 yards (22-150, 3 TD) at Southern Illinois, 3-20-21

MARK GRONOWSKI

- 120 yards (4-120, 2 TD) vs. Western Illinois, 3-6-21
- 103 yards (13-103, 2 TD) at Southern Illinois, 3-20-21

PIERRE STRONG, JR.

- 124 yards (21-124) vs. Youngstown State, 3-13-21

100-YARD RECEIVERS

JADON JANKE

- 109 yards (5-109) at North Dakota, 2-27-21

JAXON JANKE

- 167 yards (7-161, 2 TD) at North Dakota, 2-27-21

300-YARD PASSERS

MARK GRONOWSKI

- 309 yards (16-32-2, 309) at North Dakota, 2-27-21

DOUBLE-DIGIT TACKLERS

LOGAN BACKHAUS

- 11 tackles (5-6) at North Dakota, 2-27-21

ADAM BOCK

- 10 tackles (2-8) at Southern Illinois, 3-20-21

PRESTON TETZLAFF

- 10 tackles (7-3) at North Dakota, 2-27-21

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 27-5 record at Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium during its first five 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.

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

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 16-team Football Championship Subdivision playoff field and pairings will be announced at 10:30 a.m. Sunday on ESPNU. First-round action is set to begin April 24, with SDSU in line to host first- and second-round games.

DEPTH CHART at NORTH DAKOTA STATE

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.
	88	Blake Kunz, 6-5, 255, Jr., Germantown, Wis.
	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	11	Mark Gronowski, 6-3, 200, Fr., Naperville, Ill.
	13	Keaton Heide, 6-3, 195, So., Wayzata, Minn.
RB or	20	PIERRE STRONG, JR., 5-11, 210, Jr., Little Rock, Ark.
	22	Isaiah Davis, 6-1, 220, Fr., Joplin, Mo.
	8	Jordan Meachum, 5-8, 190, Grad., Lamott, Pa.

* 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.
NT	99	CALEB SANDERS, 6-1, 280, Jr., Glenwood, Iowa
	98	Ryan Van Marel, 6-4, 285, So., Sheldon, Iowa
	52	Jarod DePriest, 6-5, 265, R-Fr., Trivoli, Ill.
DT or	69	Krockett Krolikowski, 6-2, 290, Jr., Winner, S.D.
	91	XAVIER WARD, 6-2, 285, Sr., Freeman, S.D.
	55	Thomas Stacker, 6-4, 285, Sr., Chicago, Ill.
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 (Will)	46	Preston Tetzlaff, 6-2, 215, Sr., Brookings, S.D.
	29	Graham Spalding, 6-1, 200, R-Fr., Oviedo, Fla.
	30	Payton Shafer, 6-0, 215, So., Cottage Grove, Minn.
LB (Mike)	32	Adam Bock, 6-1, 210, R-Fr., Solon, Iowa
	46	Preston Tetzlaff, 6-2, 215, Sr., Brookings, S.D.
	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
	45	Caleb Francl, 6-0, 190, Fr., Grand Island, Neb.
LCB	21	DON GARDNER, 6-1, 185, Sr., Chicago, Ill.
	28	Dalys Beanum, 6-1, 165, Fr., Omaha, Neb.
FS or	3	JOSHUA MANCHIGIAH, 6-0, 210, Jr., Papillion, Neb.
	2	Isaiah Stalbird, 6-1, 200, So., Kearney, Neb.
	25	Cale Reeder, 6-0, 185, Fr., Yorkville, Ill.
SS or	6	MICHAEL GRIFFIN II, 6-0, 6-0, 215, Sr., Cottage Grove, Minn.
	35	Chase Norblade, 6-1, 185, So., Papillion, Neb.
	15	Daeton Mcgaughy, 6-0, 200, Fr., Elwood, Kan.
RCB	1	Malik Lofton, 5-10, 190, Jr., Crystal, Minn.
	13	DyShawn Gales, 5-11, 185, So., North Chicago, Ill.
	36	Torren Union, 6-2, 195, R-Fr., Mesa, Ariz.

SPECIAL TEAMS

Long Snaps	75	Jon Gruetzmacher, 6-8, 310, Jr., Merrill, Wis.
	87	Zach Heins, 6-7, 260, So., Sioux Falls, S.D.
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	8	Jordan Meachum, 5-8, 190, Grad., Lamott, Pa.
	20	Pierre Strong, Jr., 5-11, 210, Jr., Little Rock, Ark.
KOR	9	Jadon Janke, 6-3, 210, So., Madison, S.D.
	22	Isaiah Davis, 6-1, 220, Fr., Joplin, Mo.
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 Schleusner
 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/Quality Control: Luke Munsterteiger, C.J. Butt, Derik Dillon



South Dakota State University

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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.	58	Alex Westendorf	OL	6-5	280	R-Fr.	South Elgin, Ill.
1	Rudy Voss	QB	6-3	200	Fr.	Lakefield, Minn.	59	Jalen Lee	OL	6-2	280	Fr.	Robbins, Ill.
2	J'Bore Gibbs	QB	6-3	230	So.	Chicago, Ill.	60	Mason McCormick	OL	6-4	300	So.	Sioux Falls, S.D.
2	Isaiah Stalbird	S	6-1	200	So.	Kearney, Neb.	61	Evan Beerntsen	OL	6-4	285	R-Fr.	De Pere, Wis.
3	Joshua Manchigiah	S	6-0	210	R-Jr.	Papillion, Neb.	64	Ethan Vibert	OL	6-4	290	R-Fr.	Regina, Saskatchewan
4	Canyon Bauer	WR	6-0	195	R-Fr.	Sioux Falls, S.D.	65	Matthew Borowicz	DT	6-4	275	So.	Lakeville, Minn.
6	Michael Griffin II	S	6-0	215	Sr.	Cottage Grove, Minn.	67	Brady Beck	OL	6-8	280	R-Fr.	Sioux Falls, S.D.
7	Karst Hunter	ATH	6-4	205	R-Fr.	Miller, S.D.	68	Ian Bass	OL	6-4	285	So.	Rosemount, Minn.
8	Jordan Meachum	RB	5-8	190	Gr.	Lamott, Pa.	69	Krockett Krolikowski	DT	6-2	290	Jr.	Winner, S.D.
9	Jadon Janke	WR	6-3	210	So.	Madison, S.D.	70	Colby Christensen	OL	6-8	240	Fr.	West Des Moines, Iowa
10	Jaxon Janke	WR	6-2	210	So.	Madison, S.D.	71	Aron Johnson	OL	6-6	295	Jr.	Chisago City, Minn.
10	Hunter Dustman	K/P	6-3	215	Fr.	East Bethel, Minn.	72	Jason Titus	OL	6-5	285	Jr.	Andover, Minn.
11	Matt Barnett	LB	6-3	200	R-Fr.	Cedar Rapids, Iowa	73	Trajan Walhof	OL	6-5	285	So.	Sioux Center, Iowa
11	Mark Gronowski	QB	6-3	200	Fr.	Naperville, Ill.	74	Garret Greenfield	OL	6-6	295	So.	Rock Valley, Iowa
12	Logan Backhaus	LB	6-4	205	Sr.	Spirit Lake, Iowa	75	Jon Gruetzmacher	OL	6-8	310	Jr.	Merrill, Wis.
13	DyShawn Gales	CB	5-11	185	So.	North Chicago, Ill.	76	Bo Donald	OL	6-6	300	R-Fr.	Kimball, S.D.
13	Keaton Heide	QB	6-3	195	So.	Wayzata, Minn.	77	Wes Genant	OL	6-4	295	Sr.	Parkston, S.D.
15	Daeton Mcgaughy	S	6-0	200	Fr.	Elwood, Kan.	78	Adam White	OL	6-4	250	Fr.	DeForest, Wis.
17	Abe Hoskins III	CB	6-2	175	Fr.	Omaha, Neb.	79	Jhareth Bloomerader	OL	6-6	270	R-Fr.	Highmore, S.D.
18	Corben Mahaffy	K	5-11	170	R-Fr.	Piedmont, S.D.	80	Nate Sullivan Jr.	WR	6-2	175	Fr.	Bellevue, Neb.
19	Mason Leighton	WR	5-9	175	Jr.	Madison, S.D.	81	Skyler Cavanaugh	TE	6-5	240	Sr.	Vail, Ariz.
20	Pierre Strong, Jr.	RB	5-11	210	Jr.	Little Rock, Ark.	82	Caleb Schauf	TE	6-5	245	Jr.	Sparta, Wis.
21	Don Gardner	CB	6-1	185	Sr.	Chicago, Ill.	83	A.J. Coons	WR	6-4	190	Fr.	Solon, Iowa
22	Tolu Ogunrinde	DE	6-1	270	Sr.	Cottage Grove, Minn.	85	Tucker Kraft	TE	6-5	250	R-Fr.	Timber Lake, S.D.
22	Isaiah Davis	RB	6-1	220	Fr.	Joplin, Mo.	86	Devon Cole Jr.	WR	5-9	160	Fr.	Clermont, Fla.
23	Shane Dailey Jr.	WR	5-9	160	R-Fr.	Omaha, Neb.	87	Zach Heins	TE	6-7	260	So.	Sioux Falls, S.D.
25	Cale Reeder	S	6-0	185	Fr.	Yorkville, Ill.	88	Blake Kunz	TE	6-5	255	Jr.	Germantown, Wis.
27	Marlon Wiley	WR	5-10	180	R-Fr.	Jordan, Minn.	88	Brandon Lane Jr.	DT	6-2	245	Fr.	Kansas City, Mo.
28	Dalys Beanum	CB	6-1	165	Fr.	Omaha, Neb.	89	Wyatt Seagren	TE	6-7	245	Fr.	Oakland, Neb.
29	Graham Spalding	LB	6-1	200	R-Fr.	Oviedo, Fla.	90	Randy Keumogne	DE	6-3	220	Fr.	Oakdale, Minn.
30	Payton Shafer	LB	6-0	215	So.	Cottage Grove, Minn.	91	Xavier Ward	DT	6-2	285	Sr.	Freeman, S.D.
31	Isaac Appleget	LB	6-2	190	Fr.	Lincoln, Neb.	92	Kevin Brenner	DE	6-3	235	R-Fr.	Silver Lake, Wis.
32	Adam Bock	LB	6-1	210	R-Fr.	Solon, Iowa	93	Max Baloun	DE	6-6	225	Fr.	Redfield, S.D.
33	Thomas Motzko	LB	6-0	230	R-Fr.	Highland Park, Ill.	94	Cade Terveer	DE	6-3	245	So.	Brandon, S.D.
34	Mike Morgan	TE/FB	6-3	235	So.	New Lenox, Ill.	95	Zac Wilson	DE	6-3	220	R-Fr.	Chippley, Fla.
35	Chase Norblade	S	6-1	185	So.	Papillion, Neb.	96	Mitch Eichacker	DE	6-4	225	Fr.	Sioux Falls, S.D.
36	Torren Union	CB	6-2	195	R-Fr.	Mesa, Ariz.	97	Reece Winkelman	DE	6-4	245	Jr.	Marshall, Minn.
37	Jefferson Lee, V	RB	5-9	190	So.	Marshall, Minn.	97	Cole Frahm	K	6-5	225	Jr.	Omaha, Neb.
39	Steven Arrell	CB	6-2	185	Fr.	Brooklyn Park, Minn.	98	Ryan Van Marel	DT	6-4	285	So.	Sheldon, Iowa
40	Aaron Kusler	LB	6-2	205	Fr.	Sioux Falls, S.D.	99	Caleb Sanders	DT	6-1	280	Jr.	Glenwood, Iowa
41	Avian Thomas	RB	5-10	185	Fr.	Boonville, Mo.	COACHING AND SUPPORT STAFF						
42	Davion Sterner	LB	6-0	190	Fr.	Alvord, Iowa	Head Coach: John Stiegelmeier						
43	Adam Kusler	LB	6-3	205	Fr.	Sioux Falls, S.D.	Asst. Head Coach/Co-Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers: Jimmy Rogers						
44	Saiveon Williamson	LB	6-1	210	So.	Waseca, Minn.	Co-Defensive Coordinator/Safeties: Brian Bergstrom						
45	Caleb Francl	LB	6-0	190	Fr.	Grand Island, Neb.	Offensive Coordinator/Offensive Line: Jason Eck						
46	Preston Tetzlaff	LB	6-2	215	Sr.	Brookings, S.D.	Passing Game Coordinator/Wide Receivers: Luke Schluesner						
47	Michael Drotzmann	P	6-3	195	R-Fr.	Yankton, S.D.	Special Teams Coordinator/Cornerbacks: Rob Erickson						
48	Quinton Hicks	DE	6-3	240	So.	Wichita, Kan.	Running Backs: John Johnson						
48	Jaden Mueller	LS	6-1	210	Fr.	Johnston, Iowa	Quarterbacks: Zach Lujan						
49	Ben Dinkel	P	5-10	220	Jr.	Kearney, Neb.	Tight Ends: Ryan Olson						
50	Gus Miller	OL	6-3	265	Fr.	Brookings, S.D.	Defensive Line: Christian Smith						
51	Max VanMeter	DT	6-4	260	Fr.	Overland Park, Kan.	Assistant Defensive Line: Spencer Erickson						
52	Jarod DePriest	DT	6-5	265	R-Fr.	Trivoli, Ill.	Graduate Assistants: Luke Munsterteiger, C.J. Butt, Derik Dillon						
53	Caden Johnson	DE	6-3	240	R-Fr.	Wahoo, Neb.	Football Operations: Jonathan Shaeffer						
54	Eddie Miller	OL	6-5	315	Sr.	Brookings, S.D.	Football Equipment: Tim Lowe						
55	Thomas Stackner	DT	6-4	285	Sr.	Chicago, Ill.	Strength and Conditioning: Nate Moe						
56	Eagan Lickiss	OL	6-4	320	Sr.	Indianola, Iowa	Sports Medicine: Charlie Miller, Kelsey Sanders						
57	Kinser Madison	LB	6-2	210	So.	Higginsville, Mo.							



JOHN STIEGELMEIER

Head Coach

24th Season (170-106 record — all at SDSU)

Alma Mater: South Dakota State, 1979

FOOTBALL HONORS AND RECORDS:

- Ranks first on SDSU career football coaching victories list with 170-106 record (.616 winning percentage) in 24 seasons — passed Ralph Ginn, who compiled a 113-89-9 record in 22 seasons from 1947-68, with 41-3 victory over UW-Oshkosh on Sept. 20, 2014
- Has led teams to winning records in 19 of his 23 full 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 128-73 overall record (.637 winning percentage)
- His 70 victories in Missouri Valley Football Conference play rank second in league history, while his 102 overall wins since joining the league in 2008 are third among all-time league coaches
- 1999 North Central Conference Coach of the Year
- 2007 Great West Football Conference Coach of the Year after leading SDSU to first conference title in 44 years
- 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 16
- 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 108-32 (.771) home record in Coach Stig's 24 seasons as head coach
- SDSU has a 226-145 (.609) 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

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	4-1	4-1
TOTALS	102-55	70-31
OVERALL TOTALS	170-106	112-66

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
2020-21	5	20	15	35	4.5-6	0-0	0	1-0	0	0-0	0
CAREER	43	147	83	230	19.0-41	3.0-11	10	9-5	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

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
Season Totals	20	15	35	4.5-6	0-0	1-0	0	0

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 10 times in his career (two games with 200-plus yards)
- Scored a touchdown in final six games of the 2018 season, including three-touchdown performances at Southern Illinois (Nov. 10) and versus South Dakota (Nov. 17)
- Reached 1,000-yard mark on 100th carry of the 2018 season
- Posted 10th-best single-game rushing performance in school history with 253 yards on 17 carries in 2018 regular season finale versus South Dakota
- Moved into 10th place in career rushing at SDSU in Feb. 27, 2021, game at North Dakota
- His 20 career touchdown runs have covered an average of 32.1 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. Pierre Strong, Jr., 2018-present	2,492

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	69	358	5.2	1	32	8	38	1	11	1	20	20.0	0	20
Career	329	2,492	7.6	20	*73	28	291	3	*66	5	127	25.4	0	47

* denotes touchdown

PIERRE STRONG'S 2018 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

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

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SINGLE-GAME RUSHING YARDS

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

PIERRE STRONG'S 2019 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

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

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

Game	Rush	Yds	TD	LG	Rec	Yds	TD	LG	KOR	Yds	TD	LG
Northern Iowa	22	91	0	32	6	31	1	11	1	20	0	20
North Dakota	17	95	0	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Western Illinois	9	48	1	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Youngstown State	21	124	0	30	2	7	0	6	0	0	0	0
Southern Illinois	DNP-Injury											
Season Totals	69	358	1	32	8	38	1	11	1	20	0	20

#1/1 NORTH DAKOTA STATE 23, #3/3 SDSU 16

Oct. 26, 2019 • Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium (Att.: 19,371)

North Dakota State's Adam Cofield scored on a 71-yard touchdown run late in the fourth quarter, pushing the top-ranked Bison over third-ranked South Dakota State, 23-16, in a battle of Missouri Valley Football Conference and Football Championship Subdivision heavyweights before a record crowd of 19,371 Saturday afternoon at Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium.

In retaining the Dakota Marker, NDSU improved to 8-0 overall and 4-0 in the MVFC. The Jackrabbits dropped to 6-2 overall and 3-1 in league play.

Cofield's heroics spoiled a valiant comeback bid by the Jackrabbits, who played most of the game without starting quarterback J'Bore Gibbs. After the only points scored in the first half came on field goals, Ty Brooks gave the Bison a 10-6 lead on a 59-yard touchdown run up the middle midway through the first quarter.

The Bison quickly upped their lead to 16-6 moments later after forcing the first turnover of the day on a strip-sack by Spencer Waage that set up NDSU at the Jackrabbits' 14-yard line. NDSU cashed in five plays later as Trey Lance connected with tight end Ben Ellefson on a 6-yard touchdown pass. The two-point conversion failed.

SDSU rallied behind a strong running game to knot the game at 16-all by scoring on back-to-back drives to close out the third quarter and start the fourth. Chase Vinatieri's third field goal of the game, a 40-yarder, pulled the Jackrabbits to within 16-9.

On the next Jackrabbit possession, Pierre Strong, Jr. and Mikey Daniel notched runs of 10 and 23 yards, respectively, to move the ball to near midfield. Third-string quarterback Keaton Heide entered the lineup midway through the drive, rushing for 11 yards and completing a pass to Kal Hart for nine more to the NDSU 3 before keeping and scoring on the next snap to finish off a nine-play, 80-yard game-tying drive that consumed five minutes.

The two squads traded interceptions in their next offensive possessions; Levi Brown picked off Dimitri Williams on a halfback pass at the NDSU, but Josh Hayes came up with an interception of a Heide pass at the NDSU 15.

NDSU's game-winning score came on a fourth-and-inches play as Cofield took the handoff, cutting around right tackle and past the Jackrabbit defense for the 71-yard score.

The Jackrabbits settled for first-quarter field goals on each of their first two possessions. A 34-yard pass from Gibbs to Cade Johnson to the NDSU 15 on the second play of the game set up a 29-yard field goal by Vinatieri.

Gibbs left with an injury on the next possession and did not return. Backup Kanin Nelson converted on third-and-8 with a 12-yard run, with Vinatieri

completing the drive with a 25-yard field goal.

The Bison, who had a field goal blocked on their first possession of the game, got on the board via a 22-yard field goal by Griffin Crosa on NDSU's lone drive of the second quarter – a 15-play, 85-yard march that chewed up more than eight minutes.

SDSU had a chance to increase its lead on the final play of the first half, but Vinatieri missed a 33-yard attempt.

NDSU finished with a 394-330 advantage in total offense, out-gaining the Jackrabbits on the ground, 332-220. Strong finished with a game-high 120 yards on 19 carries for SDSU. Brooks led the Bison with 97 yards on nine carries, with Cofield adding 86 yards on seven attempts.

Lance ended the game for the Bison 7-of-14 passing for 62 yards and added 76 rushing yards on 18 attempts. His completions were spread among seven different receivers.



Christian Rozeboom registered a game-high 13 tackles in the 2019 Dakota Marker Game against North Dakota State.

SDSU's three quarterbacks combined for 110 yards through the air. Gibbs was 3-for-5 for 70 yards before exiting. Johnson was the top receiver with four catches for 76 yards.

Christian Rozeboom tallied a game-high 13 tackles for SDSU and forced a fumble. Michael Tutsie and Jabril Cox each registered seven stops for the Bison.

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	FINAL
North Dakota State (8-0, 4-0)	0	3	13	7	23
South Dakota State (6-2, 3-1)	6	0	3	7	16

SCORING SUMMARY

1st	12:39	SDSU	– Chase Vinatieri 29 yd field goal
	2:11	SDSU	– Vinatieri 25 yd field goal
2nd	5:53	NDSU	– Griffin Crosa 22 yd field goal
3rd	8:15	NDSU	– Ty Brooks 59 yd run (Crosa kick)
	5:57	NDSU	– Ben Ellefson 6 yd pass from Trey Lance (run failed)
	00:56	SDSU	– Vinatieri 40 yd field goal
4th	7:22	SDSU	– Keaton Heide 3 yd run (Vinatieri kick)
	2:32	NDSU	– Adam Cofield 71 yd run (Crosa kick)

TEAM STATISTICS	NDSU	SDSU
FIRST DOWNS	18	19
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	44-332	43-220
PASSING YDS (NET)	274	210
Passes Att-Comp-Int	15-7-1	17-7-1
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	59-394	60-330
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	0-0	2-10
Kickoff Returns-Yards	2-29	0-0
Interception Returns-Yards	1-5	1-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	3-45.3	2-50.5
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	2-1
Penalties-Yards	10-100	7-66
Possession Time	30:57	29:03
Third-Down Conversions	7 of 14	6 of 14
Fourth-Down Conversions	1 of 1	0 of 1
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	2-4	3-4
Sacks By: Number-Yards	4-25	1-6

RUSHING LEADERS: NDSU - Ty Brooks 9-97; Adam Cofield 7-86; Trey Lance 18-76. SDSU - Pierre Strong, Jr. 19-120; Mikey Daniel 4-39; Kanin Nelson 9-27. **PASSING LEADERS:** NDSU - Trey Lance 7-14-0 62; Dimitri Williams 0-1-1 0. SDSU - J'Bore Gibbs 3-5-0 70; Keaton Heide 2-3-1 27; Kanin Nelson 2-9-0 13. **RECEIVING LEADERS:** NDSU - Phoenix Sproles 1-24; Jimmy Kepouros 1-17; five other players with one reception. SDSU - Cade Johnson 4-76; Kal Hart 1-9; Jaxon Janke 1-7; Adam Anderson 1-6. **INTERCEPTIONS:** NDSU - Josh Hayes 1-5. SDSU - Levi Brown 1-0. **SACKS:** NDSU - Derrek Tuszka 2-0-12; Spencer Waage 1-0-11; Aaron Mercadel 1-0-2. SDSU - Spencer Hildahl 1-0-6. **TACKLE LEADERS (UA-A-TOT):** NDSU - Michael Tutsie 6-1-7; Jabril Cox 5-2-7; Josh Hayes 6-0-6. SDSU - Christian Rozeboom 6-7-13; Don Gardner 5-1-6; Josh Manchigiah 4-2-6; Seven Wilson 1-5-6.

FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP SUBDIVISION POLLS

STATS PERFORM FCS POLL — APRIL 12

PL.	SCHOOL	2020-21 RECORD	POINTS	PR
1.	James Madison [25]	4-0	968	1
2.	North Dakota State [12]	6-1	950	2
3.	Weber State	5-0	911	3
4.	South Dakota State [1]	4-1	880	4
5.	Sam Houston State [2]	5-0	862	5
6.	North Dakota	4-1	803	6
7.	Delaware	4-0	755	8
8.	Eastern Washington	5-1	717	9
9.	Jacksonville State	9-2	693	10
10.	Villanova	2-1	563	11
11.	Richmond	3-0	553	12
12.	Monmouth	3-0	539	20
13.	UC Davis	3-1	559	15
14.	Missouri State	5-4	457	15
15.	Virginia Military Institute	5-1	452	14
16.	Kennesaw State	4-1	382	7
17.	Southeastern Louisiana	4-2	357	23
18.	Southern Illinois	4-3	351	16
19.	Rhode Island	2-1	252	22
20.	Murray State	5-2	231	17
21.	Nicholls	4-3	138	18
22.	Austin Peay	4-5	137	T-25
23.	Mercer	5-5	130	NR
24.	East Tennessee State	4-2	118	21
25.	Incarnate Word	3-2	104	19

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

Top Teams Receiving Votes: **Northern Iowa** 75; Sacred Heart 44; Duquesne 26; Arkansas-Pine Bluff 20; Gardner-Webb 19; Southern 15; Maine 14. Alabama A&M 11; San Diego 3.

AFCA FCS COACHES' POLL — APRIL 13

PL.	SCHOOL	2020-21 RECORD	POINTS	PR
1.	James Madison [19]	4-0	569	1
2.	Weber State	5-0	535	2
3.	North Dakota State [2]	6-1	523	3
4.	South Dakota State	4-1	496	4
5.	Sam Houston State	5-0	486	5
6.	North Dakota	4-1	468	6
7.	Delaware	4-0	435	8
8.	Eastern Washington	5-1	414	9
9.	Jacksonville State	9-2	396	10
10.	Richmond	3-0	341	12
11.	Villanova	2-1	339	11
12.	Virginia Military Institute	5-1	289	13
13.	Monmouth	3-0	273	22
14.	UC Davis	3-2	255	15
15.	Southeastern Louisiana	4-2	225	19
16.	Kennesaw State	4-1	223	7
17.	Southern Illinois	4-3	219	18
18.	Missouri State	5-4	170	23
19.	Murray State	5-2	138	16
20.	Nicholls	4-3	109	17
21.	Southern	4-1	100	25
22.	Incarnate Word	3-2	75	14
23.	Northern Iowa	3-4	73	21
24.	East Tennessee State	4-2	53	20
25.	Alabama A&M	3-0	49	NR
	Mercer	5-5	49	NR

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

Top Teams Receiving Votes: Arkansas-Pine Bluff 39; Austin Peay 33; Duquesne 23; Gardner-Webb 22; Sacred Heart 12; South Carolina State 10; Fordham 7; Tarleton State 7; Charleston Southern 6; Holy Cross 4; Idaho 3; San Diego 3; Prairie View A&M 2; Davidson 1; Delaware State 1.

MISSOURI VALLEY FOOTBALL CONFERENCE

2020-21 MVFC STANDINGS

SCHOOL	CONFERENCE	PF	PA	OVERALL	PF	PA
North Dakota State	5-1	142	91	6-1	181	119
Missouri State	5-1	121	116	5-4	165	224
South Dakota State	4-1	149	78	4-1	149	78
North Dakota	4-1	144	103	4-1	144	103
Southern Illinois	3-3	136	170	4-3	156	187
Northern Iowa	3-4	137	107	3-4	137	107
South Dakota	1-3	71	96	1-3	71	96
Illinois State	1-3	69	86	1-3	69	86
Western Illinois	1-5	120	197	1-5	120	197
Youngstown State	1-6	108	153	1-6	108	153

SCHEDULE AND RESULTS

SATURDAY, APRIL 10

- *Missouri State 21, Youngstown State 10
- *North Dakota State 23, Northern Iowa 20
- *Western Illinois at Southern Illinois, canceled
- *North Dakota at Illinois State, canceled
- *South Dakota at South Dakota State, canceled

SATURDAY, APRIL 3

- *North Dakota at Youngstown State, 11 a.m.
- Southeastern Louisiana at Southern Illinois, noon
- *South Dakota State at North Dakota State, 2:30 p.m.
- *Illinois State at Missouri State, canceled
- *Western Illinois at South Dakota, canceled

Note: All times Central
*MVFC game

2020-21 PRESEASON POLL

1.	North Dakota State	101
2.	Northern Iowa	92
3.	South Dakota State	91
4.	Illinois State	80
5.	Southern Illinois	68
6.	South Dakota	52
7.	North Dakota	39
8.	Youngstown State	36
9.	Missouri State	23
	Western Illinois	23

Note: Indiana State opted out of spring season



VERSUS RANKED OPPONENTS

Since moving to the Football Championship Subdivision at the start of the 2004 season, the Jackrabbits have compiled a 39-47 record against 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 State (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 State (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 2-1 record

- at #3 Northern Iowa (W, 24-20)
- at #14 North Dakota (L, 17-28)
- at #5/5 Southern Illinois (W, 44-3)

^denotes FCS playoff game

#5 SDSU 24, #3 NORTHERN IOWA 20

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

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

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

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

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

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

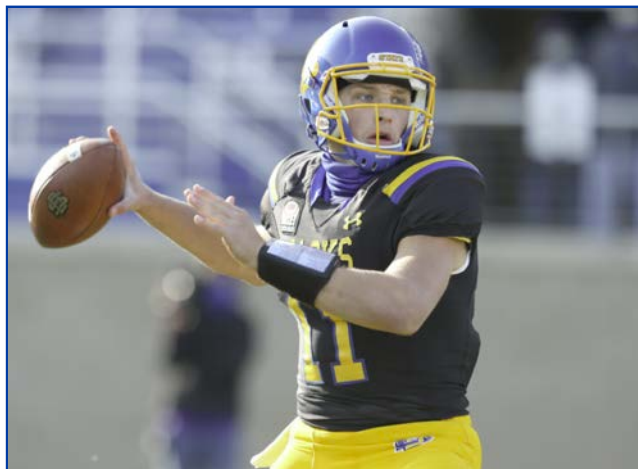
UNI took its first lead later in the first quarter on a 7-yard touchdown run by McElvain, capping a seven-play, 52-yard drive. McElvain completed 19-of-29 attempts for 164 yards, with Quan Hampton hauling in a game-high seven catches for 45 yards.

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

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

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

Korby Sander of UNI led all players with 13 tackles.



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

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

SCORING SUMMARY

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

TEAM STATISTICS

	SDSU	UNI
FIRST DOWNS	14	13
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	34-116	25-28
PASSING YDS (NET)	194	165
Passes Att-Comp-Int	29-19-0	29-19-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	63-310	54-193
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	2-33	2-11
Kickoff Returns-Yards	2-46	0-0
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	5-40.6	7-38.3
Fumbles-Lost	2-2	0-0
Penalties-Yards	9-80	4-20
Possession Time	33:14	26:46
Third-Down Conversions	5 of 13	2 of 12
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 1	0 of 0
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	4-5	3-3
Sacks By: Number-Yards	2-15	2-8

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

#14 NORTH DAKOTA 28, #3 SDSU 17

Feb. 27, 2021 • Alerus Center 3,638

GRAND FORKS, N.D. – No. 14 North Dakota controlled the second half, scoring three touchdowns en route to a 28-17 victory over third-ranked South Dakota State Feb. 27 at the Alerus Center.

UND improved to 2-0 both overall and in the Missouri Valley Football Conference. The Jackrabbits dropped to 1-1.

Early on, SDSU executed the vertical passing game to build an early lead. On the second play from scrimmage, freshman quarterback Mark Gronowski connected with Jadon Janke on a 49-yard pass play to the UND 18. Three plays later, Jadon Janke's twin brother, Jaxon, took a screen pass 18 yards to the end zone to finish off the opening drive of the game.

Special teams were key throughout the game, with the Fighting Hawks successfully executing a fake punt to extend their first scoring drive. A pass from punter Cade Peterson to Garrett Maag went for 23 yards and a first down to the midfield stripe. Otis Weah capped the methodical, 15-play drive with a 1-yard touchdown run.

The Jackrabbits, however, had a quick answer as, on the first play of the ensuing drive, Gronowski hit Jaxon Janke deep over the middle for a 76-yard touchdown.

The score would remain 14-7 in favor of the Jackrabbits until the third quarter. UND took the second-half kickoff and marched 75 yards on eight plays, tying the game at 14-all on a 1-yard touchdown run by Luke Skokna. He set up the touchdown with a 43-yard run earlier in the drive.

Once again SDSU responded, this time settling for a 39-yard field goal and a 17-14 lead after a 45-yard pass from Gronowski to Jadon Janke on the first play of the drive. Jadon Janke tallied career highs of five catches for 109 yards, with Jaxon Janke also finishing with a career day of seven catches for 161 yards.

From there it was all UND.

The Fighting Hawks turned the momentum firmly in their favor with another special teams play, blocking a punt and taking over at the SDSU 18. UND needed only two plays to take its first lead with Maag catching a 16-yard touchdown pass from Tommy Schuster.

UND made it a two-score game with the help of a fortuitous bounce of the ball on the Alerus Center turf midway through the fourth quarter. Weah broke around right end for a big gain, but was stripped of the football by the Jackrabbits' Isaiah Stalbird at the 6-yard line. The ball, however, bounced right back into Weah's hands as he fell into the end zone. The result: a 40-yard touchdown run and a 28-17 UND lead.

The Fighting Hawk defense rose to the occasion, as well, forcing two fourth-quarter turnovers and three for the game. UND also recorded three sacks in the game.

SDSU finished with a 405-384 advantage in total offense as Gronowski finished the afternoon 16-of-32 passing for 309 yards. Pierre Strong, Jr. led the Jackrabbits on the ground with 95 yards on 17 carries.

For UND, Schuster completed 20-of-32 passes for 184 yards, with Maag catching five passes for 87 yards. Weah finished with 88 rushing yards on 17 carries, with Skokna adding 73 yards on 10 attempts.

Logan Backhaus tallied a game-high 11 tackles for the Jackrabbits. Preston Tetzlaff contributed a career-high 10 tackles and an interception.

Noah Larson paced UND with seven tackles



Jaxon Janke recorded career highs of seven receptions and 161 receiving yards while scoring both Jackrabbit touchdowns in a Feb. 27 road loss at North Dakota.

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	FINAL
South Dakota State (1-1, 1-1)	14	0	3	0	17
North Dakota (2-0, 2-0)	7	0	14	7	28

SCORING SUMMARY

1st	12:58	SDSU	– Jaxon Janke 18 yd pass from Mark Gronowski (Cole Frahm kick)
1st	1:00	UND	– Otis Weah 1 yd run (Adam Stage kick)
1st	00:45	SDSU	– Jaxon Janke 76 yd pass from Gronowski (Frahm kick)
3rd	10:28	UND	– Luke Skokna 1 yd run (Stage kick)
3rd	6:46	SDSU	– Frahm 39 yd field goal
3rd	00:17	UND	– Garrett Maag 16 yd pass from Tommy Schuster (Stage kick)
4th	6:53	UND	– Otis Weah 40 yd run (Stage kick)

TEAM STATISTICS

	SDSU	UND
FIRST DOWNS	16	19
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	26-96	39-177
PASSING YDS (NET)	309	207
Passes Att-Comp-Int	32-16-2	34-21-1
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	58-405	73-384
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	0-0	1-7
Kickoff Returns-Yards	2-52	2-59
Interception Returns-Yards	1-0	2-7
Punts (Number-Avg)	3-28.0	3-35.0
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	0-0
Penalties-Yards	6-50	1-16
Possession Time	24:12	35:48
Third-Down Conversions	6 of 13	9 of 18
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 2	1 of 4
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	2-2	3-4
Sacks By: Number-Yards	0-0	3-20

RUSHING LEADERS: SDSU - Pierre Strong, Jr. 17-95; Isaiah Davis 2-6. UND - Otis Weah 17-88; Luke Skokna 10-73; Dalton Gee 4-10; Quincy Vaughn 3-5; Tommy Schuster 3-5. **PASSING LEADERS:** SDSU - Mark Gronowski 16-32-2 309. UND - Tommy Schuster 20-32-1 184; Cade Peterson 1-1-0 23; Jake Richter 0-1-0 0. **RECEIVING LEADERS:** SDSU - Jaxon Janke 7-161; Jadon Janke 5-109; Jordan Meachum 2-18; Mike Morgan 1-12; Skyler Cavanaugh 1-9. UND - Garrett Maag 5-87; Marcus Preston 4-31; Jake Richter 3-30; Luke Skokna 3-17; Bo Belquist 2-24; Derek Paulson 2-17. **INTERCEPTIONS:** SDSU - Preston Tetzlaff 1-0. UND - Jordan Canady 1-7; Ray Haas 1-0. **SACKS:** SDSU - none. UNI - Noah Larson 1.0-8; Jaxon Turner 1.0-7; Josh Navratil 1.0-5. **TACKLE LEADERS (UA-A-TOT):** SDSU - Logan Backhaus 5-6-11; Preston Tetzlaff 7-3-10; Don Gardner 5-1-6; Graham Spalding 3-1-4; Reece Winkelman 3-1-4. UND - Noah Larson 3-4-7; Caleb Nelson 3-3-6; Evan Holm 4-1-5; Josh Navratil 2-3-5.

#8 SDSU 45, WESTERN ILLINOIS 10

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



Isaiah Davis rushed nine times for 118 yards and scored on a 40-yard touchdown run in South Dakota State's 45-10 home-opening win over Western Illinois on March 6.

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

SCORING SUMMARY

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

TEAM STATISTICS

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

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

#8 SDSU 19, YOUNGSTOWN STATE 17

March 13, 2021 • Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium (Att.: 2,653)

Cole Frahm kicked a 29-yard field goal with 31 seconds remaining to lift eighth-ranked South Dakota State to a 19-17 victory over Youngstown State in Missouri Valley Football Conference action March 13 at Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium.

With the victory, SDSU improved to 3-1 overall and in league play. YSU dropped to 0-4 overall and in the MVFC.

Frahm's game-winning field goal capped a 10-play, 67-yard drive after the Penguins had scored the first 10 points of the fourth quarter. With SDSU facing third-and-11 from its own 20-yard line, quarterback Mark Gronowski, who struggled with his accuracy much of the day, connected with tight end Zach Heins on a 39-yard pass play to the YSU 41 to keep the drive alive.

Gronowski hooked up again with Heins on the next play for 16 yards to put the Jackrabbits into field goal range. Another 10-yard pass from Gronowski to Jadon Janke moved SDSU even closer to set up Frahm, who earlier in the first quarter booted a career-long 52-yard field goal that gave SDSU a 10-0 lead.

For the fourth time in as many games, SDSU scored on its first possession. The Jackrabbits took the opening kickoff and marched 75 yards on six plays, finishing the drive with an 8-yard touchdown pass from Gronowski to Jaxon Janke.

After Frahm's first field goal, Youngstown State countered with a 75-yard drive of its own late in the first quarter that was capped by a 42-yard touchdown run by Jaleel McLaughlin.

The score would remain 10-7 until the third quarter, when Gronowski carried in from a yard out. However, a low snap on the ensuing point-after try after SDSU lost a pair of long snappers due to injuries, led to a Frahm miss.

Youngstown State pulled to within 16-10 on a 33-yard field goal by Colt McFadden after the Penguins put together an 18-play, 59-yard drive that chewed up more than 10 minutes off the clock.

SDSU turned the ball over for the second time in the game as Zaire Jones intercepted a Gronowski pass at the YSU 28 and returned it eight yards. The Penguins quickly cashed in on the short field as McLaughlin scored three plays later from a yard out with 6:21 remaining.

Following Frahm's go-ahead field goal, the Jackrabbit defensive line tandem of Tolu Ogunrinde and Thomas Stacker ended YSU's last-ditch effort. Ogunrinde sacked Penguin quarterback Mark Waid at the YSU 39 and jarred the ball loose, with Stacker recovering with a single second remaining.

SDSU finished with a 300-251 advantage in total yards. Pierre Strong, Jr. carried 21 times for 124 yards, while Gronowski ended up completing 12-of-28 passes for 158 yards. Jadon Janke led the receivers with three catches for 57 yards.

McLaughlin topped the century mark on the ground for the Penguins, tallying 122 yards on 26 carries. YSU mustered only 55 yards through the air as Waid completed 7-of-13 passes, but was picked off two times in the first half.

Preston Tetzlaff led SDSU with nine tackles, while Grant Dixon registered a game-high 10 tackles and forced a fumble for the Penguins.



Cole Frahm connected on a 29-yard field goal with 31 seconds remaining to give the Jackrabbits a 19-17 victory over Youngstown State on March 13.

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Youngstown State (0-4, 0-4)	7	0	0	10	17
South Dakota State (3-1, 3-1)	10	0	6	3	19

SCORING SUMMARY

1st	11:36	SDSU	- Jaxon Janke 8 yd pass from Mark Gronowski (Cole Frahm kick)
1st	6:06	SDSU	- Frahm 52 yd field goal
1st	4:03	YSU	- Jaleel McLaughlin 42 yd run (Colt McFadden kick)
3rd	8:45	SDSU	- Gronowski 1 yd run (kick failed)
4th	13:31	YSU	- McFadden 33 yd field goal
4th	6:21	YSU	- McLaughlin 1 yd run (McFadden kick)
4th	00:31	SDSU	- Frahm 29 yd field goal

TEAM STATISTICS	YSU	SDSU
FIRST DOWNS	13	15
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	46-196	35-142
PASSING YDS (NET)	55	158
Passes Att-Comp-Int	13-7-2	28-12-1
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	59-251	63-300
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	1-5	1-3
Kickoff Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Interception Returns-Yards	1-8	2-11
Punts (Number-Avg)	5-40.6	5-40.8
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	2-1
Penalties-Yards	4-34	2-20
Possession Time	32:47	27:13
Third-Down Conversions	5 of 13	6 of 15
Fourth-Down Conversions	1 of 1	0 of 0
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	2-2	3-3
Sacks By: Number-Yards	0-0	2-11

RUSHING LEADERS: SDSU - Pierre Strong, Jr. 21-124; Mark Gronowski 9-15; Isaiah Davis 3-12. YSU - Jaleel McLaughlin 26-122; Mark Waid 11-41; Christian Turner 9-33. **PASSING LEADERS:** SDSU - Mark Gronowski 12-28-1 158. YSU - Mark Waid 7-13-2 55. **RECEIVING LEADERS:** SDSU - Jadon Janke 3-57; Jaxon Janke 3-19; Zach Heins 2-55; Pierre Strong, Jr. 2-7. YSU - Jake Coates 2-5; C.J. Charleston 1-31. **INTERCEPTIONS:** SDSU - Joshua Manchigiah 1-11; Malik Lofton 1-0. YSU - Zaire Jones 1-8. **SACKS:** SDSU - Quinton Hicks 1.0-10; Tolu Ogunrinde 1.0-1. YSU - none. **TACKLE LEADERS (UA-A-TOT):** SDSU - Preston Tetzlaff 4-5-9; Don Gardner 5-1-6; Michael Griffin II 3-2-5; Logan Backhaus 3-2-5. YSU - Grant Dixon 6-4-10; Zaire Jones 6-3-9.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

SCORING SUMMARY

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

TEAM STATISTICS

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

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

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Date	Opponent		Score	Overall	Conference	Time	Attend
* Feb 19, 2021	at UNI	W	24-20	1-0	1-0	04:45	2137
* Feb 27, 2021	at #14 North Dakota	L	17-28	1-1	1-1	3:06	3638
* Mar 06, 2021	WESTERN ILLINOIS	W	45-10	2-1	2-1	3:10	2347
* Mar 13, 2021	YOUNGSTOWN STATE	W	19-17	3-1	3-1	2:57	2653
* Mar 20, 2021	at #5 Southern Illinois	W	44-3	4-1	4-1	3:05	2400

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South Dakota State Overall Team Statistics (as of Apr 13, 2021)
All games

Team Statistics	SDSU	OPP
SCORING	149	78
Points Per Game	29.8	15.6
Points Off Turnovers	41	21
FIRST DOWNS	95	75
Rushing	55	34
Passing	35	33
Penalty	5	8
RUSHING YARDAGE	1093	609
Yards gained rushing	1183	681
Yards lost rushing	90	72
Rushing Attempts	200	167
Average Per Rush	5.5	3.6
Average Per Game	218.6	121.8
TDs Rushing	11	6
PASSING YARDAGE	915	814
Comp-Att-Int	68-123-3	92-154-9
Average Per Pass	7.4	5.3
Average Per Catch	13.5	8.8
Average Per Game	183.0	162.8
TDs Passing	7	3
TOTAL OFFENSE	2008	1423
Total Plays	323	321
Average Per Play	6.2	4.4
Average Per Game	401.6	284.6
KICK RETURNS: #-Yards	6-162	7-108
PUNT RETURNS: #-Yards	4-41	6-26
INT RETURNS: #-Yards	9-55	3-15
KICK RETURN AVERAGE	27.0	15.4
PUNT RETURN AVERAGE	10.2	4.3
INT RETURN AVERAGE	6.1	5.0
FUMBLES-LOST	8-6	3-2
PENALTIES-Yards	27-224	18-106
Average Per Game	44.8	21.2
PUNTS-Yards	18-687	23-911
Average Per Punt	38.2	39.6
Net punt average	35.6	36.1
KICKOFFS-Yards	30-1565	19-1200
Average Per Kick	52.2	63.2
Net kick average	37.7	38.8
TIME OF POSSESSION/Game	31:20	28:40
3RD-DOWN Conversions	29/65	22/71
3rd-Down Pct	45%	31%
4TH-DOWN Conversions	2/5	7/15
4th-Down Pct	40%	47%
SACKS BY-Yards	6-42	5-28
MISC YARDS	6	0
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED	18	9
FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS	8-11	5-8
ON-SIDE KICKS	0-0	0-0
RED-ZONE SCORES	(17-18) 94%	(11-16) 69%
RED-ZONE TOUCHDOWNS	(12-18) 67%	(7-16) 44%
PAT-ATTEMPTS	(17-18) 94%	(9-9) 100%
ATTENDANCE	5000	8175
Games/Avg Per Game	2/2500	3/2725
Neutral Site Games		0/0

Score by Quarters	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Total
South Dakota State	41	59	36	13	0	149
Opponents	27	7	17	27	0	78

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Rushing	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Pierre Strong	4	69	369	11	358	5.2	1	32	89.5
Isaiah Davis	5	37	288	0	288	7.8	4	45	57.6
Mark Gronowski	5	43	308	51	257	6.0	6	80	51.4
Jordan Meachum	5	19	107	7	100	5.3	0	31	20.0
Jefferson Lee V	2	20	95	2	93	4.7	0	11	46.5
J'Bore Gibbs	3	4	16	0	16	4.0	0	7	5.3
Keaton Heide	2	1	0	5	-5	-5.0	0	4	-2.5
TEAM	5	6	0	6	-6	-1.0	0	0	-1.2
Jaxon Janke	5	1	0	8	-8	-8.0	0	0	-1.6
Total	5	200	1183	90	1093	5.5	11	80	218.6
Opponents	5	167	681	72	609	3.6	6	43	121.8

Passing	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
Mark Gronowski	5	133.50	66-119-3	55.5	902	7	76	180.4
J'Bore Gibbs	3	77.30	2-4-0	50.0	13	0	7	4.3
Total	5	131.67	68-123-3	55.3	915	7	76	183.0
Opponents	5	98.88	92-154-9	59.7	814	3	62	162.8

Receiving	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Jaxon Janke	5	20	313	15.6	4	76	62.6
Jadon Janke	5	12	256	21.3	1	49	51.2
Zach Heins	5	8	151	18.9	0	43	30.2
Pierre Strong	4	8	38	4.8	1	11	9.5
Jordan Meachum	5	7	41	5.9	0	14	8.2
Canyon Bauer	5	5	34	6.8	0	15	6.8
Mason Leighton	4	2	26	13.0	1	14	6.5
Michael Morgan	3	2	15	7.5	0	12	5.0
Tucker Kraft	2	2	14	7.0	0	7	7.0
Isaiah Davis	5	1	18	18.0	0	18	3.6
SkylerCavanaugh	4	1	9	9.0	0	9	2.2
Total	5	68	915	13.5	7	76	183.0
Opponents	5	92	814	8.8	3	62	162.8

Punt Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Jaxon Janke	3	22	7.3	0	14
Isaiah Stalbird	1	19	19.0	0	0
Total	4	41	10.2	0	14
Opponents	6	26	4.3	0	9

Interceptions	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Josh Manchigiah	3	40	13.3	0	29
PrestonTetzlaff	1	0	0.0	0	0
Malik Lofton	1	0	0.0	0	0
Logan Backhaus	1	0	0.0	0	0
DyShawn Gales	1	0	0.0	0	0
Cade Terveer	1	9	9.0	0	9
Don Gardner	1	6	6.0	0	6
Total	9	55	6.1	0	29
Opponents	3	15	5.0	0	8

Kick Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Jordan Meachum	3	78	26.0	0	32
Isaiah Davis	2	64	32.0	0	36
Pierre Strong	1	20	20.0	0	20
Total	6	162	27.0	0	36
Opponents	7	108	15.4	0	39

Fumble Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Total	0	0	0.0	0	0
Opponents	1	-8	-8.0	0	0

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Scoring	td	fg	PAT				dxd	saf	pts
			kick	rush	rcv	pass			
Cole Frahm	-	7-10	16-17	-	-	-	-	-	37
Mark Gronowski	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	36
Jaxon Janke	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24
Isaiah Davis	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24
Pierre Strong	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Mason Leighton	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Jadon Janke	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Hunter Dustman	-	1-1	1-1	-	-	-	-	-	4
Total	18	8-11	17-18	-	-	-	-	-	149
Opponents	9	5-8	9-9	-	-	-	-	-	78

Total Offense	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
Mark Gronowski	5	162	257	902	1159	231.8
Pierre Strong	4	69	358	0	358	89.5
Isaiah Davis	5	37	288	0	288	57.6
Jordan Meachum	5	19	100	0	100	20.0
Jefferson Lee V	2	20	93	0	93	46.5
J'Bore Gibbs	3	8	16	13	29	9.7
Keaton Heide	2	1	-5	0	-5	-2.5
TEAM	5	6	-6	0	-6	-1.2
Jaxon Janke	5	1	-8	0	-8	-1.6
Total	5	323	1093	915	2008	401.6
Opponents	5	321	609	814	1423	284.6

Field Goals	fg	pct.	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	lg	blk
Cole Frahm	7-10	70.0	0-0	2-2	4-4	0-3	1-1	52	2
Hunter Dustman	1-1	100.0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1	0-0	43	0

FG Sequence	South Dakota State	Opponents
UNI	(24)	(43),52,(35)
North Dakota	42,(39)	35
Western Illinois	(39)	(26)
Youngstown State	(52),43,(29)	43,(33)
Southern Illinois	43,(31),(30),(43)	(27)

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made.

Punting	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+	blk
Ben Dinkel	14	567	40.5	61	1	4	5	2	1
Hunter Dustman	2	72	36.0	38	0	0	1	0	0
TEAM	1	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mark Gronowski	1	48	48.0	48	0	0	0	0	0
Total	18	687	38.2	61	1	4	6	2	1
Opponents	23	911	39.6	64	2	10	4	5	1

Kickoffs	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob	retn	net	ydln
Cole Frahm	30	1565	52.2	13	3			
Total	30	1565	52.2	13	3	15.4	37.7	27
Opponents	19	1200	63.2	12	1	27.0	38.8	26

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<u>All Purpose</u>	<u>g</u>	<u>rush</u>	<u>rcv</u>	<u>pr</u>	<u>kr</u>	<u>ir</u>	<u>total</u>	<u>avg/g</u>
Pierre Strong	4	358	38	0	20	0	416	104.0
Isaiah Davis	5	288	18	0	64	0	370	74.0
Jaxon Janke	5	-8	313	22	0	0	327	65.4
Mark Gronowski	5	257	0	0	0	0	257	51.4
Jadon Janke	5	0	256	0	0	0	256	51.2
Jordan Meachu	5	100	41	0	78	0	219	43.8
Zach Heins	5	0	151	0	0	0	151	30.2
Jefferson Lee V	2	93	0	0	0	0	93	46.5
Josh Manchigiah	5	0	0	0	0	40	40	8.0
Canyon Bauer	5	0	34	0	0	0	34	6.8
Mason Leighton	4	0	26	0	0	0	26	6.5
Isaiah Stalbird	5	0	0	19	0	0	19	3.8
J'Bore Gibbs	3	16	0	0	0	0	16	5.3
Michael Morgan	3	0	15	0	0	0	15	5.0
Tucker Kraft	2	0	14	0	0	0	14	7.0
SkylerCavanaugh	4	0	9	0	0	0	9	2.2
Cade Terveer	4	0	0	0	0	9	9	2.2
Don Gardner	5	0	0	0	0	6	6	1.2
Keaton Heide	2	-5	0	0	0	0	-5	-2.5
TEAM	5	-6	0	0	0	0	-6	-1.2
Total	5	1093	915	41	162	55	2266	453.2
Opponents	5	609	814	26	108	15	1572	314.4

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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	
12	Logan Backhaus	5	20	15	35	4.5-6	.	1-0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
46	PrestonTetzlaff	5	18	16	34	.	.	1-0	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
32	Adam Bock	5	10	15	25	1.0-7	1.0-7	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
21	Don Gardner	5	20	5	25	3.0-7	.	1-6	2	1	.	.	.	.	.
6	Michael Griffin	5	12	10	22	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.
2D	Isaiah Stalbird	5	13	3	16	2.0-7	.	.	3	.	.	.	1	.	.
29	Graham Spalding	5	9	6	15	1.0-5	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.
3	Josh Manchighia	5	8	7	15	1.5-3	.	3-40	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
99	Caleb Sanders	5	8	4	12	2.0-6	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.
22	Tolu Ogunrinde	5	8	3	11	6.0-25	3.0-19	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.
1D	Malik Lofton	5	9	2	11	.	.	1-0	1	1	.	.	.	.	.
35	Chase Norblade	4	9	.	9	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
97	Reece Winkelman	5	8	1	9	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
44	S. Williamson	4	4	5	9	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
48	Quinton Hicks	5	5	4	9	1.0-10	1.0-10	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.
30	Payton Shafer	5	4	3	7	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.
53	Caden Johnson	4	3	2	5	1.5-7	1.0-6	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.
94	Cade Terveer	4	2	2	4	1.0-1	.	1-9	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
55	Thomas Stacker	5	3	1	4	.	.	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.	.
25	Cale Reeder	5	2	1	3	0.5-0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
98	Ryan Van Marel	5	2	1	3	1.0-8	.	.	.	1	.	.	1	.	.
13	DyShawn Gales	3	3	.	3	.	.	1-0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
69	K. Krolkowski	5	3	.	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1B	Matt Barnett	4	2	.	2	1.0-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
36	Torren Union	4	1	1	2	1.0-1	.	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.	.
92	Kevin Brenner	2	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
15	Daeton Mcgaughy	4	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
9	Jadon Janke	5	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
28	Dalys Beanum	2	.	1	1	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.
2	J'Bore Gibbs	3	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
TM	TEAM	5	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
45	Caleb Franci	2	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
9F	Cole Frahm	5	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
2I	Isaiah Davis	5	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
19	Mason Leighton	4	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
39	Steven Arrell	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.
Total		5	191	112	303	28-94	6-42	9-55	13	11	2-0	2	2	.	.
Opponents		5	184	132	316	22-72	5-28	3-15	11	7	6--8	7	3	.	.

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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	
Feb 19	at UNI	34	116	1	32	19	194	2	43	19-29-0	194	2	43	2	46	0	26	2	33	0	14	310
Feb 27	at North Dakota	26	96	0	29	16	309	2	76	16-32-2	309	2	76	2	52	0	32	0	0	0	0	405
Mar 06	WESTERN ILLINOIS	44	347	4	80	13	184	2	44	13-22-0	184	2	44	1	28	0	28	1	5	0	5	531
Mar 13	YOUNGSTOWN STATE	35	142	1	30	12	158	1	39	12-28-1	158	1	39	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	300
Mar 20	at Southern Illinois	61	392	5	45	8	70	0	20	8-12-0	70	0	20	1	36	0	36	0	0	0	0	462
		200	1093	11	80	68	915	7	76	68-123-3	915	7	76	6	162	0	36	4	41	0	14	2008
Opponents		167	609	6	43	92	814	3	62	92-154-9	814	3	62	7	108	0	39	6	26	0	9	1423

Games: 5 • Avg/rush: 5.5 • Avg/catch: 13.5 • Pass effic: 131.67 • KR avg: 27.0 • PR avg: 10.2 • All purpose avg/game: 453.2 • Total offense avg/gm: 401.6

Date	Opponent	Tackles				Sacks	Fumble		Pass Defense			blkd kick	PAT Attempts			off		
		ua	a	total	tfl-yds		ff	fr-yds	int-yds	qbh	brup		kick	rush	rcv	saf	t/o	pts
Feb 19	at UNI	38	10	48	7.0-27	2.0-15	0	0-0	0-0	4	1	1	3-3	0	0	0	0	24
Feb 27	at North Dakota	40	22	62	4.0-8	0.0-0	0	0-0	1-0	2	5	0	2-2	0	0	0	0	17
Mar 06	WESTERN ILLINOIS	39	30	69	6.0-15	1.0-6	0	0-0	3-9	0	5	0	6-6	0	0	0	14	45
Mar 13	YOUNGSTOWN STATE	39	26	65	5.0-22	2.0-11	1	1-0	2-11	1	1	1	1-2	0	0	0	3	19
Mar 20	at Southern Illinois	35	24	59	6.0-22	1.0-10	1	1-0	3-35	4	1	0	5-5	0	0	0	24	44
		191	112	303	28.0-94	6.0-42	2	2-0	9-55	11	13	2	17-18	0	0	0	41	149
Opponents		184	132	316	22.0-72	5.0-28	7	6--8	3-15	7	11	3	9-9	0	0	0	21	78

		Punting									Field Goals			Kickoffs				
Date	Opponent	no.	yds	avg	long	blkd	tb	fc	50+	i20	md-att	long	blkd	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob
Feb 19	at UNI	5	203	40.6	61	0	0	0	1	0	1-1	24	0	5	196	39.2	3	1
Feb 27	at North Dakota	3	84	28.0	51	1	1	0	1	0	1-2	39	1	4	254	63.5	2	0
Mar 06	WESTERN ILLINOIS	4	153	38.2	41	0	0	2	0	3	1-1	39	0	8	422	52.8	3	1
Mar 13	YOUNGSTOWN STATE	5	204	40.8	48	0	0	2	0	2	2-3	52	0	5	221	44.2	1	0
Mar 20	at Southern Illinois	1	43	43.0	43	0	0	0	0	1	3-4	43	1	8	472	59.0	4	1
		18	687	38.2	61	1	1	4	2	6	8-11	52	2	30	1565	52.2	13	3
Opponents		23	911	39.6	64	1	2	10	5	4	5-8	43	1	19	1200	63.2	12	1

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OPPONENT STATISTICS

Date	Opponent	Rushing				Receiving				Passing				Kick Returns				Punt Returns				tot off
		no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	cmp-att-int	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	
Feb 19	at UNI	25	28	1	13	19	165	1	20	19-29-0	165	1	20	0	0	0	0	2	11	0	9	193
Feb 27	at North Dakota	39	177	3	43	21	207	1	37	21-34-1	207	1	37	2	59	0	39	1	7	0	0	384
Mar 06	WESTERN ILLINOIS	24	87	0	15	31	295	1	62	31-53-3	295	1	62	3	15	0	8	1	0	0	0	382
Mar 13	YOUNGSTOWN STATE	46	196	2	42	7	55	0	31	7-13-2	55	0	31	0	0	0	0	1	5	0	5	251
Mar 20	at Southern Illinois	33	121	0	26	14	92	0	17	14-25-3	92	0	17	2	34	0	18	1	3	0	3	213
		167	609	6	43	92	814	3	62	92-154-9	814	3	62	7	108	0	39	6	26	0	9	1423
South Dakota State		200	1093	11	80	68	915	7	76	68-123-3	915	7	76	6	162	0	36	4	41	0	14	2008

Games: 5 • Avg/rush: 3.6 • Avg/catch: 8.8 • Pass effic: 98.88 • KR avg: 15.4 • PR avg: 4.3 • All purpose avg/game: 314.4 • Total offense avg/gm: 284.6

		Tackles				Sacks	Fumble		Pass Defense			blkd	PAT Attempts			off		
Date	Opponent	ua	a	total	tfl-yds	no-yds	ff	fr-yds	int-yds	qbh	brup	kick	kick	rush	rcv	saf	t/o	pts
Feb 19	at UNI	37	32	69	5.0-16	2.0-8	2	2-0	0-0	2	4	0	2-2	0	0	0	14	20
Feb 27	at North Dakota	25	28	53	6.0-25	3.0-20	1	1-0	2-7	2	2	2	4-4	0	0	0	0	28
Mar 06	WESTERN ILLINOIS	37	24	61	4.0-8	0.0-0	1	1-0	0-0	0	3	0	1-1	0	0	0	0	10
Mar 13	YOUNGSTOWN STATE	37	16	53	5.0-20	0.0-0	1	1-0	1-8	2	2	0	2-2	0	0	0	7	17
Mar 20	at Southern Illinois	48	32	80	2.0-3	0.0-0	2	1--8	0-0	1	0	1	0-0	0	0	0	0	3
		184	132	316	22.0-72	5.0-28	7	6--8	3-15	7	11	3	9-9	0	0	0	21	78
South Dakota State		191	112	303	28.0-94	6.0-42	2	2-0	9-55	11	13	2	17-18	0	0	0	41	149

		Punting									Field Goals			Kickoffs				
Date	Opponent	no.	yds	avg	long	blkd	tb	fc	50+	i20	md-att	long	blkd	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob
Feb 19	at UNI	7	268	38.3	55	1	1	2	2	1	2-3	43	0	5	322	64.4	3	0
Feb 27	at North Dakota	3	105	35.0	40	0	1	2	0	1	0-1	0	0	5	320	64.0	3	0
Mar 06	WESTERN ILLINOIS	5	169	33.8	44	0	0	1	0	1	1-1	26	0	3	169	56.3	1	1
Mar 13	YOUNGSTOWN STATE	5	203	40.6	51	0	0	4	1	0	1-2	33	1	4	260	65.0	4	0
Mar 20	at Southern Illinois	3	166	55.3	64	0	0	1	2	1	1-1	27	0	2	129	64.5	1	0
		23	911	39.6	64	1	2	10	5	4	5-8	43	1	19	1200	63.2	12	1
South Dakota State		18	687	38.2	61	1	1	4	2	6	8-11	52	2	30	1565	52.2	13	3