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2021 CROSS COUNTRY INFORMATION

Jackrabbits return to action at Griak

JACKRABBIT RACE NOTES — SEPT. 24

2021 SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER

- 3 at Augustana Twilight Sioux Falls
Men: 1st of 40 teams; Women: 4th of 27 teams
- 10 SDSU Classic Brookings
Men: 1st of 4 teams; Women: 2nd of 4 teams
- 24 at Roy Griak Invitational Falcon Heights, Minn.
Men: 10:30 a.m. race time; Women: 11:15 a.m.

OCTOBER

- 1 at Briar Cliff Invitational North Sioux City, S.D.
Women: 3 p.m. race time; Men: 3:40 p.m.
- 15 at Nuttycombe Wisconsin Invitational Verona, Wis.
Races begin at 11 a.m.
- 15 at Bradley Pink Invitational Peoria, Ill.
Races begin at 3 p.m.
- 30 at Summit League Championships Tulsa, Okla.
Races begin at 11 a.m.

NOVEMBER

- 12 at NCAA Midwest Regionals Iowa City, Iowa
Races begin at 10:30 a.m.
- 18 at NCAA Championships [if qualified] Tallahassee, Fla.
Races begin at 11:30 a.m. ET



SOUTH DAKOTA STATE

at ROY GRIAK INVITATIONAL

Men's Race: 10:30 a.m. Friday; Women's Race 11:15 a.m. Friday
Les Bolstad Golf Course; Falcon Heights, Minnesota
Hosted by the University of Minnesota

FULL EVENT SCHEDULE

- 10:30 a.m. Merrill Fischbein Men's Gold (Division I) Competition — 8,000 meters
- 11:15 a.m. Jack Johnson Women's Gold (Division I) Competition — 6,000 meters
- Noon Jo Rider Men's Maroon Race (Division II & III) Competition
- 12:45 p.m. Suzy Wilson Women's Maroon Race (Division II & III) Competition
- 3:45 p.m. Larry Zirgibel High School Boys' Gold Competition
- 4:30 p.m. Gary Wilson High School Girls' Gold Competition
- 5:15 p.m. Lefty Wright High School Boys' Maroon Competition
- 6:00 p.m. High School Girls' Maroon Competition

LAST TIME AT THE GRIAK (Sept. 28, 2019)

- | | |
|---|---|
| <i>Jackrabbit Women • 8th of 15 teams</i> | <i>Jackrabbit Men • 3rd of 14 teams</i> |
| Anna Donnay, 10th, 21:35.0 | Joseph Minor-Williams, 17th, 25:11.7 |
| Ellie Friesen, 51st, 22:45.6 | Micah Mather, 19th, 25:20.2 |
| Cailee Peterson, 55th, 22:48.6 | Gabe Peterson, 21st, 25:23.7 |
| Leah Hansen, 56th, 22:49.9 | Lukas Nelson, 34th, 25:37.4 |
| Kendra Dykstra, 90th, 23:28.6 | Ben Olson, 41st, 25:49.1 |
| Jessica Christoffer, 94th, 23:385 | Thomas Breuckman, 44th, 25:51.1 |
| Emma Nelson, 99th, 23:42.1 | Alexander Auch, 58th, 26:06.6 |

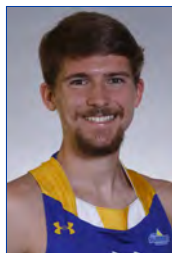
TOP PERFORMERS



BEN OLSON

Junior
 Coon Rapids,
 Minn.
 • TicketSmarter
 Summit League
 Athlete of the
 Week (Sept. 14)
 after winning

individual title at SDSU Classic
 • Placed seventh at season-opening
 Augustana Invitational



THOMAS BREUCKMAN

Junior
 Andover, Minn.
 • Placed third
 individually at
 both the
 Augustana
 Invitational and

the SDSU Classic



LEAH HANSEN

Sophomore
 Willmar, Minn.
 • TicketSmarter
 Summit League
 Athlete of the
 Week (Sept. 14)
 after winning

individual title at SDSU Classic
 • Also won individual title at the
 Augustana Invitational



CAILEE PETERSON

Senior
 Mayville, N.D.
 • Placed third
 individually at
 the SDSU
 Classic in first
 action of the

season

RACE NOTES — SOUTH DAKOTA STATE at ROY GRIAK INVITATIONAL

MEN'S ROSTER

| NAME | YEAR | HOMETOWN |
|-------------------------|------|---------------------|
| Ben Anteau | Fr. | Jamestown, N.D. |
| Alex Auch | Jr. | Harrisburg, S.D. |
| Josh Becker | So. | Osseo, Wis. |
| Thomas Breuckman | Jr. | Andover, Minn. |
| Daniel Burkhalter | So. | Prairie City, S.D. |
| Blake Iverson | Jr. | Maple Grove, Minn. |
| Andrew Johnson | Fr. | Mankato, Minn. |
| Carter Knaus | So. | Albertville, Minn. |
| Jacob Knodle | Fr. | West Fargo, N.D. |
| Cody Larson | Fr. | Warner, S.D. |
| Cormick Logue | Fr. | Parsons, Kan. |
| Mason McDonald | So. | Omaha, Neb. |
| Joseph Minor | Jr. | Minneapolis, Minn. |
| Kyle Nordling | Fr. | Prior Lake, Minn. |
| Nathan Notgrass | Fr. | Fredericksburg, Va. |
| Ben Olson | Jr. | Coon Rapids, Minn. |
| Gabe Peters | Sr. | Worthing, S.D. |
| Michael Schwinghamer | Sr. | Mora, Minn. |
| Max Selbach | Sr. | Glendale, Wis. |
| Noah Stewart | Fr. | Morris, Minn. |
| Head Coach: Rod DeHaven | | |

WOMEN'S ROSTER

| NAME | YEAR | HOMETOWN |
|-------------------------|------|---------------------|
| Claire Beckman | Fr. | Andover, Minn. |
| Caitlin Bright | Fr. | Alexandria, Minn. |
| Jessica Christoffer | Jr. | Round Lake, Minn. |
| Kayla Christopherson | Jr. | Austin, Minn. |
| Bailey Dergan | Jr. | Omaha, Neb. |
| Anna Donnay | Sr. | Kimball, Minn. |
| Elise Emmick | So. | Carlisle, Iowa |
| Harley Fischer | Fr. | Belle Fourche, S.D. |
| Jaide Geurts | Fr. | Sioux Falls, S.D. |
| Tori Glazier | Jr. | Custer, S.D. |
| Nicole Greyer | So. | Yorkville, Ill. |
| Janean Hanka | So. | Hermosa, S.D. |
| Leah Hansen | So. | Willmar, Minn. |
| Bridget Henne | So. | Fargo, N.D. |
| Oksana Johnson | Sr. | Ankeny, Iowa |
| Michaela Kelley | So. | Burwell, Neb. |
| Kasey Klocek | Fr. | Lakewood, Colo. |
| Hannah Nelson | Fr. | Parker, Colo. |
| Hannah Neusch | Fr. | Fairmont, Minn. |
| Cailee Peterson | Sr. | Mayville, N.D. |
| Laura Peterson | Fr. | Stafford, Va. |
| Ainsley Powers | Fr. | Brookings, S.D. |
| Malorie Schmoll | So. | Wausau, Wis. |
| Megan Sievers | So. | Carlisle, Iowa |
| Abbey Stadler | Jr. | Columbus, Wis. |
| Grace Waage | Fr. | Sioux Falls, S.D. |
| Head Coach: Rod DeHaven | | |

Sports Information Contact: Jason Hove

Sept. 22, 2021

BROOKINGS, S.D. — The South Dakota State University cross country teams return to action Friday, running against top-level competition at the Roy Griak Invitational hosted by University of Minnesota.

Competition gets under way at 10:30 a.m. with the Merrill Fischbein Men's Gold (Division I) 8,000-meter race at Les Bolstad Golf Course in Falcon Heights, Minnesota. The Jack Johnson Women's Gold 6,000-meter race is slated to follow at 11:15 a.m. College division and high school meets close out a full day of competition on Friday.

The Jackrabbits have not competed since hosting the SDSU Classic Sept. 10. SDSU recorded a perfect score to win the four-team men's title, while the Jackrabbit women notched a second-place finish.

SDSU CLASSIC RECAP: The Jackrabbits swept the individual titles and the men's squad added a team title Sept. 10 at the SDSU Classic held at Edgebrook Golf Course. Both Leah Hansen and Ben Olson were later honored as the TicketSmarter Summit League Cross Country Athletes of the Week for their winning performances.

Men

The Jackrabbit men treated the home crowd to a perfect score as individual champion Ben Olson led the way.

Olson, a junior from Coon Rapids, Minnesota, emerged from the bunched-up pack at the halfway mark to trade blows with one of the top University of North Dakota runners until about the 6,000-meter mark, where he disposed of all the field en route to finishing the 8K race with a sub-25-minute time (24:59.74).

Teammates Daniel Burkhalter (25:12.73) and Thomas Brueckman (25:14.60) were just off the winning pace as they grabbed second and third overall, respectively.

Gabe Peters kicked in soon after them with a time of 25:19.92 to secure fourth and Joseph Minor completed the sweep with his 25:30.39 effort.

Freshman Cody Larson, who ran unattached, recorded an impressive outing by taking the sixth spot in 25:31.39. Michael Schwinghamer followed close behind to keep the first seven places locked up for the Blue and Yellow with a time of 25:32.81.

Another freshman who ran unattached, Ben Anteau, received 10th overall and earned a spot at the awards ceremony after clocking in at 25:48.54.

SDSU grabbed the team title Friday night with their perfect 15-point total. The next closest squad was University of North Dakota with 65 points.

Women

The Jackrabbits received another outstanding performance from Leah Hansen as she won the individual title at the SDSU Classic.

Hansen was battling early on with the University of North Dakota's top runner until the 3,000-meter mark as she found herself in second place until about the 4K mark. Hansen then started to gain a healthy advantage over the field and pulled away to cross the line at Edgebrook Golf Course in 17 minutes, 56.91 seconds — an 18-second personal best in the 5K race for cross country. Hansen now boasts back-to-back meet wins after taking first at the Augustana Twilight Sept. 3.

Cailee Peterson made her season debut and did not disappoint, posting a third-place finish, dashing to the line in 18:13.92 which bettered her previous personal best by 34 seconds.

Jessica Christoffer (18:27.91) and Bailey Dergan (19:08.66) were next in line for the Jackrabbits as they ran their ways to finishes of sixth and 15th overall, respectively.

Bridget Henne wrapped up the scoring for SDSU, hitting the mats in 19:19.18, which was good enough for 18th overall.

As a team, the Jackrabbits (43 points) were narrowly defeated as a team by the University of North Dakota, which came away with the team title with a score of 39 points.

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WOMEN

1. Minnesota
2. Oklahoma State
3. Iowa State
4. Illinois
5. Northwestern
6. Loyola-Chicago
7. Tulsa
8. Missouri
9. Iowa
10. Nebraska
11. Illinois State
12. Bradley
13. Kansas
14. South Dakota
15. Wichita State

MEN

1. Oklahoma State
2. Tulsa
3. Iowa State
4. Illinois
5. Wichita State
6. Minnesota
7. South Dakota State
8. Missouri
9. Bradley
10. Eastern Illinois
11. Iowa
12. Nebraska
13. Loyola-Chicago
14. Kansas State
15. Creighton

SUMMIT LEAGUE PRESEASON POLLS

WOMEN

- | | |
|---------------------------|----|
| 1. South Dakota State (6) | 60 |
| 2. North Dakota State (3) | 59 |
| 3. South Dakota | 51 |
| 4. North Dakota | 41 |
| 5. St. Thomas | 32 |
| 6. Omaha | 29 |
| 7. Kansas City | 24 |
| 8. Oral Roberts | 16 |
| 9. Western Illinois | 12 |

MEN

- | | |
|---------------------------|----|
| 1. South Dakota State (7) | 49 |
| 2. North Dakota State | 42 |
| 3. South Dakota | 35 |
| 4. North Dakota (1) | 32 |
| 5. St. Thomas | 23 |
| 6. Kansas City | 16 |
| 7. Oral Roberts | 15 |
| 8. Western Illinois | 12 |

REGIONAL RANKINGS: The Jackrabbit men enter the Roy Griak Invitational ranked seventh in this week's Midwest Region rankings conducted by the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association. SDSU, which began the season ranked sixth, fell one spot after not competing last week, and is the lone Summit League team in the rankings.

In the women's division, the Jackrabbits currently find themselves outside the top 15 in the Midwest Region rankings. SDSU opened the season with a 12th-place showing in the preseason poll.

SUMMIT LEAGUE FAVORITES: Both Jackrabbit cross country squads have been picked to repeat as Summit League champions, according to preseason polls conducted in August among the league's head coaches.

Women

SDSU received six of the nine first-place votes and finished with 60 points, narrowly topping North Dakota State by a single point in the preseason poll.

Senior Anna Donnay was nominated as one of two Jackrabbits among the Summit League's Women's Athletes to Watch. Donnay took third overall at the 2020 league championships with a time of 21:58, helping the Jackrabbits secure league title and a low total of 22 points.

Sophomore Leah Hansen was the second nominee for the women's squad as last year she earned All-League honors as the individual champion at the 2020 League Championship with a time of 21:45.60. Then, Hansen went on to claim a berth to the NCAA National Championships where she recorded a season-best mark in the 6K of 21:40.60.

Men

The Jackrabbit men are the odds-on favorite to win a sixth consecutive Summit League crown after garnering seven of the eight first-place votes in the preseason poll. SDSU finished with 49 points, followed by North Dakota State with 42.

Juniors Joseph Minor and Thomas Breuckman were selected as Summit League Men's Athletes to Watch for SDSU. Minor-Williams was the individual champion at the Summit League Cross Country Championships in 2019 along with leading the Jackrabbits at the 2020 Summit League Championships with his runner-up 8K effort of 25:01.5, aiding the low 22-point championship team total.

Breuckman earned all-league honors for his third-place finish at the 2020 league championships. Also during the 2020 season, Brueckman finished as the Jacks' No. 2 runner in both meets the squad competed during a pandemic-shortened campaign that was moved to the spring.

The Summit League Championships are set for Oct. 30 in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

COACH DeHAVEN: South Dakota State coach Rod DeHaven is in his 18th season leading the Jackrabbit cross country and track and field programs. During his tenure, DeHaven has been named a conference coach of the year 15 times — 13 times in cross country and twice for indoor track and field.

DeHaven has led the Jackrabbit men to nine Summit League cross country team titles, including each of the last five. In addition, the Jackrabbit women claimed Summit League team titles in 2008 and during the pandemic-altered 2020-21 season, completing a sweep with the men for the first time in program history.

DeHaven was a standout distance runner for the Jackrabbits from 1984-89 and later represented the United States in the marathon at the 2000 Summer Olympics in Sydney, Australia.

A LOOK AHEAD: The Jackrabbits resume competition Oct. 1 at the Briar Cliff Invitational. Start time for the women's 5,000-meter race is 3 p.m. at the Adams Nature Preserve in North Sioux City, South Dakota. The men's 8K competition is slated to follow at 3:40 p.m.

2021 JACKRABBIT WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS



CLAIRE BECKMAN

Freshman

Andover, Minn. (Andover H.S.)

9/3 Augustana Invitational (5K)

71st 19:52.49

9/10 SDSU Classic (5K)

21st 19:30.78



HARLEY FISCHER

Freshman

Belle Fourche, S.D.
(Belle Fourche H.S.)

9/3 Augustana Invitational (5K)

108th 20:23.94

9/10 SDSU Classic (5K)

36th 20:26.66



CAITLIN BRIGHT

Freshman

Alexandria, Minn. (Alexandria H.S.)

9/3 Augustana Invitational (5K)

61st 19:43.63

9/10 SDSU Classic (5K)

25th 19:49.11



JAIDE GEURTS

Freshman

Sioux Falls, S.D. (Roosevelt H.S.)

9/10 SDSU Classic (5K)

40th 20:26.66



JESSICA CHRISTOFFER

Junior

Round Lake, Minn.
(Jackson County Central H.S.)

9/3 Augustana Invitational (5K)

18th 18:52.65

9/10 SDSU Classic (5K)

6th 18:27.91



NICOLE GREYER

Sophomore

Yorkville, Ill. (Yorkville H.S.)

9/3 Augustana Invitational (5K)

49th 19:32.66



BAILEY DERGAN

Junior

Omaha, Neb. (Millard West H.S.)

9/3 Augustana Invitational (5K)

56th 19:40.87

9/10 SDSU Classic (5K)

15th 19:08.66



JANEAN HANKA

Sophomore

Hermosa, S.D. (Hill City H.S.)

9/3 Augustana Invitational (5K)

82nd 20:04.20



ANNA DONNAY

Senior

Kimball, Minn. (Kimball H.S.)

9/3 Augustana Invitational (5K)

4th 18:23.04



LEAH HANSEN

Sophomore

Willmar, Minn. (Willmar H.S.)

9/3 Augustana Invitational (5K)

1st 18:15.17

9/10 SDSU Classic (5K)

1st 17:56.91

2021 JACKRABBIT WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS



BRIDGET HENNE

Sophomore

Fargo, N.D. (Davies H.S.)

9/3 Augustana Invitational (5K)

50th 19:35.60

9/10 SDSU Classic (5K)

18th 19:19.18



MALORIE SCHMOLL

Sophomore

Wausau, Wis. (D.C. Everest H.S.)

9/10 SDSU Classic (5K)

28th 20:00.71



OKSANA JOHNSON

Senior

Ankeny, Iowa

(Des Moines Christian H.S.)

9/3 Augustana Invitational (5K)

39th 19:19.91



MEGAN SIEVERS

Sophomore

Carlisle, Iowa (Carlisle H.S.)

9/3 Augustana Invitational (5K)

205th 22:17.51

9/10 SDSU Classic

48th 21:42.53



KASEY KLOCEK

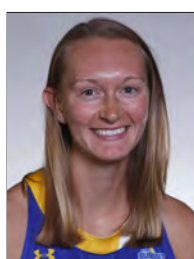
Freshman

Lakewood, Colo.

(Green Mountain H.S.)

9/10 SDSU Classic (5K)

19th 19:26.70



ABBEY STADLER

Junior

Columbus, Wis. (Columbus H.S.)

9/3 Augustana Invitational (5K)

150th 21:02.62

9/10 SDSU Classic (5K)

46th 21:19.54



HANNAH NEUSCH

Freshman

Fairmont, Minn. (Fairmont H.S.)

9/3 Augustana Invitational (5K)

184th 21:50.34

9/10 SDSU Classic (5K)

41st 20:48.70



GRACE WAAGE

Freshman

Sioux Falls, S.D. (O'Gorman H.S.)

9/3 Augustana Invitational (5K)

149th 21:02.34

9/10 SDSU Classic (5K)

45th 21:13.73



CAILEE PETERSON

Senior

Mayville, N.D. (May-Port CG H.S.)

9/10 SDSU Classic (5K)

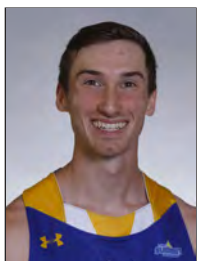
3rd 18:13.92

TEAM RESULTS

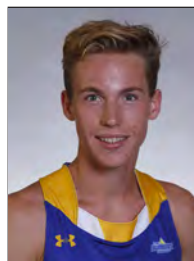
9/3 Augustana Invitational (5K) 4th 94 points

9/10 SDSU Classic (5K) 2nd 43 points

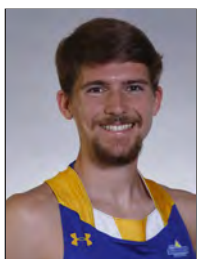
2021 JACKRABBIT MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS



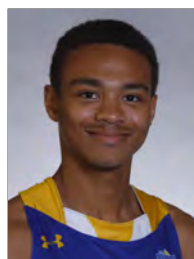
ALEX AUCH
Junior
Harrisburg, S.D. (Harrisburg H.S.)
9/3 Augustana Invitational (4 mile)
33rd 20:41.43



MASON McDONALD
Sophomore
Omaha, Neb. (Millard West H.S.)
9/10 SDSU Classic (8K)
12th 25:57.04



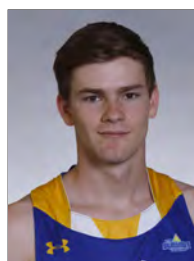
THOMAS BREUCKMAN
Junior
Andover, Minn. (Andover H.S.)
9/3 Augustana Invitational (4 mile)
3rd 19:42.71
9/10 SDSU Classic (8K)
3rd 25:14.60



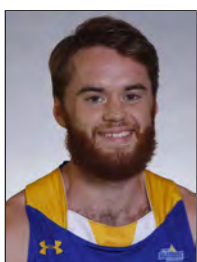
JOSEPH MINOR-WILLIAMS
Junior
Minneapolis, Minn. (Washburn H.S.)
9/3 Augustana Invitational (4 mile)
5th 19:47.16
9/10 SDSU Classic (8K)
5th 25:30.39



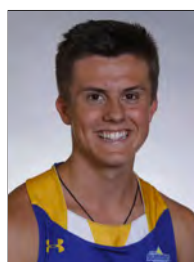
DANIEL BURKHALTER
Sophomore
Prairie City, S.D. (Bison H.S.)
9/3 Augustana Invitational (4 mile)
4th 19:43.74
9/10 SDSU Classic (8K)
2nd 25:12.73



NATHAN NOTGRASS
Freshman
Fredericksburg, Va. (Stafford H.S.)
9/10 SDSU Classic (8K)
33rd 27:20.63



BLAKE IVERSON
Junior
Maple Grove, Minn.
(Maple Grove H.S.)
9/3 Augustana Invitational (4 mile)
30th 20:36.59
9/10 SDSU Classic (8K)
18th 26:11.93



BEN OLSON
Junior
Coon Rapids, Minn. (Blaine H.S.)
9/3 Augustana Invitational (4 mile)
7th 19:51.50
9/10 SDSU Classic (8K)
1st 24:59.74

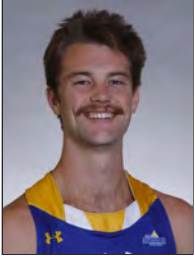


CARTER KNAUS
Sophomore
Albertville, Minn.
(St. Michael-Albertville H.S.)
9/3 Augustana Invitational
26th 20:34.85
9/10 SDSU Classic
15th 26:05.38



GABE PETERS
Senior
Worthing, S.D.
(Sioux Falls Lincoln H.S.)
9/3 Augustana Invitational (4 mile)
10th 20:03.11
9/10 SDSU Classic (8K)
4th 25:19.92

2021 JACKRABBIT MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS



MICHAEL SCHWINGHAMER

Senior

Mora, Minn. (Mora H.S.)

9/3 Augustana Invitational (4 mile)

38th 20:45.95

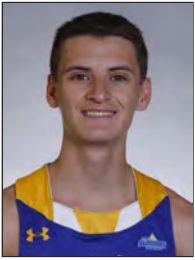
9/10 SDSU Classic (8K)

7th 25:32.81

TEAM RESULTS

9/3 Augustana Invitational (4 mile) 1st 29 points

9/10 SDSU Classic (5K) 1st 15 points



NOAH STEWART

Freshman

Morris, Minn. (Morris Area H.S.)

9/3 Augustana Invitational (4 mile)

85th 21:35.44

9/10 SDSU Classic (8K)

25th 26:41.36