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2021 CROSS COUNTRY INFORMATION

Jacks to run at Briar Cliff Invite

JACKRABBIT RACE NOTES — OCT. 1

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: 9th of 21 teams; Women: 10th of 21 teams

OCTOBER

- 1 at Briar Cliff Invite North Sioux City, S.D. Women: 3 p.m. race time: Men: 3:40 p.m.
- 15 at Nuttycombe Wisconsin Invitational (M) Verona, Wis. Races begin at 11 a.m.
- 15 at Bradley Pink Invitational (W) Peoria, III.

 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 BRIAR CLIFF INVITE

Women's Race: 3 p.m. Friday; Men's Race 3:40 p.m. Friday Adams Nature Preserve; North Sioux City, South Dakota Hosted by Briar Cliff University

LAST TIME OUT (Roy Griak Invitational • Sept. 24, 2021)

Jackrabbit Women • 10th of 21 teams
Leah Hansen, 15th, 21:31.2
Anna Donnay, 46th, 22:19.9
Bailey Dergan, 101st, 23:16.5
Jessica Christoffer, 115th, 23:27.8
Caitlin Bright, 131st, 23:39.3
Claire Beckman, 148th, 23:52.9
Kayla Christopherson, 150th, 23:56.9
Kasey Klocek, 182nd, 24:38.7
Malorie Schmoll, 192nd, 24:47.4
Bridget Henne, 197th, 24:54.8
Nicole Greyer, 204th, 25:13.0
Janean Hanka, 226th, 26:04.0
Hannah Nelson, 229th, 26:27.1

Jackrabbit Men • 9th of 21 teams
Daniel Burkhalter, 44th, 25:30.3
Ben Olson, 45th, 25:31.5
Thomas Breuckman, 51st, 25:42.0
Joseph Minor, 53rd, 25:43.5
Mason McDonald, 72nd, 25:49.5
Gabe Peters, 88th, 26:07.3
Jacob Knodle, 93rd, 26:11.2
Alex Auch, 109th, 26:27.0
Max Selbach, 110th, 26:37.3
Michael Schwinghamer, 122nd, 26:34.4
Blake Iverson, 130th, 26:42.7
Carter Knaus, 135th, 26:47.3
Nathan Notgrass, 176th, 27:21.8
Noah Stewart, 189th, 27:33.8

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



placing 44th overall



Invitational.



Sophomore
Willmar, Minn.
• Two-time
TicketSmarter
Summit League
Athlete of the
Week (Sept. 14,

LEAH

HANSEN

 Won individual titles at the Augustana Invitational and SDSU Classic



ANNA
DONNAY
Senior
Kimball, Minn.
• Placed 46th
overall at Roy
Griak
Invitational
• Opened

season with fourth-place finish at Augustana Invitational

RACE NOTES — SOUTH DAKOTA STATE at BRIAR CLIFF INVITE

MEN'S ROSTER

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

WOMEN'S ROSTER

Head Coach: Rod DeHaven

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, III.
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.

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Sept. 30, 2021

BROOKINGS, S.D. — The South Dakota State University cross country teams kick off a busy month of October on Friday, stepping back on the line at the Briar Cliff Invite.

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.

Friday's meet will provide an opportunity for a number of Jackrabbit runners to get a taste of collegiate competition or to gauge their progress in training through the first month of the season.

GRIAK RECAP: The Jackrabbits finished in the top 10 of the team standings in both the men's and women's divisions at the Roy Griak Invitational, hosted by the University of Minnesota on Sept. 24.

Men

South Dakota State's five scoring runners were separated by only 29 seconds as the Jackrabbit men's cross country team turned in a ninth-place finish at the Roy Griak Invitational.

Sophomore Daniel Burkhalter moved from the middle of the pack to pass 40 runners over the final 3,000 meters to finish the 8-kilometer Merrill Fischbein Men's Gold race at Les Bolstad Golf Course 44th overall in 25 minutes and 30.3 seconds. Teammate Ben Olson was right behind in 45th place in 25:31.5.

Thomas Breuckman and Joseph Minor placed just outside the top 50 in the field of 224 runners with respective showings of 51st (25:42.0) and 53rd (25:43.5), respectively. Closing out the scoring runs for the Jackrabbits was Mason McDonald, who clocked in at 25:59.5 to finish 72nd overall.

Completing the top seven for SDSU were Gabe Peters, 88th in 26:07.3, and Jacob Knodle, 93rd, in 26:11.2.

BYU, on the strength of an individual title from Conner Mantz (23:53.9) edged Iowa State by one point, 34-35 for the team championship. Michigan State (86), host Minnesota (137) and Wyoming (175) rounded out the top five. The Jackrabbits finished ninth with 242 points, two points behind Portland State for seventh and one behind Tennessee in eighth place.

Women

Leah Hansen posted a 15th-place finish to lead the South Dakota State women's cross country team to a 10th-place showing in the team standings at the Roy Griak Invitational.

A sophomore from Willmar, Minnesota, Hansen covered the 6,000-meter course for the Jack Johnson Women's Golf race at Les Bolstad Golf Course, in 21 minutes, 31.2 seconds. Hansen's time was the best ever by a Jackrabbit women's runner in the event, and she was later honored as TicketSmarter Summit League Women's Cross Country Athlete of the Week for her performance. She earned her second weekly award of the season after being the league's top finisher at the meet.

Anna Donnay also turned in a top-50 performance for the Jackrabbits, placing 46th overall in 22:19.9.

Juniors Bailey Dergan (101st, 23:16.5), Jessica Christoffer (115th, 23:27.8) and freshman Caitlin Bright (131st, 23:39.3) rounded out the Jackrabbits' top five, followed by Claire Beckman (148th, 23:52.9) and Kayla Christopherson (150th, 23:56.9). A total of 234 runners finished the race.

The Jackrabbits tallied 354 points and were the top Summit League squad in the field of 21 Division I teams. Host Minnesota won the event with 51 points, followed by lowa State with 81 and Tennessee with 100.

Head Coach: Rod DeHaven

RACE NOTES — SOUTH DAKOTA STATE at BRIAR CLIFF INVITE

USTFCCCA MIDWEST REGION RANKINGS

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. South Dakota State
- 14. Kansas
- 15. North Dakota State

MEN

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

SUMMIT LEAGUE PRESEASON POLLS

WOMEN				
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				
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REGIONAL RANKINGS: The Jackrabbit men enter the Chargers Invite ranked eighth 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 competing last week at the Roy Griak Invitational.

The Jackrabbits are the lone Summit League team in the men's rankings. In the women's division, the Jackrabbits moved back into the rankings after their performance at the Roy Griak Invitational, checking in at No. 13. 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 will take a week off before returning to competition Oct. 15 at a pair of meets. The men's squad is scheduled to compete at the Nuttycombe Wisconsin Invitational in Verona, Wisconsin, while the women's team is slated to run at the Bradley Pink Invitational in Peoria, Illinois.

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

9/24 Roy Griak Invitational (6K)

148th 23:52.9



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

9/24 Roy Griak Invitational (6K)

101st 23:16.5



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

9/24 Roy Griak Invitational (6K)

131st 23:39.3



ANNA DONNAY
Senior
Kimball, Minn. (Kimball H.S.)

9/3 Augustana Invitational (5K)

4th 18:23.04

9/24 Roy Griak Invitational (6K)

46th 22:19.9



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

9/24 Roy Griak Invitational (6K)

115th 23:27.8



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



KAYLA CHRISTOPHERSON
Junior
Austin, Minn. (Pacelli H.S.)
9/24 Roy Griak Inviational (6K)
150th 23:56.9



JAIDE GEURTS
Freshman
Sioux Falls, S.D. (Roosevelt H.S.)

9/10 SDSU Classic (5K)

40th 20:26.66

2021 Jackrabbit Women's Cross Country Results



NICOLE GREYER
Sophomore
Yorkville, III. (Yorkville H.S.)
9/3 Augustana Invitational (5K)

49th 19:32.66

9/24 Roy Griak Invitational (6K)

204th 25:13.0



OKSANA JOHNSON
Senior
Ankeny, Iowa
(Des Moines Christian H.S.)
9/3 Augustana Invitational (5K)

39th 19:19.91



JANEAN HANKA Sophomore Hermosa, S.D. (Hill City H.S.)

9/3 Augustana Invitational (5K)

82nd 20:04.20

9/24 Roy Griak Invitational (6K)

226th 26:04.0



KASEY KLOCEK
Freshman
Lakewood, Colo.
(Green Mountain H.S.)

9/10 SDSU Classic (5K)

19th 19:26.70

9/24 Roy Griak Invitational (6K)

182nd 24:38.7



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

9/24 Roy Griak Invitational (6K)

15th 21:31.2



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



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

9/24 Roy Griak Invitational (6K)

197th 24:54.8



HANNAH NELSON
Freshman
Parker, Colo. (Legend H.S.)
9/24 Roy Griak Invitational (6K)

229th 26:27.1

2021 Jackrabbit Women's Cross Country Results



CAILEE PETERSON
Senior
Mayville, N.D. (May-Port CG H.S.)
9/10 SDSU Classic (5K)



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



MALORIE SCHMOLL Sophomore Wausau, Wis. (D.C. Everest H.S.)

9/10 SDSU Classic (5K)

18:13.92

28th 20:00.71

3rd

9/24 Roy Griak Invitational (6K)

192nd 24:47.4



9/3	Augustana Invitational (5K)	4th	94 points
9/10	SDSU Classic (5K)	2nd	43 points
9/24	Roy Griak Invitational (6K)	10th	354 points



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



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

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

9/24 Roy Griak Invitational (8K)

109th 26:27.0



CARTER KNAUS
Sophomore
Albertville, Minn.
(St. Michael-Albertville H.S.)

9/3 Augustana Invitational (4 mile)

26th 20:34.85

9/10 SDSU Classic (8K)

15th 26:05.38

9/24 Roy Griak Invitational (8K)

135th 26:47.3



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

9/24 Roy Griak Invitational (8K)

51st 25:42.0



JACOB KNODLE Freshman West Fargo, N.D. (Sheyenne H.S.)

9/24 Roy Griak Invitational (8K)

93rd 26:11.2



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

9/24 Roy Griak Invitational (8K)

44th 25:30.3



MASON McDONALD Sophomore Omaha, Neb. (Millard West H.S.)

9/10 SDSU Classic (8K)

12th 25:57.04

9/24 Roy Griak Invitational (8K)

72nd 25:59.5



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

9/24 Roy Griak Invitational (8K)

130th 26:42.7



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

9/24 Roy Griak Invitational (8K)

53rd 25:43.5

2021 JACKRABBIT MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS



NATHAN NOTGRASS Freshman Fredericksburg, Va. (Stafford H.S.)

SDSU Classic (8K)

33rd 27:20.63

9/24 Roy Griak Invitational (8K)

176th 27:21.8



MAX SELBACH **Senior** Glendale, Wis. (Nicolet H.S.) Roy Griak Invitational (8K) 110th 26:37.3



BEN OLSON Junior Coon Rapids, Minn. (Blaine H.S.)

9/3 Augustana Invitational (4 mile)

7th 19:51.50

9/10 SDSU Classic (8K)

24:59.74 1st

9/24 Roy Griak Invitational (8K)

45th 25:31.5



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

9/10 Roy Griak Invitational (8K)

189th 27:33.8



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

9/24 Roy Griak Invitational (8K)

88th 26:07.3



TEAM RESULTS

9/3 Augustana Invitational (4 mile) 1st 29 points 9/10 SDSU Classic (8K) 1st 15 points 9/24 Roy Griak Invitational (8K) 9th 242 points



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

9/24 Roy Griak Invitational (8K)

122nd 26:34.4