



SOUTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY

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2021 FOOTBALL INFORMATION

Jacks kick off home slate Saturday

JACKRABBIT GAME NOTES — SEPT. 11



HEAD COACH: Jed Stugart (Asuza Pacific, 1995)
 • 17-18 record in five seasons at Lindenwood; 108-43 record in 15 seasons as a collegiate head coach at MidAmerica Nazarene, Sioux Falls and Lindenwood

LINDENWOOD (0-1)
at #2/3 SOUTH DAKOTA STATE STATE (1-0)
Dairy Drive/Precision Ag Bowl/2020 Hall of Fame
6 p.m. Saturday
Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium; Brookings, South Dakota

SERIES NOTES
 • First Meeting

MEDIA INFORMATION

• Game will be televised on Midco Sports and ESPN3 with broadcast team of Tom Nieman and Al Bahe
 • Game also can be viewed through Jackrabbits All-Access at GoJacks.com/watch (subscription)
 • Pre-game radio show begins at 5 p.m. Central on the Jackrabbit Sports Network, which includes flagship station WNAX 570 AM-Yankton and the following affiliates:
 • KJJQ 910 AM-Brookings • KBFS 1450 AM-Belle Fourche • KDSJ 980 AM-Deadwood
 • KORN 1490 AM-Mitchell • KELO 1320 AM/KELQ 107.9 FM-Sioux Falls
 • KCCR 1240 AM-Pierre • KLOH 1050 AM/94.1 FM-Pipestone, Minn.
 • KWYR 93.7 FM-Winner • KXLG 99.1 FM/100.1 FM-Watertown
 • Radio crew of Tyler Merriam (play-by-play), Alex Parker (color) and Scotty Kwas (sidelines) will call the action



HEAD COACH: John Stiegelmeier (SDSU, 1979)
 • 175-107 record in 25 seasons — all at South Dakota State
STARTERS RETURNING: 22 (10 Off., 10 Def., 2 ST)

2021 SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER		
3	at Colorado State	W, 42-23
11	LINDENWOOD [Dairy Drive/2020 Hall of Fame]	6 p.m.
25	*at Indiana State	noon
OCTOBER		
2	DIXIE STATE [Beef Bowl]	6 p.m.
9	*SOUTHERN ILLINOIS	2 p.m.
16	*at Western Illinois	noon
23	*NORTHERN IOWA [Hobo Day]	2 p.m.
30	*at Youngstown State	1 p.m.
NOVEMBER		
6	*NORTH DAKOTA STATE [Dakota Marker]	2 p.m.
13	*at South Dakota [Showdown Series]	1 p.m.
20	*NORTH DAKOTA [2021 Hall of Fame]	2 p.m.
27	FCS Playoffs begin	TBD

* Missouri Valley Football Conference game
 All times Central

TALE OF THE TAPE — 2021 SEASON STATS

LINDENWOOD	CATEGORY	SOUTH DAKOTA STATE
20.0	Points Per Game	42.0
40.0	Points Allowed Per Game	23.0
29.0	Rushing Yardage Per Game	240.0
186.0	Rush Yardage Allowed/Game	124.0
238.0	Passing Yardage Per Game	224
9.9	Average Per Catch	12.4
274.0	Pass Yardage Allowed/Game	338.0
267.0	Total Offense Per Game	464.0
460.0	Total Offense Allowed/Game	462.0
21.4	Kick Return Average	N/A
N/A	Punt Return Average	3.0
1-0	Interception Returns	1-0
1-1	Fumbles-Lost	1-0
12-92	Penalties-Yards	6-42
29:38	Time of Possession/Game	30:27
5/18 (28%)	Third-Down Conversions	5/11 (46%)

GAME NOTES — SOUTH DAKOTA STATE vs. LINDENWOOD

HOME OPENERS DURING THE JOHN STIEGELMEIER ERA

1997: Minnesota State, Mankato 21, SDSU 7
 1998: *SDSU 56, Wisconsin-Stout 13
 1999: SDSU 38, Augustana 31
 2000: *SDSU 36, Grand Valley State (Mich.) 27
 2001: *SDSU 34, Ferris State (Mich.) 24
 2002: *SDSU 28, Chadron State (Neb.) 15
 2003: *SDSU 20, Northwest Missouri State 0
 2004: SDSU 45, Winona State 20
 2005: *SDSU 42, Wisconsin-La Crosse 13
 2006: *Wisconsin-La Crosse 17, SDSU 3
 2007: Northern Iowa 31, SDSU 17
 2008: SDSU 40, Youngstown State 7
 2009: *SDSU 44, Georgia Southern 6
 2010: Illinois State 24, SDSU 14
 2011: *SDSU 29, Southern Utah 28
 2012: SDSU 12, UC Davis 8
 2013: *SDSU 55, Butler (Ind.) 14
 2014: SDSU 44, Cal Poly 18
 2015: SDSU 55, Southern Utah 10
 2016: SDSU 56, Drake 28
 2017: *SDSU 51, Duquesne 13
 2018: *SDSU 45, Montana State 14
 2019: SDSU 38, Long Island 3
 2020-21: SDSU 45, Western Illinois 10

* Also season opener

2020-21 RESULTS

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 W, 27-17
 24 ^HOLY CROSS W, 31-3

MAY

2 ^SOUTHERN ILLINOIS W, 31-26
 8 ^DELAWARE W, 33-3
 16 #SAM HOUSTON [at Frisco, Texas] L, 21-23

* Missouri Valley Football Conference game

^ Football Championship Subdivision playoff game

FCS national title game

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Sept. 8, 2021

BROOKINGS, S.D. — The South Dakota State University football team kicks off the home portion of its 2021 home schedule Saturday, hosting Lindenwood University in nonconference action.

Start time is set for 6 p.m. at Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium. Saturday's game is designated as the annual Dairy Drive contest, as well as the Precision Ag Bowl. The 2020 Jackrabbitt Sports Hall of Fame induction class will be recognized at halftime and front-line workers also will be honored during the evening.

The Jackrabbits enter the matchup ranked second in this week's Stats Perform media poll, moving up one spot after a season-opening 42-23 victory at Colorado State before a national television audience on Sept. 3. SDSU also is ranked third in the Football Championship Subdivision coaches' poll this week.

Lindenwood, an NCAA Division II institution located in St. Charles, Missouri, opened theseason Sept. 2 with a 40-20 home loss to Angelo State. The Lions, a member of the Great Lakes Valley Conference, reached the NCAA Division II Round of 16 during the 2019 season, but did not play during the 2020 season due to COVID-19 restrictions. They began the 2021 slate ranked 21st.

THE SERIES: Saturday's game will mark the first-ever meeting between South Dakota State and Lindenwood on the gridiron.

Lindenwood is led by former University of Sioux Falls head coach Jed Stugart. In seven seasons at USF from 2010-16, Stugart led the Cougars to a 65-17 record. USF reached the NAIA national championship game in Stugart's first season and he then led the Cougars to consecutive NCAA Division II playoff appearances his final two years.

HOME OPENERS: South Dakota State has fared well in home openers under head coach John Stiegelmeier, who is in his 25th season at the helm of the Jackrabbitt football program. The Jackrabbits have compiled a 20-4 record in home openers under Coach Stig, including a 4-0 mark at Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium.

SDSU has won 10 consecutive home openers since a 24-14 loss to Illinois State in 2010.

The Jackrabbits' home opener wraps up a busy week at Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium as the Jacks Bash 2 concert featuring Zac Brown Band, Fall Out Boy and Gabby Barrett was scheduled to help kick off the home season Wednesday night.

DAIRY DRIVE: Now in its eighth year, the Dairy Drive recognizes the importance of the dairy industry to the South Dakota economy and promotes the ties to SDSU as the state's Land-Grant institution.

The Jackrabbits have come out victorious in all seven previous Dairy Drive games. Each of the first six games drew a crowd surpassing 10,000 fans.

2014: SDSU 44, Cal Poly 18 (12,219 att.)

2015: SDSU 55, Southern Utah 10 (13,423 att.)

2016: SDSU 49, Missouri State 24 (10,826 att.)

2017: SDSU 51, Duquesne 13 (12,218 att.)

2018: SDSU 45, Montana State 14 (14,614 att.)

2019: SDSU 38, Long Island 3 (10,153 att.)

2020-21: SDSU 45, Western Illinois 10

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

North Dakota State holds the longest active streak with 11 consecutive trips to the playoffs after the Bison earned an at-large bid to the 2020-21 16-team field.

SDSU'S 2021 RECORD WHEN...

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

CAPTAINS: Leading the Jackrabbit football team are six captains:

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

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

RANKINGS STREAK: By being ranked second in this week's Stats Perform FCS poll, SDSU has now appeared in the top 25 of 119 consecutive media polls dating back to October 2012.

The Jackrabbits' third-place preseason showing matched the highest in program history (2018, 2019).

AWARD WATCH LISTS: South Dakota State running back Pierre Strong, Jr. and linebacker Logan Backhaus have been selected for the initial watch lists for two of the top awards in the Football Championship Subdivision.

Strong is under consideration for the the 2021 Stats Perform Walter Payton Award, which is given annually to the top offensive player in the Football Championship Subdivision.

A senior from Little Rock, Arkansas, Strong tied for eighth in the balloting for the Payton Award during an abbreviated 2020-21 season. He gained 707 yards in nine games and averaged 5.4 yards per carry with three rushing touchdowns. Strong also ranked third on the squad with 20 receptions for 178 yards and a touchdown.

Strong posted back-to-back 1,000-yard seasons in 2018 and 2019, and entered this fall eighth on the Jackrabbits' career rushing charts with 2,841 yards.

Backhaus, meanwhile, is among the early candidates for the 2021 Stats Perform Buck Buchanan Award, which is presented annually to the top defensive player in the Football Championship Subdivision.

Entering his final season with the Jackrabbits, Backhaus is coming off a 2020-21 season in which he led the team with 9.5 tackles for loss and ranked second with 72 tackles in 10 games. The Spirit Lake, Iowa, native also intercepted a pass and forced a fumble in helping lead SDSU to the FCS national title game.

A multi-year starter, Backhaus' career totals include 274 tackles, 24 tackles for loss, 5 sacks and 9 interceptions.

Both watch lists will be updated periodically throughout the 2021 season. A media panel will select the recipients, who will be announced prior to the FCS national championship game in January.

Backhaus (first team) and Strong (second team) were also among the four members of the South Dakota State University football team were honored recently on the Stats Perform FCS Preseason All-America Team.

Also tabbed as a first-team preseason All-America was offensive lineman Garret Greenfield. A junior from Rock Valley, Iowa, was a consensus All-America pick at right tackle after helping pave the way for the Jackrabbits to rush for a Division I-era best 231.7 yards per game this past spring.

Joining Strong from the Jackrabbit backfield was Isaiah Davis, who earned third-team recognition as an all-purpose back. A sophomore from Joplin, Missouri, Davis finished the 2020-21 campaign as the team's leading rusher with 818 yards while adding a team-high 10 touchdowns. He averaged a team-best 115.3 all-purpose yards per game, adding seven receptions for 107 yards and returning seven kickoffs for 228 yards (32.6 ypr).

2020-21 MVFC AWARDS

POSTSEASON HONORS

OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

- Mark Gronowski (QB)

ALL-MVFC FIRST TEAM

- Logan Backhaus (LB)
- Don Gardner (CB)
- Garret Greenfield (OL)
- Mark Gronowski (QB)
- Zach Heins (TE)
- Caleb Sanders (DL)
- Pierre Strong, Jr. (RB)

ALL-MVFC SECOND TEAM

- Jaxon Janke (WR)
- Mason McCormick (OL)

ALL-MVFC HONORABLE MENTION

- Isaiah Davis (RB)
- Cole Frahm (K)
- Wes Genant (OL)

NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR/FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR

- Mark Gronowski (QB)

ALL-NEWCOMER TEAM

- Adam Bock (LB)
- Isaiah Davis (RB)
- Mark Gronowski

WEEKLY 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)

DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

- Adam Bock (April 17)

SPECIAL TEAMS PLAYER OF THE WEEK

- Cole Frahm (March 13, April 17)

NEWCOMER OF THE WEEK

- Mark Gronowski (Feb. 19, April 17)
- Isaiah Davis (March 20)

ACADEMIC AWARDS

MVFC ALL-ACADEMIC FIRST TEAM

- Logan Backhaus (LB)
- Wes Genant (OL)
- Preston Tetzlaff (LB)

MVFC ALL-ACADEMIC SECOND TEAM

- Aron Johnson (OL)

MVFC ALL-ACADEMIC HONORABLE MENTION

- Cole Frahm (K)
- Jaxon Janke (WR)
- Mason McCormick (OL)
- Reece Winkelman (DL)

Davis came on strong in the Jackrabbits' run to the FCS title game, tallying 663 all-purpose yards in four playoff games, including 305 in the championship tilt against Sam Houston.

JACKS PICKED TO WIN VALLEY: South Dakota State has been picked to win the 2021 Missouri Valley Football Conference title, according to a poll conducted among the league's coaches, sports information directors and a media panel that was announced in late July.

The Jackrabbits received 24 of the 43 first-place votes to finish with 454 points, edging North Dakota State with 435 points and 18 first-place votes. North Dakota (357), Southern Illinois (345) and Northern Iowa (311) rounded out the top five, with UNI claiming the final first-place vote.

It marks the first time since joining the MVFC in 2008 that the Jackrabbits, who return 10 starters on both sides of the ball, have been tabbed as the preseason favorite, after finishing second in the annual forecast six times.

The remainder of the poll included: Missouri State, sixth, 256; Illinois State, seventh, 196; South Dakota, eighth, 163; Youngstown State, ninth, 126; Indiana State, 10th, 112, and Western Illinois, 11th, 83.

SDSU shared the MVFC title with Missouri State, finishing with a 5-1 conference mark during an abbreviated 2020-21 season that was moved to the spring due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Jackrabbits were awarded the league's automatic bid to the Football Championship Subdivision playoffs and later advanced to the national championship game for the first time, ending the season with an 8-2 overall record following a 23-21 loss to Sam Houston.

In addition, 12 Jackrabbit players were honored on the MVFC Preseason Team, including six first-team selections. Running back Pierre Strong, Jr., tight end Zach Heins and offensive lineman Garret Greenfield represent the Jackrabbit offense, while defensive tackle Caleb Sanders, linebacker Logan Backhaus and cornerback Don Gardner were the defensive honorees. All were first-team all-MVFC picks during the spring campaign.

Strong, a senior from Little Rock, Arkansas, rushed for 707 yards (78.6 yards per game) and three touchdowns during the 2020-21 spring season. He also ranked third on the team with 20 catches for 178 yards and a touchdown.

A junior from Sioux Falls, Heins tallied 12 receptions for 200 yards during the 2020-21 spring season.

Greenfield, a junior from Rock Valley, Iowa, helped pave the way for an offensive unit that averaged 29.2 points and 403.1 yards of total offense per game. He went on to be a consensus All-America selection at right tackle.

Sanders led the Jackrabbits with five sacks among his seven tackles for loss last season. The senior from Glenwood, Iowa, posted 26 total tackles.

Backhaus, a senior from Spirit Lake, Iowa, paced the Jackrabbits with 9.5 tackles for loss and ranked second on the squad with 72 total tackles en route to earning All-America honors from several media outlets.

Gardner, a senior from Chicago, led the team with seven pass breakups and added an interception during the spring season. He also ranked fifth on the squad with 44 tackles, including three for loss.

Four more members of the Jackrabbit offense were recognized as second-team selections to the preseason honor squad: Offensive linemen Mason McCormick and Wes Genant, wide receiver Jaxon Janke and running back Isaiah Davis.

McCormick, a junior from Sioux Falls, was a second-team all-MVFC pick this past spring, while Genant, a senior from Parkston, earned honorable mention recognition.

A junior from Madison, Janke earned second-team all-MVFC honors after leading SDSU in nearly every receiving category, posting 32 receptions for 473 yards and six touchdowns.

2021 GAME HIGHS

INDIVIDUAL GAME HIGHS

RUSHING ATTEMPTS: 15, by Isaiah Davis, at Colorado State, 9-3-2021

RUSHING YARDS: 138, by Pierre Strong, Jr.; at Colorado State, 9-3-2021

RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS: 2, by Pierre Strong, Jr.; at Colorado State, 9-3-2021

LONG RUSH: 48 yards (for TD), by Pierre Strong, Jr.; at Colorado State, 9-3-2021

PASS ATTEMPTS: 28, by Chris Oladokun, at Colorado State, 9-3-2021

PASS COMPLETIONS: 18, by Chris Oladokun, at Colorado State, 9-3-2021

YARDS PASSING: 224, by Chris Oladokun, at Colorado State, 9-3-2021

TOUCHDOWN PASSES: 2, by Chris Oladokun, at Colorado State, 9-3-2021

RECEPTIONS: 6, by Jadon Janke, at Colorado State, 9-3-2021

YARDS RECEIVING: 92, by Jadon Janke, at Colorado State, 9-3-2021

RECEIVING TOUCHDOWNS: 2, by Jadon Janke, at Colorado State, 9-3-2021

LONG RECEPTION: 46 yards, by Jadon Janke (from Chris Oladokun), at Colorado State, 9-3-2021

FIELD GOALS: N/A

LONG FIELD GOAL: N/A

PUNTS: 3, by Hunter Dustman, at Colorado State, 9-3-2021

PUNTING AVERAGE: 43.3 yards (3 punts), by Hunter Dustman, at Colorado State, 9-3-2021

LONG PUNT: 49 yards, by Hunter Dustman, at Colorado State, 9-3-2021

LONG PUNT RETURN: 5 yards, by Landon Wolf, at Colorado State, 9-3-2021

LONG KICKOFF RETURN: N/A

TACKLES: 9, by Isaiah Stalbird, at Colorado State, 9-3-2021

TACKLES FOR LOSS: 2.0, by Adam Bock, at Colorado State, 9-3-2021

SACKS: 1.0, by three players

INTERCEPTIONS: 1, by Daeton Mcgaughy, at Colorado State, 9-3-2021

PASS BREAKUPS: 2, by Adam Bock, at Colorado State, 9-3-2021

FUMBLES FORCED: N/A

FUMBLES RECOVERED: 1, by Caden Johnson, at Colorado State, 9-3-2021

BLOCKED KICKS: N/A

Davis, from Joplin, Missouri, finished as the team's leading rusher with 818 yards (81.8 ypg) and 10 touchdowns as a freshman. A second-team all-league performer and a member of the MVFC All-Newcomer Team, Davis topped the 100-yard mark in rushing four times while also seeing action as a kick returner.

Also a second-team selection was senior long snapper Bradey Sorenson. The Yankton native sat out the spring season, but previously has been honored on the all-MVFC squad.

Rounding out the list of preseason award recipients for the Jackrabbits was honorable mention selection Reece Winkelman. A senior defensive end from Marshall, Minnesota, Winkelman tied for second on the team with three sacks and finished with 25 tackles last spring.

OLADOKUN UNDER CENTER: Graduate transfer Chris Oladokun took the reins of the Jackrabbit offense at quarterback in last week's season opener at Colorado State and responded with an impressive debut performance.

Named the co-Missouri Valley Football Conference Newcomer of the Week, Oladokun accounted for three touchdowns – two passing and one rushing in the Jackrabbit victory. He completed 18-of-28 passes for 224 yards and also rushed two times for 19 yards, including an 11-yard touchdown that capped the scoring for SDSU. Both of Oladokun's touchdown passes went to Jadon Janke, covering 10 and 17 yards.

Oladokun became the fourth Jackrabbit in as many seasons to start the opener at quarterback. In 2018, Taryn Christion made his third consecutive start in the first game of a season, while J'Bore Gibbs inherited the starting role in 2019. True freshman Mark Gronowski won the starting quarterback battle for the 2020-21 opener and went on to lead the Jackrabbits to the FCS national title game before suffering an injury in that game that will sideline him for the fall campaign.

A native of Tampa, Florida, Oladokun began his collegiate career at South Florida, where he started two games in 2018 and completed 22-of-44 passes for 285 yards and three touchdowns.

He then transferred to Samford and played in 19 games with nine starts over the next two seasons. Oladokun passed for 2,064 yards and 18 touchdowns in 2019, while also rushing 127 times for 493 yards and eight touchdowns. He was Samford's starter at quarterback for the 2020-21 season opener and saw action in seven games.

BALANCED ATTACK: South Dakota State achieved nearly an equal 50-50 split between rushing and passing in the season-opening win at Colorado State, posting 242 yards on the ground and 224 through the air for a narrow 466-462 advantage in total offense.

STRONG NEARS 3,000: Senior Pierre Strong, Jr., is poised to become the seventh running back in South Dakota State history to reach the 3,000-yard mark for his career during Saturday's game.

A native of Little Rock, Arkansas, Strong enters the week with 2,979 career rushing yards. He currently stands eighth on the all-time Jackrabbit charts, trailing Cory Koenig (2,990 yards from 2004-07) for the seventh spot.

Strong posted back-to-back 1,000-yard seasons to lead the Jackrabbits during the 2018 (1,116 yards) and 2019 (1,018 yards) campaigns. He ranked second on the squad with 707 yards during the pandemic-altered 2020-21 season.

In the Sept. 3 season opener at Colorado State, Strong posted the 11th 100-yard game of his career, gaining 138 yards on 13 carries. He also scored a pair of second-quarter touchdowns on runs of 48 and 12 yards..

PICKING OFF THE COMPETITION: SDSU has picked off a pass in 26 of its last 31 games dating back to the 2018 season, adding to that statistic with an interception by backup safety Daeton Mcgaughy on the final play of the game in the Jackrabbits' 42-23 season-opening victory at Colorado State on Sept. 3.

2021 GAME HIGHS

TEAM GAME HIGHS

RUSHING ATTEMPTS: 34, at Colorado State, 9-3-2021
RUSHING YARDS: 240, at Colorado State, 9-3-2021
YARDS PER RUSH: 7.1, at Colorado State, 9-3-2021
RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS: 4, at Colorado State, 9-3-2021
PASS ATTEMPTS: 28, at Colorado State, 9-3-2021
PASS COMPLETIONS: 18, at Colorado State, 9-3-2021
YARDS PASSING: 224, at Colorado State, 9-3-2021
YARDS PER PASS: 8.0, at Colorado State, 9-3-2021
PASSING TOUCHDOWNS: 2, at Colorado State, 9-3-2021
TOTAL PLAYS: 62, at Colorado State, 9-3-2021
TOTAL OFFENSE: 464, at Colorado State, 9-3-2021
YARDS PER PLAY: 7.5, at Colorado State, 9-3-2021
POINTS: 42, at Colorado State, 9-3-2021
FIRST DOWNS: 22, at Colorado State, 9-3-2021
SACKS BY: 3, at Colorado State, 9-3-2021
PENALTIES: 6, at Colorado State, 9-3-2021
PENALTY YARDS: 42, at Colorado State, 9-3-2021
TURNOVERS BY: N/A
TURNOVERS FORCED: 2, at Colorado State, 9-3-2021
INTERCEPTIONS: 1, at Colorado State, 9-3-2021
FUMBLES RECOVERED: 1, at Colorado State, 9-3-2021

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

AT COLORADO STATE

OFFENSE: Chris Oladokun, Garret Greenfield
DEFENSE: Xavier Ward
SPECIAL TEAMS: Cole Frahm
SCOUT OFFENSE: Alex Westendorf
SCOUT DEFENSE: Tucker Large
SCOUT SPECIAL TEAMS: Michael Paulson
EFFORT: Daeton Mcgaughy

As a team, the Jackrabbits have ranked in the top 10 among Football Championship Subdivision teams each of the last two seasons, tallying 18 interceptions in 2019 to rank sixth and recording 12 interceptions last season — a total that ranked third.

Joshua Manchighia led the team with four interceptions during the 2020-21 season. In all, eight different Jackrabbit players tallied an interception last spring.

SECOND-QUARTER DOMINANCE: South Dakota State often carried momentum into the locker room at halftime during the 2020-21 season.

In 10 games, SDSU held a 95-37 scoring advantage in the second quarter. The Jackrabbits built up a 62-7 advantage in regular season action, and then outscored the opposition 33-30 in the second quarter during the postseason, buoyed by a 20-0 margin against Delaware in the national semifinal.

The Jackrabbits were 7-1 when taking a lead into halftime during the 2020-21 spring season, and followed that with a 21-10 halftime advantage (14-10 in the second quarter) of their Sept. 3 season opener at Colorado State.

BLOCK THAT KICK: South Dakota State has consistently ranked among the FCS leaders for blocked kicks over the past few seasons. The Jackrabbits ranked third with four blocked kicks during the 2020-21 season, starting with a blocked punt by Isaiah Stalbird in the Feb. 19 season opener at Northern Iowa.

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.

The Jackrabbits' third and fourth blocked kicks of the season both came in the FCS playoffs and were recorded by Reece Winkelman in games against Holy Cross and Delaware.

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 improved during the 2020-21 season was in the turnover margin department. Despite forcing 25 turnovers (18 interceptions, 7 fumbles) in 2019, the Jackrabbits turned the ball over an uncharacteristic 24 times that season to finish plus-1 in turnover margin.

Of the 24 turnovers in 2019, 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 lost six fumbles during the 2020-21 season and ended the year plus-7 in turnover margin, highlighted by forcing a combined seven turnovers (two fumbles, five interceptions) in its two meetings with Southern Illinois.

The Jackrabbits turned the ball over only once in their last five games and started the 2021 fall campaign with two takeaways and no turnovers at Colorado State.

SACK ATTACK CONTINUES: The Jackrabbit defense made life miserable for opposing teams' quarterbacks during its 2020-21 postseason run, collecting 15 in their four playoff games.

SDSU picked up where it left off in the Sept. 3 season opener at Colorado State as the Jackrabbits posted three sacks in a 42-23 victory, with defensive tackle Caleb Sanders and linebackers Graham Spalding and Kinser Madison credited with the sacks.

A first-team all-MVFC performer last season, Sanders has recorded a sack in four of the last five games dating back to last season.

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

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

JACKRABBITS IN THE 2020-21 NCAA STATISTICS

TEAM (top 25)

- 3rd in blocked kicks, 4
- 3rd in passes intercepted, 12
- 4th in fewest tackles for loss allowed, 3.90/game
- 4th in kickoff returns, 25.63 yards/return
- 5th in scoring defense, 15.0 points/game
- 7th in red-zone offense, .935
- 7th in rushing offense, 231.7 yards/game
- 7th in fewest sacks allowed, 1.00 per game
- 8th in turnovers gained, 17
- 9th in first downs – offense, 187
- 10th in punt returns, 13.25/attempt
- 14th in passing yards per completion, 13.82
- 18th in team passing efficiency defense, 109.75
- 19th in total defense, 287.9 yards/game
- 20th in turnover margin, plus-0.70/game
- 21st in passing yards allowed, 172.2 yards/game
- 21st in team passing efficiency, 143.48
- 22nd in scoring offense, 29.2 points/game
- 22nd in total offense, 403.1 yards/game
- 23rd in rushing defense, 115.7 yards/game
- 24th in red-zone defense, .741
- 25th in fewest penalty yards per game, 43.80

INDIVIDUAL (top 35)

MARK GRONOWSKI

- 5th in points responsible for, 138
- 8th in passing touchdowns, 15
- 8th in passing yards per completion, 14.49
- 11th in yards per pass attempt, 8.32
- 11th in passing efficiency, 150.5
- 13th in rushing touchdowns, 7
- 14th in total touchdowns, 8
- 17th in passing yards, 1,565
- 20th in rushing yards, 577
- 22nd in points responsible for per game, 13.8

ISAIAH DAVIS

- 2nd in rushing touchdowns, 10
- 2nd in rushing yards, 818
- 5th in total touchdowns, 11
- 20th in rushing yards per game, 81.8
- 26th in all-purpose yards, 115.30 per game

COLE FRAHM

- 15th in field goals per game, 1.30

JAXON JANKE

- T-9th in receiving touchdowns, 6
- 32nd in receiving yards, 473

JADON JANKE

- 14th in yards per reception, 20.24
- 18th in receiving touchdowns, 5

PIERRE STRONG, JR.

- 11th in rushing yards, 707
- 25th in rushing yards per carry, 5.40
- 26th in rushing yards per game, 78.6

REECE WINKELMAN

- T-3rd in blocked kicks, 2

Jadon Janke was right behind in the receiving categories, hauling in 21 receptions for 425 yards and five touchdowns. His 20.2 yards per reception led the squad and four of his touchdown receptions came in postseason action. He recorded his third two-touchdown performance in the last five games in the Sept. 3 season opener at Colorado State, catching scoring passes of 10 and 17 yards.

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

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

CRENSHAW JOINS STAFF: South Dakota State head football coach John Stiegelmeier announced the hiring of Andre Crenshaw to the Jackrabbits' offensive coaching staff in July.

"Andre is a proven coach with running backs and special teams," Stiegelmeier said. "I look forward to seeing the impact he has, not only on the field, but off the field, as well."

Crenshaw most recently served as running backs coach at Southeast Missouri State during the 2020-21 season, helping lead the Redhawks to a 4-4 overall record.

Prior to his return to the FCS ranks, Crenshaw spent two years as the running backs coach and special teams coordinator at Missouri Western. The Griffons averaged 219.5 rushing yards per game in 2018 to rank in the top 25 among Division II programs.

Other coaching stops have included Tennessee Tech (2017) and Morehead State (2015-16). He began his collegiate coaching career as a graduate assistant at Dakota Wesleyan and also coached at Riggs Football Academy in Sioux Falls.

A native of Lancaster, California, Crenshaw played running back at Oregon for four seasons from 2006-09. He earned his bachelor's degree in sociology from the Oregon in 2010 and added a master's degree in educational policy and administration from Dakota Wesleyan in 2015.

ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICANS: South Dakota State University offensive lineman Wes Genant earned his third career selection to the CoSIDA Academic All-America Division I Football Team and linebacker Logan Backhaus also earned a spot on the honor squad as announced in July.

Genant, a senior from Parkston, was honored on the first team with a 3.89 grade-point average as a biochemistry and pre-medicine major. The Jackrabbits' starting center in all 10 games in the team's run to the Football Championship Subdivision national championship game during the 2020-21 campaign, Genant also was a first-team selection in 2018 after earning second-team recognition in 2017. He redshirted during the 2019 season while recovering from injury.

Backhaus, a senior from Spirit Lake, Iowa, holds a 3.65 grade-point average in human biology and ranked second on the team with 72 tackles during the 2020-21 spring season. He posted a team-high 9.5 tackles for loss, also contributing two sacks, an interception and a forced fumble.

Genant is the fourth Jackrabbit football student-athlete to earn CoSIDA Academic All-America honors three times, joining Paul Kippley (1978-80), Kyle Minett (2008-10) and Zach Zenner (2012-14). SDSU has placed at least one player on the squad in 14 of the last 16 seasons, including multiple selections 12 times. Overall, SDSU football student-athletes have received Academic All-America recognition from CoSIDA 42 times since 1974.

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

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

COACHES

John Stiegelmeier	STIG-el-mey-er
Zach Lujan	LOO-honn
Luke Schleusner	SHLICE-ner

PLAYERS

Steven Arrell	ah-RELL
Logan Backhaus	BACK-huss
Max Baloun	bah-LOON
Evan Beerntsen	BEARNT-sen
Matthew Borowicz	BORE-oh-wits
Josh Buri	burr-EYE
Matthew Durrance	durr-ANTS
Mitch Eichacker	EYE-ah-kerr
Cole Frahm	fromm
Caleb Franci	FRANCE-ill
Wes Genant	juh-NANT
J'Bore Gibbs	juh-BORE-ay
Grahm Goering	GORE-ing
Jon Gruetzmacher	GRITS-mock-er
Keaton Heide	HY-dee
Zach Heins	HINES
Colby Huerter	HURT-er
Jadon/Jaxon Janke	YON-key
Amar Johnson	ah-MARR
Randy Keumogne	key-MOAN-yay
Krockett Krolkowski	crow-lah-COW-ski
Aaron/Adam Kusler	COOSE-ler
Mason Leighton	LAY-ton
Joshua Manchigiah	manch-ah-GUY-ah
Daeton Mcgaughy	mc-GOY
Tolu Ogunrinde	TOE-loo oh-GURN-day
Chris Oladokun	oh-la-DOE-kun
Isaiah Stalbird	STALL-bird
Ryan Van Marel	van-MARR-ill
Xavier Ward	EX-zay-vee-ir
Saiveon Williamson	SAY-vee-on

Genant and Backhaus were joined on the Academic All-District Team by cornerback DyShawn Gales, linebacker Preston Tetzlaff and defensive end Reece Winkelman.

JACKS IN THE PROS: During the summer of 2021, six former South Dakota State standouts were in training camp with National Football League teams, continuing the Jackrabbits' long tradition of developing players into pro prospects.

Headlining the list is tight end Dallas Goedert of the Philadelphia Eagles. After being drafted in the second round of the 2018 NFL Draft, Goedert has gone on to record 137 receptions for 1,465 yards and 12 touchdowns in three seasons.

While Goedert is the lone former Jackrabbit on an opening day active roster, two other recent defensive standouts were assigned to practice squads. Linebacker Christian Rozeboom recently joined the Kansas City Chiefs after being released by Los Angeles Rams and cornerback Jordan Brown returned to the Las Vegas Raiders.

Rozeboom finished his Jackrabbit career as the program's all-time leading tackler and then signed as a free agent following the 2020 NFL Draft. He spent the 2020 season as a member of the Rams' practice squad.

Brown was a seventh-round choice of the Cincinnati Bengals in 2019 and also spent time on the practice squad for Jacksonville during his rookie campaign before entering 2020 training camp with the Las Vegas Raiders. He spent the latter part of the 2020 season as a practice squad player with the Washington Football Team.

The most recent former Jackrabbit with professional aspirations is wide receiver Cade Johnson, who signed as a free agent with the Seattle Seahawks following the conclusion of the 2021 NFL Draft. He has since been assigned to Seattle's practice squad.

Johnson set a pair of single-season school records as a member of the Jackrabbits from 2017-19. As a redshirt freshman in 2017, the Papillion, Nebraska, native established a new Jackrabbit standard with 839 kickoff return yards, returning two kickoffs for touchdowns. The following season, his first as a starting receiver, he set the SDSU single-season record with 17 touchdown catches, totaling 67 receptions for 1,332 yards.

In 2019, Johnson also posted his second consecutive 1,000-yard season, tallying 1,222 yards on 72 receptions. In only three seasons, he ranked third in program history for touchdown receptions (28), fifth in receiving yards (2,872) and sixth in total receptions (162).

He was a two-time first-team all-Missouri Valley Football Conference honoree and was selected to multiple Football Championship Subdivision All-America squads in both 2018 and 2019. Johnson was selected to play in the 2020 Reese's Senior Bowl after deciding to opt out of his senior season.

Veteran offensive lineman Bryan Witzmann is once again a free agent after being among the last cuts by the Kansas City Chiefs this summer. Witzmann returned to the Kansas City Chiefs in 2020, an organization for which he earned a starting role in 2017. He played in one game in 2020, but was assigned to the team's practice squad for much of the year, including the postseason.

Also awaiting his next opportunity is fullback and Brookings native Mikey Daniel, who spent this summer with the Carolina Panthers following a stint with the Atlanta Falcons in 2020.

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

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

Over Vinatieri's 24 seasons, his totals include NFL bests of 599-of-715 on field goal attempts, 83.8 percent, and 2,673 career points. He also ranks second in career extra points with 874. In all, Vinatieri set 15 NFL records, including 21 100-point seasons.

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)

2020-21 RECAP

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

TEAM INFORMATION

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

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

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

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

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

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

Several other former Jackrabbit players and coaches have had ties to the professional game, including:

- Steve Heiden (player from 1995-98), tight ends coach for the Arizona Cardinals;
- Reed Burckhardt (player from 2004-07), director of pro scouting for the Minnesota Vikings;
- Glen Fox (player from 2006-09), pro scout with the Arizona Cardinals;
- Shawn Mennenga (assistant coach from 2009-10), former special teams coordinator for the Cleveland Browns and Green Bay Packers;
- Trent Baalke (assistant coach from 1991-95), general manager of the Jacksonville Jaguars and formerly the GM for the San Francisco 49ers;
- Brad Seely, longtime special teams coordinator with numerous NFL teams.

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 former Jackrabbit football player and Sioux Falls banker Dana Dykhouse and philanthropist T. Denny Sanford were announced in October 2013.

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

Jacks Bash 2 is scheduled for Sept. 8 and will include a musical lineup of Zac Brown Band, Fall Out Boy and Gabby Barrett.

SDSU has gone on to post a 30-5 record at Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium during its first five seasons of operation, including a 7-1 mark in Football Championship Subdivision playoff games. The Jackrabbits went undefeated at home in 2018 at 7-0.

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

GAME NOTES — SOUTH DAKOTA STATE vs. LINDENWOOD

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

2016	6-1
2017	7-1
2018	7-0
2019	5-3
2020-21	5-0
TOTALS	30-5

STIG SHOW: The John Stiegelmeier Radio Show will air Monday nights throughout the 2021 season..

The weekly, hour-long show begins at 6 p.m. Central Time and will originate in front of a live audience once again at Cubby's Sports Bar and Grill in downtown Brookings. Hosted by Tyler Merriam, the show airs along the Jackrabbit Sports Network, including flagship station WNAX 570 AM, and can be heard through the Jackrabbit app and online at GoJacks.com.

Weekly segments include interviews with Jackrabbit head coach John Stiegelmeier, student-athletes and others associated with SDSU football. Fans can submit questions through social media platforms and fans in attendance can register for weekly prizes.

A LOOK AHEAD: The Jackrabbits will have their lone bye week of the regular season before opening Missouri Valley Football Conference play Sept. 25 at Indiana State. That game is set for a 1 p.m. Eastern (noon Central) kickoff in Terre Haute, Indiana.

SDSU's next home game is slated for Oct. 2, when the Jackrabbits host Dixie State in the 54th Beef Bowl. Start time for that game is 6 p.m.

DEPTH CHART vs. LINDENWOOD

OFFENSE

LT	71	ARON JOHNSON, 6-6, 300, *Sr., Chisago City, Minn.
	68	Ian Bass, 6-4, 280, Jr., Rosemount, Minn.
LG	60	MASON McCORMICK, 6-4, 310, Jr., Sioux Falls, S.D.
	59	Jalen Lee, 6-2, 305, R-Fr., Robbins, Ill.
C	77	WES GENANT, 6-4, 300, Sr., Parkston, S.D.
	78	Adam White, 6-4, 275, R-Fr., DeForest, Wis.
RG	56	EAGAN LICKISS, 6-4, 310, Sr., Indianola, Iowa
	54	Eddie Miller, 6-5, 315, Sr., Brookings, S.D.
	50	Gus Miller, 6-3, 280, R-Fr., Brookings, S.D.
RT	74	GARRET GREENFIELD, 6-6, 295, Jr., Rock Valley, Iowa
	72	Jason Titus, 6-5, 295, *Sr., Andover, Minn.
TE	87	ZACH HEINS, 6-7, 250, Jr., Sioux Falls, S.D.
	89	Wyatt Seagren, 6-7, 245, R-Fr., Oakland, Neb.
TE	85	Tucker Kraft, 6-5, 255, So., Timber Lake, S.D.
	34	Mike Morgan, 6-3, 235, Sr., Jr., New Lenox, Ill.
WR (Z-Back)	4	CANYON BAUER, 6-0, 195, So., Sioux Falls, S.D.
	86	Devon Cole Jr., 5-9, 165, R-Fr., Clermont, Fla.
WR (X-Back)	9	JADON JANKE, 6-3, 205, Jr., Madison, S.D.
	83	A.J. Coons, 6-4, 210, R-Fr., Solon, Iowa
WR (W-Back)	10	JAXON JANKE, 6-3, 210, Jr. Madison, S.D.
	19	Mason Leighton, 5-9, 175, *Sr., Madison, S.D.
QB	6	Chris Oladokun, 6-2, 195, Grad., Tampa, Fla.
	13	Keaton Heide, 6-3, 200, Jr., Wayzata, Minn.
	1	Rudy Voss, 6-3, 205, R-Fr., Lakefield, Minn.
RB and/or	20	PIERRE STRONG, JR., 5-11, 205, Sr., Little Rock, Ark.
	22	Isaiah Davis, 6-1, 220, So., Joplin, Mo.
	3	Amar Johnson, 5-11, 180, Fr., O'Fallon, Ill.

Returning starters indicated in CAPS

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

DEFENSE

DE	97	REECE WINKELMAN, 6-4, 245, *Sr., Marshall, Minn.
	94	Cade Terveer, 6-3, 250, Jr., Brandon, S.D.
	92	Kevin Brenner, 6-3, 240, So., Silver Lake, Wis.
NT	99	CALEB SANDERS, 6-1, 270, *Sr., Glenwood, Iowa
	55	Thomas Stacker, 6-4, 275, Sr., Chicago, Ill.
	98	Ryan Van Marel, 6-4, 280, Jr., Sheldon, Iowa
DT	91	XAVIER WARD, 6-2, 275, Sr., Freeman, S.D.
	69	Krockett Krolikowski, 6-2, 285, *Sr., Winner, S.D.
	52	Jarod DePriest, 6-5, 270, So., Trivoli, Ill.
DE	48	QUINTON HICKS, 6-3, 245, Jr., Wichita, Kan.
	22	Tolu Ogunrinde, 6-1, 265, Sr., Cottage Grove, Minn.
	53	Caden Johnson, 6-3, 235, So., Wahoo, Neb.
	90	Randy Keumogne, 6-3, 230, R-Fr., Oakdale, Minn.
LB (Will)	12	LOGAN BACKHAUS, 6-4, 210, Sr., Spirit Lake, Iowa
	29	Graham Spalding, 6-1, 205, So., Oviedo, Fla.
	57	Kinser Madison, 6-2, 210, Jr., Higginsville, Mo.
LB (Mike)	32	ADAM BOCK, 6-1, 215, So., Solon, Iowa
	43	Adam Kusler, 6-3, 215, R-Fr., Sioux Falls, S.D.
LB (Sam)	2	Isaiah Stalbird, 6-1, 200, Jr., Kearney, Neb.
	11	Matt Barnett, 6-3, 200, So., Cedar Rapids, Iowa
	16	Caleb Francl, 6-0, 185, So., Grand Island, Neb.
LCB	21	DON GARDNER, 6-1, 180, Sr., Chicago, Ill.
	7	Dalys Beanum, 6-1, 185, So., Omaha, Neb.
	26	Steven Arell, 6-2, 190, R-Fr., Brooklyn Park, Minn.
FS	3	JOSHUA MANCHIGIAH, 6-0, 205, *Sr., Papillion, Neb.
	25	Cale Reeder, 6-0, 180, So., Yorkville, Ill.
SS	6	MICHAEL GRIFFIN II, 6-0, 215, Sr., Cottage Grove, Minn.
	35	Chase Norblade, 6-1, 185, Jr., Papillion, Neb.
	8	Daeton Mcgaughy, 6-0, 210, So., Elwood, Kan.
RCB	5	DyShawn Gales, 5-11, 190, Jr., North Chicago, Ill.
	1	MALIK LOFTON, 5-10, 190, *Sr., Crystal, Minn.

SPECIAL TEAMS

Long	45	Bradey Sorenson, 6-2, 235, Sr., Yankton, S.D.
Snaps	33	Thomas Motzko, 6-0, 230, So., Highland Park, Ill.
Holder	13	Keaton Heide, 6-3, 200, Jr., Wayzata, Minn.
	49	Ben Dinkel, 5-10, 220, *Sr., Kearney, Neb.
PK	97	Cole Frahm, 6-5, 230, *Sr., Omaha, Neb.
	10	Hunter Dustman, 6-3, 230, So., East Bethel, Minn.
P	10	Hunter Dustman, 6-3, 230, So., East Bethel, Minn.
	49	BEN DINKEL, 5-10, 220, *Sr., Kearney, Neb.
KO	97	Cole Frahm, 6-5, 230, *Sr., Omaha, Neb.
	10	Hunter Dustman, 6-3, 230, So., East Bethel, Minn.
KOR	9	Jadon Janke, 6-3, 205, Jr., Madison, S.D.
	86	Devon Cole Jr., 5-9, 165, R-Fr., Clermont, Fla.
KOR	22	Isaiah Davis, 6-1, 220, So., Joplin, Mo.
	20	Pierre Strong, Jr., 5-11, 205, *Sr., Little Rock, Ark.
PR	22	Isaiah Davis, 6-1, 220, So., Joplin, Mo.
	10	JAXON JANKE, 6-3, 210, Jr., Madison, S.D.

COACHING STAFF

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

Running Backs: Andre Crenshaw [F]
 Quarterbacks: Zach Lujan [B]
 Tight Ends: Ryan Olson [F]
 Defensive Line: Christian Smith [F]
 Assistant Defensive Line: Spencer Erickson [B]
 Graduate Assistants/Quality Control: Luke Munsterteiger, C.J. Butt, Derik Dillon



South Dakota State University JACKRABBITS

2021 Football Roster

No.	NAME	Pos	Ht	Wt	Yr	HOMETOWN	No.	NAME	Pos	Ht	Wt	Yr	HOMETOWN
1	Malik Lofton	CB	5-10	190	*Sr.	Crystal, Minn.	47	Michael Drotzmann	P	6-3	210	So.	Yankton, S.D.
1	Rudy Voss	QB	6-3	205	R-Fr.	Lakefield, Minn.	48	Quinton Hicks	DE	6-3	245	Jr.	Wichita, Kan.
2	J'Bore Gibbs	QB	6-3	215	Jr.	Chicago, Ill.	48	Jaden Mueller	LS	6-1	205	So.	Johnston, Iowa
2	Isaiah Stalbird	LB/S	6-1	200	Jr.	Kearney, Neb.	49	Ben Dinkel	P	5-10	220	*Sr.	Kearney, Neb.
3	Joshua Manchigiah	S	6-0	205	*Sr.	Papillion, Neb.	50	Noah Jessup	DE	6-5	225	Fr.	Franklin, Wis.
3	Amar Johnson	RB	5-11	180	Fr.	O'Fallon, Mo.	50	Gus Miller	OL	6-3	280	R-Fr.	Brookings, S.D.
4	Canyon Bauer	WR	6-0	195	So.	Sioux Falls, S.D.	52	Jarod DePriest	DT	6-5	270	So.	Trivoli, Ill.
5	DyShawn Gales	CB	5-11	190	So.	North Chicago, Ill.	53	Caden Johnson	DE	6-3	235	So.	Wahoo, Neb.
5	Landon Wolf	WR	5-11	175	Grad.	Tulsa, Okla.	54	Eddie Miller	OL	6-5	315	Sr.	Brookings, S.D.
6	Michael Griffin II	S	6-0	215	Sr.	Cottage Grove, Minn.	54	Chandler Carter	DE	6-5	245	Fr.	Chandler, Ariz.
6	Chris Oladokun	QB	6-2	195	Grad.	Tampa, Fla.	55	Thomas Stacker	DT	6-4	275	Sr.	Chicago, Ill.
7	Dalys Beanum	CB	6-1	185	So.	Omaha, Neb.	56	Eagan Lickiss	OL	6-4	310	Sr.	Indianola, Iowa
8	Daeton Mcgaughy	S	6-0	210	So.	Elwood, Kan.	56	Levi Vanden Bos	DE	6-3	225	Fr.	Rock Valley, Iowa
8	Tyler Feldkamp	WR	6-0	185	Fr.	Sioux Falls, S.D.	57	Kinser Madison	LB	6-2	210	Jr.	Higginsville, Mo.
9	Jadon Janke	WR	6-3	205	Jr.	Madison, S.D.	58	Alex Westendorf	OL	6-5	290	So.	South Elgin, Ill.
10	Jaxon Janke	WR	6-3	210	Jr.	Madison, S.D.	59	Jalen Lee	OL	6-2	305	R-Fr.	Robbins, Ill.
10	Hunter Dustman	K/P	6-3	230	So.	East Bethel, Minn.	60	Mason McCormick	OL	6-4	310	Jr.	Sioux Falls, S.D.
11	Matt Barnett	LB	6-3	200	So.	Cedar Rapids, Iowa	61	Evan Beerntsen	OL	6-4	285	So.	De Pere, Wis.
11	Mark Gronowski	QB	6-3	220	So.	Naperville, Ill.	62	Derrick Brown	OL	6-5	295	Fr.	Mesa, Ariz.
12	Logan Backhaus	LB	6-4	210	Sr.	Spirit Lake, Iowa	63	Ethan Eilers	OL	6-5	265	Fr.	West Burlington, Iowa
12	Regan Bollweg	TE	6-3	220	Fr.	Highmore, S.D.	64	Ethan Vibert	OL	6-4	290	So.	Regina, Saskatchewan
13	Keaton Heide	QB	6-3	200	Jr.	Wayzata, Minn.	65	Matthew Borowicz	DT	6-4	285	Jr.	Lakeville, Minn.
13	Chris Rhodes	CB	6-0	170	Fr.	Independence, Mo.	66	Brady Beck	OL	6-8	290	So.	Sioux Falls, S.D.
14	Colby Huerter	S	6-1	195	Fr.	Katy, Texas	67	Ethan Headlee	OL	6-5	295	Fr.	Sioux Falls, S.D.
15	Timothy Croskey	CB	6-0	170	Fr.	Buckeye, Ariz.	68	Ian Bass	OL	6-4	280	Jr.	Rosemount, Minn.
16	Jon Bell	QB	6-3	185	Fr.	Naperville, Ill.	69	Krockett Krolikowski	DT	6-2	285	*Sr.	Winner, S.D.
16	Caleb Franci	LB	6-0	185	So.	Grand Island, Neb.	70	Colby Christensen	OL	6-8	260	R-Fr.	West Des Moines, Iowa
17	Cade Rice	QB	6-3	210	Fr.	Springfield, Ohio	71	Aron Johnson	OL	6-6	300	*Sr.	Chisago City, Minn.
17	Abraham Hoskins III	CB	6-2	185	R-Fr.	Omaha, Neb.	72	Jason Titus	OL	6-5	295	*Sr.	Andover, Minn.
18	Graham Goering	WR	6-2	190	Fr.	Iowa City, Iowa	73	Coby Maeschen	DT	6-3	225	Fr.	Dell Rapids, S.D.
19	Mason Leighton	WR	5-9	180	*Sr.	Madison, S.D.	74	Garret Greenfield	OL	6-6	295	Jr.	Rock Valley, Iowa
19	Jaden Crockett	S	6-0	170	Fr.	Laveen, Ariz.	75	Jon Gruetzmacher	OL	6-8	315	*Sr.	Merrill, Wis.
20	Pierre Strong, Jr.	RB	5-11	205	*Sr.	Little Rock, Ark.	76	Bo Donald	OL	6-6	295	So.	Kimball, S.D.
20	Myles Taylor	CB	6-1	180	Fr.	Gilbert, Ariz.	77	Wes Genant	OL	6-4	300	Sr.	Parkston, S.D.
21	Don Gardner	CB	6-1	180	Sr.	Chicago, Ill.	77	Aaron Wolfcale-Holsten	DT	6-2	285	Fr.	Gilbert, Ariz.
21	Angel Johnson	WR	5-10	185	Fr.	Irene, S.D.	78	Adam White	OL	6-4	275	R-Fr.	DeForest, Wis.
22	Tolu Ogunrinde	DE	6-1	265	Sr.	Cottage Grove, Minn.	79	Jhareth Bloomerader	OL	6-6	285	So.	Highmore, S.D.
22	Isaiah Davis	RB	6-1	220	So.	Joplin, Mo.	80	Nate Sullivan Jr.	WR	6-2	210	R-Fr.	Bellevue, Neb.
23	Matthew Durrance	S	6-2	195	Fr.	Lutz, Fla.	81	Skyler Cavanaugh	TE	6-5	240	Sr.	Vail, Ariz.
24	Cade Reynolds	LB	6-2	205	Fr.	Daphne, Ala.	82	Caleb Schauf	TE	6-5	245	*Sr.	Sparta, Wis.
25	Cale Reeder	S	6-0	180	So.	Yorkville, Ill.	83	A.J. Coons	WR	6-4	210	R-Fr.	Solon, Iowa
26	Steven Arrell	CB	6-2	190	R-Fr.	Brooklyn Park, Minn.	84	Reece Burckhard	TE	6-8	235	Fr.	Aberdeen, S.D.
27	Corben Mahaffy	K	5-11	175	R-Fr.	Piedmont, S.D.	85	Tucker Kraft	TE	6-5	255	So.	Timber Lake, S.D.
28	Daxon Lindholm	RB	5-11	175	Fr.	Glendale, Ariz.	86	Devon Cole Jr.	WR	5-9	165	R-Fr.	Clermont, Fla.
29	Graham Spalding	LB	6-1	205	So.	Oviedo, Fla.	87	Zach Heins	TE	6-7	250	Jr.	Sioux Falls, S.D.
30	Payton Shafer	LB	6-0	210	Jr.	Cottage Grove, Minn.	88	Brandon Lane Jr.	DT	6-2	290	R-Fr.	Kansas City, Mo.
31	Patrick Hoffmann	WR	6-1	200	R-Fr.	Naperville, Ill.	89	Wyatt Seagren	TE	6-7	245	R-Fr.	Oakland, Neb.
32	Adam Bock	LB	6-1	215	So.	Solon, Iowa	90	Randy Keumogne	DE	6-3	230	So.	Oakdale, Minn.
33	Thomas Motzko	LB	6-0	230	So.	Highland Park, Ill.	91	Xavier Ward	DT	6-2	275	Sr.	Freeman, S.D.
34	Mike Morgan	TE/FB	6-3	235	Jr.	New Lenox, Ill.	92	Kevin Brenner	DE	6-3	240	So.	Silver Lake, Wis.
34	Ryan Swoger	S	6-2	175	Fr.	Tucson, Ariz.	93	Max Baloun	DE	6-6	245	R-Fr.	Redfield, S.D.
35	Chase Norblade	S	6-1	185	Jr.	Papillion, Neb.	94	Cade Terveer	DE	6-3	250	Jr.	Brandon, S.D.
36	Michael Paulson	WR	6-3	185	Fr.	Sioux Falls, S.D.	95	Zac Wilson	DE	6-3	235	So.	ChIPLEY, Fla.
37	Tucker Large	S	5-11	170	Fr.	Sioux Falls, S.D.	96	Mitch Eichacker	DE	6-4	235	R-Fr.	Sioux Falls, S.D.
38	Josh Buri	RB	5-11	210	Fr.	Stewartville, Minn.	97	Reece Winkelman	DE	6-4	245	*Sr.	Marshall, Minn.
39	Aydan Dautermann	CB	6-2	185	Fr.	Hartford, Wis.	97	Cole Frahm	K	6-5	230	*Sr.	Omaha, Neb.
40	Aaron Kusler	LB	6-2	220	R-Fr.	Sioux Falls, S.D.	98	Ryan Van Marel	DT	6-4	280	Jr.	Sheldon, Iowa
42	Davion Sterner	LB	6-0	190	R-Fr.	Alvord, Iowa	99	Caleb Sanders	DT	6-1	270	*Sr.	Glenwood, Iowa
43	Adam Kusler	LB	6-3	215	R-Fr.	Sioux Falls, S.D.	99	Jack Green	K	6-1	190	Fr.	Rapid City, S.D.
44	Saiveon Williamson	LB	6-1	205	Jr.	Waseca, Minn.							
45	Bradey Sorenson	LS	6-2	235	Sr.	Yankton, S.D.							

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



JOHN STIEGELMEIER

Head Coach

25th Season (175-107 record — all at SDSU)

Alma Mater: South Dakota State, 1979

FOOTBALL HONORS AND RECORDS:

- Ranks first on SDSU career football coaching victories list with 175-107 record (.621 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 20 of his 24 full seasons, including 15 of 17 at the Division I Football Championship Subdivision level
- Since moving to the Football Championship Subdivision in 2004, the Jackrabbits have a 133-74 overall record (.643 winning percentage)
- His 71 victories in Missouri Valley Football Conference play rank second in league history, while his 107 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
- 2007 American Football Coaches Association FCS Region 5 Coach of the Year
- Liberty Mutual Coach of the Year Finalist in 2007 and 2009
- 2014 recipient of the Ralph Ginn Award for Coaching Excellence at South Dakota State University
- 2015 finalist for STATS FCS Coach of the Year Award • 2016 Bruce Craddock Missouri Valley Football Conference Coach of the Year after leading team to first MVFC title
- 2016 AFCA FCS Region 4 Coach of the Year
- Led SDSU to share of MVFC title during the 2020-21 spring season

PLAYOFF EXPERIENCE:

- Has led Jackrabbits to 10 FCS playoff appearances (2009, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020-21) and has an 11-10 playoff record
- SDSU hosted playoff games in 2012, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020-21
- The Jackrabbits reached the FCS semifinals in 2017, 2018 and 2020-21, and the national championship game in 2020-21
- SDSU has been a top-eight seed each of the last five seasons and was the No. 1 seed in 2020-21
- Served as a student assistant on SDSU's lone NCAA Division II playoff-qualifying team in 1979

OTHER NOTES:

- The Jackrabbits have compiled a 111-32 (.776) home record in Coach Stig's 25 seasons as head coach
- SDSU has a 231-146 (.613) overall record since Coach Stig joined the coaching staff as an full-time assistant in 1988 and has posted a winning record in 27 of 33 full seasons
- Served as secondary coach and recruiting coordinator from 1988-90 under Wayne Haensel
- Served as defensive coordinator from 1991-96 under Mike Daly
- Jackrabbit student-athletes have earned CoSIDA Academic All-America recognition 29 times during his tenure
- SDSU received the MVFC Team Academic Award each of its first nine seasons in the league

MILESTONE WINS:

- No. 1: SDSU 17, UC Davis 7 [first game as head coach] (Sept. 13, 1997 at Davis, Calif.)
- No. 2 [first home win and first NCC victory]: SDSU 20, St. Cloud State 16 (Oct. 11, 1997, at Brookings)
- No. 25: SDSU 34, Ferris State (Mich.) 24 (Sept. 1, 2001, at Brookings)
- No. 45 [first win over FCS opponent]: SDSU 31, Southern (La.) 24 (Sept. 25, 2004, at Baton Rouge, La.)
- No. 50: SDSU 69, Valparaiso (Ind.) 6 (Sept. 10, 2005, at Brookings)
- No. 69 [first MVFC victory]: SDSU 40, Youngstown State 7 (Sept. 6, 2008, at Brookings)
- No. 75: SDSU 25, North Dakota State 24 (Nov. 22, 2008, at Fargo, N.D.)
- No. 100: SDSU 16, Southern Illinois 12 (Nov. 3, 2012, at Carbondale, Ill.)
- No. 102 [first playoff victory]: SDSU 58, Eastern Illinois 10 (Nov. 24, 2012, at Brookings)
- No. 113 [SDSU record-tying victory]: SDSU 26, Southern Utah 6 (Sept. 13, 2014, at Cedar City, Utah)
- No. 114 [SDSU record-breaking victory]: SDSU 41, UW-Oshkosh 3 (Sept. 20, 2014, at Brookings)
- No. 125: SDSU 38, Youngstown State 8 (Oct. 17, 2015, at Youngstown, Ohio)
- No. 136 [clinch first MVFC title]: SDSU 45, Northern Iowa 24 (Nov. 19, 2016, at Cedar Falls, Iowa)
- No. 142 [100th win as FCS program]: SDSU 62, Missouri State 30 (Oct. 21, 2017, at Springfield, Mo.)
- No. 150: SDSU 90, Arkansas-Pine Bluff 6 (Sept. 15, 2018, at Brookings)
- No. 171 [clinch share of MVFC title]: SDSU 27, North Dakota State 17 (April 17, 2021, at Fargo, N.D.)
- No. 175: SDSU 42, Colorado State 23 (Sept. 3, 2021, at Fort Collins, Colo.)

COACH STIG'S YEAR-BY-YEAR RECORDS

NORTH CENTRAL CONFERENCE

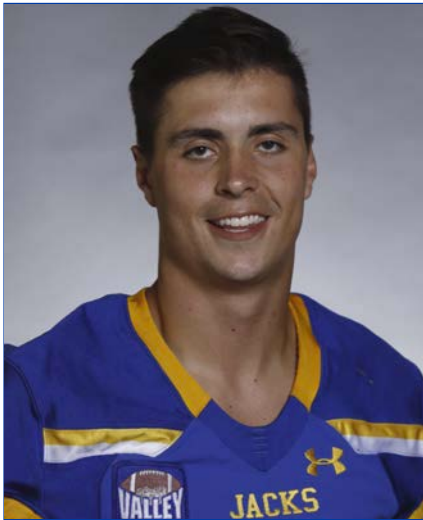
YEAR	OVERALL	CONF
1997	4-6	3-6
1998	6-5	5-4
1999	8-3	6-3
2000	6-5	4-5
2001	5-6	4-4
2002	6-4	4-4
2003	7-4	4-3
TOTALS	42-33	30-29

GREAT WEST FOOTBALL CONFERENCE

YEAR	OVERALL	CONF
2004	6-5	2-3
2005	6-5	3-2
2006	7-4	3-1
2007	7-4	4-0
TOTALS	26-18	12-6

MISSOURI VALLEY FOOTBALL CONF.

YEAR	OVERALL	CONF
2008	7-5	6-2
2009	8-4	7-1
2010	5-6	4-4
2011	5-6	4-4
2012	9-4	6-2
2013	9-5	5-3
2014	9-5	5-3
2015	8-4	5-3
2016	9-4	7-1
2017	11-3	6-2
2018	10-3	6-2
2019	8-5	5-3
2020-21	8-2	5-1
2021	1-0	0-0
TOTALS	107-56	71-31
OVERALL TOTALS	175-107	113-66



12-LOGAN BACKHAUS

6-4, 210, Senior • Linebacker

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

FOOTBALL HONORS AND HIGHLIGHTS:

- Team Captain (2019, 2020-21, 2021)
- Athlon Sports FCS All-America Team (2020-21)
- HERO Sports FCS All-America Team (2020-21)
- Stats Perform FCS All-America Second Team (2020-21)
- Phil Steele FCS All-America Third Team (2020-21)
- All-Missouri Valley Football Conference First Team (2020-21)
- MVFC Honorable Mention (2019)
- MVFC All-Newcomer Team (2017)
- CoSIDA Academic All-America Second Team (2020-21) while majoring in biotechnology and pre-medicine
- CoSIDA Academic All-District (2020-21)
- MVFC All-Academic First Team (2020-21)
- MVFC All-Academic Second Team (2019)
- MVFC Commissioner's Academic Excellence Award (2017, 2018, 2019, 2020-21)
- MVFC Honor Roll (2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020-21)

LOGAN BACKHAUS' CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	G	SOLO	AST	TOTAL	TFL-Yds	SACK-Yds	PBU	INT-Yds	BK	FR-Yds	FF
2017	12	42	13	55	5.0-8	1.0-3	2	2-5	0	0-0	2
2018	13	40	21	61	4.0-14	1.0-5	3	2-0	1	1-0	0
2019	13	45	34	79	5.5-13	1.0-3	5	4-0	1	0-0	3
2020-21	10	48	24	72	9.5-22	2.0-10	1	1-0	0	0-0	1
2021	1	4	3	7	0-0	0-0	1	0-0	0	0-0	0
CAREER	49	179	95	274	24.0-57	5.0-21	12	9-5	2	1-0	6

LOGAN BACKHAUS' 2017 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

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

LOGAN BACKHAUS' 2018 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

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

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LOGAN BACKHAUS' 2019 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

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

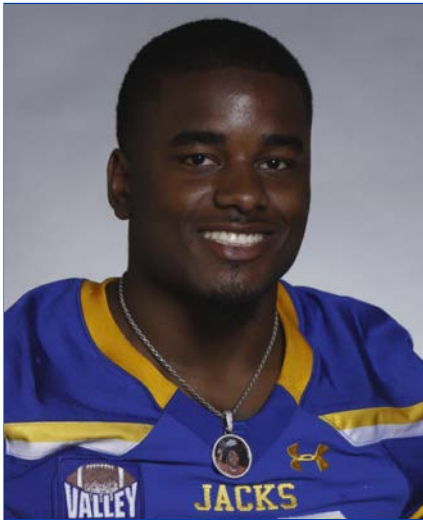
LOGAN BACKHAUS' 2020-21 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Game	Solo	Ast	Total	TFL-Yds	Sack-Yds	Int-Yds	FF	FR
Northern Iowa	5	0	5	2.0-3	0-0	0-0	0	0
North Dakota	5	6	11	1.0-2	0-0	0-0	0	0

Western Illinois	4	2	6	1.0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0
Youngstown St.	3	2	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0
Southern Illinois	3	5	8	0.5-0	0-0	1-0	0	0
North Dakota St.	2	2	4	1.0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0
Holy Cross	4	0	4	2.0-10	2.0-10	0-0	0	0
Southern Illinois	12	2	14	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0
Delaware	7	5	12	2.0-5	0-0	0-0	0	0
Sam Houston	3	0	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0
Season Totals	48	24	72	9.5-22	2.0-10	1-0	1	0

LOGAN BACKHAUS' 2021 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Game	Solo	Ast	Total	TFL-Yds	Sack-Yds	Int-Yds	FF	FR
Colorado State	4	3	7	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0
Season Totals	4	3	7	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0



20-PIERRE STRONG, JR. 5-11, 205, Senior • Running Back Little Rock, Arkansas (McClellan H.S.)

FOOTBALL HONORS AND HIGHLIGHTS:

- Team Captain (2020-21, 2021)
- Stats Perform FCS Walter Payton Award Finalist (2020-21)
- AFCA FCS Coaches' All-America First Team (2020-21)
- Stats Perform FCS All-America Second Team (2020-21)
- HERO Sports All-America Second Team (2019)
- Associated Press All-America Third Team (2019)
- Phil Steele All-America First Team (2020-21)
- Phil Steele All-America Third Team (2019)
- HERO Sports FCS Freshman All-America First Team (2018)
- Phil Steele FCS Freshman All-America Second Team (2018)
- All-Missouri Valley Football Conference First Team (2019, 2020-21)
- MVFC Freshman of the Year (2018)
- MVFC All-Newcomer Team (2018)
- MVFC Offensive Player of the Week (Feb. 19, 2021)
- 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 11 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 eighth place in career rushing at SDSU in May 2, 2021, playoff game against Southern Illinois
- His 24 career touchdown runs have covered an average of 31.6 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. Pierre Strong, Jr., 2018-present	2,979
9. Brady Mengarelli, 2014-17	2,677
10. Darwin Gonnerman, 1966-68	2,598

PIERRE STRONG'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LG	Rec	Yds	TD	LG	KOR	Yds	Avg	TD	LG
2018	117	1,116	9.5	11	*73	6	84	1	*66	2	38	19.0	0	24
2019	143	1,018	7.1	8	*64	14	169	1	*45	2	69	34.5	0	47
2020-21	131	707	5.4	3	*53	20	178	1	19	1	20	20.0	0	20
2021	13	138	10.6	2	*48	3	8	0	4	0	0	0.0	0	0
Career	404	2,979	7.4	24	*73	43	439	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											
North Dakota State	11	95	1	*53	4	50	0	16	0	0	0	0
Holy Cross	13	76	0	33	2	23	0	19	0	0	0	0
Southern Illinois	9	48	0	22	2	43	0	31	0	0	0	0
Delaware	14	73	1	11	2	13	0	8	0	0	0	0
Sam Houston	15	57	0	10	2	11	0	8	0	0	0	0
Season Totals	131	707	3	*53	20	178	1	31	1	20	0	20

PIERRE STRONG'S 2021 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Game	Rush	Yds	TD	LG	Rec	Yds	TD	LG	KOR	Yds	TD	LG
Colorado State	13	138	2	*48	3	8	0	4	0	0	0	0
Season Totals	13	138	2	*48	3	8	0	4	0	0	0	0



22-ISAIAH DAVIS

**6-1 220, Sophomore • Running Back
Joplin, Missouri (Joplin H.S.)**

FOOTBALL HONORS AND HIGHLIGHTS:

- HERO Sports FCS Freshman All-America Team (2020-21)
- Phil Steele Co-Spring FCS Playoff MVP (2020-21)
- All-Missouri Valley Football Conference Honorable Mention (2020-21)
- MVFC All-Newcomer Team (2020-21)
- MVFC Newcomer of the Week (March 20, 2021)
- MVFC Honor Roll (2020-21)
- Led team in rushing yards (818) and touchdowns (10) as a true freshman during 2020-21 season
- Topped the 100-yard mark four times for rushing during 2020-21 season
- In first career start, tallied 150 yards on 22 carries and scored three touchdowns, including a 45-yard score, in regular season road win at Southern Illinois on March 20, 2021
- Tallied 305 all-purpose yards (178 rushing, 114 kickoff returns, 13 receiving) in Football Championship Subdivision national title game
- Began his collegiate career by rushing 81 times before being tackled for a loss

ISAIAH DAVIS' CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LG	Rec	Yds	TD	LG	KOR	Yds	Avg	TD	LG
2020-21	96	818	8.5	10	*85	7	107	0	36	7	228	32.6	0	50
2021	15	84	5.6	1	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Career	111	902	8.1	11	*85	7	107	0	36	7	228	32.6	0	50

* denotes touchdown

ISAIAH DAVIS' 2020-21 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Game	Rush	Yds	TD	LG	Rec	Yds	TD	LG	KOR	Yds	TD	LG
Northern Iowa	1	2	0	2	1	18	0	18	0	0	0	0
North Dakota	2	6	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Western Illinois	9	118	1	*40	0	0	0	0	1	28	0	28
Youngstown State	3	12	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southern Illinois	22	150	3	*45	0	0	0	0	1	36	0	36
North Dakota State	16	84	1	13	3	36	0	23	0	0	0	0
Holy Cross	10	156	1	*60	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southern Illinois	10	42	1	12	1	4	0	4	1	50	0	50
Delaware	9	70	0	36	1	36	0	36	0	0	0	0
Sam Houston	14	178	3	*85	1	13	0	13	4	114	0	40
Season Totals	96	818	10	*85	7	107	0	36	7	228	0	50

ISAIAH DAVIS' 2021 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Game	Rush	Yds	TD	LG	Rec	Yds	TD	LG	KOR	Yds	TD	LG
Colorado State	15	84	1	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Season Totals	15	84	1	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP SUBDIVISION POLLS

STATS PERFORM FCS POLL – SEPT. 6

PL.	SCHOOL	2021 RECORD	POINTS	PR
1.	Sam Houston [32]	1-0	1,212	1
2.	South Dakota State [11]	1-0	1,185	3
3.	James Madison [2]	1-0	1,150	2
4.	Montana [5]	1-0	1,087	9
5.	North Dakota State	1-0	1,050	4
6.	Delaware	1-0	965	5
7.	Eastern Washington	1-0	880	11
8.	Southern Illinois	1-0	873	7
9.	North Dakota	1-0	858	8
10.	Weber State	0-1	764	6
11.	Montana State	0-1	598	12
12.	Villanova	1-0	585	16
13.	Southeastern Louisiana	1-0	584	15
14.	UC Davis	1-0	576	23
15.	East Tennessee State	1-0	442	NR
16.	Jacksonville State	0-1	427	10
17.	Austin Peay	1-0	417	20
18.	Virginia Military Institute	1-0	415	17
19.	Central Arkansas	0-1	407	14
20.	Monmouth	0-1	290	13
21.	Northern Iowa	0-1	287	21
22.	Kennesaw State	1-0	208	19
23.	Missouri State	0-1	187	24
24.	Holy Cross	1-0	160	NR
25.	Richmond	1-0	135	NR

Others receiving votes: Murray State 125; Chattanooga 72; Nicholls 61; Sacramento State 40; Samford 40; New Hampshire 36; Alabama A&M 34; Furman 20; Sacred Heart 17; Jackson State 14; Illinois State 10; Rhode Island 8; Stephen F. Austin 8; North Carolina Central 7.

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

AFCA FCS COACHES' PRESEASON POLL

PL.	SCHOOL	2020-21 RECORD	POINTS	PR
1.	Sam Houston [23]	1-0	681	1
2.	James Madison [1]	1-0	655	2
3.	South Dakota State [3]	1-0	649	4
4.	North Dakota State	1-0	583	3
5.	Montana [1]	1-0	573	9
6.	Delaware	1-0	537	5
7.	North Dakota	1-0	477	7
8.	Eastern Washington	1-0	474	14
9.	Southern Illinois	1-0	415	10
10.	Weber State	0-1	387	6
11.	Villanova	1-0	362	15
12.	UC Davis	1-0	348	21
13.	Montana State	0-1	334	11
14.	Southeastern Louisiana	1-0	298	17
15.	Northern Iowa	0-1	293	16
16.	Central Arkansas	0-1	271	13
17.	Jacksonville State	0-1	258	8
18.	Austin Peay	1-0	218	25
19.	East Tennessee State	1-0	202	NR
20.	Virginia Military Institute	1-0	194	19
21.	Monmouth	0-1	188	12
22.	Richmond	1-0	145	22
23.	Kennesaw State	1-0	144	20
24.	Richmond	1-0	59	18
25.	Missouri State	0-1	58	NR

Other Teams Receiving Votes: Samford 54; Holy Cross 32; Furman 31; Murray State 28; Alabama A&M 24; New Hampshire 24; Rhode Island 16; **South Dakota 16**; Nicholls 12; Jackson State 10; Stephen F. Austin 8; Eastern Kentucky 7; Gardner-Webb 7; Charleston Southern 6; Sacramento State 5; Youngstown State 4; Illinois State 3; Southern Utah 3; Florida A&M 2; Sacred Heart 2; Yale 2; Harvard 1.

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

MISSOURI VALLEY FOOTBALL CONFERENCE

2021 MVFC STANDINGS

SCHOOL	CONFERENCE	PF	PA	OVERALL	PF	PA
Illinois State	0-0	0	0	1-0	49	7
Southern Illinois	0-0	0	0	1-0	47	21
Youngstown State	0-0	0	0	1-0	44	41
South Dakota State	0-0	0	0	1-0	42	23
North Dakota	0-0	0	0	1-0	35	14
North Dakota State	0-0	0	0	1-0	28	6
Indiana State	0-0	0	0	1-0	26	21
Western Illinois	0-0	0	0	0-1	21	31
Missouri State	0-0	0	0	0-1	16	23
South Dakota	0-0	0	0	0-1	14	17
Northern Iowa	0-0	0	0	0-1	10	16

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, SEPT. 10

North Dakota at Utah State, 8 p.m.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 11

Indiana State at Northwestern, 11 a.m.

Youngstown State at Michigan State, noon

Northern Arizona at South Dakota, 1 p.m.

Valparaiso at North Dakota State, 2:30 p.m.

Illinois State at Western Michigan, 4 p.m.

Lindenwood at SDSU, 6 p.m.

Southern Illinois at Kansas State, 6 p.m.

Central Arkansas at Missouri State, 7 p.m.

Western Illinois at Montana, 7 p.m.

Northern Iowa at Sacramento State, 8 p.m.

All times Central

2021 PRESEASON POLL

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



#3/4 SDSU 42, COLORADO STATE 23

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

SCORING SUMMARY

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

TEAM STATISTICS

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

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

2021 STATISTICS

GAME-BY-GAME COMPARISON

OPPONENT	SCORE	TOTAL	----FIRST DOWNS----			--RUSHING--	--PASSING--	YARDS	-TOTAL OFFENSE-		RETURN Yds	TURNOVERS
			RUSH	PASS	PEN	NUMBER-YARDS	COMP-ATT-INT		PLAYS-YARDS			
Colorado State	42-23	22/28	10/7	11/21	1/0	34-240 / 40-124	18-28-0 / 33-49-1	224 / 338	62-464 / 89-462	6 / 8	0 / 2	
Totals	42-23	22/28	10/7	11/21	1/0	34-240 / 40-124	18-28-0 / 33-49-1	224 / 338	62-464 / 89-462	6 / 8	0 / 2	

MISCELLANEOUS GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

THIRD-DOWN CONVERSIONS

OPPONENT	OVERALL	1ST QTR	2ND QTR	3RD QTR	4TH QTR
Colorado State	5-11	1-3	3-3	0-3	1-2
Totals	5-11	1-3	3-3	0-3	1-2
	45.5%	33.3%	100.0%	0.0%	50.0%
Opponents	10-19	3-6	2-4	2-4	3-5
	52.6%	50.0%	50.0%	50.0%	60.0%

TIME OF POSSESSION

OPPONENT	OVERALL	1ST QTR	2ND QTR	3RD QTR	4TH QTR
Northern Iowa	30:27	7:26	7:04	9:18	6:39
Totals	30:27	7:26	7:04	9:18	6:39
Avg.	30:27	7:26	7:04	9:18	6:39
Opponents	29:33	7:34	7:56	5:42	8:21
Avg.	29:33	7:34	7:56	5:42	8:21

FOURTH-DOWN CONVERSIONS

OPPONENT	OVERALL	1ST QTR	2ND QTR	3RD QTR	4TH QTR
Colorado State	1-1	0-0	0-0	1-1	0-0
Totals	1-1	0-0	0-0	1-1	0-0
	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0-0%
Opponents	2-4	0-0	1-1	0-1	1-2
	50.0%	0.0%	100%	0.0%	50.0%

PENALTIES

OPPONENT	SDSU	OPP
Colorado State	6-42	5-50
Totals	6-42	5-50

GAME-BY-GAME STARTERS

OFFENSE

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

DEFENSE

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