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2023 FOOTBALL INFORMATION

Jacks, Montana State meet again

GAME NOTES — SEPT. 9



HEAD COACH: Brent Vigen (North Dakota State, 1998)
 • 25-5 record in three seasons as a collegiate head coach — all at Montana State
STARTERS RETURNING: 15 (8 Off., 7 Def.)

#3/3 MONTANA STATE (1-0)
at #1/1 SOUTH DAKOTA STATE (1-0)
56th Beef Bowl // Jacks in Black

6 p.m. Saturday • Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium; Brookings, S.D.

SERIES NOTES

- 18th Meeting (Montana State leads all-time series, 11-6)
- SDSU has won four of last five matchups, including a 39-18 victory in the 2022 Football Championship Subdivision playoff semifinals

MEDIA INFORMATION

- Game will be televised on Midco Sports and ESPN+ with the broadcast team of Tom Nieman (play-by-play) and Kurtiss Riggs (color).
- Pre-game radio show begins at 4 p.m. Central on the Jackrabbit Sports Network, which includes flagship station WNAX 570 AM-Yankton and the following affiliates:
 • KJJQ 910 AM-Brookings • KXLG 100.3 FM-Milbank • KORN 1490 AM/101.3 FM-Mitchell
 • KELO 1320 AM/KELQ 107.9 FM-Sioux Falls • KCCR 1240 AM/98.9 FM-Pierre
 • KLOH 1050 AM/94.1 FM-Pipestone, Minn. • KXLG 99.1 FM-Watertown • KWYR 93.7 FM-Winner
- Radio team of Tyler Merriam (play-by-play), Al Bahe (color), Scotty Kwas (sidelines) and Brent Bowen (pregame/postgame host) will call the action



HEAD COACH: Jimmy Rogers (SDSU, 2009)
 • 1-0 record in first season as a collegiate head coach
STARTERS RETURNING: 18 (10 Off., 7 Def., 1 ST)

2022 SCHEDULE AND RESULTS

AUGUST

31 WESTERN OREGON [Dairy Drive] W, 45-7

SEPTEMBER

9 MONTANA STATE [Beef Bowl] 6 p.m.

16 vs. Drake [at Minneapolis, Minn.] 2:30 p.m.

30 *NORTH DAKOTA [Hall of Fame] 2 p.m.

OCTOBER

7 *at Illinois State 6 p.m.

14 *NORTHERN IOWA [Hobo Day] 2 p.m.

21 *at Southern Illinois 2 p.m.

28 *at South Dakota 1 p.m.

NOVEMBER

4 *NORTH DAKOTA STATE 2 p.m.

11 *at Youngstown State 11 a.m.

18 *MISSOURI STATE [Senior Day] 2 p.m.

*Missouri Valley Football Conference game; all times Central

TALE OF THE TAPE — 2023 SEASON STATISTICS

MONTANA STATE	CATEGORY	SOUTH DAKOTA STATE
63.0	Points Per Game	45.0
20.0	Points Allowed Per Game	7.0
407.0	Rushing Yardage Per Game	209.0
49.0	Rush Yardage Allowed/Game	102.0
231.0	Passing Yardage Per Game	194.0
19.3	Average Per Catch	13.9
260.0	Pass Yardage Allowed/Game	107.0
638.0	Total Offense Per Game	403.0
309.0	Total Offense Allowed/Game	209.0
14.0	Kick Return Average	25.0
3.0	Punt Return Average	10.0
3-31	Interception Returns	3-118
0-0	Fumbles-Lost	0-0
3-35	Penalties-Yards	9-81
35:22	Time of Possession/Game	29:55
9/12 (75%)	Third-Down Conversions	5/9 (56%)

SERIES SCORES

1956:	Montana State 33, South Dakota State 14 (Sept. 15, 1956, at Great Falls, Montana)
1957:	Montana State 13, South Dakota State 6 (Sept. 14, 1957, at Brookings)
1958:	Montana State 23, South Dakota State 6 (Sept. 27, 1958, at Bozeman, Montana)
1959:	Montana State 27, South Dakota State 0 (Sept. 12, 1959, at Brookings)
1960:	South Dakota State 20, Montana State 14 (Sept. 24, 1960, at Brookings)
1961:	Montana State 17, South Dakota State 12 (Sept. 30, 1961, at Bozeman, Montana)
1962:	Montana State 14, South Dakota State 10 (Sept. 29, 1962, at Brookings)
1963:	South Dakota State 9, Montana State 6 (Sept. 14, 1963, at Great Falls, Montana)
1964:	Montana State 46, South Dakota State 10 (Sept. 12, 1964, at Brookings)
1965:	Montana State 22, South Dakota State 0 (Sept. 11, 1965, at Great Falls, Montana)
1966:	Montana State 41, South Dakota State 6 (Sept. 10, 1966, at Great Falls, Montana)
2004:	Montana State 27, South Dakota State 24 (Oct. 23, 2004, at Bozeman, Montana)
2014:	^South Dakota State 47, Montana State 40 (Nov. 29, 2014, at Bozeman, Montana)
2017:	South Dakota State 31, Montana State 27 (Sept. 9, 2017, at Bozeman, Montana)
2018:	South Dakota State 48, Montana State 14 (Sept. 8, 2018, at Brookings)
2021:	^Montana State 31, South Dakota State 17 (Dec. 18, 2021, at Bozeman, Montana)
2022:	^South Dakota State 39, Montana State 18 (Dec. 17, 2022, at Brookings)

^FCS playoff game

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Sept. 6, 2023

BROOKINGS, S.D. — A budding rivalry within the Football Championship Subdivision is scheduled to be renewed Saturday, when South Dakota State hosts Montana State in the 56th Beef Bowl game.

Kickoff before an expected sellout crowd is set for 6 p.m. at Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium. The pre-game barbecue north of the Sanford-Jackrabbit Athletic Complex runs from 3:30-5:30 p.m.

After meeting in the semifinals of the FCS playoffs each of the past two seasons, tonight's regular season contest could go a long way toward determining supremacy in the polls and playoff aspirations, including seeding.

Both squads are coming off convincing home victories in their opening games of the season. Top-ranked South Dakota State posted a 45-7 victory over Western Oregon Aug. 31, while third-ranked Montana State cruised to a 63-20 win against Utah Tech on Sept. 2.

THE SERIES: Saturday's game will mark the 18th all-time matchup between South Dakota State and Montana State on the gridiron, with three of the previous matchups taking place in the postseason.

The series dates back to 1956, when Montana State won a 33-14 decision in a game played in Great Falls, Montana. Overall, the Bobcats hold an 11-6 series edge, although SDSU has won four of the last five contests.

Montana State's last victory in the series came in the 2021 FCS semifinals, winning a 31-17 decision on its home field in Bozeman. Bobcat quarterback Tommy Mellott tossed a pair of touchdown passes and ran for two scores, including the go-ahead touchdown on the final play of the third quarter.

The Jackrabbits returned the favor last season by notching a 39-18 semifinal victory at a frigid Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium on Dec. 17, 2022.

SDSU scored on its first five offensive possessions in earning its second trip to an FCS national championship game. Tucker Kraft opened the scoring with a 36-yard touchdown reception from Mark Gronowski, with Gronowski adding a 1-yard TD run later in the opening stanza.

Isaiah Davis (41 yards) and Amar Johnson (38 yards) ran for touchdowns in the second quarter to build the Jackrabbits' halftime lead to 28-9. Johnson added a 5-yard TD reception in the third quarter.

BEEF BOWL: South Dakota State University is home to the original Beef Bowl, and the event celebrated its Golden Anniversary during the 2016 season. The event returned in the fall of 2021 after a one-year hiatus due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Beef Bowl was started as SDSU's way of recognizing those individuals and firms involved in the beef industry in South Dakota.

Festivities have included a pre-game barbecue with proceeds going toward scholarships in the Animal and Range Sciences Department, as well as presentation of the SDSU Friends of the Beef Industry Award. Proceeds from a live steer auction at halftime benefits the Jackrabbit Athletic Department.

The Jackrabbits have compiled a 34-21 record in the previous 55 Beef Bowl games. SDSU has won the last five Beef Bowl games and nine of the last 10.

YEAR 20 IN FCS: The 2023 season marks the 20th season South Dakota State has competed in the Football Championship Subdivision.

Since joining the Division I ranks in 2004, the Jackrabbits have compiled a 157-79 record (.665 winning percentage) and have qualified for postseason play 12 times, including 11 consecutive appearances.

FOR OPENERS: Since moving to the Football Championship Subdivision in 2004, the Jackrabbits have compiled a 10-10 record in season-opening games, with six of the losses against Football Bowl Subdivision teams.

YEAR-BY-YEAR IN FCS ERA

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	11-4	5-3
2022	14-1	8-0
2023	1-0	0-0
TOTALS	132-61	84-34
OVERALL TOTALS	157-79	96-40

SEASON 16 IN THE MVFC: The 2023 season marks South Dakota State's 16th as a member of the Missouri Valley Football Conference. Since joining the league in 2008, SDSU is the only program in that span to not have a losing season in conference play.

The Jackrabbits hold an 84-34 record in MVFC games and have won six or more league games seven times. SDSU previously earned a share of league titles in 2016 and during the 2020-21 spring season before running the table with an 8-0 record in conference play en route to the 2022 national championship.

ELITE COMPANY: South Dakota State is one of only two Football Championship Subdivision programs to reach the playoffs each of the last 11 seasons, including advancing to the national semifinals or championship game in four of the last five seasons. The Jackrabbits secured the Missouri Valley Football Conference's automatic bid to the 2022 playoffs, assuring SDSU of its 11th consecutive postseason appearance and 12th overall at the FCS level.

MVFC rival North Dakota State holds the longest active streak with 13 consecutive trips to the playoffs.

RANKINGS STREAK: By being ranked first in the Stats Perform FCS preseason poll and again in the first poll of the 2023 regular season, SDSU has now appeared in the top 25 of 147 consecutive media polls dating back to October 2012. The Jackrabbits held the top spot in the poll for the final seven surveys of the 2022 season and were a unanimous No. 1 selection to start the 2023 season to hold the top ranking in a preseason poll for the first time in program history.

Following is a week-by-week listing of South Dakota State's national rankings:

Date	Stats Perform	AFCA
Preseason	1st	1st
Sept. 4/5	1st	1st

CAPTAINS: Leading the Jackrabbit football team are six captains:

- Adam Bock, Sr., linebacker, Solon, Iowa;
- Isaiah Davis, Sr., running back, Jopline, Missouri;
- DyShawn Gales, Sr., cornerback, North Chicago, Illinois;
- Garret Greenfield, Sr., offensive lineman, Rock Valley, Iowa;
- Mark Gronowski, Jr., quarterback, Naperville, Illinois;
- Mason McCormick, Sr., offensive lineman, Sioux Falls.

McCormick is in his third season as a team captain, while Bock, Greenfield and Gronowski are in their second seasons in the role. Davis and Gales are first-time captains.

PRESEASON ALL-AMERICANS: Eight players from defending national champion South Dakota State headline the 2023 Stats Perform FCS Preseason All-America Team, presented by FedEx Ground.

The Jackrabbits placed four players on the first team, with three of those selections coming from the offensive side of the ball as Garret Greenfield at tackle and Mason McCormick at guard were joined by running back Isaiah Davis. The senior offensive line duo helped clear the way for SDSU to post averages of 34.2 points and 384.6 yards of total offense per game in 2022.

Greenfield twice has been named to the postseason All-America first team selected by Stats Perform, earning the distinction following the 2020-21 spring season and again in 2022. The Rock Rapids, Iowa, native is one of 11 returning players from last year's first-team honor squad.

Davis, a senior from Joplin, Missouri, averaged 5.8 yards per carry in 2022 en route to 1,451 yards and 15 touchdowns. He also factored in the passing game with 21 receptions for 173 yards.

Leading the Jackrabbit contingent on defense was linebacker Adam Bock. A senior from Solon, Iowa, Bock was limited to 11 games last season, but still finished second on the squad with 76 total tackles, including 7.5 tackles for loss and four sacks.

QUICK FACTS

SDSU INFORMATION

LOCATION: Brookings, S.D.
ENROLLMENT: 11,331 (fall 2022)
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)

2022 RECAP

OVERALL RECORD: 14-1
CONFERENCE RECORD: 8-0 (first place in Missouri Valley
 Football Conference)
POSTSEASON: Football Championship Subdivision
 National Champion
HOME RECORD: 9-0
AWAY/NEUTRAL RECORD: 4-1/1-0
FINAL RANKINGS: 1st (Stats Perform media)/1st (AFCA
 FCS Coaches)

TEAM INFORMATION

LETTERMEN RETURNING: 48 **LETTERMEN LOST:** 14
 • Offense: 19 • Offense: 8
 • Defense: 28 • Defense: 5
 • Special Teams: 1 • Special Teams: 1

STARTERS RETURNING: 18
 • Offense: 10 • Defense: 7 • Special Teams: 1

OFFENSIVE STARTERS RETURNING (10): Evan Beerntsen,
 OG; Isaiah Davis, RB; Mark Gronowski, QB; Garret
 Greenfield, OT; Zach Heins, TE; Jadon Janke, WR;
 Jaxon Janke, WR; Mason McCormick, OG; Gus Miller,
 C; John O'Brian, OT.

DEFENSIVE STARTERS RETURNING (7): Adam Bock, LB;
 Jason Freeman, LB; DyShawn Gales, CB; Cale Reeder,
 S; Isaiah Stalbird, LB; Cade Terveer, DE; Ryan Van
 Marel, DT.

SPECIAL TEAMS STARTERS RETURNING (1): Hunter
 Dustman, K/P.

OTHER RETURNING LETTERMEN (30): Steven Arrell, CB;
 Max Baloun, DT; Dalys Beanum, CB; Jharett
 Bloomenrader, OL; Kevin Brenner, TE; Devon Cole Jr.,
 WR; Aydan Dautermann, CB; Jarod DePriest, DT; Bo
 Donald, OL; Matthew Durrance, S; Caleb Franci, LB
 (lettered in 2021); Quinton Hicks, DE; Colby Huerter, S;
 Amar Johnson, RB; Angel Johnson, RB; Caden
 Johnson, DE; Randy Keumogne, DE (lettered in 2021);
 Aaron Kusler, LB; Adam Kusler, LB; Tucker Large, S/LB;
 Jalen Lee, OL (lettered in 2021); Daeton Mcgaughy,
 LB/S; Mike Morgan, TE; Graham Spalding, LB; Davion
 Sterner, LB; Ethan Vibert, OL; Brian Williams, DT;
 Saiveon Williamson, LB; Zac Wilson, DE; Aaron
 Wolfcale-Holsten, DT.

Second-team recognition on defense went to senior cornerback DyShawn Gales. A senior from North Chicago, Illinois, Gales led the Jackrabbits in 2022 with four interceptions, while adding added six pass breakups to go along with 31 tackles (23 solo).

SDSU's three other honorees were all second-team selections involved in the Jackrabbit passing game: Quarterback Mark Gronowski, wide receiver Jaxon Janke and tight end Zach Heins.

Gronowski accounted for 38 touchdowns last season — 26 through the air and 12 on the ground. The junior from Naperville, Illinois, completed 65 percent of his passes (232-of-356) for 2,967 yards and gained another 408 yards rushing. He has led the Jackrabbits to a 22-3 record and a pair of appearances in the national championship game in his two seasons as the team's starting quarterback.

Janke, a senior from Madison, led the squad in all three major receiving categories last season with 60 receptions for 857 yards and nine touchdowns.

Heins, a senior from Sioux Falls, ranked third on the team in both receptions (29) and receiving touchdowns (4), while ranking fourth in receiving yards (347).

A total of 107 student-athletes were honored across first, second and third teams. All 15 FCS conferences and 52 schools were represented on the Stats Perform FCS Preseason All-America Team.

In addition, Davis, Gronowski and Janke were all included on the initial watch list for the Walter Payton Award, which is presented annually to the top offensive player in the Football Championship Subdivision. Bock was included on the defensive side for the Buck Buchanan Award.

DEPTH ON DEFENSE: Whether based on philosophy or necessity, South Dakota State has built its standing as one of the top defenses in the Football Championship Subdivision by relying on its depth. Over the course of its 15-game schedule in 2022 22 different players earned a starting assignment on defense for the Jackrabbits.

Only nose tackle Ryan Van Marel and defensive end Cade Terveer started every game last season on the defensive side of the ball for the Jackrabbits last season and both return to the lineup in 2023.

MANY HAPPY RETURNS: South Dakota State raced out to a 28-0 lead a minute into the second quarter of its Aug. 31 season opener against Western Oregon thanks to a pair of long interception returns for touchdowns by its starting safeties.

First, Colby Huerter hauled in an interception off a deflection by DyShawn Gales for a 54-yard return for touchdown. On the first play of the second quarter, Tucker Large picked off a pass deep over the middle and weaved his way through traffic for a 64-yard score.

It marked the fifth time in the Division I era of Jackrabbit football (since 2004) that SDSU returned two interceptions for touchdowns in the same game. The others:

- Sept. 29, 2007 vs. Stephen F. Austin — Jimmy Rogers (32 yards, Q2), Conrad Kjerstad (82 yards, Q4);
- Nov. 10, 2007 vs. Southern Utah — Tyler Koch (45 and 99 yards in Q4);
- Oct. 1, 2016 vs. Western Illinois — Christian Rozeboom (37 yards, Q3), Dallas Brown (19 yards, Q3);
- Nov. 27, 2021 vs. UC Davis — Adam Bock (39 yards, Q3), Dalys Beanum (59 yards, Q4).

PICKING OFF THE COMPETITION: The Jackrabbit defense has continually taken the ball away from the opposition in recent seasons, including leading the Football Championship Subdivision in interceptions each of the last two seasons.

After leading the subdivision with 21 interceptions in 2021, SDSU tallied an FCS-best 18 interceptions last season, including two in the national championship game against North Dakota State. Jackrabbit defenders recorded at least one interception in each of their 11 regular season games, continuing that streak with an interception by DyShawn Gales in the Nov. 12 regular season finale against Illinois State. Gales finished with a team-high four interceptions en route to all-MVFC honors.

ACTIVE JACKRABBIT INTERCEPTION LEADERS

DyShawn Gales	7
Dalys Beanum	6
Colby Huerter	3
Daeton Mcgaughy	3
Cale Reeder	3
Cade Terveer	3
Adam Bock	2
Jason Freeman	2
Graham Spalding	2
Steven Arrell	1
Matthew Durrance	1
Caleb Franci	1
Tucker Large	1
Kolten Tilford	1

The Jackrabbits also ranked sixth in turnover margin with an average of plus-1.07 turnovers per game after forcing 26 total turnovers compared to losing 10. SDSU also held a 115-16 advantage in points off turnovers last season.

Dating back to the start of the 2018 season, the Jackrabbits have intercepted at least one pass in 55 of their last 67 games for a total of 88 pickoffs. SDSU tallied three interceptions in their 2023 season opener against Western Oregon.

In all, 10 different Jackrabbits recorded at least one interception a season ago and SDSU picked off at least one pass in 13 of 15 games.

SNAP. SPOT. KICK. REPEAT: Four South Dakota State kickers have combined to make 138 consecutive extra-point tries over the last two-plus seasons.

The streak dates back to the second quarter of SDSU's Football Championship Subdivision semifinal playoff game against Delaware during the 2020-21 spring season, when Cole Frahm connected on a PAT after missing one earlier in the stanza. Frahm would close the spring with three more PATs in the national championship game, then was successful on all 65 of his attempts last fall to set the school record with 69 consecutive made PATs.

Hunter Dustman made all 59 of his attempts during the 2022 season after making his lone attempt in 2021, and enters the weekend with a streak of 66 consecutive made PATs. Corben Mahaffy added an extra point in 2021 to complete a perfect 67-for-67 performance for the team, and Jack Green was 2-for-2 on PATs last season as SDSU made all 61 tries in 2022.

DOUBLE-DUTY DUSTMAN: Junior Hunter Dustman figured prominently in the Jackrabbits' special teams efforts throughout the 2022 season.

Dustman handled all of the kicking duties in the Sept. 3 season opener at Iowa, punting 11 times for an average of 41.5 yards (long of 52) and scoring the Jackrabbits' only points on a 44-yard field goal in the second quarter. Dustman's 11 punts mark the most by an SDSU player in the Division I era (since 2004).

For the season, Dustman averaged 42.6 yards per punt and was 18-for-25 on field goals. He made 13 of his last 14 field goal attempts en route to 113 points.

A WINNING COMBINATION: Jackrabbit running back Isaiah Davis recorded his ninth 100-yard game of the 2022 season and the 16th of his career when he gained 103 yards on 22 carries in the national championship game against North Dakota State.

SDSU improved to 15-1 in games in which Davis has topped the century mark, with the lone loss coming in the 2020-21 national championship game versus Sam Houston.

Davis enters Saturday's game needing only 11 yards to become the eighth player in Jackrabbit history to reach the 3,000-yard mark for his career.

With 2,989 yards, Davis currently stands ninth on the SDSU career rushing charts. Cory Koenig (2004-07) is eighth with 2,990 yards, followed by Les Tuma (1970-73) with 3,018 yards.

Davis also has scored a rushing touchdown in 11 consecutive games dating back to last season. He extended his streak with a 4-yard touchdown run in the first quarter of the Jackrabbits' Aug. 31 season-opening win over Western Oregon to up his career total to 33. That figure ranks sixth in program history.

TWIN TOUCHDOWNS: Twin brothers Jadon and Jaxon Janke each caught a touchdown pass in the fourth quarter of the Jackrabbits' playoff victory over Holy Cross on Dec. 10, 2021. It marked the third time during the 2022 season and seventh time in their careers the dynamic duo from Madison accomplished the feat. However, that was the first time they tallied their scores in the same quarter.

Coincidentally, the first the Jankes recorded touchdown catches in the same game was in another playoff win against Holy Cross — in the opening round of the 2020-21 postseason played in the spring.

SDSU CAREER RECEIVING YARDS

1. Jake Wieneke, 2014-17	5,157
2. Jeff Tiefenthaler, 1983-86	3,621
3. Josh Davis, 2002-05	3,192
4. Dallas Goedert, 2014-17	2,988
5. Jaxon Janke, 2018-present	2,889
6. Cade Johnson, 2017-19	2,872
7. Jason Schneider, 2011-14	2,404
8. JaRon Harris, 2005-08	2,241
9. Rusty Lenners, 1993-96	1,942
10. Aaron Rollin, 2009-12	1,878

Jadon Janke, 2018-present1,840

SDSU CAREER RECEPTIONS

1. Jake Wieneke, 2014-17	288
2. Josh Davis, 2002-05	225
3. Dallas Goedert, 2014-17	198
4. Jaxon Janke, 2018-present	196
5. Jason Schneider, 2011-14	175
6. Jeff Tiefenthaler, 1983-86	173
7. Cade Johnson, 2017-19	162
8. JaRon Harris, 2005-08	152
Glen Fox, 2006-09	152
10. Aaron Rollin, 2009-12	140

SDSU CAREER RECEIVING TOUCHDOWNS

1. Jake Wieneke, 2014-17	59
2. Jeff Tiefenthaler, 1983-86	32
3. Cade Johnson, 2017-19	28
4. Josh Davis, 2002-05	26
5. JaRon Harris, 2005-08	24
Jaxon Janke, 2018-present	24
7. Dallas Goedert, 2014-17	21
8. Jason Schneider, 2011-14	20
Jadon Janke, 2018-present	20
10. Rusty Lenners, 1993-96	17

Following are the games in which both Jankes have caught touchdown passes:

- April 24, 2021, vs. Holy Cross — Jadon (13, 45 yards in Q2/3), Jaxon (11 yards in Q1);
- Sept. 25, 2021, at Indiana State — Jadon (33 yards in Q1), Jaxon (42 yards in Q2);
- Oct. 16, 2021, at Western Illinois — Jadon (8 yards in Q1, Jaxon (21 yards in Q3);
- Nov. 20, 2021, vs. North Dakota — Jadon (17 yards in Q2), Jaxon (21 yards in Q3);
- Sept. 17, 2022, vs. Butler — Jadon (17 yards in Q2), Jaxon (7 yards in Q1);
- Sept. 24, 2022, at Missouri State — Jadon (3/40 yards in Q1/4), Jaxon (13 yards in Q3);
- Dec. 10, 2022, vs. Holy Cross — Jadon (21 yards in Q4), Jaxon (18 yards in Q4).

SEEING DOUBLE: The 2023 edition of the South Dakota State football team features two sets of twin brothers.

Returning for their senior seasons are wide receivers and Madison natives Jadon and Jaxon Janke. Jaxon Janke has been the team's leading receiver each of the past three seasons to move into SDSU career top 10s for receptions, receiving yards and receiving touchdowns, while Jadon Janke also begins the 2023 season in the Jackrabbit top 10 for receiving touchdowns.

Another pair of twins with South Dakota roots are junior linebackers Aaron and Adam Kusler. Aaron played in nine games last season, while Adam has contributed mostly on special teams and saw action in 14 of the team's 15 games in 2022.

JAXON NEARS TWO MILESTONES: Jackrabbit wide receiver Jaxon Janke stands four catches away from 200 for his career. He currently ranks fourth in career receptions at SDSU and would be the third to reach the 200 mark, trailing Dallas Goedert (198 receptions from 2014-17) for third place.

Janke also is nearing the 3,000-yard mark for career receiving, entering play this week with 2,889 yards. He moved into fifth place on the SDSU career receiving yards chart in last week's season opener against Western Oregon, overtaking Cade Johnson (2,872 yards from 2017-19).

WILDE IMPRESSES IN DEBUT: True freshman Griffin Wilde (pronounced WILL-dee) finished as the Jackrabbits' leading receiver in their Aug. 31 season opener versus Western Oregon. He opened the scoring with a 31-yard touchdown reception from Mark Gronowski and ended his collegiate debut with team bests of four catches and 79 receiving yards. A Sioux Falls native, Wilde added a second 31-yard reception in the second half to set up a Jackrabbit field goal.

EMPTYING THE BENCH: The Jackrabbits dipped deep into their list of reserves during the Aug. 31 season opener versus Western Oregon as a total of 76 players saw action in the contest. Offensively, eight Jackrabbits recorded a rushing attempt and eight players caught a pass. On the defensive side of the ball, 23 different players were credited with at least one tackle.

STAFF SHAKEUP: Besides a change at the top, several new assistant coaches donned the headsets for the first time as Jackrabbits during the Aug. 31 season opener against Western Oregon.

New coaches on the offensive side of the ball include Jake Menage (wide receivers) and Robbie Rouse (running backs). Additions to the defensive staff include Mike Banks (cornerbacks), Jalon Bibbs (defensive line) and Pete Menage (safeties). Pat Cashmore also is a recent addition to the coaching staff and will direct the special teams units.

Returning for his second season as offensive coordinator is Zach Lujan, with Ryan Olson (run game coordinator/offensive line) and Chris Meyers (tight ends) providing further coaching continuity on the offensive side of the ball.

On defense, Jesse Bobbit is the lone coaching holdover as he moves into the coordinator's role and also will coach the linebackers after mentoring the safeties in 2022.

Including Jimmy Rogers, five former Jackrabbit football players are full-time coaches at SDSU this season. The others are Bobbit, Lujan and both Menages, who are cousins.

DANA J. DYKHOUSE STADIUM RECORDS

YEAR-BY-YEAR RECORDS

2016	6-1
2017	7-1
2018	7-0
2019	5-3
2020-21	5-0
2021	5-2
2022	9-0
2023	1-0
TOTALS	45-7

ATTENDANCE TOP 10

Oct. 26, 2019 • vs. North Dakota State	19,371
Oct. 8, 2022 • vs. South Dakota	19,332
Oct. 29, 2022 • vs. Indiana State	19,041
Nov. 4, 2017 • vs. North Dakota State	18,130
Nov. 6, 2021 • vs. North Dakota State	18,122
Oct. 22, 2016 • vs. Youngstown State	17,730
Oct. 23, 2021 • vs. Northern Iowa	16,889
Sept. 17, 2016 • vs. Cal Poly	16,887
Sept. 17, 2022 • vs. Butler	16,414
Aug. 31, 2023 • vs. Western Oregon	16,258

ACADEMIC SUCCESS: The South Dakota State University football program has maintained its tradition of excellence both on the field and in the classroom during its Division I history.

The Jackrabbits were recognized with the Missouri Valley Football Conference Team Academic Award each of its first nine years in the league.

Last season, several Jackrabbit football players were honored individually for their work in the classroom, highlighted by Reece Winkelman's repeat selection to the College Sports Communicators Academic All-America First Team, which is made up of student-athletes from both NCAA Division I football classifications.

Winkelman, from Marshall, Minnesota, was selected with a 3.92 GPA as a graduate student in business economics. On the field, he was a first-team all-MVFC selection who racked up eight sacks and 15.5 tackles for loss in 2022.

SDSU has placed at least one player on the Academic All-America squad in 16 of the last 18 seasons, including multiple selections 13 times. Overall, SDSU football student-athletes have received Academic All-America recognition from the College Sports Communicators 45 times since 1974.

During the 2021 season, Wes Genant became the only Jackrabbit football student-athlete to earn Academic All-America honors four times. Three-time selections include: Paul Kippley (1978-80), Kyle Minett (2008-10) and Zach Zenner (2012-14). Zenner was also honored as the 2014 Academic All-America Team Member of the Year.

The Academic All-America program recognizes the nation's top student-athletes for their combined performances on the field and in the classroom. Candidates must be at least a sophomore in athletic and academic standing, a starter or key reserve on his team and carry at least a 3.5 GPA.

Earlier during the 2022 season, Winkelman was one of eight SDSU football student-athletes to earn recognition on the CSC Academic All-District squad. The others included:

- Adam Bock, linebacker, Solon, Iowa;
- DyShawn Gales, cornerback, North Chicago, Illinois;
- Mark Gronowski, quarterback, Naperville, Illinois
- Jaxon Janke, wide receiver, Madison;
- Mason McCormick, offensive lineman, Sioux Falls;
- Cale Reeder, safety, Yorkville, Illinois;, and
- Ryan Van Marel, defensive tackle, Sheldon, Iowa.

Bock and Winkelman also were repeat first-team selections to the 2022 MVFC Scholar-Athlete Team.

Also earning a spot on the first team was Gronowski, while Janke and fellow wide receiver Canyon Bauer were second-team honorees.

Closing out the team's academic awards during the 2022 season were a total of 74 Jackrabbits receiving recognition on the MVFC Honor Roll for posting a GPA of 3.0 or higher during the fall semester.

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

Dana J. Dykhous 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 Dykhous 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.

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

COACHES

Zach Lujan	LOO-hahn
Jake/Pete Menage	MEN-age

PLAYERS

Jack Amer	AIM-er
Steven Arrell	ah-RELL
Max Baloun	bah-LOON
Evan Beerntsen	BURNT-sen
Brenden Begeman	BEG-ah-man
Matthew Durrance	durr-ANTS
Caleb Franci	FRANCE-III
Graham Goering	GORE-ing
Mark Gronowski	grow-NOW-ski
Zach Heins	HINES
Colby Huerter	HURT-er
Jadon/Jaxon Janke	YON-kee
Randy Keumogne	cah-MOAN-yay
Isaac Kracl	KROTZ-ill
Aaron/Adam Kusler	COOSE-ler
Daeton Mcgaughy	Mc-GOY
Joe Ollman	OHL-man
Dawson Ripperda	RIP-er-dah
Noah St-Juste	saint-JOOST
Jace Sifore	CY-for
Isaiah Stalbird	STALL-bird
Davion Sterner	DAY-vee-on
Davin Sotffel	STAW-full
Cade Terveer	tur-VEER
Ryan Van Marel	van MARR-ell
Ethan Vibert	VY-bert
Griffin Wilde	WILL-dee
Saiveon Williamson	SAY-vee-on

The first football game was two days later, on Sept. 10, when the Jackrabbits defeated Drake, 56-28.

SDSU has gone on to post a 45-7 record at Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium during its seven seasons of operation, including an 11-1 mark in FCS playoff games. The Jackrabbits' current home winning streak is 13 games, with their last home loss a 26-17 setback to Northern Iowa on Oct. 23, 2021.

The Jackrabbits have gone undefeated at home three times while playing at Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium: 2018 (7-0), 2020-21 spring season (5-0) and 2022 (9-0).

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.

ROGERS SHOW: The Jimmy Rogers Radio Show airs throughout the 2023 season.

The weekly, hour-long show begins at 6 p.m. Central Time and originates 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 coaches, 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 are slated to travel to Minneapolis for a Sept. 16 matchup against Drake at Target Field. Kickoff is set for 2:30 p.m.

The game against Drake will close out the nonconference portion of SDSU's slate. Following a bye week, the Jackrabbits will open Missouri Valley Football Conference action by hosting nationally ranked North Dakota on Sept. 30.

DEPTH CHART vs. MONTANA STATE

OFFENSE

LT	74	GARRET GREENFIELD, 6-7, 320, Sr., Rock Valley, Iowa
	66	Brady Beck, 6-8, 300, Sr., Sioux Falls, S.D.
LG	60	MASON McCORMICK, 6-5, 315, Sr., Sioux Falls, S.D.
	69	Quinten Christensen, 6-4, 290, R-Fr., Wessington Springs, S.D.
C	50	GUS MILLER, 6-3, 295, Jr., Brookings, S.D.
	64	Ethan Vibert, 6-4, 305, Sr., Regina, Saskatchewan
RG	61	EVAN BEERNTSEN, 6-4, 300, Sr., De Pere, Wis.
	54	Jalen Lee, 6-3, 310, Jr., Robbins, Ill.
RT	78	JOHN O'BRIAN, 6-5, 300, Sr., Eaton Rapids, Mich.
	75	Dawson Rudd, 6-5, 285, R-Fr., Claremore, Okla.
TE	87	ZACH HEINS, 6-7, 260, Sr., Sioux Falls, S.D.
	83	David Alpers, 6-6, 240, R-Fr., Sioux Falls, S.D.
or	89	Brody Gormley, 6-7, 240, R-Fr., Topeka, Kan.
TE/FB	34	Mike Morgan, 6-3, 240, Sr., New Lenox, Ill.
	44	Kevin Brenner, 6-2, 240, Sr., Silver Lake, Wis.
WR	1	JADON JANKE, 6-3, 210, Sr., Madison, S.D.
or	12	Grahm Goering, 6-3, 205, So., Iowa City, Iowa
WR	10	JAXON JANKE, 6-3, 210, Sr. Madison, S.D.
	18	Griffin Wilde, 6-2, 190, Fr., Sioux Falls, S.D.
WR	2	Marcus Preston, 6-2, 195, Jr., Lawrence, Kan.
or	15	Devon Cole Jr., 5-10, 175, Jr., Clermont, Fla.
QB	11	MARK GRONOWSKI, 6-3, 225, Jr., Naperville, Ill.
	7	Chase Mason, 6-4, 230, So., Hurley, S.D.
	5	Jon Bell, 6-3 190, So., Naperville, Ill.
RB	22	ISAIAH DAVIS, 6-1, 220, Sr., Joplin, Mo.
	3	Amar Johnson, 5-10, 200, Jr., O'Fallon, Mo.
	21	Angel Johnson, 5-9, 190, So., Irene, S.D.

Returning starters indicated in CAPS

DEFENSE

DE	94	CADE TERVEER, 6-3, 250, Sr., Brandon, S.D.
	53	Caden Johnson, 6-3, 240, Sr., Wahoo, Neb.
	95	Zac Wilson, 6-3, 245, Sr., Chipley, Fla.
DT	98	RYAN VAN MAREL, 6-4, 295, Sr., Sheldon, Iowa
	51	Logan Green, 6-4, 285, R-Fr., Northboro, Iowa
DT	92	Brian Williams, 6-1, 285, Sr., Chipley, Fla.
	52	Jarod DePriest, 6-5, 285, Sr., Trivoli, Ill.
	93	Max Baloun, 6-6, 285, Jr., Redfield, S.D.
DE	48	Quinton Hicks, 6-1, 260, Sr., Wichita, Kan.
	95	Zac Wilson, 6-3, 245, Sr., Chipley, Fla.
or	8	Blake Peterson, 6-4, 260, Sr., Beresford, S.D.
LB	11	JASON FREEMAN, 5-9, 215, Sr., Zion, Ill.
(Will)	29	Graham Spalding, 6-2, 210, Sr., Oviedo, Fla.
LB	6	Saiveon Williamson, 6-1, 205, Sr., Waseca, Minn.
(Mike)	32	ADAM BOCK, 6-1, 225, Sr., Solon, Iowa
or	46	Cullen McShane, 6-1, 225, R-Fr., Marquette, Iowa
LB	2	ISAIAH STALBIRD, 6-1, 215, Sr., Kearney, Neb.
or	9	Caleb Franci, 6-1, 195, Jr., Grand Island, Neb.
(Sam)	0	Daeton Mcgaughy, 6-0, 210, Sr., Elwood, Kan.
CB	7	Dalys Beanum, 6-1, 190, Sr., Omaha, Neb.
	20	Myles Taylor, 6-0, 175, So., Gilbert, Ariz.
	13	Aydan Dautermann, 6-1, 190, So., Hartford, Wis.
FS	1	Tucker Large, 5-11, 180, So., Sioux Falls, S.D.
	23	Matthew Durrance, 6-2, 210, So., Lutz, Fla.
	3	Dontay Johnson, 6-2, 185, R-Fr., Fort Collins, Colo.
SS	14	Colby Huerter, 6-1, 200, Jr., Katy, Texas
or	25	CALE REEDER, 6-0, 190, Sr., Yorkville, Ill.
RCB	5	DYSHAWN GALES, 5-11, 190, Sr., North Chicago, Ill.
	4	Steven Arrell, 6-3, 195, Jr., Brooklyn Park, Minn.
	31	Jalen B. Lee, 6-0, 195, R-Fr., Wentzville, Mo.

SPECIAL TEAMS

PK	10	HUNTER DUSTMAN, 6-4, 230, Jr., East Bethel, Minn.	Holder	5	Jon Bell, 6-3, 190, So., Naperville, Ill.
	99	Jack Green, 6-0, 200, So., Rapid City, S.D.		25	Cale Reeder, 6-0, 190, Sr., Yorkville, Ill.
P	10	HUNTER DUSTMAN, 6-4, 230, Jr., East Bethel, Minn.	KOR	12	Grahm Goering, 6-3, 205, So., Iowa City, Iowa
	96	Jackson Isakson, 6-2, 190, Fr., Aberdeen, S.D.		10	Jaxon Janke, 6-3, 210, Sr., Madison, S.D.
Long	37	Kaydon Olivia, 5-11, 215, So., Schertz, Texas	KOR	3	Amar Johnson, 5-11, 190, So., O'Fallon, Mo.
Snaps	46	Cullen McShane, 6-1, 225, R-Fr., Marquette, Iowa		21	Angel Johnson, 5-9, 190, So., Irene, S.D.
Short	37	Kaydon Olivia, 5-11, 215, So., Schertz, Texas	PR	1	Tucker Large, 5-11, 180, So., Sioux Falls, S.D.
Snaps	87	Zach Heins, 6-7, 260, Sr., Sioux Falls, S.D.		10	Jaxon Janke, 6-3, 210, Sr., Madison, S.D.

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach: Jimmy Rogers
 Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks: Zach Lujan [B]
 Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers: Jesse Bobbit [B]
 Special Teams Coordinator: Pat Cashmore
 Run Game Coordinator/Offensive Line: Ryan Olson [F]
 Cornerbacks: Mike Banks
 Defensive Line: Jalon Bibbs

Wide Receivers: Jake Menage [F]
 Safeties: Pete Menage [B]
 Tight Ends: Chris Meyers [B]
 Running Backs: Robbie Rouse [F]
 Offensive Quality Control: Chuck Case, Kyle Saddler
 Defensive Quality Control: Kellen Soulek, Evan Traxler
 Special Teams Quality Control/Video Coordinator: Brayden Gage

#1/1 SDSU 39, #3/3 MONTANA STATE 18

Dec. 17, 2022 • Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium (Att.: 7,195)

For the second time in three seasons, South Dakota State is headed to Frisco, Texas, to play in the Football Championship Subdivision title game.

At a frigid Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium, the top-seeded Jackrabbits scored on their first five offensive possessions and shut down Montana State's vaunted rushing attack to post a 39-18 victory over the fourth-seeded Bobcats. SDSU, which extended its school-record winning streak to 13 games, improved to 13-1 overall and will face defending champion North Dakota State in the championship game Jan. 8.

All five of SDSU's touchdown drives covered at least 75 yards, starting with a five-play, 75-yard drive after the opening kickoff. Isaiah Davis set the tone for the Jackrabbits with a 22-yard run on the first play from scrimmage and All-America tight end Tucker Kraft finished off the drive by catching a 36-yard touchdown pass down the right hash from Mark Gronowski.

Montana State answered on its first drive of the game behind the dual-quarterback system of Tommy Mellott and Sean Chambers. Mellott completed all three of his pass attempts for a total of 56 yards, while Chambers converted on fourth-and-goal from the 1 with a rush up the middle for a touchdown to cap a 10-play, 67-yard drive. However, the Bobcats lost momentum when they mishandled the snap on the extra point try, keeping the score at 7-6, and Chambers did not return due to an apparent lower-body injury.

SDSU responded with three more touchdowns before halftime — all on the ground. Gronowski barreled in from a yard out with 40 seconds remaining in the first quarter, followed by long touchdown runs by the running back tandem of Davis (41 yards) and Amar Johnson (38 yards) in the second quarter to give the Jackrabbits a 28-6 advantage. Davis' touchdown ended a quick-strike three-play, 80-yard drive, with Johnson's career long finishing off a nine-play, 85-yard march.

The Bobcats closed the first-half scoring with a 37-yard field goal by Blake Glessner as time expired in the second quarter to put the score at 28-9 heading into intermission.

Johnson scored his second touchdown of the game on SDSU's first possession of the second half, catching a pass from Gronowski in the left flat for a 5-yard score. The sophomore carried 10 times for 69 yards and added three catches for 31 yards to give him an even 100 all-purpose yards on the day.

Davis led the Jackrabbit rushing attack with 158 yards on 16 carries as SDSU held a 281-52 advantage in yards on the ground and outgained Montana State, 473-281, in total yards. Kraft led SDSU receivers with four receptions for 69 yards, with Gronowski completing 10-of-13 passes for 189 yards.

Mellott completed the scoring with a 10-yard touchdown run for Montana State midway through the fourth quarter for his longest run of the day, but was bottled up most of the afternoon as he finished with three net yards on 17 carries, including being sacked three times. Mellott completed 11-of-18 passes for 174 yards, with Clevan Thomas Jr. (74 yards) and Willie Patterson (47 yards) each catching four passes.

Adam Bock, who was making his first start since being injured Oct. 22 at North Dakota, shared team-high honors with eight tackles, including 2.5 tackles for loss and a sack. Isaiah Stalbird also registered eight stops for the Jackrabbits.

Montana State, which ended its season with a 12-2 record, was led defensively by Danny Uliulakepa's nine tackles.



Adam Bock marked his return to the starting lineup by sharing team-high honors with eight tackles against Montana State, including 2.5 tackles for loss and a sack.

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Montana State (12-2)	6	3	3	6	18
South Dakota State (13-1)	14	14	8	3	39

SCORING SUMMARY

1st	12:17	SDSU	— Tucker Kraft 36 yd pass from Mark Gronowski (Hunter Dustman kick)
1st	6:55	MSU	— Sean Chambers 1 yd run (team kick failed)
1st	00:40	SDSU	— Gronowski 1 yd run (Dustman kick)
2nd	8:47	SDSU	— Isaiah Davis 41 yd run (Dustman kick)
2nd	1:03	SDSU	— Amar Johnson 38 yd run (Dustman kick)
2nd	00:00	MSU	— Blake Glessner 37 yd field goal
3rd	8:39	SDSU	— Johnson 5 yd pass from Gronowski (Jadon Janke pass from Gronowski)
3rd	5:29	MSU	— Glessner 36 yd field goal
4th	11:41	SDSU	— Dustman 21 yd field goal
4th	8:08	MSU	— Tommy Mellott 10 yd run (pass failed)

TEAM STATISTICS	MSU	SDSU
FIRST DOWNS	17	22
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	34-52	38-281
PASSING YDS (NET)	229	192
Passes Att-Comp-Int	26-17-0	16-11-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	60-281	54-473
Punt Returns-Yards	1-27	0-0
Kickoff Returns-Yards	6-168	2-38
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	3-38.0	2-31.5
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	4-20	4-50
Possession Time	29:00	31:00
Third-Down Conversions	3 of 12	5 of 9
Fourth-Down Conversions	2 of 4	1 of 1
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	4-5	3-3
Sacks By: Number-Yards	0-0	4-20

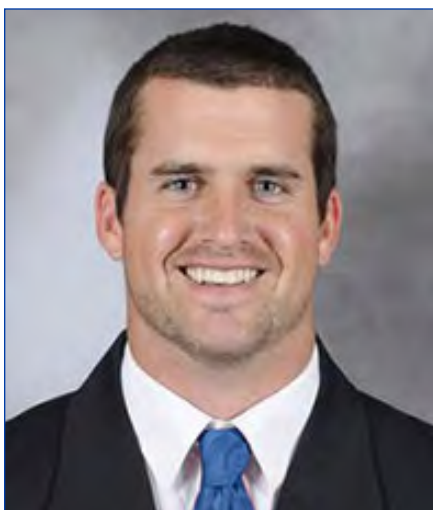
RUSHING LEADERS: MSU - Isaiah Ifanse 7-28; Sean Chambers 5-12; Sean Austin 3-8; Tommy Mellott 17-3. SDSU - Isaiah Davis 16-158; Amar Johnson 10-69; Mark Gronowski 10-52. **PASSING LEADERS:** MSU - Tommy Mellott 11-18-0 174; Sean Austin 5-7-0 54; Ryan Loneran 1-1-0 1. SDSU - Mark Gronowski 10-13-0 189; Rudy Voss 1-2-0 3. **RECEIVING LEADERS:** MSU - Clevan Thomas Jr. 4-74; Willie Patterson 4-47; Derryk Snell 3-32; Ravi Alston 2-52; Coy Steel 2-13; Taco Dowler 2-11. SDSU - Tucker Kraft 4-69; Jaxon Janke 3-74; Amar Johnson 3-31; Jadon Janke 1-18. **INTERCEPTIONS:** MSU - none. SDSU - none. **SACKS:** MSU - none. SDSU - Cade Terveer 1.0-11; Adam Bock 1.0-3; Caden Johnson 1.0-1; Caleb Sanders 0.5-3; Reece Winkelman 0.5-2. **TACKLE LEADERS (UA-A-TOT):** MSU - Danny Uliulakepa 5-4-9; Rylan Ort; Sebastian Valdez 6-1-7; Ty Okada 3-2-5. SDSU - Adam Bock 6-2-8; Isaiah Stalbird 4-4-8; Jason Freeman 4-2-6; Reece Winkelman 3-1-4; Caleb Sanders 2-2-4.



South Dakota State University JACKRABBITS

2023 Football Roster

No.	NAME	Pos	Ht	Wt	Yr	HOMETOWN	No.	NAME	Pos	Ht	Wt	Yr	HOMETOWN
0	Daeton Mcgaughy	LB	6-0	210	Sr.	Elwood, Kan.	45	Brenden Begeman	RB	6-1	205	Fr.	Selby, S.D.
1	Jadon Janke	WR	6-3	210	Sr.	Madison, S.D.	46	Cullen McShane	LB	6-1	225	R-Fr.	Marquette, Iowa
1	Tucker Large	S	5-10	180	So.	Sioux Falls, S.D.	47	Kytan Fyfe	LB	6-2	205	R-Fr.	Grand Island, Neb.
2	Marcus Preston	WR	6-2	195	Jr.	Lawrence, Kan.	48	Quinton Hicks	DE	6-1	260	Sr.	Wichita, Kan.
2	Isaiah Stalbird	LB	6-1	215	Sr.	Kearney, Neb.	49	Davin Stoffel	TE	6-6	230	Fr.	Mosinee, Wis.
3	Amar Johnson	RB	5-10	200	Jr.	O'Fallon, Mo.	50	Gus Miller	OL	6-3	295	Jr.	Brookings, S.D.
3	Dontay Johnson	S	6-2	185	R-Fr.	Fort Collins, Colo.	50	Nick Wells	DE	6-3	235	Fr.	Sioux City, Iowa
4	Steven Arrell	CB	6-3	195	Jr.	Brooklyn Park, Minn.	51	Logan Green	DT	6-4	285	R-Fr.	Northboro, Iowa
5	Jon Bell	QB	6-3	190	So.	Naperville, Ill.	52	Jarod DePriest	DT	6-5	285	Sr.	Trivoli, Ill.
5	DyShawn Gales	CB	5-11	190	Sr.	North Chicago, Ill.	53	Caden Johnson	DE	6-3	240	Sr.	Wahoo, Neb.
6	Saiveon Williamson	LB	6-1	205	Sr.	Waseca, Minn.	54	Jalen Lee	OL	6-3	310	Jr.	Robbins, Ill.
7	Dalys Beanum	CB	6-1	190	Sr.	Omaha, Neb.	55	Aaron Wolfcale-Holsten	DT	6-1	280	So.	Gilbert, Ariz.
7	Chase Mason	QB	6-4	230	So.	Hurley, S.D.	56	Andrew Gustad	LB	6-0	220	R-Fr.	Volin, S.D.
8	Blake Peterson	DE	6-4	260	Sr.	Beresford, S.D.	57	Levi Vanden Bos	DE	6-3	245	So.	Rock Valley, Iowa
9	Jeff Becker	QB	6-0	205	R-Fr.	Fort Wayne, Ind.	58	Aidan Murphy	DE	6-4	230	R-Fr.	Magna, Utah
9	Caleb Francl	LB	6-1	195	Jr.	Grand Island, Neb.	59	Grant Conaway	DT	6-3	270	Jr.	Huntington Beach, Calif.
10	Hunter Dustman	K/P	6-4	225	Jr.	East Bethel, Minn.	60	Mason McCormick	OL	6-5	315	Sr.	Sioux Falls, S.D.
10	Jaxon Janke	WR	6-3	210	Sr.	Madison, S.D.	61	Evan Beerntsen	OL	6-4	300	Sr.	De Pere, Wis.
11	Jason Freeman	LB	5-9	215	Sr.	Zion, Ill.	62	Kenyon Big Bow	OL	6-5	305	Fr.	Anadarko, Okla.
11	Mark Gronowski	QB	6-3	225	Jr.	Naperville, Ill.	64	Ethan Vibert	OL	6-4	305	Sr.	Regina, Saskatchewan
12	Grahm Goering	WR	6-3	205	So.	Iowa City, Iowa	65	Cole Jarrett	OL	6-1	295	Fr.	Papillion, Neb.
13	Jack Amer	QB	6-3	225	Fr.	Gilbert, Ariz.	66	Brady Beck	OL	6-8	305	Jr.	Sioux Falls, S.D.
13	Aydan Dautermann	CB	6-1	190	So.	Hartford, Wis.	67	Ian Mutchler	OL	6-3	290	Fr.	Morton, Ill.
14	Colby Huerter	S	6-1	200	Jr.	Katy, Texas	68	Jackson Kerstin	OL	6-4	265	Fr.	Naperville, Ill.
15	Devon Cole Jr.	WR	5-10	175	Jr.	Clermont, Fla.	69	Quinten Christensen	OL	6-4	290	R-Fr.	Wessington Springs, S.D.
16	Noah St-Juste	CB	5-10	165	Fr.	Montreal, Quebec	70	Colby Christensen	OL	6-7	295	Jr.	West Des Moines, Iowa
17	Abe Hoskins III	CB	6-0	185	So.	Omaha, Neb.	71	Noah Atherton	OL	6-6	315	Fr.	Longmont, Colo.
18	Griffin Wilde	WR	6-2	190	Fr.	Sioux Falls, S.D.	74	Garret Greenfield	OL	6-7	320	Sr.	Rock Valley, Iowa
19	Elijah Ervin	WR	6-1	190	Jr.	Phoenix, Ariz.	75	Dawson Rudd	OL	6-5	285	R-Fr.	Claremore, Okla.
20	Myles Taylor	CB	6-0	175	So.	Gilbert, Ariz.	76	Bo Donald	OL	6-6	300	Sr.	Kimball, S.D.
21	Angel Johnson	RB	5-9	190	So.	Irene, S.D.	77	William Paepke	OL	6-5	290	Fr.	Rapid City, S.D.
22	Isaiah Davis	RB	6-1	220	Sr.	Joplin, Mo.	78	John O'Brian	OL	6-5	300	Sr.	Eaton Rapids, Mich.
23	Matthew Durrance	S	6-2	210	So.	Lutz, Fla.	79	Jharett Bloomenrader	OL	6-5	295	Sr.	Highmore, S.D.
24	Derrick Johnson	RB	5-11	205	R-Fr.	Austin, Texas	80	Kentrell Prejean	WR	5-8	150	Fr.	Lafayette, La.
25	Cale Reeder	S	6-0	190	Sr.	Yorkville, Ill.	81	Joey Neumann	TE	6-4	230	Fr.	Antioch, Ill.
26	Kolten Tilford	S	5-9	175	Fr.	North Platte, Neb.	82	Ky Oday Jr.	WR	5-11	175	R-Fr.	Denver, Colo.
27	Noah Thompson	S	6-0	185	R-Fr.	Brandon, S.D.	83	David Alpers	TE	6-6	240	R-Fr.	Sioux Falls, S.D.
28	Chase Van Tol	LB	6-1	190	Fr.	Tea, S.D.	84	Joe Randle	WR	6-3	210	Fr.	St. Anthony, Minn.
29	Graham Spalding	LB	6-2	210	Sr.	Oviedo, Fla.	85	Joe Roll	WR	5-9	185	Fr.	Gretna, Neb.
30	Cody Cotton	CB	6-0	175	So.	Pleasant Prairie, Wis.	86	Patrick Hoffmann	WR	6-1	195	Jr.	Naperville, Ill.
31	Jalen B. Lee	CB	6-0	195	R-Fr.	Wentzville, Mo.	87	Zach Heins	TE	6-7	260	Sr.	Sioux Falls, S.D.
32	Adam Bock	LB	6-1	225	Sr.	Solon, Iowa	88	Greyton Gannon	TE	6-4	230	R-Fr.	Eagle, Wis.
33	Bryce Johnson	LB	6-3	210	R-Fr.	Parker, S.D.	89	Brody Gormley	TE	6-7	240	R-Fr.	Topeka, Kan.
34	Mike Morgan	TE/FB	6-3	240	Sr.	New Lenox, Ill.	90	Randy Keumogne	DE	6-3	235	Sr.	Oakdale, Minn.
35	Beau Giblin	S	6-1	185	Fr.	Sioux Falls, S.D.	91	Jace Sifore	DT	6-3	280	R-Fr.	Howard, S.D.
36	Dane Miller	WR	6-4	185	R-Fr.	Hardy, Neb.	92	Brian Williams	DT	6-1	285	Sr.	ChIPLEY, Fla.
37	Kaydon Olivia	LS	5-11	215	So.	Schertz, Texas	93	Max Baloun	DT	6-6	285	Jr.	Redfield, S.D.
37	Kirby Vorhees	RB	5-10	200	Fr.	Lutz, Fla.	94	Cade Terveer	DE	6-3	250	Sr.	Brandon, S.D.
38	Trevor Scott	LB	5-10	195	R-Fr.	Kansas City, Mo.	95	Zac Wilson	DE	6-3	245	Sr.	ChIPLEY, Fla.
39	Isaac Krael	RB	5-11	180	R-Fr.	Crete, Neb.	96	Bryce Hawthorne	DT	6-3	265	Fr.	Osseo, Minn.
40	Aaron Kusler	LB	6-3	225	Jr.	Sioux Falls, S.D.	96	Jackson Isakson	K/P	6-2	190	Fr.	Aberdeen, S.D.
41	Joe Ollman	LB	6-2	210	Fr.	Mequon, Wis.	97	Reis Kirschenman	DE	6-3	230	Fr.	Tea, S.D.
42	Davion Sterner	LB	6-0	215	Jr.	Alvord, Iowa	98	Ryan Van Marel	DT	6-4	295	Sr.	Sheldon, Iowa
43	Adam Kusler	LB	6-2	225	Jr.	Sioux Falls, S.D.	99	Jack Green	K	6-0	200	So.	Rapid City, S.D.
44	Kevin Brenner	TE	6-2	240	Sr.	Silver Lake, Wis.	99	Dawson Ripperda	DE	6-4	240	R-Fr.	Larchwood, Iowa



JIMMY ROGERS

Head Coach • First Season

Alma Mater: South Dakota State, 2009

Jimmy Rogers was introduced as the 21st head football coach in South Dakota State University history on Jan. 20, 2023, continuing his long association with Jackrabbit football that began as a student-athlete and has continued through the coaching ranks.

Rogers played an integral role in the Jackrabbits winning their first national title in football during the 2022 season by directing a defense that led the Football Championship Subdivision in rushing defense by allowing only 88.1 yards per game on the ground. SDSU tied for the FCS lead with 18 interceptions and also ranked second in total defense (274.1 yards per game), third in scoring defense (15.8 points per game) and fourth in turnovers gained (26).

The Jackrabbits finished the 2022 season on a school-record 14-game winning streak and held the No. 1 ranking in both the Stats Perform media poll and FCS coaches' poll the final two months of the year.

Rogers was honored as the 2022 FCS Coordinator of the Year by FootballScoop.com, and also was selected to participate in the AFCA's 35 Under 35 Coaches Leadership Institute.

A former standout defensive player for South Dakota State, Rogers returned to his alma mater in June 2013 to coach the Jackrabbit linebackers. The 2022 campaign marked his first — and only — season as the team's sole defensive coordinator duties after sharing the role for three seasons. He previously was elevated to assistant head coach after the 2019 campaign.

In his first season, Rogers directed a linebacking corps whose three regular starters — R.C. Kilgore, T.J. Lally and Charles Elmore — combined for 290 tackles. Kilgore led the team with 134 tackles and also led the nation with five fumble recoveries en route to first-team all-Missouri Valley Football Conference recognition.

Rogers again coached a 100-tackle performer in 2014 as Lally led the squad with 117 tackles en route to earning second-team all-MVFC recognition.

The 2015 Jackrabbit linebacking crew again featured the squad's top two tacklers as Lally turned in the third 100-tackle season of his career with a team-best 102 stops and Jesse Bobbit added 97 tackles. Lally received second-team all-MVFC recognition for the third time, while Bobbit was an honorable mention selection.

Under Rogers' guidance, Christian Rozeboom burst onto the Football Championship landscape in 2016 by being named MVFC Freshman of the Year

and finishing second in the balloting for the STATS FCS Jerry Rice Award as the top freshman in the Football Championship Subdivision after tallying a team-best 132 tackles. In addition, fellow linebackers Jesse Bobbit and Dallas Brown capped strong careers in 2016. A second-team all-league selection, Bobbit ranked second on the squad with 110 tackles, while Brown led the team with three interceptions.

Rozeboom anchored the Jackrabbit linebacking corps over the next three seasons as he registered 100-plus tackles each year in becoming the SDSU career tackles leader with 475. He also earned first-team all-MVFC honors four times and was a three-time All-America selection. A multiple-time finalist for the Buck Buchanan Award as the top defensive player in the FCS ranks, Rozeboom would later sign a free agent contract with the Los Angeles Rams.

In taking on a new and expanded role in 2019, Rogers helped direct a Jackrabbit defense that ranked in the top three of the MVFC in seven different defensive categories.

Rogers' linebacking corps again earned multiple awards en route to the FCS title game during the 2020-21 season that was moved to the spring. The team's starters ranked as the top three tacklers during the 10-game season as Adam Bock (74 tackles), Logan Backhaus (72 tackles) and Preston Tetzlaff (70 tackles) paced the squad. Backhaus was honored on a number of All-America teams, while Bock was a freshman All-America honoree and Tetzlaff was awarded the NCAA Elite 90 Award at the national championship.

Jackrabbit linebackers were again the team's top two tacklers during the 2021 season as football returned to the fall. Sophomore Adam Bock registered a team-high 125 tackles and Isaiah Stalbird was second on the squad with 73 total stops. Bock was a late addition to the list of finalists for the Buck Buchanan Award and received All-America honors from several organizations after earning first-team all-MVFC recognition.

Rogers coached a 100-tackle linebacker in eight of his 10 seasons leading the position group.

A native of Hamilton, Arizona, Rogers previously served as a graduate assistant at Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton, Florida. He spent the fall of 2012 as an offensive graduate assistant, working with the offensive line. In the spring of 2013 he transitioned back to the defensive side of the ball as he worked with the team's linebackers.

THE ROGERS FILE

AS A PLAYER

- Four-Year Letterman (2006-09)
- Team Captain (2009)
- First-Team All-Great West Football Conference (2007)
- Second-Team All-Missouri Valley Football Conference (2008)
- Two-Time Team Tackles Leader (110 in 2007, 93 in 2008)
- Career Totals Included: 312 Tackles, 3 Interceptions and 3 Forced Fumbles

AS AN ASSISTANT COACH

- Team Record of 97-36 over 10 Seasons as a full-time assistant coach
- 10 Consecutive FCS Playoff Berths
- 2022 FCS National Champions
- Linebackers Coach (2013-22)
- Co-Defensive Coordinator (2019-21)
- Defensive Coordinator (2022)
- FootballScoop.com FCS Coordinator of the Year (2022)
- AFCA 35 Under 35 Coaches Leadership Institute (2022)



32-ADAM BOCK

6-1, 215, Junior • Linebacker

Solon, Iowa (Solon H.S.)

FOOTBALL HONORS AND HIGHLIGHTS:

- Stats Perform FCS Buck Buchanan Award Finalist (2021)
- HERO Sports FCS All-America First Team (2021)
- Stats Perform FCS All-America Second Team (2021)
- HERO Sports FCS Sophomore All-America Team (2021)
- HERO Sports FCS Freshman All-America Team (2020-21)
- All-Missouri Valley Football Conference First Team (2021, 2022)
- MVFC All-Newcomer Team (2020-21)
- College Sports Communicators Academic All-District (2022)
- MVFC Defensive Player of the Week (April 17, 2021; Sept. 3, 2022)
- MVFC All-Academic/Scholar-Athlete First Team (2021, 2022)
- MVFC Commissioner's Academic Excellence Award (2020-21, 2022)
- MVFC Honor Roll (2019, 2020-21, 2021, 2022)
- Team Captain (2022, 2023)
- Returned interception 39 yards for touchdown in Nov. 27, 2021 FCS playoff game versus UC Davis
- Blocked and returned PAT for defensive extra point Oct. 30, 2021 at Youngstown State

SDSU SINGLE-SEASON TACKLES

1. Ross Shafrath, 2012	150
2. R.C. Kilgore, 2013	134
3. Christian Rozeboom, 2016	132
4. Christian Rozeboom, 2017	127
5. Adam Bock, 2021	125
6. T.J. Lally, 2014	117
7. Chris Coquette, 2004	115
8. Christian Rozeboom, 2019	111
9. Jimmy Rogers, 2007	110
Jesse Bobbit, 2016	110

Note: Tackles not officially recognized as an NCAA statistic until 2000

ADAM BOCK'S CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	G	SOLO	AST	TOTAL	TFL-Yds	SACK-Yds	PBU	INT-Yds	BK	FR-Yds	FF
2019	4	3	1	4	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0-0	0
2020-21	10	36	38	74	5.5-20	2.0-15	0	0-0	0	0-0	0
2021	15	66	59	125	9.5-31	2.5-15	6	2-55	1	0-0	2
2022	11	39	37	76	7.5-26	4.0-17	0	0-0	0	1-0	1
CAREER	40	144	135	279	22.5-77	8.5-47	6	2-55	1	1-0	3

ADAM BOCK'S 2019 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Game	Solo	Ast	Total	TFL-Yds	Sack-Yds	Int-Yds	FF	FR
Drake	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0
North Dakota St.	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0
Illinois State	2	0	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0
Northern Iowa	1	1	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0
Season Totals	3	1	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0

ADAM BOCK'S 2020-21 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Game	Solo	Ast	Total	TFL-Yds	Sack-Yds	Int-Yds	FF	FR
Northern Iowa	4	1	5	1.0-7	1.0-7	0-0	0	0
North Dakota	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0
Western Illinois	3	5	8	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0
Youngstown St.	1	1	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0
Southern Illinois	2	8	10	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0
North Dakota St.	8	5	13	2.5-4	0-0	0-0	0	0
Holy Cross	3	6	9	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0
Southern Illinois	7	6	13	1.0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0
Delaware	4	2	6	1.0-8	1.0-8	0-0	0	0
Sam Houston	4	4	8	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0
Season Totals	36	38	74	5.5-20	2.0-15	0-0	0	0

ADAM BOCK'S 2021 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Game	Solo	Ast	Total	TFL-Yds	Sack-Yds	Int-Yds	FF	FR
Colorado State	7	1	8	2.0-3	0-0	0-0	0	0
Lindenwood	2	1	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0
Indiana State	0	10	10	0.5-0	0-0	1-16	0	0
Dixie State	2	1	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0
Southern Illinois	10	7	17	0.5-2	0.5-2	0-0	1	0
Western Illinois	5	2	7	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0

Northern Iowa	6	4	10	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0
Youngstown St.	2	1	3	0.5-1	0-0	0-0	0	0
North Dakota St.	5	8	13	2.5-8	1.0-2	0-0	1	0
South Dakota	11	3	14	2.0-13	1.0-11	0-0	0	0
North Dakota	5	7	12	1.0-2	0-0	0-0	0	0
UC Davis	3	3	6	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0
Sacramento St.	1	5	6	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0
Villanova	3	4	7	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0
Montana State	4	2	6	0.5-2	0-0	0-0	0	0
Season Totals	66	59	125	9.5-31	2.5-15	1-16	2	0

Note: Blocked and returned extra point for 2-point defensive conversion Oct. 30 at Youngstown State

ADAM BOCK'S 2022 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Game	Solo	Ast	Total	TFL-Yds	Sack-Yds	Int-Yds	FF	FR
Iowa	6	7	13	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	1
UC Davis	6	3	9	1.0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0
Butler	3	1	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0
Missouri State	4	3	7	1.0-5	1.0-5	0-0	0	0
Western Illinois	8	2	10	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0
South Dakota	3	4	7	2.5-10	2.0-9	0-0	0	0
North Dakota St.	1	6	7	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0
North Dakota	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0
Indiana St.	DNP-Injury							
Northern Iowa	DNP-Injury							
Illinois State	DNP-Injury							
Delaware	DNP-Injury							
Holy Cross	1	3	4	0.5-4	0-0	0-0	0	0
Montana State	6	2	8	2.5-6	1.0-3	0-0	0	0
North Dakota St.	0	6	6	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0
Season Totals	39	37	76	7.5-26	4.0-17	0-0	1	1



22-ISAIAH DAVIS

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

FOOTBALL HONORS AND HIGHLIGHTS:

- HERO Sports FCS Sophomore All-America Team (2021)
- HERO Sports FCS Freshman All-America Team (2020-21)
- Phil Steele Co-Spring FCS Playoff MVP (2020-21)
- All-Missouri Valley Football Conference First Team (2022)
- All-MVFC Honorable Mention (2020-21)
- MVFC All-Newcomer Team (2020-21)
- MVFC Offensive Player of the Week (Oct. 1, 2022)
- MVFC Newcomer of the Week (March 20, 2021)
- MVFC Commissioner's Academic Excellence Award (2021)
- MVFC Honor Roll (2020-21, 2021)
- Team Captain (2023)
- Led team in rushing yards (818) and touchdowns (10) as a true freshman during 2020-21 season and again during the 2022 season (1,451 rushing yards, 15 touchdowns)
- Has topped the 100-yard mark for rushing 16 times during career — nine times in FCS playoff games
- Scored a rushing touchdown in 11 consecutive games dating back to the 2022 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 2020-21 Football Championship Subdivision national title game, including career-long 85-yard touchdown run
- Began his collegiate career by rushing 81 times before being tackled for a loss

SDSU CAREER RUSHING YARDS

1. Josh Ranek, 1997-2001	6,744
2. Zach Zenner, 2011-14	6,548
3. Pierre Strong, Jr., 2018-21	4,527
4. Kyle Minett, 2007-10	4,277
5. Anthony Watson, 2003-06	3,712
6. Dan Sonnek, 1984-87	3,304
7. Les Tuma, 1970-73	3,018
8. Cory Koenig, 2004-07	2,990
9. Isaiah Davis, 2020-present	2,989
10. Brady Mengarelli, 2014-17	2,677

SDSU CAREER RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS

1. Josh Ranek, 1997-2001	62
2. Zach Zenner, 2011-14	61
3. Kyle Minett, 2007-10	47
4. Pierre Strong, Jr., 2018-21	40
5. Jerry Welch, 1951-54	34
6. Isaiah Davis, 2020-present	33
7. Dan Sonnek, 1984-87	32
8. Scott Nedved, 1998-2002	30
9. Anthony Watson, 2003-06	29
10. Darwin Gonnerman, 1966-68	26
Taryn Christion, 2015-18	26

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	95	701	7.4	7	53	2	8	0	8	0	0	0.0	0	0
2022	249	1,451	5.8	15	*47	21	173	0	19	0	0	0.0	0	0
2023	4	19	4.8	1	11	1	9	0	9	0	0	0.0	0	0
Career	444	2,989	6.7	33	*85	31	297	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	PR	Yds	TD	LG
Colorado State	15	84	1	32	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1
Lindenwood	3	41	0	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
North Dakota	9	64	0	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
UC Davis	15	217	1	53	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sacramento State	19	108	2	11	1	8	0	8	1	17	0	17
Villanova	25	174	3	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Montana State	9	13	0	8	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Season Totals	95	701	7	53	2	8	0	8	2	18	0	17

Note: Missed eight games due to injury

JACKRABBITS TO WATCH

SDSU SINGLE-SEASON RUSHING YARDS

1. Josh Ranek, 1999	2,055
2. Zach Zenner, 2012	2,044
3. Zach Zenner, 2014	2,019
4. Zach Zenner, 2013	2,015
5. Josh Ranek, 1998	1,881
6. Josh Ranek, 2001	1,804
7. Pierre Strong, Jr.; 2021	1,686
8. Dan Sonnek, 1985	1,518
9. Isaiah Davis, 2022.....	1,451
10. Rick Wegher, 1984	1,317

SDSU SINGLE-SEASON RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS

1. Josh Ranek, 1999	25
2. Zach Zenner, 2013	23
3. Zach Zenner, 2014	22
4. Josh Ranek, 2001	18
Pierre Strong, Jr; 2021	18
6. Kyle Minett, 2009.....	16
7. Dan Nelson, 1993	15
Paul Klinger, 1994	15
Cory Koenig, 2007.....	15
Isaiah Davis, 2022	15

ISAIAH DAVIS' 2022 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Game	Rush	Yds	TD	LG	Rec	Yds	TD	LG	PR	Yds	TD	LG
Iowa	18	50	0	12	5	32	0	12	0	0	0	0
UC Davis	25	112	0	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Butler	11	74	0	14	1	17	0	17	0	0	0	0
Missouri State	20	83	0	16	1	7	0	7	0	0	0	0
Western Illinois	27	199	2	38	2	16	0	14	0	0	0	0
South Dakota	15	108	3	*47	1	6	0	6	0	0	0	0
North Dakota St.	14	114	1	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
North Dakota	DNP-Injury											
Indiana State	7	37	2	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northern Iowa	24	105	1	9	5	34	0	19	0	0	0	0
Illinois State	16	50	1	8	3	33	0	13	0	0	0	0
Delaware	14	104	2	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Holy Cross	20	154	1	27	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Montana State	16	158	1	41	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
North Dakota St.	22	103	1	25	2	28	0	16	0	0	0	0
Season Totals	249	1,451	15	*47	21	173	0	19	0	0	0	0

*Denotes touchdown

ISAIAH DAVIS' 2023 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Game	Rush	Yds	TD	LG	Rec	Yds	TD	LG	PR	Yds	TD	LG
Western Oregon	4	19	1	11	1	9	0	9	0	0	0	0
Season Totals	4	19	1	11	1	9	0	9	0	0	0	0



11-MARK GRONOWSKI

6-3, 225, Junior • Quarterback
Naperville, Illinois (Neuqua Valley H.S.)

FOOTBALL HONORS AND HIGHLIGHTS:

- Phil Steele FCS Freshman of the Year (2020-21)
- Stats Perform Jerry Rice Award Finalist/Runner-up (2020-21)
- HERO Sports FCS Freshman All-America Team (2020-21)
- HERO Sports FCS Sophomore All-America Team (2022)
- Missouri Valley Football Conference Offensive Player of the Year (2020-21)
- MVFC Newcomer/Freshman of the Year (2020-21)
- All-MVFC First Team (2020-21)
- All-MVFC Second Team (2022)
- Stats Perform FCS National Freshman Player of the Week (Feb. 19, 2021)
- MVFC Offensive Player of the Week (March 6, 2021; Sept. 24, 2022; Oct. 22, 2022)
- MVFC Newcomer of the Week (Feb. 19, 2021; April 17, 2021)
- Has passed and rushed for touchdowns in the same game 15 times in 26 career starts
- College Sports Communicators Academic All-District (2022)
- MVFC Scholar-Athlete First Team (2022)
- MVFC Commissioner's Academic Excellence Award (2021, 2022)
- MVFC Honor Roll (2020-21, 2021, 2022)
- Team Captain (2022, 2023)

SDSU CAREER PASSING YARDS

1. Taryn Christion, 2015-18	11,535
2. Austin Sumner, 2011-14	9,458
3. Ryan Berry, 2005-08	6,023
4. Ted Wahl, 1985-88	6,016
5. Brad Nelson, 2001-04	5,382
6. Andy Rennerfeldt, 1997-2000	5,377
7. Dan Fjeldheim, 1999-2002	5,176
8. Todd McDonald, 1990-93	4,999
9. Mike Busch, 1984-85	4,980
10. Mark Gronowski, 2020-present	4,653

SDSU SINGLE-SEASON PASSING YARDS

1. Taryn Christion, 2016	3,714
2. Taryn Christion, 2017	3,515
3. Chris Oladokun, 2021	3,164
4. Brad Nelson, 2003	3,141
5. Ryan Berry, 2008	3,106
6. Taryn Christion, 2018	3,020
7. Austin Sumner, 2013	2,999
8. Mark Gronowski, 2022	2,967
9. Todd McDonald, 1993	2,715
10. Dan Fjeldheim, 2002	2,663

MARK GRONOWSKI'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	GP	Eff.	Comp	Att	Int	Pct.	Yds	TD	LG	Rush	Yds	TD	LG
2020-21	10	150.51	108	188	3	57.4	1,565	15	*76	83	577	7	*80
2021	DNP-Injury												
2022	15	156.47	232	356	5	65.2	2,967	26	57	111	408	12	51
2023	1	214.64	8	10	0	80.0	121	1	*31	2	11	1	*6
Career	26	155.50	348	554	8	62.8	4,653	42	*76	196	996	20	*80

* denotes touchdown

MARK GRONOWSKI'S 2020 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Game	Comp	Att	Int	Yds	TD	LG	Rush	Yds	TD	LG
^Northern Iowa	19	29	0	194	2	43	10	24	1	13
^North Dakota	16	32	2	309	2	*76	7	-5	0	5
^Western Illinois	12	19	0	178	2	*44	4	120	2	*80
^Youngstown State	12	28	1	158	1	39	9	15	1	8
^Southern Illinois	7	11	0	63	0	20	13	103	2	17
^North Dakota State	10	14	0	149	1	28	16	126	0	55
^Holy Cross	12	21	0	153	3	*45	2	15	0	9
^Southern Illinois	9	16	0	183	2	31	13	142	1	*67
^Delaware+	10	16	0	162	2	36	7	27	0	13
^Sam Houston	1	2	0	16	0	16	2	10	0	3
Season Totals	108	188	3	1,565	15	*76	83	577	7	*80

^ started game

+ caught 24-yard touchdown pass

JACKRABBITS TO WATCH

SDSU CAREER

PASSING TOUCHDOWNS

1. Taryn Christion, 2015-18	104
2. Austin Sumner, 2011-14	65
3. Ryan Berry, 2005-08	56
4. Brad Nelson, 2001-04	47
5. Ted Wahl, 1985-88	43
6. Mark Gronowski, 2020-present	42
7. Ron Meyer, 1963-65	41
8. Todd McDonald, 1990-93	36
Noel Bouché, 1996-98	36
10. Dan Fjeldheim, 1999-2002	32
Andy Rennerfeldt, 1997-2000	32

SINGLE-SEASON

PASSING TOUCHDOWNS

1. Taryn Christion, 2017	35
2. Taryn Christion, 2018	32
3. Ryan Berry, 2008	30
Taryn Christion, 2016	30
5. Brad Nelson, 2003	27
6. Mark Gronowski, 2022	26
7. Todd McDonald, 1993	25
Chris Oladokun, 2021	25
9. Brad Nelson, 2004	20
10. Ron Meyer, 1963	19
Ryan Berry, 2007	19
Austin Sumner, 2013	19

MARK GRONOWSKI'S 2022 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Game	Comp	Att	Int	Yds	TD	LG	Rush	Yds	TD	LG
^Iowa	10	26	0	87	0	20	10	-21	0	3
^UC Davis	13	21	2	110	1	17	7	9	2	7
^Butler	17	25	0	279	3	54	8	55	1	23
^Missouri State	22	29	0	319	4	*40	7	9	0	7
^Western Illinois	17	33	0	188	1	20	3	8	1	11
^South Dakota	12	20	1	136	1	*28	9	43	0	8
^North Dakota State	16	21	0	152	0	39	9	2	0	14
^North Dakota	15	20	0	197	3	39	6	20	2	10
^Indiana State	22	28	0	233	3	24	2	9	1	7
^Northern Iowa	21	34	1	263	1	57	4	20	0	11
^Illinois State	20	28	1	283	1	51	13	25	1	14
^Delaware	11	15	0	131	1	34	8	73	1	51
^Holy Cross	12	22	0	177	2	44	10	47	1	18
^Montana State	10	13	0	189	2	38	10	52	1	16
^North Dakota State	14	21	0	223	3	44	5	57	1	*51
Season Totals	232	356	5	2,967	26	57	111	408	12	*51

MARK GRONOWSKI'S 2023 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Game	Comp	Att	Int	Yds	TD	LG	Rush	Yds	TD	LG
^Western Oregon	8	10	0	121	1	*31	2	11	1	*6
Season Totals	8	10	0	121	1	*31	2	11	1	*6



10-JAXON JANKE

6-3, 210, Senior • Wide Receiver

Madison, South Dakota (Madison H.S.)

FOOTBALL HONORS AND HIGHLIGHTS:

- All-Missouri Valley Football Conference Second Team (2020-21, 2021, 2022)
- HERO Sports FCS Sophomore All-America Team (2020-21)
- HERO Sports FCS Freshman All-America First Team (2019)
- Phil Steele FCS Freshman All-America First Team (2019)
- MVFC All-Newcomer Team (2019)
- MVFC Special Teams Player of the Week (Sept. 7, 2019)
- College Sports Communicators Academic All-District (2022)
- MVFC Scholar-Athlete Second Team (2022)
- MVFC All-Academic Honorable Mention (2020-21, 2021)
- MVFC Commissioner's Academic Excellence Award (2019, 2020-21, 2021, 2022)
- MVFC Honor Roll (2019, 2020-21, 2021, 2022)
- Led team in receptions and receiving yards three times: 2020-21 (32-473), 2021 (72-1,165) and 2022 (60-857)
- Has topped the 100-yard mark for receiving eight times during career, including seven times in 2021
- Has caught two touchdown passes in a game four times in his career
- Ranks fourth in SDSU history in career receptions (196), tied for fifth in career receiving touchdowns (24) and fifth in receiving yards (2,889)
- Has a streak of a reception in 35 consecutive games

JAXON JANKE'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LG	PR	Yds	Avg	TD	LG	KOR	Yds	Avg	LG
2018	0	0	0.0	0	0	2	34	17.0	0	18	0	0	0.0	0
2019	29	353	12.2	4	38	27	289	10.7	1	*77	3	46	15.3	20
2020-21	32	473	14.8	6	*76	8	106	13.3	0	55	0	0	0.0	0
2021	72	1,165	16.2	5	55	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0
2022	60	857	14.3	9	44	3	58	19.3	0	49	0	0	0.0	0
2023	3	41	13.7	0	20	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0
Career	196	2,889	14.7	24	*76	40	487	12.2	1	*77	3	46	15.3	20

* denotes touchdown

Note: Had one rushing attempt for 14 yards at Missouri State on Sept. 24, 2022

JAXON JANKE'S 2018 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Game	Rec	Yds	TD	LG	PR	Yds	TD	LG	KOR	Yds	LG
Indiana State	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Youngstown St.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Illinois State	0	0	0	0	2	34	0	18	0	0	0
North Dakota St.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Season Totals	0	0	0	0	2	34	0	18	0	0	0

JAXON JANKE'S 2019 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Game	Rec	Yds	TD	LG	PR	Yds	TD	LG	KOR	Yds	LG
Minnesota	2	20	0	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Long Island	0	0	0	0	4	111	1	*77	0	0	0
Drake	1	12	0	12	3	14	0	11	0	0	0
Southern Utah	2	52	0	28	1	3	0	3	0	0	0
Southern Illinois	3	20	2	*12	3	8	0	11	1	14	14
Youngstown St.	4	32	0	17	2	34	0	19	1	12	12
Indiana State	3	47	1	*23	2	7	0	8	0	0	0
North Dakota St.	1	7	0	7	2	10	0	7	0	0	0
Missouri State	2	21	0	13	1	4	0	4	0	0	0
Illinois State	2	61	0	38	2	21	0	11	1	20	20
Northern Iowa	4	20	1	*10	3	48	0	34	0	0	0
South Dakota	3	41	0	26	2	12	0	8	0	0	0
Northern Iowa	2	20	0	15	2	17	0	8	0	0	0
Season Totals	29	353	4	38	27	289	1	*77	3	46	20

JAXON JANKE'S 2020-21 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Game	Rec	Yds	TD	LG	PR	Yds	TD	LG	KOR	Yds	LG
Northern Iowa	4	29	1	12	1	14	0	14	0	0	0
North Dakota	7	161	2	*76	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Western Illinois	4	68	0	42	1	5	0	5	0	0	0
Youngstown St.	3	19	1	*8	1	3	0	3	0	0	0
Southern Illinois	2	36	0	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
North Dakota St.	0	0	0	0	2	17	0	16	0	0	0
Holy Cross	5	37	1	*11	2	12	0	6	0	0	0
Southern Illinois	1	24	0	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Delaware	3	64	1	*30	1	55	0	55	0	0	0
Sam Houston	3	35	0	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Season Totals	32	473	6	*76	8	106	0	55	0	0	0

JACKRABBITS TO WATCH

JAXON JANKE'S 2021 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Game	Rec	Yds	TD	LG	PR	Yds	TD	LG	KOR	Yds	LG
Colorado State	3	58	0	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lindenwood	2	64	0	55	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Indiana State	2	47	1	42	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dixie State	2	48	0	39	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southern Illinois	3	38	0	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Western Illinois	9	101	1	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northern Iowa	4	83	0	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Youngstown St.	7	111	0	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
North Dakota St.	6	118	0	38	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
South Dakota	7	105	0	49	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
North Dakota	8	103	1	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
UC Davis	2	18	0	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sacramento St.	5	48	0	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Villanova	6	119	2	39	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Montana State	6	104	0	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Season Totals	72	1,165	5	55	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Note: Recorded one rushing attempt for 7 yards versus Southern Illinois

JAXON JANKE'S 2023 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Game	Rec	Yds	TD	LG	PR	Yds	TD	LG	KOR	Yds	LG
Western Ore.	3	41	0	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Season Totals	3	41	0	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

JAXON JANKE'S 2022 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Game	Rec	Yds	TD	LG	PR	Yds	TD	LG	KOR	Yds	LG
Iowa	2	24	0	20	1	8	0	8	0	0	0
UC Davis	3	36	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Butler	2	21	1	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Missouri State	6	83	1	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Western Illinois	9	94	1	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
South Dakota	4	76	1	*28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
North Dakota St.	4	27	0	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
North Dakota	3	33	1	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Indiana State	5	82	0	24	2	50	0	49	0	0	0
Northern Iowa	4	60	0	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Illinois State	4	67	0	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Delaware	4	38	1	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Holy Cross	4	82	1	44	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Montana State	3	74	0	38	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
North Dakota St.	3	60	2	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Season Totals	60	857	9	44	3	58	0	49	0	0	0

Note: Recorded one rushing attempt for 14 yards versus Missouri State

FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP SUBDIVISION POLLS

STATS PERFORM FCS POLL — SEPT. 4

PL.	SCHOOL	2022 RECORD	POINTS	PR
1.	<i>South Dakota State [55]</i>	1-0	1,399	1
2.	North Dakota State [1]	1-0	1,330	2
3.	Montana State	1-0	1,298	3
4.	William & Mary	1-0	1,184	4
5.	Holy Cross	1-0	1,114	5
6.	Furman	1-0	1,075	6
7.	Idaho	1-0	991	8
8.	Samford	1-0	958	9
9.	Sacramento State	1-0	925	10
10.	Incarnate Word	0-1	888	7
11.	New Hampshire	1-0	843	11
12.	Weber State	1-0	783	13
13.	Montana	1-0	706	14
14.	Southeast Missouri State	0-1	667	12
15.	UC Davis	1-0	617	16
16.	Southeastern Louisiana	0-1	578	15
17.	North Dakota	1-0	524	17
18.	North Carolina Central	1-0	387	19
19.	Delaware	1-0	317	22
20.	Mercer	1-1	240	20
21.	Northern Iowa	0-1	190	23
22.	Rhode Island	0-1	167	21
23.	Florida A&M	1-0	154	NR
24.	Southern Illinois	1-0	152	NR
25.	Youngstown State	1-0	103	NR

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

Others receiving votes: Eastern Kentucky, 90; Richmond, 89; Central Arkansas, 78; Gardner-Webb, 67; Villanova, 66; Elon, 40; UT Martin, 38; Abilene Christian, 32; Morgan State, 31; Albany, 22; Yale, 13; Jackson State, 12; Tarleton, 9; St. Thomas (Minn.), 7; Saint Francis (Pa.), 3.

AFCA FCS COACHES' POLL — SEPT. 5

PL.	SCHOOL	2022 RECORD	POINTS	PR
1.	<i>South Dakota State [25]</i>	1-0	625	1
2.	North Dakota State	1-0	599	2
3.	Montana State	1-0	573	3
4.	William & Mary	1-0	524	4
5.	Holy Cross	1-0	503	5
6.	Furman	1-0	500	6
7.	Samford	1-0	449	9
8.	Sacramento State	1-0	444	8
9.	Weber State	1-0	388	10
10.	Incarnate Word	0-1	376	7
11.	New Hampshire	1-0	346	12
12.	Idaho	1-0	334	13
13.	Montana	1-0	293	14
14.	UC Davis	1-0	286	17
15.	North Dakota	1-0	258	18
16.	Southeast Missouri State	0-1	238	11
17.	Southeastern Louisiana	0-1	224	15
18.	North Carolina Central	1-0	191	19
19.	Delaware	1-0	181	21
20.	Northern Iowa	0-1	127	20
21.	Florida A&M	1-0	124	25
22.	Rhode Island	0-1	65	23
23.	Southern Illinois	1-0	64	NR
24.	Mercer	1-1	62	22
25.	Youngstown State	1-0	58	NR

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

Others receiving votes: Richmond, 50; Fordham, 41; Gardner-Webb, 32; Yale, 30; **Illinois State**, 21; St. Thomas (Minn.), 19; Central Arkansas, 16; North Carolina A&T, 14; Eastern Kentucky, 12; Morgan State, 12; Northern Arizona, 12; Princeton, 11; Harvard, 7; Jackson State, 5; Elon, 4; Hampton, 4; Campbell, 1; Southern Utah, 1; Stephen F. Austin, 1.

MISSOURI VALLEY FOOTBALL CONFERENCE

2023 MVFC STANDINGS

SCHOOL	CONFERENCE	PF	PA	OVERALL	PF	PA
North Dakota	0-0	0	0	1-0	55	7
Youngstown State	0-0	0	0	1-0	52	10
Southern Illinois	0-0	0	0	1-0	49	23
South Dakota State	0-0	0	0	1-0	45	7
Illinois State	0-0	0	0	1-0	41	0
Murray State	0-0	0	0	1-0	41	10
North Dakota State	0-0	0	0	1-0	35	10
Western Illinois	0-0	0	0	0-1	21	58
Missouri State	0-0	0	0	0-1	17	48
South Dakota	0-0	0	0	0-1	10	35
Northern Iowa	0-0	0	0	0-1	9	30
Indiana State	0-0	0	0	0-1	0	27

SCHEDULE AND RESULTS

THURSDAY, SEPT. 7

Murray State at Louisville, 6:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 8

Indiana State at Indiana, 6 p.m.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 9

Youngstown State at Ohio State, 11 a.m.

St. Thomas at South Dakota, 1 p.m.

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

Southern Illinois at Northern Illinois, 2:30 p.m.

*Illinois State at Western Illinois, 3 p.m.

Northern Arizona at North Dakota, 3 p.m.

Weber State at Northern Iowa, 4 p.m.

Missouri State at UT Martin, 6 p.m.

Montana State at South Dakota State, 6 p.m.

2023 PRESEASON POLL

1.	South Dakota State [44]	539
2.	North Dakota State [1]	492
3.	Northern Iowa	409
4.	North Dakota	399
5.	Southern Illinois	337
6.	Youngstown State	323
7.	Illinois State	269
8.	Missouri State	229
9.	South Dakota	226
10.	Indiana State	148
11.	Murray State	74
12.	Western Illinois	65



#1/1 SDSU 45, WESTERN OREGON 7

Aug. 31, 2023 • Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium (Att.: 16,258)

South Dakota State returned two interceptions for touchdowns in the first half and added more big plays on the offensive side of the ball to begin defense of its Football Championship Subdivision national title with a 45-7 victory over Western Oregon before a Dairy Drive crowd of 16,258 at Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium.

Top-ranked SDSU extended its school-record winning streak to 15 games in the season opener for both squads. The game also marked the first for the Jackrabbits under new head coach Jimmy Rogers.

SDSU scored on each of its first three offensive possessions in building a 35-0 lead through the first 20 minutes of the contest. The Jackrabbits took the opening kickoff and proceeded to march 72 yards on seven plays, the last 31 of which came on a Mark Gronowski pass to freshman wide receiver Griffin Wilde over the middle. Gronowski completed all four of his pass attempts on the drive for 58 yards.

Eighty seconds later, the SDSU defense tallied its first points of the night when DyShawn Gales deflected a pass into the hands of safety Colby Huerter, who returned the interception 54 yards for a touchdown.

The Jackrabbit lead grew to 21-0 later in the opening period when Isaiah Davis scampered around right end for a 4-yard touchdown run to finish off a seven-play, 52-yard drive.

SDSU's other starting safety, Tucker Large, got in the act early in the second quarter when he intercepted Gannon Winker's deep pass over the middle and weaved his way through traffic before following a convoy to the end zone for a 64-yard touchdown. It was the first interception by Large, who also returned a punt 25 yards in the opening quarter.

The Jackrabbits extended their lead to 42-0 with two more touchdowns in the second quarter — both on quarterback scrambles. First, Gronowski found paydirt from 6 yards out, while backup Chase Mason capped his first career drive directing the SDSU offense by slicing through the Wolves defense for a 33-yard scoring run.

Gronowski ended the night 8-for-10 passing for 121 yards, while Mason completed 5-of-9 attempts for 67 yards and added 40 rushing yards on three carries.

Reserves on both sides of the ball played the entire second half for the Jackrabbits. Hunter Dustman's 32-yard field goal late in the third period proved to be SDSU's only points of the second half.

Western Oregon, meanwhile, ended the shutout bid with a touchdown with 3 minutes and 47 seconds remaining in the game. Backup quarterback Jordan McCarty led the Wolves on a six-play, 78-yard drive that ended with McCarty scoring from 9 yards out. A 24-yard run by Jermaine Land on the preceding play gave WOU first and goal.

SDSU finished with a 403-209 advantage in total offense. Amar Johnson paced the Jackrabbit rushing attack with 70 yards on eight carries, while Wilde was the leading receiver with four catches for 79 yards.

McCarty was the leading rusher for WOU with 37 yards on eight carries and also completed both of his pass attempts for 40 yards. Winker ended the night 12-for-23 for only 67 yards and was picked off three times. Keyvaun Eady tallied four receptions for 39 yards.

Saiveon Williamson, starting in place of an injured Adam Bock at middle linebacker, registered a team-high eight stops for SDSU, including 1.5 tackles for loss.

Western Oregon's Daron Ulrich Jr. led all players with 11 stops.



Tucker Large returned an interception 64 yards for a touchdown on the first play of the second quarter and was one of two pick-sixes in the game for the Jackrabbits.

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Western Oregon (0-1)	0	0	0	7	7
South Dakota State (1-0)	21	21	3	0	45

SCORING SUMMARY

1st	11:18	SDSU	–	Griffin Wilde 31 yd pass from Mark Gronowski (Hunter Dustman kick)
1st	9:58	SDSU	–	Colby Huerter 54 yd interception return (Dustman kick)
1st	2:17	SDSU	–	Isaiah Davis 4 yd run (Dustman kick)
2nd	14:41	SDSU	–	Tucker Large 64 yd interception return (Dustman kick)
2nd	10:13	SDSU	–	Mark Gronowski 6 yd run (Dustman kick)
2nd	00:55	SDSU	–	Chase Mason 33 yd run (Dustman kick)
3rd	5:34	SDSU	–	Dustman 32 yd field goal
4th	3:47	WOU	–	Jordan McCarty 9 yd run (Charlie Shulkin kick)

TEAM STATISTICS	WOU	SDSU
FIRST DOWNS	13	21
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	29-102	34-209
PASSING YDS (NET)	107	194
Passes Att-Comp-Int	25-14-3	23-14-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	54-209	57-403
Punt Returns-Yards	0-0	3-3-0
Kickoff Returns-Yards	3-33	2-50
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	3-118
Punts (Number-Avg)	6-28.8	1-51
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	3-32	9-81
Possession Time	30:05	29:55
Third-Down Conversions	3 of 12	5 of 9
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 0	0 of 1
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	1-2	3-3
Sacks By: Number-Yards	0-0	0-0

RUSHING LEADERS: WOU - Jordan McCarty 8-37; Jermaine Land 1-24; Dominique Loggins 10-19; Austin Bacher 8-16; Gannon Winker 2-6. SDSU - Amar Johnson 8-70; Angel Johnson 10-48; Chase Mason 3-40; Isaiah Davis 4-19; Jon Bell 2-13; Mark Gronowski 2-11; Isaac Kracl 2-11; Kirby Vorhees 1-1. **PASSING LEADERS:** WOU - Gannon Winker 12-23-3 67; Jordan McCarty 2-2-0 40. SDSU - Mark Gronowski 8-10-0 121; Chase Mason 5-9-0 67; Jon Bell 1-4-0 6. **RECEIVING LEADERS:** WOU - Keyvaun Eady 4-39; Damon Hickok 3-40; Dominique Loggins 3-12; London Smalley 2-3. SDSU - Griffin Wilde 4-79; Jaxon Janke 3-41; Devon Cole Jr. 2-26; Graham Goering 1-13; Zach Heins 1-11; Isaiah Davis 1-9; Mike Morgan 1-9; Angel Johnson 1-6. **INTERCEPTIONS:** WOU - none. SDSU - Tucker Large 1-64; Colby Huerter 1-54; Koltien Tilford 1-0. **SACKS:** WOU - none. SDSU - none. **TACKLE LEADERS (UA-A-TOT):** WOU - Daron Ulrich Jr. 8-3-11; Luis Vicino 4-2-6; Dawson Muggy 6-0-6; Andrew Simpson 4-1-5; Malcolm Liufau 3-2-5. SDSU - Saiveon Williamson 3-5-8; Jason Freeman 3-2-5; DyShawn Gales 2-2-4; Caleb Franci 3-1-4; Matthew Durrance 3-1-4.

2023 South Dakota State University Football

Overall Statistics (as of Aug 31, 2023)

Team Statistics	SDS	OPP
SCORING	45	7
Points Per Game	45.00	7.00
FIRST DOWNS	21	13
Rushing	11	5
Passing	8	4
Penalty	2	4
RUSHING YARDAGE	209	102
Yards gained	217	110
Yards lost	8	8
Attempts	34	29
Avg Per Attempt	6.1	3.5
Avg Per Game	209.0	102.0
TDs Rushing	3	1
PASSING YARDAGE	194	107
Att-Comp-Int	23-14-0	25-14-3
Avg Per Attempt	8.43	4.28
Avg Per Catch	13.86	7.64
Avg Per Game	194.00	107.00
TDs Passing	1	0
TOTAL OFFENSE	403	209
Total Plays	57	54
Avg Per Play	7.1	3.9
Avg Per Game	403.0	209.0
KICK RETURNS: #-YARDS	2-50	3-33
PUNT RETURNS: #-YARDS	3-30	0-0
INT RETURNS: #-YARDS	3-118	0-0
KICK RETURN AVERAGE	25.00	11.00
PUNT RETURN AVERAGE	10.00	0.00
INT RETURN AVERAGE	39.33	0.00
FUMBLES-LOST	0-0	0-0
PENALTIES-YARDS	9-81	3-32
Avg Per Game	81.00	32.00
PUNTS-YARDS	1-51	6-173
Avg Per Punt	51.00	28.83
Net Punt Avg	51.00	23.83
KICKOFFS-YARDS	8-490	2-117
Avg Per Kick	61.25	58.50
Net Kick Avg	44.63	33.50
TIME OF POSSESSION	00:29:55	00:30:05
Per Game	29:55	30:05
3RD-DOWN CONVERSIONS	5-9	3-12
3rd-Down Pct	55.56 %	25.00 %
4TH-DOWN CONVERSIONS	0-1	0-0
4th-Down Pct	0.00 %	0.00 %
SACKS BY-YARDS	0-0	0-0
MISC YARDS	0	0
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED	6	1
FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS	1-2	0-0
ON-SIDE KICKS	0-0	0-0
RED-ZONE SCORES	3-3	1-2
RED-ZONE TOUCHDOWNS	2-3	1-2
PAT-ATTEMPTS	6-6	1-1
ATTENDANCE	16,258	0
Dates-Avg Per Date	1-16,258	0-0
Neutral Site #-Avg	-	0-0

Conf	Date	Opponent	WL	Score	Record	Time	Attend
	08/31/2023	WESTERN ORE.	W	45-7	1-0 , 0-0	02:54	16,258

* = Conference game

Score by Quarters	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
South Dakota St.	21	21	3	0	45
Opponents	0	0	0	7	7

2023 South Dakota State University Football Overall Statistics (as of Aug 31, 2023)

#	Rushing	GP	ATT	GAIN	LOSS	NET	AVG	TD	LG	AVG/G
3	Johnson, Amar	1	8	70	0	70	8.8	0	30	70.00
21	Johnson, Angel	1	10	49	1	48	4.8	0	12	48.00
7	Mason, Chase	1	3	43	3	40	13.3	1	33	40.00
22	Davis, Isaiah	1	4	19	0	19	4.8	1	11	19.00
5	Bell, Jon	1	2	13	0	13	6.5	0	11	13.00
11	Gronowski, Mark	1	2	11	0	11	5.5	1	6	11.00
39	Kraci, Isaac	1	2	11	0	11	5.5	0	10	11.00
37	Vorhees, Kirby	1	1	1	0	1	1.0	0	1	1.00
	Team	1	2	0	4	-4	-2.0	0	0	-4.00
	Total	1	34	217	8	209	6.1	3	33	209.00
	Opponents	1	29	110	8	102	3.5	1	24	102.00

#	Passing	GP	Rating	COMP-ATT-INT	PCT	YDS	TD	LG	AVG/G
11	Gronowski, Mark	1	214.64	8-10-0	80.00 %	121	1	31	121.00
7	Mason, Chase	1	118.09	5-9-0	55.56 %	67	0	31	67.00
5	Bell, Jon	1	37.60	1-4-0	25.00 %	6	0	6	6.00
	Total	1	146.07	14-23-0	60.87 %	194	1	31	194.00
	Opponents	1	67.95	14-25-3	56.00 %	107	0	26	107.00

#	Receiving	GP	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	AVG/G
18	Wilde, Griffin	1	4	79	19.75	1	31	79.00
10	Janke, Jaxon	1	3	41	13.67	0	20	41.00
	Cole, Devon	1	2	26	13.00	0	15	26.00
12	Goering, Grahm	1	1	13	13.00	0	13	13.00
87	Heins, Zach	1	1	11	11.00	0	11	11.00
22	Davis, Isaiah	1	1	9	9.00	0	9	9.00
34	Morgan, Michael	1	1	9	9.00	0	9	9.00
21	Johnson, Angel	1	1	6	6.00	0	6	6.00
89	Gormley, Brody	1	0	0	NaN	0	0	0.00
80	Prejean, Kentrell	1	0	0	NaN	0	0	0.00
	Total	1	14	194	13.86	1	31	194.00
	Opponents	1	14	107	7.64	0	26	107.00

#	Punt Returns	NO	YRDS	AVG	TD	LG
1	Large, Tucker	1	25	25.00	0	25
7	Beaunum, Dalys	2	5	2.50	0	5
Total		3	30	10.00	0	25
Opponents		0	0	NaN	0	0

#	Interceptions	NO	YRDS	AVG	TD	LG
1	Large, Tucker	1	64	64.00	1	64
14	Huerter, Colby	1	54	54.00	1	54
26	Tilford, Kolten	1	0	0.00	0	0
	Total	3	118	39.33	2	64
	Opponents	0	0	0.0	0	0

#	Kick Returns	NO	YRDS	AVG	TD	LG
12	Goering, Graham	1	30	30.00	0	30
3	Johnson, Amar	1	20	20.00	0	20
	Total	2	50	25.00	0	30
	Opponents	3	33	11.00	0	12

#	Fumble Returns	NO	YRDS	AVG	TD	LG
No data to report.						

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#	Scoring	TD	FG	PAT					SAF	PTS
				KICK	RUSH	RCV	PASS	DXP		
10	Dustman, Hunter	—	1	6-6	—	—	—	—	—	9
22	Davis, Isaiah	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6
11	Gronowski, Mark	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6
14	Huerter, Colby	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6
1	Large, Tucker	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6
7	Mason, Chase	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6
18	Wilde, Griffin	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6
Total		6	1	6-6	—	—	—	—	—	45
Opponents		1	—	1-1	—	—	—	—	—	7

#	Field Goals	FGM-FGA	PCT	I20	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	LG	BLK
10	Dustman, Hunter	1-2	50.00 %	0-0	0-0	1-2	0-0	0-0	32	0
Total		1-2	50.00 %	0-0	0-0	1-2	0-0	0-0	32	0
Opponents		0-0	0.00 %	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0

FG Sequence	South Dakota St.	Opponents
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Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made.

#	Total Offense	G	Plays	Rush	Pass	Total	AVG/G
11	Gronowski, Mark	1	12	11	121	132	132.00
7	Mason, Chase	1	12	40	67	107	107.00
3	Johnson, Amar	1	8	70	0	70	70.00
21	Johnson, Angel	1	10	48	0	48	48.00
5	Bell, Jon	1	6	13	6	19	19.00
22	Davis, Isaiah	1	4	19	0	19	19.00
39	Kraci, Isaac	1	2	11	0	11	11.00
37	Vorhees, Kirby	1	1	1	0	1	1.00
Team		1	2	-4	0	-4	-4.00
Total		1	57	209	194	403	403.00
Opponents		1	54	102	107	209	209.00

#	Punting	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TB	FC	I20	50+	BLK
10	Dustman, Hunter	1	51	51.00	51	0	0	1	1	0
Total		1	51	51.00	51	0	0	1	1	0
Opponents		6	173	28.83	41	0	1	0	0	0

#	Kickoffs	NO	YDS	AVG	TB	OB
10	Dustman, Hunter	8	490	61.3	5	0
Total		8	490	61.3	5	0
Opponents		2	117	58.5	0	0

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#	All Purpose	G	RUSH	RCV	PR	KR	IR	Total	AVG/G
3	Johnson, Amar	1	70	0	0	20	0	90	90.00
1	Large, Tucker	1	0	0	25	0	64	89	89.00
18	Wilde, Griffin	1	0	79	0	0	0	79	79.00
21	Johnson, Angel	1	48	6	0	0	0	54	54.00
14	Huerter, Colby	1	0	0	0	0	54	54	54.00
12	Goering, Grahm	1	0	13	0	30	0	43	43.00
10	Janke, Jaxon	1	0	41	0	0	0	41	41.00
7	Mason, Chase	1	40	0	0	0	0	40	40.00
22	Davis, Isaiah	1	19	9	0	0	0	28	28.00
	Cole, Devon	1	0	26	0	0	0	26	26.00
5	Bell, Jon	1	13	0	0	0	0	13	13.00
11	Gronowski, Mark	1	11	0	0	0	0	11	11.00
39	Kraci, Isaac	1	11	0	0	0	0	11	11.00
87	Heins, Zach	1	0	11	0	0	0	11	11.00
34	Morgan, Michael	1	0	9	0	0	0	9	9.00
7	Beanum, Dalys	1	0	0	5	0	0	5	5.00
37	Vorhees, Kirby	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1.00
	Team	1	-4	0	0	0	0	-4	-4.00
	Total	1	209	194	30	50	118	601	601.00
	Opponents	1	102	107	0	33	0	242	242.00

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#	Defensive Leaders	GP	Tackles				Sacks NO-YDS	Pass Defense			Fumbles		Blocked	
			Solo	ASST	TOT	TFL-YDS		INT-YDS	BU	QBH	RCV-YDS	FF	KICK	SAF
6	Williamson, Saiveon	1	3	5	8.0	1.5-3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
11	Freeman, Jason	1	3	2	5.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
23	Durrance, Matthew	1	3	1	4.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
9	Francl, Caleb	1	3	1	4.0	1.0-1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5	Gales, DyShawn	1	2	2	4.0	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
8	Peterson, Blake	1	2	1	3.0	0.5-1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
27	Thompson, Noah	1	3	—	3.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
96	Hawthorne, Bryce	1	2	—	2.0	1.0-3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
48	Hicks, Quinton	1	1	1	2.0	0.5-1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
53	Johnson, Caden	1	1	1	2.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
40	Kusler, Aaron	1	2	—	2.0	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
54	Lee, Jalen	2	2	—	2.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
31	Lee, Jalen B.	1	2	—	2.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
0	Mcgaughy, Daeton	1	2	—	2.0	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
29	Spalding, Graham	1	—	2	2.0	0.5-0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
7	Beanum, Dalys	1	1	—	1.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1	Large, Tucker	1	1	—	1.0	—	—	1-64	—	—	—	—	—	—
41	Ollman, Joe	1	1	—	1.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
25	Reeder, Cale	1	—	1	1.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2	Stalbird, Isaiah	1	1	—	1.0	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
94	Terveer, Cade	1	—	1	1.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
26	Tilford, Kolten	1	1	—	1.0	—	—	1-0	—	—	—	—	—	—
98	Van Marel, Ryan	1	1	—	1.0	1.0-1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
57	Vanden Bos, Levi	1	1	—	1.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
22	Davis, Isaiah	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
10	Dustman, Hunter	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
11	Gronowski, Mark	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
14	Huerter, Colby	1	—	—	—	—	—	1-54	—	—	—	—	—	—
7	Mason, Chase	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
18	Wilde, Griffin	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total		1	38	18	56.0	6.0-10	—	3-118	3	1	—	—	—	—
Opponents		1	39	14	53.0	3.0-5	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—