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2025 FOOTBALL INFORMATION

Jacks close home slate versus Illinois State

GAME NOTES - NOV. 15



HEAD COACH: Brock Spack (Purdue, 1983)
• 118-77 record in 17 seasons as a collegiate head coach — all at Illinois State

#13/14 ILLINOIS STATE (7-3, 4-2 MVFC)
at #15/16 SOUTH DAKOTA STATE (7-3, 3-3 MVFC)
2 p.m. Saturday • Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium; Brookings, S.D.

SERIES NOTES

- 13th Meeting (South Dakota State leads the all-time series, 7-5)
- The Jackrabbits have won the last two matchups, including a 40-21 road victory in 2023

MEDIA INFORMATION

- Game will be televised on Midco Sports and ESPN+ with the broadcast team of Tyler Merriam (play-by-play) and Mason Lieseth (analyst)
- Radio pre-game show begins at noon 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
 - KIMM 106.7 FM/1150 AM-Rapid City • KLOH 1050 AM/94.1 FM-Pipestone, Minn.
 - KXLG 99.1 FM-Watertown • KWYR 93.7 FM-Winner
- Radio crew of Scotty Kwas (play-by-play), Al Bahe (color) and Brent Bowen (pregame/postgame host) will call the action



HEAD COACH: Dan Jackson (Nebraska-Omaha, 2008)
• 7-3 overall record (first season as collegiate head coach)
STARTERS RETURNING: 5 (3 Off., 1 Def., 1 ST)

2025 SCHEDULE AND RESULTS

AUGUST

30 SACRAMENTO STATE [Precision Ag] W, 20-3

SEPTEMBER

6 at Montana State [2 OT] W, 30-24
13 DRAKE [Beef Bowl/Jacks in Black] W, 37-21
27 MERCYHURST [HOF/Dairy Drive] W, 51-7

OCTOBER

4 *at Youngstown State W, 35-30
11 *NORTHERN IOWA [Hobo Day] W, 31-3
18 *at Murray State W, 35-14
25 *NORTH DAKOTA STATE [Dakota Marker] L, 7-38

NOVEMBER

1 *INDIANA STATE [Military Appreciation] L, 12-24
8 *at South Dakota [Interstate Series] L, 17-24
15 *ILLINOIS STATE [Senior Day] 2 p.m.
22 *at North Dakota 1 p.m.

*Missouri Valley Football Conference game
All times Central

TALE OF THE TAPE - 2025 SEASON STATISTICS

ILLINOIS STATE	CATEGORY	SOUTH DAKOTA STATE
32.5	Points Per Game	27.5
26.8	Points Allowed Per Game	18.8
176.3	Rushing Yardage Per Game	163.8
136.0	Rush Yardage Allowed/Game	121.3
223.9	Passing Yardage Per Game	218.2
11.3	Average Per Catch	12.5
254.4	Pass Yardage Allowed/Game	187.2
400.2	Total Offense Per Game	382.0
390.4	Total Offense Allowed/Game	208.5
24.0	Kick Return Average	21.0
5.1	Punt Return Average	6.9
11-44	Interception Returns	13-88
11-5	Fumbles-Lost	11-5
47-445	Penalties-Yards	63-543
28:55	Time of Possession/Game	33:08
56-123 (46%)	Third-Down Conversions	55-136 (40%)
8/15 (53%)	Fourth-Down Conversions	5-21 (24%)
37-43 (86%, 32 TD)	Red-Zone Offense	35-43 (81%, 27 TD)
26-28 (93%, 21 TD)	Red-Zone Defense	17-23 (74%, 11 TD)

GAME NOTES – SOUTH DAKOTA STATE vs. ILLINOIS STATE

SERIES SCORES

2008:	South Dakota State 52, Illinois State 21 (Nov. 8, 2008, at Coughlin-Alumni Stadium)
2009:	South Dakota State 38, Illinois State 17 (Sept. 26, 2009, at Normal, Ill.)
2010:	Illinois State 24, South Dakota State 14 (Sept. 18, 2010, at Coughlin-Alumni Stadium)
2011:	Illinois State 20, South Dakota State 13 (Sept. 24, 2011, at Normal, Ill.)
2014:	Illinois State 45, South Dakota State 10 (Oct. 4, 2014, at Normal, Ill.)
2015:	South Dakota State 25, Illinois State 20 (Nov. 7, 2015, at Coughlin-Alumni Stadium)
2016:	Illinois State 38, South Dakota State 21 (Oct. 29, 2016, at Normal, Ill.)
2017:	South Dakota State 27, Illinois State 24 [OT] (Nov. 11, 2017, at Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium)
2018:	South Dakota State 38, Illinois State 28 (Oct. 27, 2018, at Normal, Ill.)
2019:	Illinois State 27, South Dakota State 18 (Nov. 9, 2019, at Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium)
2022:	South Dakota State 31, Illinois State 7 (Nov. 12, 2021, at Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium)
2023:	South Dakota State 40, Illinois State 21 (Oct. 7, 2023, at Normal, Ill.)

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Nov. 12, 2025

BROOKINGS, S.D. — In a game that will likely have major playoff implications for both squads, the South Dakota State football team closes out the home portion of its schedule Saturday by hosting Illinois State.

Kickoff for the Senior Day matchup between nationally ranked squads is set for 2 p.m. at Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium. Pre-game ceremonies honoring the Jackrabbit football senior class will begin at approximately 1:40 p.m.

The Jackrabbits will look to end a three-game losing streak as they enter the matchup with a 7-3 overall record and a 3-3 mark in the Missouri Valley Football Conference. SDSU dropped to 15th in the American Football Coaches Association poll and 16th in the Stats Perform media rankings following a 24-17 loss Nov. 8 at South Dakota.

Illinois State, meanwhile, is on a three-game winning streak that has the Redbirds 7-3 overall and with a 4-2 record in conference play. ISU posted a 52-20 home victory over Indiana State last week, propelling the Redbirds into the 13th spot in this week's coaches' poll and No. 14 in the Stats Perform rankings.

THE SERIES: Saturday's game marks the 13th meeting on the gridiron between SDSU and Illinois State, a series that dates back to when the Jackrabbits joined the Missouri Valley Football Conference at the start of the 2008 season. The Jackrabbits will be hosting Illinois State for the first time since 2022.

SDSU took a 7-5 series lead and claimed its second consecutive victory in the series with a 40-21 road victory on Oct. 7, 2023. The Jackrabbits raced out to a 20-0 first-quarter lead and salted the game away behind a potent rushing attack that racked up 374 yards.

Isaiah Davis led the Jacks with 197 yards on 20 carries, including touchdown runs of 3 and 2 yards, while Amar Johnson also topped the century mark with 106 yards on only 11 attempts.

SDSU actually built its big early lead through the air as Mark Gronowski connected on touchdown passes to Jadon and Jaxon Janke of 31 and 60 yards, respectively. Gronowski provided the final tally of the opening quarter with a 13-yard scoring run.

UNFAMILIAR TERRITORY: South Dakota State will attempt to end a pair of rare losing streaks when it hosts Illinois State this weekend.

The Jackrabbits have dropped three games in a row in the same season for the first time since the 2013 campaign, when SDSU suffered setbacks in succession against Nebraska (59-20), North Dakota State (20-0) and Southern Illinois (27-24).

SDSU also has fallen in consecutive home games for the first time since 2021, when the Jackrabbits were defeated in October contests against Southern Illinois (42-41, OT) and Northern Iowa (26-17).

YEAR 22 IN FCS: The 2025 season marks the 22nd year South Dakota State has competed in the Football Championship Subdivision.

Since joining the Division I ranks in 2004, the Jackrabbits have compiled a 191-85 record (.692 winning percentage).

In the decade of the 2020s, SDSU has put together a 67-13 record, which is good for an .838 winning percentage.

MVFC MILESTONE: South Dakota State's 35-30 win at Youngstown State on Oct. 4 marked the Jackrabbits' 100th victory in Missouri Valley Football Conference play.

The 2025 season marks the Jackrabbits' 18th 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 a 102-38 record (.729 winning percentage) in MVFC games and have won six or more league games 10 times. SDSU claimed three league titles in a row, winning outright championships in 2022 and 2023, while finishing in a three-way tie for the top spot in 2024 with North Dakota State and South Dakota.

GAME NOTES – SOUTH DAKOTA STATE vs. ILLINOIS STATE

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	15-0	8-0
2024	12-3	7-1
2025	7-3	3-3
TOTALS	165-68	102-38
OVERALL TOTALS	191-85	114-44

Since the start of the 2022 season, SDSU has compiled a 26-3 record in league play, including putting together a 19-game league winning streak from November 2021 until October 2024.

The Jackrabbits also shared league titles in 2016 and during the 2020-21 spring season.

NOVEMBERS TO REMEMBER: South Dakota State has a history of finishing strong down the stretch of regular seasons in recent years.

Since starting their run of consecutive playoff appearances in 2012, the Jackrabbits have compiled a 32-8 record in regular season games played during the month of November and have added four more playoff victories for an overall mark of 36-8 (.818 winning percentage).

SDSU went 4-0 in the month of November during the 2024 season and previously posted a 3-0 mark in November five times in that span, with 2019 (2-2) and 2024 (0-2) being the only time in the last 14 seasons the Jackrabbits have dropped more than one game in the next-to-last month of the calendar year.

PLAYOFF REGULARS: South Dakota State made its 15th postseason appearance in its football history in 2024, with 14 of those berths coming as a member of the Football Championship Subdivision. SDSU's lone appearance in the NCAA Division II football playoffs came in 1979, when the Jacks fell 50-7 at Youngstown State.

The Jackrabbits have compiled a 24-13 record in the playoffs and made their 13th straight appearance in the FCS playoffs, including advancing to at least the semifinal round for the fifth season in a row and seventh time in the last eight seasons.

SDSU made its first appearance in a national title game during the 2020-21 spring season, falling to Sam Houston, 23-21, then claimed its first-ever national championship in football with a 45-21 victory over North Dakota State in January 2023.

The Jacks repeated as national champions during the 2023 campaign with a 23-3 victory over Montana.

SDSU advanced to the FCS national title game each of the three years it held the No. 1 overall seed in the playoff field (16 teams in 2020-21, 24 teams in 2022 & 2023).

ELITE COMPANY: South Dakota State is one of only two Football Championship Subdivision programs to reach the playoffs each of the last 13 seasons. The Jackrabbits secured the Missouri Valley Football Conference's automatic bid to the 2024 playoffs, assuring SDSU of its 13th consecutive postseason appearance and 14th overall at the FCS level.

MVFC rival North Dakota State holds the longest active streak with 15 consecutive trips to the playoffs after gaining an at-large berth to the 2024 tournament.

RANKINGS STREAK: By being ranked in the in each of the 12 Stats Perform FCS polls of the 2025 campaign, SDSU has now appeared in the top 25 of 186 consecutive media polls dating back to October 2012.

The Jackrabbits held the top spot in 29 consecutive polls from Oct. 17, 2022, until relinquishing the top spot following their regular season loss at North Dakota State on Oct. 19, 2024.

This week marks the first time that the Jackrabbits have not been in the top 10 of the Stats Perform poll since the final regular season poll of the 2021 season — a total of 56 polls.

Following are SDSU's rankings in the Stats Perform poll so far this season:

Preseason • 3rd	Sept. 22 • 2nd	Oct. 20 • 2nd
Sept. 1 • 2nd	Sept. 29 • 2nd	Oct. 27 • T-4th
Sept. 8 • 2nd	Oct. 6 • 2nd	Nov. 3 • 8th
Sept. 15 • 2nd	Oct. 13 • 2nd	Nov. 10 • 16th

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MVFC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

- Jalen Lee (Oct. 18)

SPECIAL TEAMS PLAYER OF THE WEEK

- Max Pelham (Oct. 4)

OFFENSIVE LINEMAN OF THE WEEK

- Shane Willenbring (Oct. 4)

NEWCOMER OF THE WEEK

- Julius Loughridge (Aug. 30)
- James Basinger (Sept. 27)
- Alex Bullock (Oct. 4)

CAPTAINS: Leading the Jackrabbit football team are six first-time team captains:

- Quinten Christensen, Jr., offensive lineman, Wessington Springs;
- Kobe Clayborne, Sr., defensive lineman, Sioux City, Iowa;
- Logan Green, Jr., defensive tackle, Northboro, Iowa;
- Sam Hagen, Sr., offensive lineman, Fordville, North Dakota.;
- Chase Mason, Sr., quarterback, Hurley;
- Joe Ollman, Jr., linebacker, Mequon, Wisconsin.

PRESEASON ALL-AMERICANS: Four South Dakota State football players received preseason recognition on the 2025 Stats Perform FCS Preseason All-America Team.

Representing the Jackrabbit offense on the second team was lineman Quinten Christensen.

A junior from Wessington Springs, Christensen started all 15 games of the 2024 season at left tackle for a squad that averaged 236.1 yards per game on the ground and allowed only eight sacks the entire year.

Defensive lineman Kobe Clayborne also earned second-team team recognition following a 2024 season in which he tied for the team lead with 4.5 sacks. A starter in the final 13 games of the year, the senior from Sioux City, Iowa, finished his first season at SDSU with 34 total tackles and 5.5 tackles for loss.

Incoming transfer Julius Loughridge also earned second-team recognition as an all-purpose back. Loughridge previously excelled at the FCS level at Fordham, where he racked up 3,005 rushing yards over three seasons, including posting back-to-back 1,000-yard campaigns in 2023 (1,146 yards) and 2024 (1,044). The Houston, Texas, native also caught 21 passes for 155 yards last season.

Rounding out the Jackrabbit selections was third-team long snapper Kaydon Olivia. A native of Schertz, Texas, Olivia has been a key member of SDSU's placekicking and punting units on special teams. With Olivia leading the operation, the Jackrabbits ranked second among FCS teams for net punting in 2024 with an average of 43.04 yards per attempt and converted 97 percent of their extra-point tries (138-of-142) over the past two seasons.

In addition, Loughridge has been named to the official watch list for the 2025 Walter Payton Award and Clayborne has been included on the initial listing of 2025 Buck Buchanan Award candidates. Those awards, which are presented to the top offensive and defensive players in the FCS, respectively, will be announced Jan. 3, 2026, in Nashville, Tennessee.

MASON AT THE HELM: Dual-threat quarterback Chase Mason has helped lead the Jackrabbits to victories in each of his first seven career starts.

A senior from Hurley, Mason has been efficient by completing a combined 111-of-169 passes for 1,419 yards and 11 touchdowns against only one interception. Mason completed at least 17 passes in each of the Jackrabbits' first four games highlighted by a Sept. 27 performance against Mercyhurst in which he set career highs for completions (21) and passing yards (321) while tossing a career-best three touchdowns for the second time this season.

In addition, Mason has carried the ball 60 times for 165 net yards and four touchdowns thus far in 2025.

Mason has not seen action since being injured on the opening drive of SDSU's Oct. 18 game at Murray State and his status for Saturday's game against Illinois State will be determined later in the week.

While serving as an understudy to 2023 Walter Payton Award winner and two-time All-American Mark Gronowski, Mason saw action in 19 games over the past two seasons. He showed previous play-making ability both throwing and running the football, including completing 17-of-26 passes for 133 yards and two touchdowns and rushing for 464 yards and six touchdowns during the 2024 campaign.

LONGEST DRIVES

BY PLAYS

15, Q1 vs. Sacramento State, 8-30-25

- Touchdown (15 plays, 75 yards, 7:34 TOP)

BY YARDS

90, Q2 at Youngstown State, 10-4-25

- Touchdown (9 plays, 90 yards, 3:41 TOP)

BY TIME OF POSSESSION

9:19, Q4 vs. Mercyhurst, 9-27-25

- Touchdown (14 plays, 67 yards, 9:19 TOP)

OPENING DRIVES BY HALF

2025 OPPONENT	1ST-O	1ST-D	2ND-O	2ND-D
Sacramento State	Fumble	Punt	Punt	Punt
Montana State	FG	Punt	Punt	Fumble
Drake	Downs	TD	TD	TD
Mercyhurst	FG	Punt	TD	Punt
Youngstown State	Downs	TD	TD	Punt
Northern Iowa	Miss FG	Punt	Punt	INT
Murray State	TD	INT	TD	Downs
North Dakota State	Punt	TD	Punt	INT
Indiana State	FG	Punt	Downs	Punt
South Dakota	TD	TD	Punt	TD

Note: Indiana State returned kickoff for touchdown before first offensive possession of game

POINTS OFF TURNOVERS

2025 OPPONENT	TURNOVERS FORCED	POINTS
Sacramento State	2	0
Montana State	2	0
Drake	2	10
Mercyhurst	2	10
Youngstown State	1	0
Northern Iowa	5	7
Murray State	4	7
North Dakota State	1	0
Indiana State	0	0
South Dakota	0	0
Season Totals	19	34

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QUICK FACTS

SDSU INFORMATION

LOCATION: Brookings, S.D.
ENROLLMENT: 12,139 (fall 2025)
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)

ADMINISTRATION

PRESIDENT: Dr. Barry H. Dunn
ALMA MATER: South Dakota State, 1975
ATHLETICS DIRECTOR: Justin Sell
ALMA MATER: Bowling Green (Ohio), 1991
**SENIOR ASSOCIATE AD—STUDENT-ATHLETE
EXPERIENCE/SENIOR WOMAN ADMINISTRATOR:** Holly Van
Vlymen
FACULTY ATHLETICS REPRESENTATIVE: Donna Flint

2024 RECAP

OVERALL RECORD: 12-3
CONFERENCE RECORD: 7-1 (tied for first place in
Missouri Valley Football Conference)
POSTSEASON: Football Championship Subdivision
semifinalist (13th consecutive playoff appearance)
HOME RECORD: 8-0
AWAY RECORD: 4-3
FINAL RANKINGS: Third (Stats Perform media)/Third
(AFCA FCS Coaches)

TEAM INFORMATION

LETTERMEN RETURNING: 32	LETTERMEN LOST: 38
• Offense: 12	• Offense: 15
• Defense: 18	• Defense: 22
• Special Teams: 2	• Special Teams: 1

STARTERS RETURNING: 5
• Offense: 3 • Defense: 1 • Special Teams: 1

OFFENSIVE STARTERS RETURNING (3): Quentin
Christensen, OT; Grahm Goering, WR; Sam Hagen, OT.

DEFENSIVE STARTERS RETURNING (1): Kobe Clayborne,
DL.

SPECIAL TEAMS STARTERS RETURNING (1): Kaydon Olivia,
LS.

OTHER RETURNING LETTERMEN (27): David Alpers, TE;
Brenden Begeman, RB; Jon Bell, QB; Kenyon BigBow,
OL; Cody Cotton, CB (lettered in 2023); Aydan
Dautermann, CB; Elijah Ervin, WR; Kytan Fyfe, LB;
Greyton Gannon, TE; Logan Green, DT; Bryce Johnson,
LB; Dontay Johnson, S; Reis Kirschenman, DE; Jalen
B. Lee, DB; Chase Mason, QB; Cullen McShane, LB;
Lofton O'Groske, WR; Joe Ollman, LB; Will Paepke,
OL; Max Pelham, P; Dawson Ripperda, DE; Noah
St-Juste, CB; Myles Taylor, CB; Noah Thompson, S;
Chase Van Tol, LB; Nick Wells, DE; Aaron Wolfcale-
Holsten, DT.

In averaging 10.1 yards per carry a season ago, Mason broke off touchdown runs of 38 and 48 yards against Youngstown State, followed by a 66-yarder a week later in the regular season matchup against North Dakota State.

O'GROSKE STARTS FAST: Wide receiver Lofton O'Groske put together a series of strong showings in what was shaping up to be a breakthrough sophomore season.

A native of Coon Rapids, Minnesota, O'Groske tallied team highs of 25 catches, 312 receiving yards and three touchdowns in nonconference action, but has dealt with injuries during Missouri Valley Football Conference play. After missing games against Youngstown State and Northern Iowa to open the league slate, he was held without a catch in his return to the lineup Oct. 18 at Murray State. He accounted for the lone Jackrabbit touchdown Oct. 25 against North Dakota State on a 17-yard reception, but later left that game due to injury and remains sidelined indefinitely.

O'Groske matched a previous single-game career high with five receptions in the Aug. 30 season opener against Sacramento State, while adding 31 rushing yards and a touchdown on three rushing attempts. He then established new career bests with 12 receptions, 133 receiving yards and two touchdowns in the Sept. 6 double-overtime victory at Montana State.

His 12 catches at Montana State are tied for the third-most in a game by an SDSU receiver and the most by a Jackrabbit player since Dallas Goedert recorded a dozen receptions at Southern Illinois in 2016.

BULLOCK COMING ON STRONG: Transfer wide receiver Alex Bullock has emerged as the top pass-catching threat for the Jackrabbits during the 2025 season.

The Omaha native who previously played at Nebraska currently leads the team with 52 receptions and 675 receiving yards, averaging 13 yards per catch. He has caught at least five passes in seven of SDSU's 10 games this season, including tallying career highs with 10 receptions for 162 yards Oct. 4 at Youngstown State. Bullock posted his second 100-yard receiving game of the season with 107 yards on seven catches Nov. 1 against Indiana State.

Bullock also is tied for the team lead with four touchdown receptions after scoring on 27-yard pass plays in each of the last two weeks versus Indiana State and at South Dakota. He previously caught touchdown passes in back-to-back games against Drake (9 yards) and Mercyhurst (28 yards) in September.

SMITH STEPS UP: Redshirt freshman Jack Smith has taken on a more prominent role in a couple different areas in recent weeks.

The Sioux Falls native currently ranks fourth on the squad with 23 receptions for 288 yards. He also stands third on the team with three touchdown receptions — two of which (10 and 46 yards) came in the Jackrabbits' Oct. 18 win at Murray State.

Last week at South Dakota, Smith recorded a career-high 197 all-purpose yards. He started the game in the backfield as scored on a 75-yard touchdown run on the first play from scrimmage. Smith ended the game with 82 rushing yards on three carries, along with 61 receiving yards on a career-best six receptions and an additional 54 yards on two kickoff returns.

Smith currently ranks third on the team with 652 all-purpose yards for the season.

LOUGHRIDGE DOES THE HEAVY LIFTING: Jackrabbit running back Julius Loughridge turned in a second half for the ages in South Dakota State's come-from-behind victory at Youngstown State on Oct. 4.

A Houston native, Loughridge rushed for 145 yards and four touchdowns in the second half as SDSU overcame a 17-7 halftime deficit. In the third quarter alone, he rushed for 93 yards while scoring on runs of 3, 14 and 2 yards in a 21-point stanza.

For the game, he rushed 25 times for 176 yards and capped the scoring with a 24-yard touchdown run late in the fourth quarter. Loughridge's four-touchdown performance marked the fourth by a Jackrabbit running back in the Division I era and was the first by a Jackrabbit running back since Mikey Daniel at Missouri State in 2017.

2025 SEASON HIGHS

INDIVIDUAL GAME HIGHS

RUSHING ATTEMPTS: 25, by Julius Loughridge, at Youngstown State, 10-4-25, and at Murray State, 10-18-25

RUSHING YARDS: 176, by Julius Loughridge, at Youngstown State, 10-4-25

RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS: 4, by Julius Loughridge, at Youngstown State, 10-4-25

LONG RUSH: 75 yards (for TD), by Jack Smith, at South Dakota, 11-8-25

PASS ATTEMPTS: 31, by Chase Mason, vs. Northern Iowa, 10-11-25

PASS COMPLETIONS: 21, by Chase Mason, vs. Mercyhurst, 9-27-25

YARDS PASSING: 321, by Chase Mason, vs. Mercyhurst, 9-27-25

TOUCHDOWN PASSES: 3, by Chase Mason, at Montana State, 9-6-25, and vs. Mercyhurst, 9-27-25

RECEPTIONS: 12, by Lofton O'Groske, at Montana State, 9-6-25

YARDS RECEIVING: 162, by Alex Bullock, at Youngstown State, 10-4-25

RECEIVING TOUCHDOWNS: 2, by Lofton O'Groske, at Montana State, 9-6-25, and by Jack Smith, at Murray State, 10-18-25

LONG RECEPTION: 52 yards, by Grahm Goering, vs. Mercyhurst, 9-27-25

TACKLES: 12, by Cullen McShane, at Montana State, 9-6-25, and at Youngstown State, 10-4-25

TACKLES FOR LOSS: 2.5, by Cullen McShane, vs. Drake, 9-13-25

SACKS: 2.0, by Joe Ollman, vs. Drake, 9-13-25, and by Chase Van Tol, vs. Northern Iowa, 10-11-25

INTERCEPTIONS: 2, by Jalen Lee, at Murray State, 10-18-25

LONG INTERCEPTION RETURN: 29 yards, by Chase Van Tol, vs. Northern Iowa, 10-11-25

PASS BREAKUPS: 2, by Koby Bretz, vs. Sacramento State, 8-30-25, and by Isaiah Johnson, at Youngstown State, 10-4-25

FIELD GOALS: 3, by Eli Stader, vs. Mercyhurst, 9-27-25

LONG FIELD GOAL: 46 yards, by Eli Stader, vs. Indiana State, 11-1-25

PUNTS: 7, by Max Pelham, at Montana State, 9-6-25

PUNTING AVERAGE (MIN. 3 PUNTS): 54.0 yards (6 punts), by Max Pelham, at Murray State, 10-18-25

LONG PUNT: 68 yards, by Max Pelham, at Murray State, 10-18-25

KICKOFF RETURNS: 5, by Jack Smith, vs. North Dakota State, 10-25-2025

KICK RETURN YARDS: 128, by Jack Smith, vs. Indiana State, 11-1-25

LONG KICK RETURN: 50 yards, by Jack Smith, vs. Indiana State, 11-1-25

PUNT RETURNS: 3, by Isaiah Garcia-Castaneda, at Montana State, 9-6-25, and by Myles Taylor, vs. Indiana State, 11-1-25

LONG PUNT RETURN: 24 yards, by Myles Taylor, at South Dakota, 11-8-25

MR. EFFICIENCY: South Dakota State tight end/fullback Andrew Gustad has produced every time his number has thus far during the 2025 season.

A junior from Volin, South Dakota, Gustad has either gained a first down or scored a touchdown on all seven of his touches through six games. He has picked up a first down on all five of his short-yardage rushing attempts for a total of 14 yards and scored on touchdowns on each of his receptions — 4 yards in the season opener against Sacramento State and 11 yards last week versus Northern Iowa.

HENRY THE NEXT MAN UP: Redshirt freshman Jack Henry became the third different quarterback to start a game for the Jackrabbits this season when he went under center Nov. 8 at South Dakota.

The Dell Rapids native, who appeared in a reserve role each of the two previous weeks, ended the afternoon 13-of-24 passing for 139 yards and an interception. He also threw his first collegiate touchdown pass — a 27-yarder to Alex Bullock — in successfully executing the two-minute drill late in the first half. In addition, Henry ran nine times for 30 yards.

Chase Mason started the first seven games at quarterback, with Luke Marble taking over starting duties in games against North Dakota State and Indiana State.

BALL-CONTROL OFFENSE: South Dakota State has ranked among the Football Championship Subdivision leaders in time of possession throughout the 2025 season. The Jacks currently rank fifth among FCS programs with an average of 33 minutes and 8 seconds per game after a season-best 41:12 Nov. 1 against Indiana State. That bettered the team's previous high of 41:06 in the 2025 season opener versus Sacramento State.

The Jackrabbits held the ball at least five minutes more than the opposition in each of their first four games this season.

HIGH VOLUME: The Jackrabbits ran 92 offensive plays in their Nov. 1 game against Indiana State, setting a team record in that category in the Division I era (since 2004). SDSU accumulated 441 yards of total offense in the game.

The previous SDSU record for offensive plays in a Division I game was 91 in a 2016 loss at Illinois State.

9-FOR-9: South Dakota State possessed the ball nine times in its 51-7 victory against Mercyhurst on Sept. 27 and came away with points on all nine drives — three field goals and six touchdowns.

Starting quarterback Chase Mason directed the offense on the first eight drives before redshirt freshman signal-caller Luke Marble made his Jackrabbit debut and engineered a 14-play, 67-yard drive that took more than nine minutes off the clock before ending in James Basinger's second 1-yard touchdown run of the game. Marble was 3-for-3 passing for 22 yards and added a 7-yard carry in his first collegiate action.

TAKE THAT BALL AWAY: South Dakota State ranked among the best in taking the ball away from the opposition during the first half of the league season.

The Jackrabbits currently rank fourth among FCS programs by forcing 19 turnovers so far this season — 13 interceptions and six fumble recoveries. Eleven of those turnovers have come in Missouri Valley Football Conference action, including five take-aways (4 interceptions, 1 fumble) Oct. 11 against Northern Iowa and another four-interception performance against Murray State a week later.

SDSU also has limited the number of times it has turned the ball over this season, with the Jackrabbits currently ranking seventh in turnover margin at plus-0.90 per game. However, the Jackrabbits have not recorded a takeaway in either of their last two games.

SACK ATTACK: South Dakota State has applied consistent pressure to opposing quarterbacks thus far in 2025, collecting a total of 24 sacks to rank 29th among FCS programs with an average of 2.44 per game.

GAME NOTES – SOUTH DAKOTA STATE vs. ILLINOIS STATE

2025 SEASON HIGHS

TEAM GAME HIGHS

RUSHING ATTEMPTS: 56, vs. Sacramento State, 8-30-25
RUSHING YARDS: 240, vs. Sacramento State, 8-30-25
YARDS PER RUSH: 6.0, at South Dakota, 11-8-25
RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS: 4, vs. Drake, 9-13-25, and at Youngstown State, 10-4-25
PASS ATTEMPTS: 42, vs. Indiana State, 11-1-25
PASS COMPLETIONS: 24, vs. Mercyhurst, 9-27-25, and vs. Indiana State, 11-1-25
YARDS PASSING: 321, vs. Mercyhurst, 9-27-25
YARDS PER PASS: 10.7, vs. Mercyhurst, 9-27-25
PASSING TOUCHDOWNS: 3, at Montana State, 9-6-25, and vs. Mercyhurst, 9-27-25
TOTAL PLAYS: 92, vs. Indiana State, 11-1-25
TOTAL OFFENSE: 469 yards, vs. Mercyhurst, 9-27-25, and at Murray State, 10-18-25
YARDS PER PLAY: 6.8, vs. Mercyhurst, 9-27-25
POINTS: 51, vs. Mercyhurst, 9-27-25
FIRST DOWNS: 28, vs. Sacramento State, 8-30-25
SACKS BY: 4, vs. Drake, 9-13-25
PENALTIES: 10, at South Dakota, 11-8-25
PENALTY YARDS: 87, at South Dakota, 11-8-25
TURNOVERS BY: 3, vs. Indiana State, 11-1-25
TURNOVERS FORCED: 5, vs. Northern Iowa, 10-11-25
INTERCEPTIONS BY: 4, vs. Northern Iowa, 10-11-25, and at Murray State, 10-18-25
FUMBLE RECOVERIES: 2, at Montana State, 9-6-25
PUNTS: 7, at Montana State, 9-6-25
TIME OF POSSESSION: 41:12, vs. Indiana State, 11-1-25

JACKS IN THE FCS STATISTICS

TEAM RANKINGS (TOP 20)

- 3rd in interceptions, 13
- 3rd in net punting, 42.06 yards per attempt
- 4th in turnovers gained, 19
- 5th in time of possession 33:08 per game
- 7th in turnover margin, +0.90 per game
- 13th in third-down conversion pct. defense, .320
- 14th in red zone defense, .739
- 14th in total defense, 308.5 yards per game
- 15th in first downs defense, 162
- 16th in punt return defense, 4.73 yards per attempt
- 17th in scoring defense, 18.8 points per game
- 18th in team passing efficiency defense, 120.59

The Jackrabbits have built their sacks total by committee as 11 different players have registered at least a half-sack. Linebacker Chase Van Tol took over the team lead with four following a two-sack performance Oct. 11 against Northern Iowa and was tied by defensive end Dawson Ripperda in the Oct. 25 game versus North Dakota State.

SDSU notched a season-high four sacks Sept. 13 versus Drake, but was shut out of the category Nov. 1 versus Indiana State for the only time this season.

LINEBACKERS PACE DEFENSE: All in their first year as starters, South Dakota State's three starting linebackers rank among the Jackrabbits' top four tacklers.

Junior Cullen McShane enters the week as the team leader with 73 tackles, including a career-best 12 stops at both Montana State and Youngstown State. Fellow junior Joe Ollman stands second with 60 tackles, while sophomore Chase Van Tol ranks fourth with 38 tackles despite missing the last two games due to injury.

Ollman also has forced four fumbles this season and came away with his first career interception Oct. 18 at Murray State.

LEE LEADS SECONDARY: Jalen B. Lee has elevated his play in the Jackrabbit secondary throughout the 2025 season.

Originally a cornerback for the Jackrabbits, Lee has moved to safety this season and currently is tied for the team lead with three interceptions while ranking third in tackles with 41, including 2.5 for loss.

A junior from Wentzville, Missouri, Lee was honored Oct. 20 as the Missouri Valley Football Conference Defensive Player of the Week. He ended two Murray State scoring chances with interceptions inside the 20-yard line as part of a four-interception performance by the Jackrabbit defense. His first interception came at the SDSU 18 on the opening drive of the game while later picking off a pass at the Jackrabbit 15 in the fourth quarter.

Lee also tied his previous career high with six tackles in the Oct. 18 game at Murray State, then established a new personal standard with nine stops (five solo) a week later against North Dakota State.

STADER REACHES MILESTONE: Kicker Eli Stader reached a milestone Sept. 6 at Montana State as he topped the 500-point mark for his career.

Now with 550 career points, Stader spent the first five years of his collegiate career at Northwestern College (Iowa), where he was a four-time all-Great Plains Athletic Conference selection and an NAIA All-American in 2024. He set school records with 62 field goals and 300 extra points at Northwestern, while adding a two-point conversion. A native of Cedar Grove, Wisconsin, Stader connected on five field goals of 50 or more yards, including a school-record 60-yarder in 2024.

Stader has scored a team-high 62 points so far this season by going 10-for-16 on field goals and making all 32 of his extra-point attempts. He was 3-for-3 on field goals, Sept. 27 against Mercyhurst, then connected on season-long 44- and 46-yarders Nov. 1 versus Indiana State.

BLANKING THE OPPOSITION: Five Jackrabbit victories during their run of success during the 2020s have come by way of a shutout.

SDSU's most recent shutout was a 41-0 whitewashing at Southeastern Louisiana on Sept. 21, 2024. The game against Southeastern Louisiana was also the middle of a three-game stretch in which the Jackrabbits did not allow a touchdown, sandwiched between a 24-3 victory over Augustana and a 41-3 win at Northern Iowa.

Although SDSU has yet to pitch a shutout this season, the Jacks have held two foes — Sacramento State (W, 20-3) and Northern Iowa (W, 31-3) — out of the end zone.

In repeating as national champion in 2023, the Jackrabbits posted a trio of shutouts — two of which came in playoff games. SDSU notched a 34-0 victory at Youngstown State late in the 2023 regular season before recording home shutouts against Mercer (41-0) and Albany (59-0) as the Jackrabbits outscored the opposition by a 146-15 margin in the postseason.

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

COACHES

Zane Busekist	BEW-zah-kist
Eric Eidsness	IDES-ness

PLAYERS

Beau Bakken	BOCK-en
James Basinger	BAY-sing-er
Brenden Begeman	BEG-ah-man
Ernest Blackshire Jr.	BLACK-shy-er
Mason Brosseau	brew-SEW
Alex Bullock	bull-LOCK
Cam Cribari	cruh-BARR-ee
Brayden Delahoyde	DELL-ah-hoid
Sammy Dresie	DRESS-ee
Graham Eben	EE-ben
Sebastyen Fries	frys
Matt Goehring	GARE-ing
Grahm Goering	GORE-ing
Andrew Gustad	GUSS-tad
Micah Hach	hock
Caden Hotz	hotes
Justin Kabera	kah-BEAR-ah
Reggie Kloehn	clain
Joe Kolega	co-LEE-gah
Luke Krempges	KREMP-geez (like McGee)
Coleman Kuntz	COONTS
Maverick LeBrun	lah-BROON
Blake Leiferman	LIFE-er-man
Landyn Lewerke	lah-WORK-ee
Julius Loughridge	LOFF-ridge
Lofton O'Groske	oh-GRAW-ski
Joe Ollman	OHL-man
William Paepke	PAP-key
Joseph Reisz	rise
Dawson Ripperda	RIP-er-dah
Noah St-Juste	Saint JOOST
Max Stanard	STAN-ard
Jason Thome	TOM-ee
Jack Thue	THEW-ee
Chase Van Tol	van TOLL
Spencer Wientjes	WENT-jess

The first SDSU shutout of the decade was a 44-0 victory at Indiana State to open the Missouri Valley Conference season in 2021.

LONELY AT THE TOP: South Dakota State currently ranks third among Football Championship Subdivision squads in net punting, albeit with a small sample size thanks to not having an attempt in back-to-back games against Drake and Mercyhurst.

The Jackrabbits' 36 punt attempts in 2025 have resulted in a net average of 42.06 yards. In his first season as the Jackrabbits' punter, Max Pelham is averaging an MVFC-best 49.2 yards per punt and has landed nine of his attempts inside the opponent's 20-yard line.

Pelham averaged a career-best 54 yards on six punts Oct. 18 at Murray State, including a career-long 68-yarder, then booted another 60-yarder en route to a 49-yard average over five punts Oct. 25 versus North Dakota State.

COORDINATORS RETURN: While the entire coaching staff turned over between the 2024 and 2025 seasons, several coaches with ties to South Dakota State are once again on the Jackrabbit sideline and coaching booth, including all three coordinators.

Offensive coordinator Eric Eidsness is back for his third stint in the role. Eidsness, who also coaches the quarterbacks, served as the Jackrabbits' offensive coordinator on two previous occasions — from 1999 until 2003 while SDSU competed at the NCAA Division II level and again from 2010-18. The Jackrabbits made seven straight trips to the Football Championship Subdivision playoffs to close out his second go-around, including back-to-back semifinal berths in 2017 and 2018.

He also held the title of associate head coach under John Stiegelmeier from 2015-18.

With Eidsness directing the offense, the Jackrabbits have posted prolific numbers in both the running and passing games. SDSU has consistently re-written the record book under Eidsness' watch, including establishing 28 new single-game, season and career marks during the 2016 campaign and 15 more in 2017. Among the team records set in 2017 were scoring (521 points), total offense (6,141 yards) and total offense per game (438.6), the last of which had stood for 66 years (437.7 ypg in 1951).

Most recently, Eidsness worked in similar coaching roles for six seasons at Northern Illinois. The Huskies played in three bowl games, including posting wins in the Camilla Bowl in 2023 and the Famous Idaho Potato Bowl in 2024.

Defensive coordinator Brian Bergstrom is back in Brookings after a three-year stint as head coach at Winona State. He previously was a member of the Jackrabbit defensive coaching staff for five seasons.

Bergstrom first joined the SDSU coaching staff in 2017 as safeties coach and was promoted to co-defensive coordinator in 2019, positions he held through the 2021 season under John Stiegelmeier. SDSU qualified for the Football Championship Subdivision playoffs each of his five seasons in Brookings, including a national title game appearance during the 2020-21 spring season and semifinal berths in 2017, 2018 and the 2021 fall campaign.

Special teams coordinator Isaiah Jackson is new to the SDSU coaching staff, but played linebacker for the Jackrabbits from 2006-09. He ranked fifth on the team with 63 tackles in 2008 and tied for seventh with 52 stops as a senior in 2009, when the Jackrabbits made their first-ever appearance in the FCS playoffs.

For the past eight seasons, Jackson served on the coaching staff at UC Davis, which won a Big Sky Conference championship in 2018 and earned berths in the FCS playoffs three times (2018, 2021, 2024). He primarily coached the linebackers before moving to special teams coordinator in 2024.

In addition, tight ends coach Vince Benedetto also is a former Jackrabbit student-athlete. He lettered from 2010-13 before embarking on a successful coaching career at the high school level, highlighted by winning a state championship at Sioux Falls Jefferson in 2022.

GAME NOTES – SOUTH DAKOTA STATE vs. ILLINOIS STATE

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	9-0
2024	8-0
2025	4-2
TOTALS	65-9

ATTENDANCE TOP 10

Oct. 25, 2025 • vs. North Dakota State	19,477
Nov. 4, 2023 • vs. North Dakota State	19,431
Sept. 14, 2024 • vs. Augustana	19,376
Oct. 26, 2019 • vs. North Dakota State	19,371
Oct. 14, 2023 • vs. Northern Iowa	19,357
Oct. 26, 2024 • vs. South Dakota	19,351
Oct. 11, 2025 • vs. Northern Iowa	19,342
Oct. 8, 2022 • vs. South Dakota	19,332
Sept. 9, 2023 • vs. Montana State	19,332
Oct. 12, 2024 • vs. Youngstown State	19,331

MOST TOUCHDOWNS IN A GAME IN DIVISION I ERA

- 5 Zach Zenner (4 rushing, 1 receiving)
• at Montana State, 11-29-2014
- 4 Cory Koenig (4 rushing)
• vs. Cal Poly, 10-20-2007
- 4 Zach Zenner (3 rushing, 1 receiving)
• at North Dakota, 9-7-2013
- 4 Dallas Goedert (4 receiving)
• vs. Western Illinois, 10-1-2016
- 4 Jake Wieneke (4 receiving)
• vs. Duquesne, 8-31-2017
- 4 Cade Johnson (4 receiving)
• vs. Montana State, 9-8-2018
- 4 Mikey Daniel (4 rushing)
• at Missouri State, 10-21-2017
- 4 **Julius Loughridge (4 rushing)**
• at Youngstown State, 10-4-2025

THE 12TH MAN: South Dakota State has benefited from large crowds coming off the program's back-to-back national championships. In 2023, the Jackrabbits averaged 18,208 fans for regular season games, followed by another record-setting year in 2024 with an average attendance of 18,504 over six regular season home games.

Since the start of the 2023 season, 13 games have been sellouts, starting when 19,332 fans came out for the for Sept. 9, 2023, showdown against Montana State. The crowd played a big role in the game, helping factor in nine false-start penalties by Montana State in the game, including six in the final quarter.

The 2023 Dakota Marker game against North Dakota State, which was a rematch from the 2022 FCS national championship game, drew a then-record 19,431 fans.

SDSU also set program playoff attendance records in all three postseason games it hosted in 2023, highlighted by a crowd of 12,265 in the semifinals against UAlbany.

Large crowds continued to fill Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium in 2024 as the first four Jackrabbit home games of season were sellouts and rank in the top nine for most-attended games in facility history. The Oct. 26 Interstate Series game versus South Dakota attracted 19,351 fans, making it the fifth-largest crowd in the venue's history at the time.

Following suit, the first five home games of the 2025 season were announced as sellouts, with 19,163 fans filing into the stadium for the Aug. 30 opener against Sacramento State. That came two nights after a crowd of about 22,000 attended the Jacks Bash 3 concert featuring country music stars Ty Myers, Thomas Rhett and Blake Shelton.

A stadium-record crowd of 19,477 filed into the stadium for the Oct. 25 Dakota Marker matchup against North Dakota State in a game that pitted the two top-ranked teams in the FCS. That helped raise the season average attendance to 18,679.

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.

Dana J. Dykhouse 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 stars 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 Jacks defeated Drake, 56-28.

SDSU has gone on to post a 65-9 record at Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium during its 10 seasons of operation, including a 16-1 mark in FCS playoff games.

The Jacks put together a 33-game home winning streak (including playoff games) that started with a 27-19 victory over North Dakota State on Nov. 6, 2021, and ended with a loss to the rival Bison on Oct. 25, 2025.

In 2024, the Jacks completed their fifth undefeated season while playing at Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium, compiling an 8-0 record. SDSU previously posted perfect home records in 2018 (7-0), the 2020-21 spring season (5-0) and both 2022 and 2023 (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.

GAME NOTES – SOUTH DAKOTA STATE vs. ILLINOIS STATE

OVERTIME GAMES

1998:	SDSU 30, Nebraska-Omaha [2 OT] (Oct. 17, 1998, at Coughlin-Alumni Stadium)
2002:	Augustana 39, SDSU 33 [3 OT] (Oct. 19, 2002, at Sioux Falls)
2004:	Southern Utah 23, SDSU 17 [2 OT] (Nov. 13, 2004, at Cedar City, Utah)
2007:	Western Illinois 29, SDSU 26 [4 OT] (Aug. 30, 2007, at Macomb, Ill.)
2008:	McNeese State 46, SDSU 44 [3 OT] (Oct. 4, 2008, at Coughlin-Alumni Stadium)
2011:	SDSU 43, Missouri State 36 [2 OT] (Oct. 29, 2011, at Springfield, Mo.)
2013:	SDSU 37, Northern Iowa 34 [2 OT] (Oct. 26, 2013, at Coughlin-Alumni Stadium)
2015:	Western Illinois 30, SDSU 24 [2 OT] (Nov. 21, 2015, at Macomb, Ill.)
2017:	SDSU 27, Illinois State 24 [OT] (Nov. 11, 2017, at Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium)
2018:	SDSU 54, Indiana State 51 [OT] (Oct. 6, 2018, at Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium)
2021:	Southern Illinois 42, SDSU 41 [OT] (Oct. 9, 2021, at Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium)
2024:	SDSU 20, South Dakota 17 [OT] (Oct. 26, 2024, at Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium)
2025:	SDSU 30, Montana State 24 [2 OT] (Sept. 6, 2025, at Bozeman, Mont.)
Overall, SDSU is 7-6 in overtime games	

MVFC 40-YEAR TEAM: South Dakota State is well-represented on the Missouri Valley Football Conference 40-Year Team, which was selected via a fan vote and announced following the 2024 season. A total of 33 former Jackrabbit players received recognition on the squad and are as follows:

- Quarterbacks (3): Taryn Christion, Mark Gronowski, Austin Sumner;
- Running Backs (5): Isaiah Davis, Amar Johnson, Kyle Minett, Pierre Strong Jr., Zach Zenner;
- Wide Receivers (5): Jadon Janke, Jaxon Janke, Cade Johnson, Jason Schneider, Jake Wieneke;
- Tight Ends (3): Dallas Goedert, Zach Heins, Tucker Kraft;
- Offensive Linemen (5): Garret Greenfield, Mason McCormick, Gus Miller, Jacob Ohnesorge, Bryan Witzmann;
- Defensive Linemen (2): Danny Batten, Caleb Sanders;
- Linebackers (3): Adam Bock, Derek Domino, Christian Rozeboom;
- Defensive Backs (2): Jordan Brown, Don Gardner;
- Kickers (3): Hunter Dustman, Justin Syrovatka, Chase Vinatieri;
- Punter (1): Hunter Dustman

JACKS IN THE PROS: Six former South Dakota State standouts appeared on 2025 National Football League opening day rosters, continuing the Jackrabbits' long tradition of developing players into pro prospects.

Headlining the list are a pair of tight ends — Dallas Goedert of the Philadelphia Eagles and Tucker Kraft of the Green Bay Packers — who scored two touchdowns apiece Oct. 26 on National Tight Ends Day.

After being selected in the second round of the 2018 NFL Draft, Goedert has gone on to record 383 receptions for 4,417 yards and 31 touchdowns in eight seasons. He won a Super Bowl ring with the Eagles last season after recording 42 receptions during the regular season and adding 17 more catches during the postseason run.

Goedert posted season highs of 11 receptions and 110 receiving yards Oct. 9 versus the New York Giants and extended his streak of games with a touchdown catch to four.

Thus far in 2025, Goedert has recorded 34 catches for 332 yards and a career-high seven TDs.

Kraft put together a breakthrough second season with the Packers in 2024, tallying 50 catches for 707 yards and seven touchdowns. A third-round draft choice of Green Bay in 2023, Kraft was on his way to an All-Pro caliber season in 2025 before suffering a season-ending knee injury on Nov. 2. He two 100-yard performances this season, including posting career bests of seven catches, 143 yards and two touchdowns Oct. 26 against the Pittsburgh Steelers en route to 32 receptions for 489 yards and six touchdowns.

His career totals include 113 receptions for 1,551 yards and 15 scores.

Linebacker Christian Rozeboom earned a Super Bowl ring with the Los Angeles Rams during the 2021 season and is now in his first season with the Carolina Panthers. A starter in both 2023 and 2024 with the Rams, Rozeboom totaled 214 tackles and two interceptions over the last two seasons, including 135 stops in 2024.

Rozeboom has registered a team-high 81 tackles through 10 games this season, including a season-high 15 at Green Bay on Nov. 2. He now has career totals of 306 tackles and two interceptions.

SDSU had two players selected in the NFL Draft in 2024 when Mason McCormick was taken in the fourth round by Pittsburgh and Isaiah Davis was a fifth-round pick of the New York Jets. McCormick settled into a starting role at guard during the 2024 season while Davis saw spot duty for the Jets as a rookie.

McCormick and Davis squared off in the 2025 season opener, with Davis rushing two times for 18 yards in a Jets' loss.

Davis finished his rookie year with 30 carries for 174 yards and a touchdown, as well as notching nine receptions for 75 yards and a score. He added nine kickoffs for 232 yards (25.8 yards per return) and registered seven tackles on special teams in 2024.

GAME NOTES – SOUTH DAKOTA STATE vs. ILLINOIS STATE

LONGEST ALL-TIME FCS HOME WINNING STREAKS

Georgia Southern (1997-2001)	39
Georgia Southern (1985-90)	38
Eastern Kentucky (1978-84)	34
South Dakota State (2021-25)	33
North Dakota State (2017-20)	32
Middle Tennessee State (1987-94)	31
Montana (1994-97)	30
Appalachian State (2002-07)	29
San Diego (2004-08)	28
Montana State (2019-23)	26
North Dakota State (2012-15)	26

Davis had one of his best days as a pro in a comeback win over Cincinnati on Oct. 26, rushing seven times for 65 yards, including a career-long 50-yard carry, and catching five passes for 44 yards. He has returned 11 kickoffs for an average of 29.4 yards per attempt (long of 41) thus far in 2025, while adding 20 carries for 119 yards (5.9 ypc) and 15 receptions for 118 yards.

Another member of the Jackrabbits' back-to-back national championship teams, Isaiah Stalbird, is in his second season with the New Orleans Saints. Stalbird played mostly on special teams in 2024, notching three tackles. This season, he recorded a pair of tackles in a season-opening performance against Arizona, then notched a career-best four stops Oct. 12 against New England. He has a total of 14 tackles in 10 games in 2025 after matching his career high with four tackles Nov. 9 at Carolina.

In addition, Amar Johnson was activated earlier this month by the Los Angeles Chargers, but did not factor in any statistics before returning to the practice squad. Johnson signed as an undrafted free agent with the Green Bay Packers before joining the Chargers after being one of the Packers' final training camp cuts.

Several other former Jackrabbit standouts who were among their respective teams' final cuts, included: quarterback Chris Oladokun (Kansas City), running back Pierre Strong, Jr. (Cleveland) and cornerback Dalys Beanum (New Orleans). Beanum and Oladokun have since returned to their fall camp teams on the practice squad, while Strong has hooked on with the Packers as a practice player.

Leading the list of Jackrabbit pro football alumni are Hall of Famer Jim Langer and the NFL's career scoring leader, Adam Vinatieri.

Langer who played football at SDSU from 1967-69 and also was an All-American in baseball, played center on every offensive down during the Miami Dolphins' perfect season in 1972. He played in a total of three Super Bowl games with the Dolphins from 1970-79 before finishing his career with the Minnesota Vikings from 1980-81.

Langer also was a first-team All-Pro four times and was selected to play in six Pro Bowl games. He passed away in September 2019.

Vinatieri wrapped up his playing career after becoming the NFL's all-time scoring leader in 2018 as a member of the Indianapolis Colts. Over Vinatieri's 24 seasons from 1996-2019, 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.

DAN JACKSON SHOW: The Dan Jackson Show airs throughout the 2025 season.

The weekly, hour-long show originates in front of a live audience at Cubby's Sports Bar and Grill in downtown Brookings. Next week's show will air at 6 p.m. Tuesday (Nov. 18) due to Jackrabbit men's basketball the night before.

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. In addition to radio, broadcasts also will be available for free live viewing on SDSU Athletics' Facebook and YouTube accounts (@GoJacksSDSU), as well as Midco Sports Plus. Replays of the shows will be televised on Midco Sports linear channels Tuesdays at 6 p.m. and Saturdays at 9 a.m.

A LOOK AHEAD: The Jackrabbits close out the regular season Nov. 22 with a trip to the University of North Dakota. Kickoff is set for 1 p.m. at the Alerus Center in Grand Forks, North Dakota.

The 24-team field for the Football Championship Subdivision playoffs will be announced at 11 a.m. Central Time on Nov. 23, with television coverage on ESPN.

DEPTH CHART vs. ILLINOIS STATE

OFFENSE

LT	69	QUINTEN CHRISTENSEN, 6-5, 300, Jr., Wessington Springs, S.D.
	63	Kyan Rauk, 6-8, 300, R-Fr., Northfield, Minn.
LG	77	William Paepke, 6-5, 315, So., Rapid City, S.D.
	58	Jackson Kerstin, 6-4, 285, So., Naperville, Ill.
C	54	Shane Willenbring, 6-4, 305, R-Fr., La Crosse, Wis.
	53	Caden Hotz, 6-2, 290, R-Fr., Waverly, Iowa
RG	73	Nate Adams, 6-7, 330, Sr., Flower Mound, Texas
	58	Jackson Kerstin, 6-4, 285, So., Naperville, Ill.
RT	62	Kenyon BigBow, 6-5, 310, So., Anadarko, Okla.
	63	Kyan Rauk, 6-8, 300, R-Fr., Northfield, Minn.
TE or	88	Greyton Gannon, 6-4, 235, Jr., Eagle, Wis.
	82	Coleman Kuntz, 6-3, 240, Sr., Beaumont, Calif.
	10	Brayden Delahoyde, 6-5, 245, R-Fr., Spearfish, S.D.
	83	John Pica, 6-4, 280, Jr., Dell Rapids, S.D.
WR	12	GRAHM GOERING, 6-2, 210, Sr., Iowa City, Iowa
	2	Isaiah Garcia-Castaneda, 6-1, 200, Gr., Twentynine Palms, Calif.
WR	84	Alex Bullock, 6-2, 205, Sr., Omaha, Neb.
	6	Elijah Ervin, 6-1, 195, Sr., Phoenix, Ariz.
WR	19	Jack Smith, 6-0, 195, R-Fr., Sioux Falls, S.D.
	8	Sammy Dresie, 6-2, 195, R-Fr., Maize, Kan.
QB or	7	Chase Mason, 6-4, 240, Sr., Hurley, S.D.
	16	Jack Henry, 6-2, 215, R-Fr., Dell Rapids, S.D.
	17	Jack Thue, 6-2, 205, R-Fr., Brandon, S.D.
RB or	15	Julius Loughridge, 6-0, 215, Gr., Houston, Texas
	32	James Basinger, 5-10, 200, Fr., Littleton, Colo.
	34	Josiah Johnson, 6-0, 220, Fr., Milwaukee, Wis.

Returning starters indicated in CAPS

DEFENSE

DE	99	Dawson Ripperda, 6-4, 255, Jr., Larchwood, Iowa
	97	Blake Leiferman, 6-5, 265, R-Fr., Kimball, S.D.
DT	94	KOBE CLAYBORNE, 6-0, 280, Sr., Sioux City, Iowa
	91	Jace Sifore, 6-4, 290, Jr., Howard, S.D.
or	98	Mac Muller, 6-1, 270, R-Fr., Osage, Iowa
DT	51	Logan Green, 6-4, 290, Jr., Northboro, Iowa
	55	Aaron Wolfcale-Holsten, 6-2, 285, Sr., Gilbert, Ariz.
or	95	Mason Brosseau, 6-3, 310, Sr., Hanford, Calif.
DE	50	Nick Wells, 6-4, 260, R-Fr., Sioux City, Iowa
	93	Kevin Spelman, 6-5, 260, Gr., New Lenox, Ill.
LB (Will)	5	Cullen McShane, 6-2, 230, Jr., Marquette, Iowa
	33	Bryce Johnson, 6-3, 220, Jr., Parker, Colo.
LB (Mike) or	11	Joe Ollman, 6-1, 230, Jr., Mequon, Wis.
	9	Matt Goehring, 6-1, 220, Jr., Sioux Falls, S.D.
	44	Casey Larson, 6-2, 205, Fr., Woodinville, Wash.
LB (Sam) or	47	Kytan Fyfe, 6-2, 210, Jr., Grand Island, Neb.
	16	Noah St-Juste, 5-10, 175, So., Montreal, Quebec
LCB	2	Myles Taylor, 6-1, 175, Sr., Gilbert, Ariz.
	13	Aydan Dautermann, 6-2, 195, Sr., Hartford, Wis.
FS	6	Jalen Lee, 6-0, 200, Jr., Wentzville, Mo.
	27	Noah Thompson, 6-0, 185, Jr., Brandon, S.D.
SS	25	Koby Bretz, 6-2, 210, Sr., Omaha, Neb.
	3	Dontay Johnson, 6-2, 205, Jr., Fort Collins, Colo.
RCB	0	Isaiah Johnson, 6-0, 185, Sr., Chicago Heights, Ill.
	1	Jayden Oliver, 6-4, 185, Gr., Tampa, Fla.

SPECIAL TEAMS

PK	26	Eli Stader, 6-0, 225, Gr., Cedar Grove, Wis.	Holder	41	Max Pelham, 6-1, 195, Sr., Ankeny, Iowa
	81	Ryan Harrington, 6-3, 175, Fr., Ankeny, Iowa		5	Jon Bell, 6-3, 205, Jr., Naperville, Ill.
Kickoffs	81	Ryan Harrington, 6-3, 175, Fr., Ankeny, Iowa	KOR	19	Jack Smith, 6-0, 195, R-Fr., Sioux Falls
	26	Eli Stader, 6-0, 225, Gr., Cedar Grove, Wis.		2	Isaiah Garcia-Castaneda, 6-1, 200, Gr., Twentynine Palms, Calif.
P	41	Max Pelham, 6-1, 195, Sr., Ankeny, Iowa	or	12	Grahm Goering, 6-2, 210, Sr., Iowa City, Iowa
	26	Eli Stader, 6-0, 225, Gr., Cedar Grove, Wis.	PR	2	Myles Taylor, 6-1, 175, Sr., Gilbert, Ariz.
Long Snaps	37	KAYDON OLIVIA, 5-11, 215, Sr., Schertz, Texas		2	Isaiah Garcia-Castaneda, 6-1, 200, Gr., Twentynine Palms, Calif.
	59	Carson Strohbeen, 6-1, 210, So., Sioux City, Iowa			

COACHING AND SUPPORT STAFF

Head Coach: Dan Jackson
 Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks: Eric Eidsness
 Defensive Coordinator/Safeties: Brian Bergstrom
 Special Teams Coordinator: Isaiah Jackson
 Offensive Line: Mike Bangtson
 Tight Ends: Vince Benedetto
 Wide Receivers: Luke Bengtson
 Linebackers: Zane Busekist
 Running Backs/Recruiting Coordinator: Deontae Cooper
 Defensive Line: Logan McCormick
 Cornerbacks: Marcus McLin

Quality Control: Robert Armand (defensive backs), Caleb Baker (offensive line), Cody Brown (special teams), Jonah Chong (wide receivers), DyShawn Gales (cornerbacks), Noah Kent (defensive line), Jade Lawrence (linebackers), C.J. Pickrel (quarterbacks)
 Video Coordinator: Brock Swanson
 General Manager: Tyler Wrice
 Director of Football Operations: Ethan Beisner
 Director of Football Performance: Nathan Morris
 Football Equipment: Trey Mason
 Sports Medicine: Charlie Miller, Hallie Hawe, Megan Blomberg



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2025 Football Roster

No.	NAME	Pos	Ht	Wt	Yr	HOMETOWN	No.	NAME	Pos	Ht	Wt	Yr	HOMETOWN
0	Landon Dulaney	WR	6-2	200	Fr.	Brandon, S.D.	41	Spencer Wientjes	LB	6-0	215	Fr.	Watertown, S.D.
0	Isaiah Johnson	CB	6-0	185	Sr.	Chicago Heights, Ill.	42	Brady Kurt	LB	6-2	190	Fr.	Independence, Iowa
1	Lofton O'Groske	WR	6-2	210	So.	Coon Rapids, Minn.	43	Cam Cribari	S	6-0	175	Fr.	West Des Moines, Iowa
1	Jayden Oliver	CB	6-4	185	Gr.	Tampa, Fla.	43	Andrew Gustad	TE	6-1	235	Jr.	Volin, S.D.
2	Isaiah Garcia-Castaneda	WR	6-1	200	Gr.	Twentynine Palms, Calif.	44	Casey Larson	LB	6-2	205	Fr.	Woodinville, Wash.
2	Myles Taylor	CB	6-1	175	Sr.	Gilbert, Ariz.	44	Josh Myers	RB	6-0	190	Fr.	Sioux Falls, S.D.
3	Dontay Johnson	S	6-2	205	Jr.	Fort Collins, Colo.	45	Boden Schiller	LB	6-1	200	R-Fr.	Volga, S.D.
4	David Alpers	TE	6-6	255	Jr.	Sioux Falls, S.D.	46	Shane Henderson	TE	6-6	235	Fr.	Mobridge, S.D.
4	Andrew Price	LB	6-1	205	Fr.	West Des Moines, Iowa	46	Maverick LeBrun	DE	6-5	235	Fr.	Flandreau, S.D.
5	Jon Bell	QB	6-3	205	Jr.	Naperville, Ill.	46	Evan McCarty	TE	6-5	260	Fr.	Hamel, Minn.
5	Cullen McShane	LB	6-2	230	Jr.	Marquette, Iowa	47	Kytan Fyfe	LB	6-2	210	Jr.	Grand Island, Neb.
6	Elijah Ervin	WR	6-1	195	Sr.	Phoenix, Ariz.	48	Krayton Bergstrom	K	5-7	165	Fr.	Winona, Minn.
6	Jalen B. Lee	CB	6-0	200	Jr.	Wentzville, Mo.	48	Jack Nash	LB	6-1	185	R-Fr.	Palmer, Alaska
7	Chase Mason	QB	6-4	240	Sr.	Hurley, S.D.	49	Luke Krempges	DE	6-4	235	Fr.	Sioux Falls, S.D.
8	Sammy Dresie	WR	6-2	195	R-Fr.	Maize, Kan.	49	Jozef Reisz	TE	6-3	235	Fr.	Woodbine, Iowa
8	Reis Kirschenman	DE	6-4	265	So.	Tea, S.D.	50	Nick Wells	DE	6-4	260	R-Fr.	Sioux City, Iowa
9	Matt Goehring	LB	6-1	220	Jr.	Sioux Falls, S.D.	51	Logan Green	DT	6-4	290	Jr.	Northboro, Iowa
9	Preston Otter	QB	6-3	210	Fr.	Hemlock, Mich.	52	Brody Targgart	DT	6-2	295	Jr.	Ankeny, Iowa
10	Brayden Delahoyde	TE	6-5	245	R-Fr.	Spearfish, S.D.	53	Caden Hotz	OL	6-2	290	R-Fr.	Waverly, Iowa
11	Joe Ollman	LB	6-1	230	Jr.	Mequon, Wis.	54	Shane Willenbring	OL	6-4	305	R-Fr.	La Crosse, Wis.
11	Luke Womack	WR	6-4	205	Fr.	Happy Valley, Ore.	55	Aaron Wolfcale-Holsten	DT	6-2	285	Sr.	Gilbert, Ariz.
12	Graham Goering	WR	6-2	210	Sr.	Iowa City, Iowa	57	Sam Christensen	DT	6-2	250	Fr.	Rock Rapids, Iowa
12	Jason Thome	S	6-0	190	Jr.	Arvada, Colo.	58	Jackson Kerstin	OL	6-4	285	So.	Naperville, Ill.
13	Aydan Dautermann	CB	6-2	195	Sr.	Hartford, Wis.	59	Carson Strohbeen	LS	6-1	210	So.	Sioux City, Iowa
13	Luke Marble	QB	6-4	210	R-Fr.	Smyrna, Ga.	62	Kenyon BigBow	OL	6-5	310	So.	Anadarko, Okla.
14	Reese Osgood	WR	5-11	185	Jr.	Franklin, Wis.	63	Kyan Rauk	OL	6-8	300	R-Fr.	Northfield, Minn.
15	Julius Loughridge	RB	6-0	215	Gr.	Houston, Texas	64	Thomas Dwyer	OL	6-6	285	Fr.	Oconomowoc, Wis.
16	Jack Henry	QB	6-2	215	R-Fr.	Dell Rapids, S.D.	66	Brock Osbahr	OL	6-2	295	Fr.	De Pere, Wis.
16	Noah St-Juste	CB	5-10	175	So.	Montreal, Quebec	67	Ian Mutchler	OL	6-4	300	So.	Morton, Ill.
17	Ernest Blackshire Jr.	LB	6-2	215	Jr.	Milwaukee, Wis.	69	Quinten Christensen	OL	6-5	300	Jr.	Wessington Springs, S.D.
17	Jack Thue	QB	6-2	205	R-Fr.	Brandon, S.D.	70	Lincoln Semchenko	OL	6-5	295	Fr.	Brandon, S.D.
18	Ky Oday Jr.	WR	5-11	170	Jr.	Denver, Colo.	71	Reggie Kloehn	DT	6-1	270	Fr.	Fremont, Wis.
19	Jack Smith	WR	6-0	195	R-Fr.	Sioux Falls, S.D.	73	Nate Adams	OL	6-7	330	Sr.	Flower Mound, Texas
20	Graham Eben	LB	6-1	200	R-Fr.	Rock Rapids, Iowa	74	JB Walters	OL	6-4	280	Fr.	Grand Forks, N.D.
21	Myles Green	CB	6-0	180	Fr.	Homewood, Ill.	76	Sam Hagen	OL	6-6	320	Sr.	Fordville, N.D.
22	Jamari Holliman	CB	6-0	190	So.	Miami, Fla.	77	William Paepke	OL	6-5	315	So.	Rapid City, S.D.
23	Joe Kolega	WR	5-11	190	Fr.	Omaha, Neb.	78	Micah Hach	OL	6-4	295	Fr.	Watertown, S.D.
24	Brenden Begeman	RB	6-2	210	So.	Selby, S.D.	80	Zac Van Meeteren	WR	6-6	215	Fr.	Hayti, S.D.
25	Koby Bretz	S	6-2	210	Sr.	Omaha, Neb.	81	Ryan Harrington	K	6-3	175	Fr.	Ankeny, Iowa
26	Eli Stader	K	6-0	225	Gr.	Cedar Grove, Wis.	82	Coleman Kuntz	TE	6-3	240	Sr.	Beaumont, Calif.
27	Noah Thompson	S	6-0	185	Jr.	Brandon, S.D.	83	John Pica	TE	6-4	280	Jr.	Dell Rapids, S.D.
28	Chase Van Tol	LB	6-1	200	So.	Tea, S.D.	84	Alex Bullock	WR	6-2	205	Gr.	Omaha, Neb.
29	Corey Blair Jr.	RB	6-3	210	Fr.	Kernersville, N.C.	85	Joe Roll	WR	5-9	190	So.	Gretna, Neb.
30	Cody Cotton	CB	6-0	185	Jr.	Pleasant Prairie, Wis.	87	Ben Brooks	TE	6-8	235	Fr.	Madison, S.D.
31	Carter York	S	5-11	195	Fr.	Sycamore, Ill.	88	Greyton Gannon	TE	6-4	235	Jr.	Eagle, Wis.
32	James Basinger	RB	5-10	200	Fr.	Littleton, Colo.	89	Sebastyen Fries	TE	6-2	225	Fr.	Lakeville, Minn.
33	Bryce Johnson	LB	6-3	220	Jr.	Parker, Colo.	90	Danny Bradley	DE	6-4	260	Fr.	Windermere, Fla.
33	Jalyn Thompson	TE	6-2	255	So.	West Des Moines, Iowa	91	Jace Sifore	DT	6-4	290	Jr.	Howard, S.D.
34	Josiah Johnson	RB	6-0	220	Fr.	Milwaukee, Wis.	92	Sam Watts	DE	6-3	245	R-Fr.	Cedar Rapids, Iowa
34	Jackson Powers	DB	5-11	185	So.	Maple Grove, Minn.	93	Kevin Spelman	DE	6-5	260	Gr.	New Lenox, Ill.
35	Finn Benz	S	6-2	190	Fr.	St. Paul, Minn.	94	Kobe Clayborne	DL	6-0	280	Sr.	Sioux City, Iowa
35	Quinton Renfro	RB	5-11	205	R-Fr.	Joplin, Mo.	95	Mason Brosseau	DT	6-3	310	Sr.	Hanford, Calif.
36	Justin Kabera	CB	5-11	170	Fr.	Harrisburg, Minn.	96	Rhett Schaefer	DE	6-3	255	R-Fr.	Walcott, Iowa
37	Austin Bradley	CB	6-0	165	Fr.	Chandler, Ariz.	97	Blake Leiferman	DE	6-5	265	R-Fr.	Kimball, S.D.
37	Kaydon Olivia	LS	5-11	215	Sr.	Schertz, Texas	98	Mac Muller	DT	6-1	270	R-Fr.	Osage, Iowa
38	Max Stanard	S	5-11	190	R-Fr.	Manhattan, Kan.	99	Anthony Erickson	K	5-10	190	So.	Sioux Falls, S.D.
39	Beau Bakken	LB	6-4	215	Fr.	Garretson, S.D.	99	Dawson Ripperda	DE	6-4	255	Jr.	Larchwood, Iowa
40	Kevin Carrigan Jr.	K	6-1	200	Jr.	Warrington, Pa.							
40	Liam Shaw	DE	6-3	250	Fr.	Muskego, Wis.							
41	Max Pelham	P	6-1	195	Sr.	Ankeny, Iowa							

Head Coach: Dan Jackson



DAN JACKSON

Head Coach • First Season

Alma Mater: Nebraska-Omaha, 2008

Dan Jackson was named the 22nd head football coach in South Dakota State history on Dec. 31, 2024. His hiring marked a return to the Jackrabbit program which he previously was associated with as both a student-athlete and assistant coach.

"South Dakota State is a special place and it's just so comforting to be back. I cannot wait to begin this journey and make this university and this football program even more special than it already is," Jackson said during his introductory press conference. "I'm ready. I'm prepared. I have seen and experienced so many different things throughout my career that I have no doubt that we're going to take this football program to new heights."

An Omaha native, Jackson began his association with SDSU football as a player from 2003-05. He joined the Jackrabbits' coaching staff as a graduate assistant in 2012, when SDSU began its current streak of 13 consecutive appearances in the Football Championship Subdivision playoffs. He was elevated to cornerbacks coach in 2014 and also served as recruiting coordinator, special teams coordinator and assistant head coach under John Stiegelmeier before moving on to Northern Illinois following the 2019 season.

Jackson coached two seasons at Northern Illinois, then was hired at Vanderbilt, where he coached defensive backs during the 2022 and 2023 seasons. In 2024, Jackson became a defensive coordinator for the first time when he joined the coaching staff at Idaho under former Jackrabbit colleague Jason Eck. He also coached the linebackers for a Vandals squad that advanced to the quarterfinals of the FCS playoffs. Jackson recently was tabbed to become defensive coordinator at New Mexico under Eck.

"There's a new landscape in college football and those things can change, and morph and move, but our standards will not change," Jackson said. "Our goal will always be to win a national championship. Our goal will always be to be the best football program in the country. We will evolve and we will grow and we will thrive in the new landscape of college football."

Joining Jackson in Brookings is his wife, Missy.

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

"(Dan Jackson) will represent the core values of not only the Athletic Department, but this university, that guide us daily. I want to stress that the football program at SDSU is moving forward. We will continue to have the success on and off the field we have come to appreciate. Our next chapter is just unfolding and I am extremely excited." — SDSU President Barry Dunn

"We've spent years building success on the fields, we've spent years building success in the classroom and we've spent years working to fill this building and the stands. We know who we are and we're really proud of the impact that we have on this university. But what we needed was a leader that understood this, could embrace it, but who also could help us navigate all the challenges we are facing in college athletics moving forward." — SDSU Director of Athletics Justin Sell

"Dan Jackson is a passionate leader who cares for the individuals in the program. He is positive, he is a tremendous recruiter and he is a true Jackrabbit. He will give SDSU his best." — John Stiegelmeier, former SDSU head coach (1997-2022)

"Knowing how special and personal it is to coach at your alma mater, I'm thrilled for Dan to have the opportunity to return to Brookings. His energy, positivity and coaching experience will be tremendous assets as he begins building on Coach Stiegelmeier's championship legacy. I cannot wait to see what's ahead for Jackrabbit Football." — Clark Lea, Vanderbilt head coach

"From the time I first worked with Dan Jackson in 2016, I knew he would be a head coach. Dan did an outstanding job leading our defense last year. His ability to connect with people of all backgrounds, his work ethic and his energy make him ready for this opportunity." — Jason Eck, New Mexico head coach

"I am extremely excited for Dan and Missy for the opportunity presented to them at South Dakota State. Dan has a passion for coaching, he is extremely organized and thorough, and always saw the big picture even as an assistant. It is professionally fulfilling to witness Dan Jackson rise to become the head coach at his alma mater. Dan Loves SDSU with all of his heart and will do an excellent job keeping the championship standards. I wish him all the best." — Thomas Hammock, Northern Illinois head coach



7-CHASE MASON

6-4, 240, Senior • Quarterback

Hurley, South Dakota (Viborg-Hurley H.S./Nebraska)

CAREER NOTES:

- Began collegiate career as a baseball student-athlete at Nebraska
- His 161 rushing yards against Youngstown State on Oct. 12, 2024, are the most in a game by a Jackrabbit quarterback in the Division I era
- Went 176 career pass attempts before throwing first collegiate interception
- Has passed and rushed for touchdowns in the same games two times this season and four times in his career
- Missouri Valley Football Conference Commissioner's Academic Excellence Award (2024)
- MVFC Honor Roll (2022, 2023, 2024)
- Team Captain (2025)

CHASE MASON'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	GP	Eff.	Comp	Att	Int	Pct.	Yds	TD	LG	Rush	Yds	TD	LG
2022	DNP-Injury												
2023	9	160.49	16	26	0	61.5	267	1	*71	16	184	2	*69
2024	10	133.74	17	26	0	65.4	133	2	19	46	464	6	*69
2025	7	156.51	111	169	1	65.4	1,419	11	52	60	165	4	34
Career	26	154.30	144	221	1	65.2	1,819	14	*71	112	813	12	*69

* denotes touchdown

Note: Also has two career receptions for total of minus-2 yards

CHASE MASON'S 2023 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Game	Comp	Att	Int	Yds	TD	LG	Rush	Yds	TD	LG
Western Oregon	5	9	0	67	0	31	3	40	1	33
Montana State	DNP									
Drake	3	4	0	33	0	20	1	69	1	*69
North Dakota	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Illinois State	DNP									
Northern Iowa	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	5	0	4
Southern Illinois	DNP									
South Dakota	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	29	0	21
North Dakota State	DNP									
Youngstown State	3	4	0	29	0	15	3	14	0	7
Missouri State	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	12	0	7
Mercer	4	6	0	67	0	32	2	9	0	5
Villanova	DNP									
UAlbany	1	2	0	71	1	*71	1	6	0	6
Montana	DNP									
Season Totals	16	26	0	267	1	*71	16	184	2	69

CHASE MASON'S 2024 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Game	Comp	Att	Int	Yds	TD	LG	Rush	Yds	TD	LG
Oklahoma State	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Incarnate Word	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	30	0	16
Augustana	DNP									
SE Louisiana	1	2	0	11	0	11	7	56	1	31
Northern Iowa	3	4	0	28	0	12	7	9	1	8
Youngstown State	2	2	0	12	1	8	5	161	2	*69
North Dakota State	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	80	1	*66
South Dakota	1	1	0	0	0	0	4	14	0	4
Murray State	10	16	0	82	1	19	7	68	1	23
North Dakota	DNP									
Southern Illinois	DNP									
Missouri State	DNP									
Montana	DNP									
Incarnate Word	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	44	0	18
North Dakota State	0	1	0	0	0	0	3	2	0	3
Season Totals	17	26	0	133	2	19	46	464	6	*69

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CHASE MASON'S 2025 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS										
Game	Comp	Att	Int	Yds	TD	LG	Rush	Yds	TD	LG
^Sacramento State	17	23	0	190	1	44	18	30	0	16
^Montana State	17	25	0	174	3	28	14	34	1	11
^Drake	18	25	0	225	1	43	8	51	0	16
^Mercyhurst	21	29	0	321	3	52	5	8	0	5
^Youngstown State	14	30	1	189	1	51	5	40	0	34
^Northern Iowa	19	31	0	251	2	31	7	-2	2	10
^Murray State	5	6	0	69	0	21	3	4	1	10
North Dakota State	DNP									
Indiana State	DNP									
South Dakota	DNP									
Season Totals	111	169	1	1,419	11	52	60	165	4	34

^Started game



15-JULIUS LOUGHRIDGE

6-0, 215, Senior • Running Back

Houston, Texas (Mayde Creek H.S./Fordham)

CAREER NOTES:

- Active Football Championship Subdivision career rushing leader (3,923), second in all-purpose yards (4,292) and tied for third in rushing touchdowns (33)
- Walter Payton Award Watch List (2025)
- All-Patriot League First Team at Fordham (2023, 2024)
- Missouri Valley Football Conference Newcomer of the Week (Aug. 30, 2025)

JULIUS LOUGHRIDGE'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LG	Rec	Yds	TD	LG	KOR	Yds	Avg	TD	LG
2022	131	931	7.1	8	42	4	16	0	14	0	0	0.0	0	0
2023	207	1,146	5.5	10	50	24	196	2	26	0	0	0.0	0	0
2024	194	1,044	5.4	9	55	21	155	0	44	0	0	0.0	0	0
2025	168	801	4.8	6	37	1	2	0	2	0	0	0.0	0	0
Career	700	3,923	5.6	33	55	50	369	2	44	19	401	21.1	0	51

* denotes touchdown

Note 2022-24 statistics at Fordham

JULIUS LOUGHRIDGE'S 2025 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Game	Rush	Yds	TD	LG	Rec	Yds	TD	LG	KOR	Yds	TD	LG
Sacramento State	22	159	0	37	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Montana State	23	99	0	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Drake	20	83	2	*15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mercyhurst	11	33	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Youngstown State	25	176	4	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northern Iowa	19	76	0	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Murray State	25	88	0	14	1	2	0	2	0	0	0	0
North Dakota State	10	38	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Indiana State	3	5	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
South Dakota	10	44	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Season Totals	168	801	6	37	1	2	0	2	0	0	0	0



94-KOBE CLAYBORNE

6-0, 280, Senior • Defensive Lineman

Sioux City, Iowa (Bishop Heelan H.S./Northwest Missouri State)

CAREER NOTES:

- Buck Buchanan Award Watch List (2025)
- All-Missouri Valley Football Conference Honorable Mention (2024)
- MVFC All-Newcomer Team (2024)
- Second-team all-MIAA honors at Northwest Missouri State (2023) after tying for team lead with six sacks
- College Sports Communicators Division II Academic All-America Second Team (2023)
- MVFC Commissioner's Academic Excellence Award (2024)
- MVFC Honor Roll (2024)
- Team Captain (2025)

KOBE CLAYBORNE'S CAREER STATISTICS (SDSU ONLY)

YEAR	G	SOLO	AST	TOTAL	TFL-Yds	SACK-Yds	PBU	INT-Yds	BK	FR-Yds	FF
2024	15	17	17	34	5.5-26	4.5-21	0	0-0	0	1-0	0
2025	10	18	12	30	5.5-21	3.0-17	0	0-0	0	0-0	0
CAREER	25	35	29	64	11.0-47	7.5-38	0	0-0	0	1-0	0

KOBE CLAYBORNE'S 2024 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Game	Solo	Ast	Total	TFL-Yds	Sack-Yds	Int-Yds	FF	FR
Oklahoma State	2	2	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0
Incarnate Word	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0
Augustana	4	1	5	1.0-5	0-0	0-0	0	0
SE Louisiana	1	1	2	1.5-10	1.5-10	0-0	0	0
Northern Iowa	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1
Youngstown St.	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0
North Dakota St.	0	4	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0
South Dakota	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0
Murray State	0	2	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0
North Dakota	2	0	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0
Southern Illinois	2	1	3	1.0-2	1.0-2	0-0	0	0
Missouri State	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0
Montana	3	1	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0
Incarnate Word	2	3	5	1.0-1	1.0-1	0-0	0	0
North Dakota St.	1	0	1	1.0-8	1.0-8	0-0	0	0
Season Totals	17	17	34	5.5-26	4.5-21	0-0	0	1

KOBE CLAYBORNE'S 2025 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Game	Solo	Ast	Total	TFL-Yds	Sack-Yds	Int-Yds	FF	FR
Sacramento St.	2	1	3	1.0-7	1.0-7	0-0	0	0
Montana State	3	0	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0
Drake	3	1	4	2.0-3	0-0	0-0	0	0
Mercyhurst	2	0	2	1.0-6	1.0-6	0-0	0	0
Youngstown St.	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0
Northern Iowa	1	1	2	0.5-1	0-0	0-0	0	0
Murray State	2	0	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0
North Dakota St.	5	4	9	1.0-4	1.0-4	0-0	0	0
Indiana State	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0
South Dakota	0	3	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0
Season Totals	18	12	30	5.5-21	3.0-17	0-0	0	0

FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP SUBDIVISION POLLS

STATS PERFORM FCS POLL — NOV. 10

PL.	SCHOOL	2025 RECORD	POINTS	PR
1.	North Dakota State [55]	10-0	1,399	1
2.	Montana [1]	10-0	1,327	2
3.	Montana State	8-2	1,300	3
4.	Lehigh	10-0	1,196	4
5.	Tennessee Tech	10-0	1,157	5
6.	Tarleton State	9-1	1,130	6
7.	Harvard	8-0	956	9
8.	Mercer	8-1	916	12
9.	UC Davis	6-3	890	11
10.	Villanova	7-2	888	10
11.	Rhode Island	8-2	800	14
12.	Monmouth (N.J.)	8-2	661	7
13.	North Dakota	6-4	653	13
14.	Illinois State	7-3	629	16
15.	Stephen F. Austin	8-2	598	17
16.	<i>South Dakota State</i>	7-3	544	8
17.	South Dakota	7-4	530	22
18.	Abilene Christian	6-4	506	18
19.	Lamar	8-2	503	20
20.	Youngstown State	6-4	445	21
21.	Southern Illinois	6-4	242	15
22.	Jackson State	7-2	226	23
23.	Southeastern Louisiana	7-3	208	19
24.	Northern Arizona	6-4	81	NR
25.	Western Carolina	6-3	174	NR

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

Teams receiving votes: New Hampshire, 74; Alabama State, 69; Lafayette, 39; West Georgia, 36; Delaware State, 35; Austin Peay, 22; Yale, 18; **Sacramento State, 11**; Dartmouth, 10; Central Connecticut State, 9; South Carolina State, 7; Southern Utah, 3.

AFCA FCS COACHES' POLL — NOV. 10

PL.	SCHOOL	2025 RECORD	POINTS	PR
1.	North Dakota State [23]	10-0	599	1
2.	Montana [1]	10-0	573	2
3.	Montana State	8-2	527	3
4.	Lehigh	10-0	514	4
5.	Tarleton State	9-1	480	7
6.	Tennessee Tech	10-0	473	5
7.	Villanova	7-2	441	8
8.	Mercer	8-1	423	T10
9.	Rhode Island	8-2	379	T10
10.	UC Davis	6-3	367	12
11.	Harvard	8-0	309	13
12.	Monmouth (N.J.)	8-2	293	6
13.	Illinois State	7-3	289	17
14.	Lamar	8-2	280	18
15.	<i>South Dakota State</i>	7-3	249	9
16.	Jackson State	7-2	213	19
17.	Stephen F. Austin	8-2	205	21
18.	North Dakota	6-4	199	15
19.	Youngstown State	6-4	178	22
20.	Abilene Christian	6-4	176	20
21.	Southeastern Louisiana	7-3	163	14
22.	South Dakota	7-4	145	25
23.	Southern Illinois	6-4	78	16
24.	West Georgia	7-3	53	NR
25.	Lafayette	7-3	46	NR

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

Teams receiving votes: Western Carolina, 33; Alabama State, 26; Yale, 18; Dartmouth, 11; Gardner-Webb, 11; **Sacramento State, 11**; Presbyterian, 9; UT Rio Grande Valley, 9; Northern Arizona, 8; Austin Peay, 4; Central Connecticut State, 3; New Hampshire, 2; South Carolina State, 2; North Carolina Central, 1.

MISSOURI VALLEY FOOTBALL CONFERENCE

2025 MVFC STANDINGS

SCHOOL	CONFERENCE	PF	PA	OVERALL	PF	PA
North Dakota State	7-0	258	100	10-0	396	117
South Dakota	5-2	161	162	7-4	247	275
Illinois State	4-2	201	154	7-3	325	268
North Dakota	4-2	185	101	6-4	351	190
South Dakota State	3-3	137	133	7-3	275	188
Youngstown State	3-3	216	198	6-4	351	299
Southern Illinois	3-3	187	182	6-4	349	260
Indiana State	1-5	109	222	3-7	208	396
Northern Iowa	1-5	88	159	3-7	159	238
Murray State	0-6	108	239	0-10	180	411

RECENT RESULTS AND SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, NOV. 8

*Illinois State 52, Indiana State 20
 *Northern Iowa 31, Murray State 14
 *North Dakota State 15, North Dakota 10
 *Youngstown State 48, Southern Illinois 38
 *South Dakota 24, South Dakota State 17

SATURDAY, NOV. 15

*North Dakota at Murray State, 11 a.m.
 *Indiana State at Youngstown State, 11 a.m.
 *South Dakota at Southern Illinois, noon
 *Illinois State at South Dakota State, 2 p.m.
 *Northern Iowa at North Dakota State, 2:30 p.m.
 All times Central

2025 PRESEASON POLL

1.	North Dakota State [39]	417
2.	South Dakota State	355
3.	South Dakota [3]	349
4.	Illinois State	292
5.	Youngstown State	211
6.	Southern Illinois	208
7.	North Dakota	196
8.	Northern Iowa	130
9.	Indiana State	105
10.	Murray State	47



#1/1 SDSU 40, #22 ILLINOIS STATE 21

Oct. 7, 2023 • Hancock Stadium (Att.: 8,272)

NORMAL, Ill. — Top-ranked South Dakota State got off to another fast start offensively and racked up 374 yards on the ground in posting a 40-21 victory over No. 22 Illinois State Oct. 7, 2023, at Hancock Stadium.

With their 19th consecutive victory dating back to last season, the Jackrabbits improved to 5-0 overall and 2-0 in the Missouri Valley Football Conference. Illinois State dropped to 3-2 overall and 1-1 in league play.

SDSU scored the first 20 points of the game with less than 11 minutes coming off the game clock. After receiving the opening kickoff, the Jackrabbits needed only nine plays to find the end zone, capping an 88-yard drive with a 31-yard touchdown pass from Mark Gronowski to Jadon Janke. The extra point attempt was missed.

After forcing a three-and-out, the Jackrabbits again turned to the air for their next touchdown as Gronowski found Jaxon Janke deep over the middle for a 60-yard touchdown pass and a 13-0 lead.

Things went from bad to worse for Illinois State on the ensuing kickoff as reserve linebacker Cullen McShane jarred the ball loose from the returner and Caleb Franci fell on the loose football at the Redbirds' 25-yard line. Five plays later, SDSU cashed in as Gronowski ran up the middle for a 13-yard touchdown.

The Redbirds began to gain some momentum in the second quarter as the combination of Zack Annexstad and Daniel Sobkowicz teamed up on a pair of touchdowns through the air. First, Sobkowicz lofted a pass on a trick play to Annexstad for a 9-yard score 32 seconds into the second stanza. Later in the period, the Redbirds used a more traditional approach as Annexstad connected with Sobkowicz from 7 yards out.

However, the Jackrabbit offense continued to click as SDSU scored touchdowns on each of its first five possessions of the game. Isaiah Davis countered the first Illinois State touchdown with a 3-yard scoring run and Jadon Janke closed out the first half with a 22-yard TD reception from Gronowski to push the SDSU lead to 34-14 heading into halftime.

Illinois State cut the deficit to 34-21 on a 37-yard touchdown run by Mason Blakemore to open the second half and had a chance to make it a one-score game later in the third quarter, but the Redbirds' second fumble of the game, which was caused by Saiveon Williamson and recovered by Jason Freeman in SDSU territory, ended the comeback bid.

Davis, who gained a game-high 197 yards on 20 carries, closed out the scoring with a 2-yard touchdown run five minutes into the fourth quarter. Amar Johnson added 106 yards on 11 carries for a Jackrabbit squad that averaged 8.1 yards per carry on the evening.

Gronowski completed 11-of-17 passes for 171 yards and three touchdowns. Jaxon Janke led the receiving corps with five catches for 88 yards.

SDSU finished with a 547-293 advantage in total offense. Annexstad completed 26-of-33 passes for 162 yards, with Eddie Kasper hauling in a team-best eight catches for 35 yards. Sobkowicz (70 yards) and Cam Grandy (43 yards) each caught seven passes.

Williamson, who was again filling in at middle linebacker for an injured Adam Bock, registered a team-high 11 tackles for the Jackrabbits to match a career high. Freeman tallied nine tackles to go along with his fumble recovery and fellow Illinois native Cale Reeder contributed eight stops.

Keondre Jackson was credited with a game-high 13 tackles for Illinois State.



Mark Gronowski passed for three first-half touchdowns and ran for another as South Dakota State rode a fast start to a 40-21 win at Illinois State on Oct. 7.

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	FINAL
South Dakota State (5-0, 2-0)	20	14	0	6	40
Illinois State (3-2, 1-1)	0	14	7	0	21

SCORING SUMMARY

1st	10:02	SDSU	—	Jadon Janke 31 yd pass from Mark Gronowski (Hunter Dustman kick failed)
1st	6:30	SDSU	—	Jaxon Janke 60 yd pass from Gronowski (Dustman kick)
1st	4:08	SDSU	—	Gronowski 13 yd run (Dustman kick)
2nd	14:28	ILS	—	Zack Annexstad 9 yd pass from Daniel Sobkowicz (Ian Wagner kick)
2nd	10:06	SDSU	—	Isaiah Davis 3 yd run (Dustman kick)
2nd	6:06	ILS	—	Sobkowicz 7 yd pass from Annexstad (Wagner kick)
2nd	3:10	SDSU	—	Jadon Janke 22 yd pass from Gronowski (Dustman kick)
3rd	13:26	ILS	—	Mason Blakemore 37 yd run (Wagner kick)
4th	10:09	SDSU	—	Davis 2 yd run (pass failed)

TEAM STATISTICS	SDSU	ILS
FIRST DOWNS	25	18
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	46-374	21-122
PASSING YDS (NET)	173	171
Passes Att-Comp-Int	18-12-0	34-27-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	64-547	55-293
Punt Returns-Yards	0-0	1-5
Kickoff Returns-Yards	1-34	3-37
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	1-41.0	4-44.8
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	3-2
Penalties-Yards	9-90	3-15
Possession Time	35:45	24:15
Third-Down Conversions	7 of 11	7 of 13
Fourth-Down Conversions	1 of 2	0 of 2
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	3-3	2-3
Sacks By: Number-Yards	1-7	1-5

RUSHING LEADERS: SDSU - Isaiah Davis 20-197; Amar Johnson 11-106; Mark Gronowski 8-38; Angel Johnson 5-31. ILS - Mason Blakemore 6-57; Cole Mueller 9-40; Zack Annexstad 6-25.

PASSING LEADERS: SDSU - Mark Gronowski 11-17-0 171; Jaxon Janke 1-1-0 2. ILS - Zack Annexstad 26-33-0 162; Daniel Sobkowicz 1-1-0 9. **RECEIVING LEADERS:** SDSU - Jaxon Janke 5-88; Zach Heins 3-28; Jadon Janke 2-53; Isaiah Davis 1-2; Mark Gronowski 1-2. ILS - Eddie Kasper 8-35; Daniel Sobkowicz 7-70; Cam Grandy 7-43; Zack Annexstad 1-9.

INTERCEPTIONS: SDSU - none. ILS - none. **SACKS:** SDSU - Cade Terveer 1-0-7. ILS - Amir Abdullah 1-0-5. **TACKLE LEADERS (JA-A-TOT):** SDSU - Saiveon Williamson 3-8-11; Jason Freeman 6-3-9; Cale Reeder 2-6-8; Dalys Beamon 4-2-6; Isaiah Stalbird 3-3-6; Colby Huerter 1-4-5. ILS - Keondre Jackson 3-10-13; Lavoise-Deontae McCoy 1-8-9; Tye Niekamp 4-4-8; Dillon Gearhart 3-5-8; Jalan Gaines 2-5-7; Mark Cannon Jr. 3-2-5; Jeff Bowens 3-2-5.

VERSUS RANKED OPPONENTS

Since moving to the Football Championship Subdivision at the start of the 2004 season, the Jackrabbits have compiled a 75-56 record versus ranked opponents.

Following is a year-by-year look at games against ranked opponents:

2004 0-3 record

- at #13 Cal Poly (L, 7-14)
- at #24 Montana State (L, 24-27)
- at #1 Georgia Southern (L, 7-63)

2005 0-5 record

- at #3 Montana (L, 0-7)
- #12 Cal Poly (L, 16-24)
- at #16 Texas State (L, 12-42)
- #19 Georgia Southern (L, 42-55)
- at #20 North Dakota State (L, 17-41)

2006 3-3 record

- at #6 Montana (L, 7-36)
- at #12 Northern Iowa (L, 17-27)
- at #16 McNeese State (W, 20-17)
- at #4 Cal Poly (W, 29-28)
- #16 UC Davis (W, 22-21)
- at #4 North Dakota State (L, 28-41)

2007 2-2 record

- at #6 Youngstown State (L, 17-23)
- #5 Northern Iowa (L, 17-31)
- #19 Cal Poly (W, 48-35)
- #1 North Dakota State (W, 29-24)

2008 3-4 record

- #14 Youngstown State (W, 40-7)
- #15 Western Illinois (W, 24-22)
- #8 Northern Iowa (L, 20-34)
- #4 McNeese State (L, 44-46 – 3OT)
- #3 Cal Poly (L, 28-42)
- #9 Southern Illinois (L, 35-38)
- at #24 North Dakota State (W, 25-24)

2009 1-3 record

- at #17 Cal Poly (L, 14-21)
- vs. #6 Northern Iowa (W, 24-14)
- vs. #3 Southern Illinois (L, 15-34)
- ^at #1 Montana (L, 48-61)

2010 2-3 record

- at #16 Delaware (L, 3-26)
- at #15 Northern Iowa (L, 14-24)
- vs. #20 Western Illinois (W, 33-29)
- at #15 Southern Illinois (W, 31-10)
- at #20 North Dakota State (L, 24-31)

2011 0-3 record

- vs. #23 Indiana State (L, 28-38)
- vs. #2 Northern Iowa (L, 14-31)
- vs. #3/5 North Dakota State (L, 14-38)

2012 3-2 record

- at #22/25 Indiana State (W, 24-10)
- vs. #21/22 Youngstown St. (W, 41-28)
- at #1/1 North Dakota State (L, 17-20)
- ^vs. #25 Eastern Illinois (W, 58-10)
- ^at #1/1 North Dakota State (L, 3-28)

2013 3-2 record

- vs. #1/1 North Dakota State (L, 0-20)
- vs. #17/18 Northern Iowa (W, 37-34 – 2 OT)
- at #15/18 Youngstown St. (W, 42-13)
- ^at #8/9 Northern Arizona (W, 26-7)
- ^at #3/3 Eastern Washington (L, 17-41)

2014 3-4 record

- at #22/22 Illinois State (L, 10-45)
- at #20/21 Northern Iowa (W, 31-28)
- vs. #16/17 Youngstown State (L, 27-30)
- at #1/1 North Dakota State (L, 17-37)
- at #17/19 Indiana State (W, 32-17)
- ^at #17/17 Montana State (W, 47-40)
- at #2/3 North Dakota State (L, 24-27)

2015 3-3 record

- vs. #2/3 North Dakota State (L, 7-28)
- vs. #19/21 Indiana State (W, 24-7)
- at #11/12 Youngstown State (W, 38-8)
- vs. #22/25 Northern Iowa (L, 7-10)
- vs. #2/2 Illinois State (W, 25-20)
- ^at #16/17 Montana (L, 17-24)

2016 4-1 record

- vs. #8/8 Western Illinois (W, 52-14)
- at #1/1 North Dakota State (W, 19-17)
- vs. #12/13 Youngstown State (W, 24-10)
- ^vs. #9/10 Villanova (W, 10-7)
- ^at #3/3 North Dakota State (L, 10-36)

2017 6-2 record

- at #5/6 Youngstown State (L, 7-19)
- at #12/14 Western Illinois (W, 52-48)
- vs. #2/2 North Dakota State (W, 33-21)
- vs. #17/20 Illinois State (W, 27-24 – OT)
- at #15/16 South Dakota (W, 31-28)
- ^vs. #20/21 Northern Iowa (W, 37-22)
- ^vs. #20/21 New Hampshire (W, 56-14)
- ^at #1/1 James Madison (L, 16-51)

2018 2-3 record

- at #1/1 North Dakota State (L, 17-21)
- at #25 Northern Iowa (L, 9-24)
- at #9/11 Illinois State (W, 38-28)
- ^at #2/2 Kennesaw State (W, 27-17)
- ^at #1/1 North Dakota State (L, 21-44)

2019 2-3 record

- at #17/19 Youngstown State (W, 38-28)
- vs. #1/1 North Dakota State (L, 16-23)
- vs. #11/12 Illinois State (L, 18-27)
- vs. #4/5 Northern Iowa (W, 38-7)
- ^vs. #6/6 Northern Iowa (L, 10-13)

2020-21 5-2 record

- at #3 Northern Iowa (W, 24-20)
- at #14 North Dakota (L, 17-28)
- at #5/5 Southern Illinois (W, 44-3)
- at #2/3 North Dakota State (W, 27-17)
- ^vs. #14/14 Southern Illinois (W, 31-26)
- ^vs. #5/5 Delaware (W, 33-3)
- ^vs. #4/4 Sam Houston (L, 21-23)

2021 4-4 record

- vs. #7/8 Southern Illinois (L, 41-42 – OT)
- vs. #20/24 Northern Iowa (L, 17-26)
- vs. #2/2 North Dakota State (W, 27-19)
- at #17/19 South Dakota (L, 20-23)
- ^vs. #14/16 UC Davis (W, 56-24)
- ^at #8/12 Sacramento State (W, 24-19)
- ^vs. #6/7 Villanova (W, 35-21)
- ^at #7/9 Montana State (L, 17-31)

2022 8-0 record

- vs. #25 UC Davis (W, 24-22)
- at #4/6 Missouri State (W, 28-14)
- at #1/1 North Dakota State (W, 23-21)
- at #20 North Dakota (W, 49-35)
- ^vs. #23 Delaware (W, 42-6)
- ^vs. #6/7 Holy Cross (W, 42-21)
- ^vs. #3/3 Montana State (W, 39-18)
- ^vs. #4/4 North Dakota State (W, 45-24)

2023 11-0 record

- vs. #3/3 Montana State (W, 20-16)
- vs. #11/12 North Dakota (W, 42-21)
- at #22 Illinois State (W, 40-21)
- at #12/12 Southern Illinois (W, 17-10)
- at #4/9 South Dakota (W, 37-3)
- vs. #10/11 North Dakota St. (W, 33-16)
- at #22 Youngstown State (W, 34-0)
- ^vs. #17/20 Mercer (W, 41-0)
- ^vs. #6/9 Villanova (W, 23-12)
- ^vs. #9/15 UAlbany (W, 59-0)
- ^vs. #2/2 Montana (W, 23-3)

2024 7-2 record

- vs. #11/12 Incarnate Word (W, 45-24)
 - at #18 Northern Iowa (W, 41-3)
 - at #2/2 North Dakota State (L, 9-13)
 - vs. #4/4 South Dakota (W, 20-17 – OT)
 - at #21/23 North Dakota, (W, 38-7)
 - at #18 Missouri State (W, 45-9)
 - ^vs. #13/13 Montana (W, 35-18)
 - ^vs. #6/6 Incarnate Word (W, 55-14)
 - ^at #3/4 North Dakota State (L, 21-28)
- ^denotes FCS playoff game

2025 3-2 record

- vs. #14/15 Sacramento State (W, 20-3)
- at #3/3 Montana State (W, 30-24 – 2 OT)
- at #18/24 Youngstown State (W, 35-30)
- vs. #1/1 North Dakota State (L, 7-38)
- at #22/25 South Dakota (L, 17-24)

#3/3 SDSU 20, #14/15 SACRAMENTO STATE 3

Aug. 30, 2025 • Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium (Att.: 19,163)

The South Dakota State defense was dominant from start to finish and the Jackrabbit offense scored a pair of touchdowns in the second quarter to open the Dan Jackson era with a 20-3 victory over 14th-ranked Sacramento State Saturday night at Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium.

With the victory, the third-ranked Jackrabbits ran their home winning streak to 30 games dating back to the 2021 season.

SDSU moved the ball almost at will in the first half, but some stumbles in the red zone prevented the Jackrabbits from building a bigger advantage early in the game. After losing a fumble inside the 5-yard line on the opening drive of the game, SDSU had to settle for a 22-yard field goal by newcomer Eli Stader after being set up first and goal from the Sac State 3 after a 44-yard pass play from Chase Mason to Lofton O'Groske on the first play of the ensuing possession.

Another Jackrabbit miscue later in the first quarter, this time on a muffed punt that was recovered by Sac State at the SDSU 23, resulted in what would be the visitors' lone points of the night. The SDSU defense rose to the occasion on a short field, holding the Hornets to a game-tying 36-yard field goal by Grant Meadors.

The Jackrabbits took the lead for good with a methodical 15-play, 75-drive that chewed up more than seven and a half minutes between the end of the first quarter and start of the second period. Twice SDSU converted on fourth-and-short to keep the drive alive before Mason found fullback/tight end Andrew Gustad open in the right front corner of the end zone for a 4-yard touchdown.

After turning over the Hornets on downs, running back Julius Loughridge gained 58 yards on four carries to kick-start the next SDSU drive and O'Groske finished the eight-play, 69-yard march by taking a handoff from Mason around right end for a 3-yard touchdown run.

Meanwhile, a Jackrabbit defense that returned only one starter from last year's squad, limited Sac State to only three first downs in the first half. The Hornets did not complete a pass in the opening quarter and managed only 24 net yards rushing on 24 attempts for the entire game. Sac State's longest run of the night was 5 yards.

The two squads combined for five punts in the third quarter before the Jackrabbits tallied the lone points of the second half by way of a 28-yard field goal by Stader late in the final stanza.

SDSU finished the night with a 430-131 advantage in total offensive yards and a 28-7 disparity in first downs. The Jackrabbits held the ball for more than 41 minutes and limited their opponents to 2-of-13 on third-down attempts and 0-for-4 on fourth-down conversions.

A transfer from Fordham, Loughridge paced the Jackrabbit offense with 159 yards on 22 carries while Mason ended his first career start by completing 17-of-23 passes for 190 yards. Alex Bullock was the top pass catcher with six receptions for 49 yards, with O'Groske adding five catches for 76 yards and rushing three times for another 31 yards.

Cullen McShane registered a career-best seven tackles to lead the Jackrabbits and fellow linebacker Chase Van Tol was credited for four stops.

Sac State quarterback Jaden Rashada was limited to 11-of-27 passing for 107 yards and was picked off by Jayden Oliver late in the first half. Jordan Anderson was the top receiving target for four catches for 49 yards.

Derek Houston recorded a game-high 14 tackles and notched one of the Hornets' seven sacks on the night.



Reis Kirschenman celebrates recovering a fumble in action during the second quarter of the Aug. 30 season opener against Sacramento State.

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Sacramento State (0-1)	3	0	0	0	3
South Dakota State (1-0)	3	14	0	3	20

SCORING SUMMARY

1st	8:11	SDSU	— Eli Stader 22 yd field goal
1st	5:18	SAC	— Grant Meadors 36 yd field goal
2nd	12:38	SDSU	— Andrew Gustad 4 yd pass from Chase Mason (Stader kick)
2nd	3:51	SDSU	— Lofton O'Groske 3 yd rush (Stader kick)
4th	2:27	SDSU	— Stader 28 yd field goal

TEAM STATISTICS	SAC	SDSU
FIRST DOWNS	7	28
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	24-24	56-240
PASSING YDS (NET)	107	190
Passes Att-Comp-Int	27-11-1	23-17-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	51-131	79-430
Punt Returns-Yards	0-0	2-(-5)
Kickoff Returns-Yards	2-46	2-46
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	1-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	5-46.2	2-41.5
Fumbles-Lost	3-1	2-2
Penalties-Yards	9-66	5-50
Possession Time	18:54	41:06
Third-Down Conversions	2 of 13	5 of 15
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 4	2 of 3
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	1-1	4-6
Sacks By: Number-Yards	7-39	2-16

RUSHING LEADERS: SAC - Rodney Hammond Jr. 6-12; Jamar Curtis 5-11; Savion Red 3-7; Damian Henderson II 2-6. SDSU - Julius Loughridge 22-159; Lofton O'Groske 3-31; Chase Mason 18-30; James Basinger 5-21; Isaiah Garcia-Castaneda 1-8; Brenden Begeman 5-3; Andrew Gustad 1-3. **PASSING LEADERS:** SAC - Jaden Rashada 11-27-1 112. SDSU - Chase Mason 17-23-0 190. **RECEIVING LEADERS:** SAC - Jordan Anderson 4-49; Jamar Curtis 2-17; Tim Conerly 2-12; Damian Henderson II 1-14; Jordan Williams 1-14. SDSU - Alex Bullock 6-49; Lofton O'Groske 5-76; Greyton Gannon 2-28; Grahm Goering 2-19; Isaiah Garcia-Castaneda 1-14; Andrew Gustad 1-4. **INTERCEPTIONS:** SAC - none. SDSU - Jayden Oliver 1-0. **SACKS:** SAC - Jayland McGlothen 2-0-7; Xavier Williams 1.5-14; Derek Houston 1.0-7; Dylan Hampsten 1.0-5; Jason Oliver 0.5-4; DeSean Watts 0.5-1; Brodie Tagaloa 0.5-1. SDSU - Chase Van Tol 1.0-9; Kobe Clayborne 1.0-7. **TACKLE LEADERS (UA-A-TOT):** SAC - Derek Houston 11-3-14; Koa Akui 6-3-9; Kaleb Higgins 4-2-6; Warren Smith Jr. 3-2-5; Dylan Hampsten 4-1-5; Jayland McGlothen 4-1-5. SDSU - Cullen McShane 7-0-7; Chase Van Tol 4-0-4; Reis Kirschenman 1-2-3; Joe Ollman 1-2-3; Kobe Clayborne 2-1-3.

GAME 2 RECAP

#2/2 SDSU 30, #3/3 MONTANA STATE 24 [2 OT]

Sept. 6, 2025 • Bobcat Stadium (Att.: 22,117)

BOZEMAN, Mont. — South Dakota State quarterback Chase Mason threw a pair of touchdowns in overtime, the last a 25-yarder to tight end Brayden Delahoyde on the first play of the second extra session, to lift the second-ranked Jackrabbits to a 30-24 road victory Saturday night at No. 3 Montana State.

The Jackrabbits improved to 2-0 on the season, while Montana State dropped to 0-2. The game was played before a Gold Rush crowd of 22,117 at Bobcat Stadium.

Tied at 17 after regulation, Mason hooked up with wide receiver Lofton O'Groske for a one-handed catch and a 2-yard touchdown for the first score in overtime. It was the second touchdown of the game for the sophomore wide receiver and his 12th and final catch of a career night.

The Bobcats quickly answered with a six-play drive that ended with a 2-yard touchdown run by Adam Jones.

On what would be the only SDSU offensive play of the second overtime, Mason found Delahoyde, a redshirt freshman from Spearfish, open down the left hash for a 25-yard score. The two-point attempt was no good.

Montana State picked up a first down early in the ensuing possession and, after a Jackrabbit penalty for offsides on fourth-and-6 from the 10, needed only a yard to extend the drive. However, SDSU linebacker Kytan Fyfe stopped Bobcat running back Julius Davis inches shy of the line to gain on a play up the middle to end the contest.

The Jackrabbits scored on the opening drive of the game, marching deep into MSU territory before culminating the 11-play, 68-yard drive with a 25-yard field goal by Eli Stader.

Montana State took its lone lead of the night on a 7-yard touchdown run by quarterback Justin Lamson early in the second quarter, finishing off a nine-play, 88-yard drive that began with a 34-yard pass from Lamson to Dane Steel.

A big play by the Jackrabbits' special teams set up the first Jackrabbit touchdown of the night in the closing minutes of the first half. True freshman Casey Larson broke through the line and blocked the MSU punt attempt, setting SDSU up at the Bobcat 21. The Jacks needed only two plays to find paydirt, with Mason scoring around right end from 8 yards out after a 13-yard run by Julius Loughridge.

The Bobcats tied the game at 10-all on a 33-yard field goal by Myles Sansted at the first-half horn, and the game remained knotted heading into the final quarter.

After SDSU missed a field goal attempt in the third quarter, O'Groske put the Jackrabbits back out front with an 8-yard touchdown reception with 9:08 remaining.

However, Montana State returned the favor with a momentum-changing play of its own on special teams. SDSU punter Max Pelham initially evaded a heavy rush near his own end zone, but his botched punt attempt after moving to the right rolled into the hands of Seth Brock, who returned the miscue 10 yards for the game-tying touchdown with 6:37 to play in regulation.

Mason, who completed his first seven pass attempts of the night, ended the game 17-of-25 for 174 yards and a career-high three touchdowns. O'Groske totaled 125 receiving yards on his dozen catches.

Loughridge recorded a team-high 99 rushing yards on 23 carries.

Montana State finished with a 349-297 advantage in total offense. Lamson was the Bobcats' leading rusher with 96 yards on 20 carries and



Lofton O'Groske scored two touchdowns and also set career highs for receptions (12) and receiving yards (125) in a double-overtime victory at third-ranked Montana State.

completed 18-of-28 passes for 123 yards. Julius Davis added 76 rushing yards on 12 carries.

Cullen McShane led the Jackrabbit defense with 12 tackles, followed by fellow linebacker Joe Ollman with eight stops. Ollman and Noah St-Juste each forced fumbles, with Logan Green adding a sack and a half.

Cole Taylor registered a game-high 13 tackles and forced a fumble for Montana State.

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	OT	FINAL
South Dakota State (2-0)	3	7	0	7	13	30
Montana State (0-2)	0	10	0	7	7	24

SCORING SUMMARY

1st	9:02	SDSU	Eli Stader 25 yd field goal
2nd	10:47	MSU	Justin Lamson 7 yd run (Myles Sansted kick)
2nd	1:06	SDSU	Chase Mason 8 yd run (Stader kick)
2nd	00:00	MSU	Sansted 33 yd field goal
4th	9:08	SDSU	Lofton O'Groske 8 yd pass from Mason (Stader kick)
4th	6:37	MSU	Seth Brock 10 yd fumble return (Sansted kick)
OT-1	00:00	MSU	Adam Jones 2 yd run (Sansted kick)
OT-1	00:00	SDSU	O'Groske 2 yd pass from Mason (Stader kick)
OT-2	00:00	SDSU	Brayden Delahoyde 25 yd pass from Mason (pass failed)

TEAM STATISTICS

	SDSU	MSU
FIRST DOWNS	16	17
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	40-123	42-210
PASSING YDS (NET)	174	139
Passes Att-Comp-Int	25-17-0	29-19-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	65-297	71-349
Punt Returns-Yards	4-0	3-9
Kickoff Returns-Yards	2-45	2-51
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	7-48.0	7-37.4
Fumbles-Lost	2-2	2-2
Penalties-Yards	5-45	4-28
Possession Time	33:05	26:55
Third-Down Conversions	1 of 13	5 of 15
Fourth-Down Conversions	1 of 2	0 of 1
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	4-5	3-4
Sacks By: Number-Yards	3-22	4-18

RUSHING LEADERS: SDSU - Julius Loughridge 23-99; Chase Mason 14-34; James Basinger 2-1. MSU - Justin Lamson 20-96; Julius Davis 12-76; Adam Jones 9-30. **PASSING LEADERS:** SDSU - Chase Mason 17-25-0 174. MSU - Justin Lamson 18-28-0 123; Adam Jones 1-1-0 16. **RECEIVING LEADERS:** SDSU - Lofton O'Groske 12-133; Alex Bullock 2-4; Brayden Delahoyde 1-25; Greyton Gannon 1-7; Grahm Goering 1-5. MSU - Adam Jones 6-41; Taco Dowler 4-18; Dane Steel 3-49; Hunter Providence 2-21; Rylan Schlepp 2-1. **INTERCEPTIONS:** SDSU - none. MSU - none. **SACKS:** SDSU - Logan Green 1.5-13; Matt Goehring 1.0-6; Dawson Ripperda 0.5-3. MSU - Hunter Parsons 1.0-8; Alec Eckert 1.0-5; Bryce Grebe 1.0-1; Zac Crews 0.5-2; Kenneth Eiden IV 0.5-2. **TACKLE LEADERS (JA-A-TOT):** SDSU - Cullen McShane 10-2-12; Joe Ollman 7-1-8; Jalen Lee 5-0-5. MSU - Cole Taylor 7-6-13; Kenneth Eiden IV 5-4-9; Caden Dowler 3-4-7.

GAME 3 RECAP

#2/2 SDSU 37, DRAKE 21

Sept. 13, 2025 • Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium (Att.: 19,213)

Julius Loughridge rushed for 83 yards and a pair of touchdowns and true freshman running backs James Basinger and Corey Blair Jr. also found the end zone for a second-ranked South Dakota State squad that posted a 37-21 victory over Drake Saturday night at Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium.

Playing before a Beef Bowl crowd of 19,213, the Jackrabbits improved to 3-0 overall and ran their home winning streak to 31 games. Drake, the two-time defending Pioneer League champion, fell to 1-1 on the season.

Drake needed only five plays to score the first points of the night. Quarterback Xavier Washington scrambled for 14 yards and Jaden Meizinger ran for another 21 yards before Washington found Hank Foley open over the middle for a 31-yard touchdown 3 minutes and 7 seconds into the contest.

The Jackrabbits gained the lead with touchdowns 35 seconds apart later in the first quarter. Following a short punt that placed the ball at the Drake 40, the Jackrabbits were aided by a pass interference penalty on the first play of the drive and scored three plays later when Alex Bullock caught a pass from Chase Mason in the left flat and scored from 9 yards out.

SDSU linebacker Joe Ollman came up with a strip sack on the first play of the ensuing drive, with Dawson Ripperda falling on the loose ball at the Bulldog 19. This time, the Jackrabbits needed only two plays to find the end zone as Loughridge followed his blockers for a 15-yard touchdown run

A 41-yard field goal by Harry Balke on the first snap of the second quarter pulled Drake to within 14-10, but the Jackrabbits extended their lead to 21-10 on a 2-yard touchdown run nearly seven minutes later by Basinger that capped a 12-play, 66-yard drive.

Loughridge scored his second touchdown of the night on a 4-yard run to finish off the first drive of the third quarter.

Drake stuck around behind the play of backup quarterback Logan Inagawa, who ran for a 3-yard touchdown midway through the third quarter, then tossed a two-point conversion to Nick Herman that cut the deficit to 28-18.

SDSU responded with the next 10 points to put the game out of reach. Following an interception by Noah Thompson, freshman kicker Ryan Harrington connected on his first collegiate field goal — a 39-yarder with under two minutes to play in the third quarter.

The Jackrabbits strung together a 10-play, 59-yard drive in the fourth quarter for their final scoring drive of the night. Blair ended the march with a 5-yard touchdown run as he ended the night with 50 yards on six carries.

A balanced SDSU offense ended the game with a 436-295 advantage in total yards gaining 225 yards through the air and 211 on the ground on a night in which the Jackrabbits never punted. Mason completed 18-of-25 passes, with Lofton O'Groske tallying a game-high six catches for 78 yards and Bullock adding five receptions for 39 yards and his first touchdown as a Jackrabbit.

Inagawa ended the night 15-of-25 passing for 140 yards and also was Drake's leading rusher with 58 yards on 14 carries. Jackson Voth led Bulldog receivers with five catches for 37 yards.

Cullen McShane paced the Jackrabbit defense with nine tackles, followed by Ollman with seven stops, including two sacks. Chase Van Tol and Logan Green also registered sacks for SDSU.

For Drake, Benjamin Wilson recorded a game-high 10 tackles.



Julius Loughridge led the South Dakota State ground game with touchdown runs of 15 and 4 yards in a Sept. 13 Beef Bowl victory over Drake.

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Drake (1-1)	7	3	8	3	21
South Dakota State (1-0)	14	7	10	6	37

SCORING SUMMARY

1st	12:53	DU	—	Hank Foley 31 yd pass from Xavier Washington (Harry Balke kick)
1st	6:34	SDSU	—	Alex Bullock 9 yd pass from Chase Mason (Eli Stader kick)
1st	5:59	SDSU	—	Julius Loughridge 15 yd run (Stader kick)
2nd	14:56	DU	—	Balke 41 yd field goal
2nd	8:09	SDSU	—	James Basinger 2 yd run (Stader kick)
3rd	11:09	SDSU	—	Loughridge 4 yd run (Stader kick)
3rd	7:28	DU	—	Logan Inagawa 3 yd run (Nick Herman pass from Inagawa)
3rd	1:57	SDSU	—	Ryan Harrington 39 yd field goal
4th	8:10	SDSU	—	Corey Blair Jr. 5 yd run (pass failed)
4th	00:04	DU	—	Balke 24 yd field goal

TEAM STATISTICS

	DU	SDSU
FIRST DOWNS	18	23
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	32-121	43-211
PASSING YDS (NET)	174	225
Passes Att-Comp-Int	29-18-1	25-18-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	61-295	68-436
Punt Returns-Yards	0-0	1-22
Kickoff Returns-Yards	0-0	3-43
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	1-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	4-35.2	0-0
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	1-0
Penalties-Yards	3-25	7-68
Possession Time	27:30	32:30
Third-Down Conversions	4 of 13	3 of 9
Fourth-Down Conversions	1 of 1	1 of 4
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	2-2	6-8
Sacks By: Number-Yards	0-0	4-22

RUSHING LEADERS: DU - Logan Inagawa 14-58; Jaden Meizinger 8-29; Nick Herman 2-19; Xavier Washington 3-7. SDSU - Julius Loughridge 20-83; Chase Mason 8-51; Corey Blair Jr. 6-50; James Basinger 6-20; Lofton O'Groske 1-8. **PASSING LEADERS:** DU - Logan Inagawa 15-25-1 140; Xavier Washington 3-4-0 34. SDSU - Chase Mason 18-25-0 225. **RECEIVING LEADERS:** DU - Jackson Voth 5-37; Taj Hughes 4-33; Hank Foley 3-54; Cooper Haswell 2-32. SDSU - Lofton O'Groske 6-78; Alex Bullock 5-39; Graham Goering 3-65; Grettyon Gannon 2-18; Jack Smith 1-20; Corey Blair Jr. 1-5. **INTERCEPTIONS:** DU - none. SDSU - Noah Thompson 1-0. **SACKS:** DU - none. SDSU - Joe Ollman 2.0-15; Logan Green 1.0-6; Chase Van Tol 1.0-1. **TACKLE LEADERS (UA-A-TOT):** DU - Benjamin Wilson 5-5-10; Sean Allison 4-4-8; J.R. Flood 4-3-7; Isaiah Bragg 6-0-6; Tommy Williams 3-2-5; Jack Ward 3-2-5. SDSU - Cullen McShane 5-4-9; Joe Ollman 3-4-7; Chase Van Tol 4-1-5; Isaiah Johnson 3-1-4; Kobe Clayborne 3-1-4.

GAME 4 RECAP

#2/2 SDSU 51, MERCYHURST 7

Sept. 27, 2025 • Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium (Att.: 19,034)

South Dakota State scored on all nine of its possessions to roll past Mercyhurst, 51-7, Sept. 27 in the annual Dairy Drive at Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium.

In completing the nonconference slate undefeated at 4-0, the second-ranked Jackrabbits ran their home winning streak to 32 games. Mercyhurst dropped to 1-4 on the season.

After opening the scoring with a 36-yard field goal by Eli Stader on the opening drive of the game, the Jackrabbits pushed their lead to 17-0 before the end of the first quarter with a pair of touchdowns through the air 24 seconds apart. First, Chase Mason hooked up with Alex Bullock for a 28-yard score, and after a Myles Taylor interception, SDSU needed only one play to find the end zone again on a 19-yard catch and run by Lofton O'Groske.

Mercyhurst answered with its longest drive of the day, an 11-play, 75-yard march that ended with a 22-yard touchdown pass from Adam Urena to Evan Van Dyke.

From there, it was all Jackrabbits. Stader closed out the first half with field goals of 25 and 28 yards for a 23-7 advantage and all four SDSU drives in the second half resulted in touchdowns.

Mason tied a career high with his third touchdown pass of the game early in the third quarter, an 18-yard strike to Jack Smith. Mason would end the game 21-of-29 passing for a career-best 321 yards.

The remainder of the Jackrabbit scoring came on the ground as freshman James Basinger found paydirt twice from a yard out around a 5-yard touchdown run by Brenden Begeman. Backup quarterback Luke Marble directed the final Jackrabbit scoring drive, completing all three of his pass attempts for 22 yards.

SDSU finished with a 469-154 advantage in total offense. Graham Goering tallied career highs of seven receptions and 101 yards, with Bullock adding 75 yards on six catches. Basinger topped the rushing attack with 53 yards on 15 carries and added three receptions for 32 yards.

Urena completed 12-of-18 passes for 103 yards, but was picked off twice. Van Dyke notched five catches for 62 yards.

Isaiah Johnson led the Jackrabbit defense with four tackles. Braylon Beckwith registered a game-high nine tackles for the Lakers.

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Mercyhurst (1-4)	0	7	0	0	7
South Dakota State (4-0)	17	6	14	14	51

SCORING SUMMARY

1st	10:03	SDSU	— Eli Stader 36 yd field goal
1st	4:20	SDSU	— Alex Bullock 28 yd pass from Chase Mason (Stader kick)
1st	3:56	SDSU	— Lofton O'Groske 19 yd pass from Mason (Stader kick)
2nd	13:38	MU	— Evan Van Dyke 22 yd pass from Adam Urena (Max Young kick)
2nd	5:12	SDSU	— Stader 25 yd field goal
2nd	00:00	SDSU	— Stader 28 yd field goal



Myles Taylor's interception and 27-yard return set up the Jackrabbits' second touchdown in a 24-second span late in a 17-point first quarter Sept. 27 against Mercyhurst.

3rd	9:59	SDSU	— Jack Smith 18 yd pass from Mason (Stader kick)
3rd	4:23	SDSU	— James Basinger 1 yd run (Stader kick)
4th	12:48	SDSU	— Brenden Begeman 5 yd run (Stader kick)
4th	1:55	SDSU	— Basinger 1 yd run (Stader kick)

TEAM STATISTICS	MU	SDSU
FIRST DOWNS	9	26
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	20-41	37-126
PASSING YDS (NET)	113	343
Passes Att-Comp-Int	20-13-2	32-24-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	40-154	69-469
Punt Returns-Yards	0-0	1-6
Kickoff Returns-Yards	7-118	2-53
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	2-51
Punts (Number-Avg)	5-34.6	0-0
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-0
Penalties-Yards	8-55	8-60
Possession Time	23:13	36:47
Third-Down Conversions	3 of 10	9 of 13
Fourth-Down Conversions	1 of 1	1 of 1
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	0-0	8-8
Sacks By: Number-Yards	0-0	3-13

RUSHING LEADERS: MU - Brian Trobel 9-22; Jonny Askey 3-15; Ayron Rodriguez 1-5; Jameir Gamble 2-2. SDSU - James Basinger 15-53; Julius Loughridge 11-33; Brenden Begeman 5-25; Chase Mason 5-8; Luke Marble 1-7. **PASSING LEADERS:** MU - Adam Urena 12-18-2 103; Alex Gevaudan 1-1-0 10; Joe Kerbacher 0-1-0 0. SDSU - Chase Mason 21-29-0 321; Luke Marble 3-3-0 22. **RECEIVING LEADERS:** MU - Evan Van Dyke 5-62; Dylan Evans 3-25; Braydon Black 2-13. SDSU - Graham Goering 7-101; Alex Bullock 6-75; Jack Smith 3-51; James Basinger 3-32; Isaiah Garcia-Castaneda 2-30; Lofton O'Groske 2-25; Sammy Dresie 1-29. **INTERCEPTIONS:** MU - none. SDSU - Myles Taylor 1-27; Jayden Oliver 1-24. **SACKS:** MU - none. SDSU - Kobe Clayborne 1.0-6; Noah St-Juste 1.0-5; Logan Green 0.5-1; Dawson Ripperda 0.5-1. **TACKLE LEADERS (UA-A-TOT):** MU - Braylon Beckwith 2-7-9; Timmy Fleischood Jr. 2-6-8; Cedric Carter 2-5-7; Elijah Binakonsky 1-4-5. SDSU - Isaiah Johnson 3-1-4; Myles Green 2-1-3; Jalen B. Lee 2-1-3; Joe Ollman 2-1-3; Kytan Fyfe 1-2-3; Mac Muller 1-2-3; Cullen McShane 0-3-3.

#2/2 SDSU 35, #18/24 YOUNGSTOWN STATE 30

Oct. 4, 2025 • Stambaugh Stadium (Att.: 11,068)

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio — Second-ranked South Dakota State blitzed Youngstown State with 21 points in the third quarter, overcoming a 10-point halftime deficit and coming away with a 35-30 victory in the Missouri Valley Football Conference opener for both teams Oct. 4 at Stambaugh Stadium.

Behind four second-half touchdowns by running back Julius Loughridge, the Jackrabbits improved to 5-0 overall. YSU, ranked 18th by the Football Championship Subdivision coaches and 24th in the Stats Perform media poll, dropped to 3-2 overall.

After forcing a three-and-out on the opening drive of the second half, the Jackrabbits needed only two plays to draw to within 17-14. On the first play of the drive, Mason went up top to Alex Bullock for a 51-yard pass play and Julius Loughridge carried in from 3 yards on the ensuing play.

YSU's 43-yard field goal attempt on the next possession sailed wide right and the Jackrabbits went back to work on the offensive end to take the lead with their second scoring drive of the quarter. That drive followed much of the same recipe as Mason connected with Bullock deep over the middle for a 38-yard gain and Loughridge stutter-stepped his way around left end two plays later for a 14-yard touchdown run.

Bullock picked up much of the slack in the absence of leading receiver Lofton O'Groske by recording 10 catches for 162 yards.

Loughridge scored his third touchdown of the quarter on a 2-yard run with 2 minutes and 18 seconds remaining in the stanza. He accounted for all 57 yards on the drive, including gains of 23 and 27 yards, as he finished the third quarter with 93 yards on 11 attempts.

The Penguins made it a one-score game early in the fourth quarter as Brungard hit Max Tomczak for a 29-yard touchdown pass. YSU had a chance to take the lead after getting the ball back at its own 13 with 6:49 remaining, but the SDSU defense came up with a much-needed stop and then put the ball back in the hands of Loughridge for a game-sealing drive.

Once again Loughridge did all the heavy lifting as he picked up yards in chunks before bursting through the line one final time for a 24-yard touchdown run. The Houston native ended the night with 176 yards on 25 carries.

YSU again made it a one-score game with 38 seconds remaining on a Brungard-to-Tomczak touchdown for the third time on the night, this time from 2 yards out. The two-point try was broken up and the Penguins' attempt at an onside kick rolled out of bounds, allowing SDSU to gain possession and run out the clock.

Youngstown State grabbed the early lead after taking advantage of a short field after the Jackrabbits failed on a fourth-down attempt near field on the opening drive of the game. Quarterback Beau Brungard found Tomczak behind the Jackrabbit defense for a 23-yard touchdown pass.

The Penguins pushed their advantage to 14-0 with a 15-play, 80-yard touchdown drive that ended with a 4-yard touchdown run by Brungard. The YSU quarterback ended the night 29-of-44 passing for 275 yards and also led the Penguins with 130 rushing yards on 22 carries.

SDSU got on the board with its longest scoring drive in terms of yards later in the second quarter. Mason ran for 34 yards to get the Jackrabbits across midfield, then found tight end Greyton Gannon open for a 4-yard touchdown pass that capped a nine-play, 90-yard march.

The momentum was short-lived, however, as Brungard broke two tackles on a 74-yard run to the Jackrabbit 8 to jump-start the next Penguin drive. However, the SDSU defense held, limiting YSU to a 29-yard field goal by Andrew Lastovka that made the score 17-7 going into halftime.



Alex Bullock caught 10 passes for 162 yards, with two of his catches covering 51 and 38 yards to set up a pair of third-quarter touchdowns in SDSU's 35-30 road victory.

YSU finished with a 431-400 advantage in total offense, with Tomczak catching eight passes for 92 yards.

Mason completed 14-of-30 passes for 180 yards and picked up another 40 yards on the ground on five attempts.

Cullen McShane led the Jackrabbit defense with a game-high 12 tackles, followed by fellow linebackers Chase Van Tol with eight tackles and Joe Ollman with seven stops. Ollman also recorded a sack.

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	FINAL
South Dakota State (5-0, 1-0)	0	7	21	7	35
Youngstown State (3-2, 0-1)	7	10	0	13	30

SCORING SUMMARY

1st	11:52	YSU	Max Tomczak 23 yd pass from Beau Brungard (Andrew Lastovka kick)
2nd	14:00	YSU	Brungard 4 yd run (Lastovka kick)
2nd	4:58	SDSU	Greyton Gannon 4 yd pass from Chase Mason (Eli Stader kick)
2nd	2:23	YSU	Lastovka 29 yd field goal
3rd	12:50	SDSU	Julius Loughridge 3 yd run (Stader kick)
3rd	5:54	SDSU	Loughridge 14 yd run (Stader kick)
3rd	2:18	SDSU	Loughridge 2 yd run (Stader kick)
4th	10:31	YSU	Tomczak 29 yd pass from Brungard (Lastovka kick)
4th	3:17	SDSU	Loughridge 24 yd run (Stader kick)
4th	00:38	YSU	Tomczak 2 yd pass from Brungard (pass failed)

TEAM STATISTICS

	SDSU	YSU
FIRST DOWNS	20	25
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	40-211	29-156
PASSING YDS (NET)	189	275
Passes Att-Comp-Int	30-14-1	44-29-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	70-400	73-431
Punt Returns-Yards	1-15	1-1
Kickoff Returns-Yards	1-0	3-57
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	4-49.8	6-42.3
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-1
Penalties-Yards	7-43	7-60
Possession Time	29:25	30:35
Third-Down Conversions	6 of 14	4 of 13
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 2	1 of 1
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	4-4	3-3
Sacks By: Number-Yards	3-31	1-4

RUSHING LEADERS: SDSU - Julius Loughridge 25-176; Chase Mason 5-40; Andrew Gustad 3-7. YSU - Beau Brungard 22-130; Ethan Wright 2-24; Jaden Gilbert 2-6. **PASSING LEADERS:** SDSU - Chase Mason 14-30-1 189. YSU - Beau Brungard 29-44-0 275. **RECEIVING LEADERS:** SDSU - Alex Bullock 10-162; Greyton Gannon 2-9; Graham Goering 1-10; Jack Smith 1-8. YSU - Max Tomczak 8-92; Kylon Wilson 6-31; Jaden Gilbert 4-32; Ethan Wright 3-35; Micheal Manna 3-18.

INTERCEPTIONS: SDSU - none. YSU - none. **SACKS:** SDSU - Dawson Ripperda 1.0-15; Joe Ollman 1.0-10; Aaron Wolfcale-Holsten 1.0-6. YSU - Parker Jacobs 1.0-4. **TACKLE LEADERS (UA-A-TOT):** SDSU - Cullen McShane 7-5-12; Chase Van Tol 8-0-8; Joe Ollman 2-5-7; Jalen Lee 4-2-6; Noah St-Juste 5-0-5. YSU - D.J. Harris 7-3-10; Collin Vaughn 2-5-7; Carston Marshall 0-5-5; Justin Wimpye 5-0-5; Preston Zandier 2-3-5.

#2/2 SDSU 31, NORTHERN IOWA 3

Oct. 11, 2025 • Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium (Att.: 19,342)

South Dakota State forced five turnovers in once again holding Northern Iowa out of the end zone and quarterback Chase Mason accounted for all four Jackrabbit touchdowns in a 31-3 Hobo Day victory Oct. 11 at Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium.

In playing before a season-high crowd of 19,342, the second-ranked Jackrabbits improved to 6-0 overall and 2-0 in the Missouri Valley Football Conference. SDSU also extended its home winning streak to 33 games. UNI dropped to 2-4 overall and 0-2 in league play.

Mason scored on a pair of 2-yard runs in the first half. His first touchdown capped a seven-play, 37-yard drive following the first of four Jackrabbit interceptions on the day as Isaiah Johnson picked off a Matthew Schecklman pass to give SDSU a short field.

After UNI put up what would be its only points of the game on a 30-yard field goal by Max Bartachek, the Jackrabbits answered with their second scoring drive of the game. Julius Loughridge broke off runs of 27 and 20 yards before Mason plunged in again from 2 yards out with 2 minutes and 2 seconds remaining in the first half.

SDSU had a chance to put more points on the board late in the second quarter when Cullen McShane punched the ball loose near midfield and fellow linebacker Joe Ollman recovered. However, the Jackrabbits missed their second field goal attempt of the day as a 45-yarder into a gusty southerly wind came up short.

The start of the third quarter was full of twists and turns, starting when UNI forced a three-and-out and blocked a Jackrabbit punt, recovering at the SDSU 12. The SDSU defense came up with a quick response when backup quarterback Aidan Dunne entered the game as a running back and lofted a pass to the right corner of the end zone that was picked off by Jalen Lee.

Chase Van Tol added an interception later in the third quarter for SDSU, but the Jackrabbit offense again stalled and turned the ball over on downs.

After the second UNI punt of the third quarter, the Jackrabbits were finally able to add to their lead by turning to the air. Grahm Goering caught passes for 12 and 16 yards before Mason found Greyton Gannon for catches and runs of 26 and 22 yards, the last of which went for a touchdown.

Mason connected with another tight end for the final Jackrabbit touchdown of the day as he lofted a pass over a UNI defender into the left flat to Andrew Gustad for an 11-yard score early in the fourth quarter.

SDSU tacked on a 30-yard field goal by Eli Stader on its next drive to close out the scoring and freshman Myles Green notched the Jackrabbits' fourth and final interception in UNI territory to keep the Panthers out of the end zone for the third consecutive game in the series.

Mason ended the afternoon 19-of-31 passing for 251 yards. Alex Bullock caught five passes for 82 yards, followed by Goering and Jack Smith each with four receptions for 51 and 36 yards, respectively.

SDSU finished with a 382-221 advantage in total offense. Loughridge led the ground game with 76 yards on 19 carries.

For UNI, Schecklman was 12-for-20 passing for 125 yards. Bill Jackson led the Panthers with 10 carries for 29 yards, as well as five receptions for 42 yards.

Ollman paced the Jackrabbit defense with eight tackles, followed by six by McShane. Van Tol stuffed the defensive stat sheet with four total tackles, including two sacks, and an interception.



A swarming South Dakota State defense kept Northern Iowa out of the end zone and forced five turnovers in a 31-3 Jackrabbit victory on Hobo Day.

Kolben Miller, Ryan Crandall and Tucker Langenberg all registered 10 stops for UNI.

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Northern Iowa (2-4, 0-2)	0	3	0	0	3
South Dakota State (6-0, 2-0)	7	7	7	10	31

SCORING SUMMARY

1st	4:31	SDSU	— Chase Mason 2 yd run (Eli Stader kick)
2nd	4:23	UNI	— Max Bartachek 30 yd field goal
2nd	2:02	SDSU	— Mason 2 yd run (Stader kick)
3rd	1:14	SDSU	— Greyton Gannon 22 yd pass from Mason (Stader kick)
4th	11:06	SDSU	— Andrew Gustad 11 yd pass from Mason (Stader kick)
4th	3:58	SDSU	— Stader 30 yd field goal

TEAM STATISTICS	UNI	SDSU
FIRST DOWNS	14	24
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	30-78	39-120
PASSING YDS (NET)	143	262
Passes Att-Comp-Int	27-14-4	33-20-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	57-221	72-382
Punt Returns-Yards	3-29	0-0
Kickoff Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	4-37
Punts (Number-Avg)	4-36.8	5-36.4
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	0-0
Penalties-Yards	5-49	8-85
Possession Time	28:01	31:59
Third-Down Conversions	2 of 11	5 of 14
Fourth-Down Conversions	1 of 3	0 of 1
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	1-3	4-6
Sacks By: Number-Yards	3-19	2-8

RUSHING LEADERS: UNI - Bill Jackson 10-29; Matthew Schecklman 8-19; Jaxon Dailey 4-17; Harrison Bey-Buie 6-14. SDSU - Julius Loughridge 19-76; James Basinger 10-37; Jack Smith 1-9; Andrew Gustad 1-4; Chase Mason 7-(-2); Alex Bullock 1-(-4). **PASSING LEADERS:** UNI - Matthew Schecklman 12-20-2 125; Aidan Dunne 2-6-1 18; Jaxon Dailey 0-1-1 0. SDSU - Chase Mason 19-31-0 251; Luke Marble 1-2-0 11. **RECEIVING LEADERS:** UNI - Bill Jackson 5-42; Tysen Kershaw 2-48; J.C. Roque Jr. 2-21; Derek Anderson 2-14; Harris Bey-Buie 1-8; Ayden Price 1-7; Kaden Amigon-Suiter 1-3. SDSU - Alex Bullock 5-82; Grahm Goering 4-51; Jack Smith 4-36; Greyton Gannon 2-48; James Basinger 2-15; Sammy Dresie 1-13; Andrew Gustad 1-11; David Alpers 1-6. **INTERCEPTIONS:** UNI - none. SDSU - Chase Van Tol 1-29; Isaiah Johnson 1-8; Myles Green 1-0; Jalen Lee 1-0. **SACKS:** UNI - Ryan Crandall 1.0-11; Kolben Miller 1.0-3; Jaylen Pettus 0.5-3; Tucker Langenberg 0.5-2. SDSU - Chase Van Tol 2.0-8. **TACKLE LEADERS (UA-A-TOT):** UNI - Ryan Crandall 6-4-10; Tucker Langenberg 5-5-10; Kolben Miller 7-3-10; Jordan McClom 3-3-6; Jaylen Pettus 1-4-5. SDSU - Joe Ollman 6-2-8; Cullen McShane 4-2-6; Chase Van Tol 2-2-4; Isaiah Johnson 3-0-3; Dontay Johnson 3-0-3; Noah Thompson 3-0-3; Dawson Ripperda 0-3-3.

#2/2 SDSU 35, MURRAY STATE 14

Oct. 18, 2025 • Roy Stewart Stadium (Att.: 6,746)

MURRAY, Ky. — Redshirt freshman Luke Marble and Jack Smith connected on two touchdown passes and the South Dakota State defense came up with five stops deep in its own territory as the second-ranked Jackrabbits pulled away for a 35-14 victory over an upstart Murray State squad Oct. 18 at Roy Stewart Stadium.

With the win, the Jackrabbits improved to 7-0 overall and 3-0 in the Missouri Valley Football Conference. Murray State remained winless, falling to 0-7 and 0-3, respectively.

Marble entered the game after the Jackrabbits' starting quarterback, Chase Mason, was injured on SDSU's initial drive of the game. Mason hobbled off the field after ending a 14-play, 82-yard drive with a 6-yard touchdown run.

The first Jackrabbit scoring drive came after SDSU took over at its own 18-yard line after the first of two Jalen Lee interceptions on the day.

Murray State would answer with a 65-yard touchdown pass from Jim Ogle to Darius Cannon late in the first quarter, but Marble and the Jackrabbits would take the lead for good early in the second quarter. On the first play of the go-ahead drive, Marble fired a pass into a stiff breeze that was hauled in by Alex Bullock for a 43-yard gain to the MSU 45. Five plays later, Marble found Smith in the left flat for a 10-yard touchdown.

MSU appeared to be on the verge of re-tying the game late in the first half, but SDSU middle linebacker Joe Ollman made a diving interception in the back of the end zone to keep the Jackrabbits in the lead at 14-7.

SDSU extended its lead to 21-7 on the opening possession of the second half when Marble found Smith wide open along the left sideline. The Jackrabbit wide receiver again made a man miss as he slipped through a would-be tackle on his way to the end zone for a 46-yard touchdown.

The Racers were again on the doorstep on the ensuing possession, but were turned back on downs after getting as close as the Jackrabbit 4-yard line. A sack by Dawson Ripperda on fourth down kept the SDSU advantage at 14 points.

The Jackrabbits turned to freshman running back Josiah Johnson as the third quarter flipped to the fourth. In his first offensive series of the season, the Milwaukee native carried on eight of nine plays of the drive for 46 yards, including the final yard of a four-minute drive, for his first collegiate touchdown.

SDSU continued to grind away down the stretch as all 20 of the Jackrabbits' offensive plays in the final stanza were rushing attempts. For the game, the Jackrabbits ran 52 times for 211 yards with Julius Loughridge leading the way with 88 yards on 25 carries. Johnson ended the afternoon with 10 carries for 58 yards and James Basinger added 32 yards on six carries, including a 6-yard touchdown run to cap the scoring after Murray State scored on a 60-yard screen pass from Ogle to Jordan Washington.

Interceptions by Lee and Jayden Oliver — one at the SDSU 15 and the other in the end zone — on the final two Racer possessions sealed the Jackrabbit victory.

SDSU ended the game with a 469-439 advantage in total offense and racked up 35 minutes and 55 seconds in time of possession. Marble completed 13-of-21 passes for 189 yards while Mason was 5-of-6 for 69 yards in his limited action. Bullock tallied six receptions for 99 yards — all in the first half — and Smith contributed five catches for 91 yards to go along with his two touchdowns.



Jalen Lee recorded two of South Dakota State's four interceptions on the day to help lead the Jackrabbits to a 35-14 road win at Murray State.

For Murray State, Ogle completed 20-of-32 passes for 327 yards, with Cannon catching five balls for an even 100 yards. Washington led the Racers' rushing attack with 56 yards on 13 carries.

Chase Van Tol led the Jackrabbit defense with eight tackles, followed by Lee with six stops.

Conlee Crossno led all players with 12 tackles for Murray State.

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	FINAL
South Dakota State (7-0, 3-0)	7	7	7	14	35
Murray State (0-7, 0-3)	7	0	0	7	14

SCORING SUMMARY

1st	5:51	SDSU	— Chase Mason 6 yd run (Eli Stader kick)
1st	3:06	MUR	— Darius Cannon 65 yd pass from Jim Ogle (J. Tannehill kick)
2nd	7:14	SDSU	— Jack Smith 10 yd pass from Luke Marble (Stader kick)
3rd	13:49	SDSU	— Smith 46 yd pass from Marble (Stader kick)
4th	13:15	SDSU	— Josiah Johnson 1 yd run (Stader kick)
4th	12:10	MUR	— Jordan Washington 60 yd pass from Ogle (Tannehill kick)
4th	6:12	SDSU	— James Basinger 6 yd run (Stader kick)

TEAM STATISTICS	SDSU	MUR
FIRST DOWNS	25	20
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	52-211	28-111
PASSING YDS (NET)	258	327
Passes Att-Comp-Int	27-18-1	32-20-4
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	79-469	60-438
Punt Returns-Yards	1-4	0-0
Kickoff Returns-Yards	1-14	1-1
Interception Returns-Yards	4-0	1-21
Punts (Number-Avg)	6-54.0	6-46.8
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	1-0
Penalties-Yards	5-41	3-25
Possession Time	35:55	24:05
Third-Down Conversions	8 of 15	3 of 11
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 0	0 of 1
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	4-4	0-3
Sacks By: Number-Yards	2-10	0-0

RUSHING LEADERS: SDSU - Julius Loughridge 25-88; Josiah Johnson 10-58; James Basinger 6-32; Luke Marble 5-18; Corey Blair Jr. 2-13; Chase Mason 3-4. MUR - Jordan Washington 13-56; Tyrell Campbell 6-29; Jim Ogle 6-20; Darius Cannon 2-6; Baxter Wright 1-0. **PASSING LEADERS:** SDSU - Luke Marble 13-21-1 189; Chase Mason 5-6-0 69. MUR - Jim Ogle 20-32-4 327.

RECEIVING LEADERS: SDSU - Alex Bullock 6-99; Jack Smith 5-91; Grahm Goergin 3-35; Greyton Gannon 2-22; Corey Blair Jr. 1-9; Julius Loughridge 1-2. MUR - MDarius Cannon 5-10; J'Kalon Carter 3-31; Jordan Washington 2-68; Ty Brown 2-32; Trace Corum 2-25; Lucas Desjardins 2-13.

INTERCEPTIONS: SDSU - Jalen Lee 2-0; Jayden Oliver 1-0; Joe Ollman 1-0. MUR - Dylan Rowsey 1-21. **SACKS:** SDSU - Dawson Ripperda 1.0-8; Cullen McShane 1.0-2. MUR - none. **TACKLE LEADERS (UA-A-TOT):** SDSU - Chase Van Tol 7-1-8; Jalen Lee 4-2-6; Joe Ollman 3-1-4; Koby Bretz 3-1-4. MUR - Conlee Crossno 6-6-12; Shadon Shannon 7-3-10; Dylan Rowsey 6-2-8; Rett Hemphill 6-1-7.

GAME 8 RECAP

#1/1 NORTH DAKOTA STATE 38, #2/2 SOUTH DAKOTA STATE 7

Oct. 25, 2025 • Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium (Att.: 19,477)

North Dakota State quarterback Cole Payton rushed for four touchdowns and racked up 380 yards of total offense to lead the top-ranked Bison to a 38-7 victory over South Dakota State in the annual Dakota Marker game before a Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium record crowd of 19,477.

In retaining the Dakota Marker, NDSU improved to 8-0 overall and 5-0 in the Missouri Valley Football Conference. The second-ranked Jackrabbits suffered their first loss of the season, falling to 7-1 overall and 3-1 in league play. The loss also snapped SDSU's 33-game home winning streak that dated back to the 2021 season.

Playing without starting quarterback Chase Mason, who was injured last week at Murray State, SDSU was held without a first down until early in the second quarter. All three Jackrabbit drives of the opening stanza resulted in three-and-outs and a total of two yards.

The Bison, meanwhile, clicked on all cylinders throughout the first 20 minutes of the game as they scored touchdowns on each of their first three possessions. NDSU strung together a 16-play, 84-yard drive that consumed nine minutes the first time it held the ball, ending the march with 1-yard touchdown run by Payton.

Payton would score from 2 yards out with 16 seconds remaining in the first quarter and Bariku Kpeenu added a 2-yard touchdown run to complete a seven-play, 68-yard drive early in the second quarter to push the lead to 21-7.

After the Jackrabbit defense came up with its first stop of the night, SDSU turned a short field after a Bison punt into the wind into its only points of the night. The Jackrabbits turned to some trickery on the first play of the drive as wide receiver Isaiah Garcia-Castaneda threw a pass on an end-around to Lofton O'Groske on the right-side numbers for 26 yards. On the next play, quarterback Luke Marble tossed a pass to the other side of the field for a 17-yard touchdown pass.

SDSU's attempt to seize more of the momentum was thwarted, however, when Payton completed a pass to Bryce Lance for 10 yards on third-and-8, then rambled 57 yards down the left side for his third touchdown of the night.

A 43-yard field goal by Eli Ozick with a couple seconds remaining in the first half upped the NDSU lead to 31-7.

After a scoreless third quarter that included SDSU's Koby Bretz picking off a Payton pass at the goal line, Payton put the finishing touches on the night with a 47-yard touchdown run. He ended the game 18-of-23 passing for 243 yards and an additional 137 yards on 17 carries.

NDSU finished with a 500-166 advantage in total offense and accumulated 38 minutes in possession time. Lance recorded game highs on the receiving side with five catches for 103 yards.

Marble finished his first career start by completing 7-of-16 passes for 89 yards. Julius Loughridge tallied 38 rushing yards on 10 carries.

Cullen McShane registered a game-high 11 tackles for SDSU, followed by Jalen B. Lee and Kobe Clayborne each with career highs of nine stops.

For NDSU, Donovan Woolen paced the defensive effort with nine tackles.



Kobe Clayborne recorded one of three South Dakota State sacks and registered a career-high nine tackles in an Oct. 25 Dakota Marker matchup against North Dakota State.

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	FINAL
North Dakota State (8-0, 5-0)	14	17	0	7	38
South Dakota State (7-1, 3-1)	0	7	0	0	7

SCORING SUMMARY

1st	5:11	NDSU	–	Cole Payton 1 yd run (Eli Ozick kick)
1st	00:16	NDSU	–	Payton 2 yd run (Ozick kick)
2nd	10:55	NDSU	–	Barika Kpeenu 2 yd run (Ozick kick)
2nd	5:54	SDSU	–	Lofton O'Groske 17 yd pass from Luke Marble (Eli Stader kick)
2nd	2:38	NDSU	–	Payton 57 yd run (Ozick kick)
2nd	00:02	NDSU	–	Ozick 43 yd field goal
4th	11:55	NDSU	–	Payton 47 yd run (Ozick kick)

TEAM STATISTICS	NDSU	SDSU
FIRST DOWNS	24	11
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	49-257	28-43
PASSING YDS (NET)	243	123
Passes Att-Comp-Int	24-18-1	19-9-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	73-500	47-166
Punt Returns-Yards	3-23	0-0
Kickoff Returns-Yards	2-48	5-91
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	1-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	2-30.5	6-48.7
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-0
Penalties-Yards	6-55	4-23
Possession Time	38:01	21:59
Third-Down Conversions	9 of 16	3 of 11
Fourth-Down Conversions	3 of 3	0 of 2
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	3-3	1-1
Sacks By: Number-Yards	4-45	3-11

RUSHING LEADERS: NDSU - Cole Payton 17-137; Barika Kpeenu 13-39; Nathan Hayes 2-39; D.J. Scott 11-37; Owen Johnson 2-6; Cortez LeGrant 1-2. SDSU - Julius Loughridge 10-38; James Basinger 2-13; Lofton O'Groske 1-12; Josiah Johnson 3-6; Jack Henry 6-2; Luke Marble 6-(-28).

PASSING LEADERS: NDSU - Cole Payton 18-23-1 243. SDSU - Luke Marble 7-16-0 89; Isaiah Garcia-Castaneda 1-1-0 26; Jack Henry 1-2-0 8. **RECEIVING LEADERS:** NDSU - Bryce Lance 5-103; RaJa Nelson 4-43; Jackson Williams 3-41; Barika Kpeenu 3-14; Reis Kessel 2-37; Carson Williams 1-5. SDSU - Lofton O'Groske 2-43; Alex Bullock 2-17; Jack Smith 2-13; Graham Goering 1-28; James Basinger 1-19; Greyton Gannon 1-3. **INTERCEPTIONS:** NDSU - none. SDSU - Koby Bretz 1-0. **SACKS:** NDSU - Nathaniel Staehling 1.0-14; Logan Kopp 1.0-12; Anthony Chideme-Alfaro 1.0-10; Logan Larson 1.0-9. SDSU - Dawson Ripperda 1.0-5; Kobe Clayborne 1.0-4; Jace Sifore 1.0-2. **TACKLE LEADERS (UA-A-TOT):** NDSU - Donovan Woolen 6-3-9; Logan Kopp 3-3-6; Nathaniel Staehling 4-1-5; Anthony Chideme-Alfaro 2-2-4. SDSU - Cullen McShane 5-6-11; Jalen Lee 5-4-9; Kobe Clayborne 5-4-9; Joe Ollman 3-4-7; Isaiah Johnson 5-1-6; Koby Bretz 1-3-4.

INDIANA STATE 24, #4/5 SOUTH DAKOTA STATE 12

Nov. 1, 2025 • Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium (Att.: 15,842)

Rashad Rochelle scored all three Indiana State touchdowns on a kickoff return and two on pass plays to lead the Sycamores to a 24-12 upset of South Dakota State Saturday afternoon at Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium.

Indiana State improved to 3-6 overall and picked up its first Missouri Valley Football Conference win of the season after four defeats. The Jackrabbits, who entered the game tied for fourth in the Stats Perform media rankings and fifth in the American Football Coaches Association poll, dropped their second game in a row to fall to 7-2 overall and 3-2 in league play.

SDSU took the opening kickoff and marched 50 yards on nine plays before tallying the first points of the contest on a 44-yard field goal by Eli Stader.

Rochelle quickly turned the tide in the Sycamores' favor as he faked a handoff on the ensuing kickoff before cutting up the left hash for a 95-yard touchdown.

The Sycamores added to their lead after forcing the first of three SDSU turnovers on the day. The Jackrabbits successfully executed a fake punt near midfield as punter Max Pelham lofted a pass downfield to Koby Bretz for a 28-yard gain, but Bretz was stripped of the football by Nic Yatsko, with Yatsko recovering at the INS 29. A combination of short passes and effective running by quarterback Keegan Patterson set up a 46-yard field goal by Sebastian Lopez in the first minute of the second quarter.

Stader answered with a 46-yard field goal of his own on the next Jackrabbit drive to pull SDSU within 10-6.

After forcing the Jackrabbits to turn the ball over on downs on their first possession of the second half, Indiana State pushed its lead to 17-6 with its longest scoring drive of the day. Patterson completed five of his pass attempts on the nine-play, 64-yard drive, the last of which to Rochelle covered 14 yards for a touchdown.

SDSU again made it a one-score game at the 8:36 mark of the fourth quarter with a 10-play, 81-yard scoring drive. Quarterback Luke Marble, who was again filling in for an injured Chase Mason, connected with Alex Bullock for a 26-yard gain on the first play of the drive, then hooked up again with Bullock on a 27-yard touchdown pass in the right corner of the end zone. The two-point attempt failed.

The Jackrabbit defense came up with a quick three-and-out to give the offense the ball back with just under eighth minutes remaining. After picking up a pair of first downs to enter INS territory, the SDSU drive again stalled and the Jackrabbits once again failed to convert on a fourth-down play.

Indiana State then came up with the dagger as Rochelle got open over the middle for a 57-yard touchdown pass from Patterson. Rochelle ended the afternoon with 179 all-purpose yards by way of his 95-yard kickoff return and 84 receiving yards on four catches.

Keshon Singleton added five catches for 40 yards for the Sycamores, while Patterson completed 15-of-25 passes for 188 yards and tallied a team-best 34 rushing yards on six attempts.

SDSU lost despite holding a 441-228 advantage in total offense and a season-best 41 minutes and 12 seconds in time of possession. Marble completed 17-of-29 passes for 181 yards, with Jack Henry finishing the game by connecting on 6-of-12 passes for 70 yards. Both quarterbacks were intercepted once as SDSU turned the ball over a season-high three times and went 0-for-5 on fourth-down attempts.

Josiah Johnson led the Jackrabbits in the rushing department with 75



Jack Smith recorded 136 all-purpose yards, including a career-long 50-yard kickoff return, versus Indiana State on Nov. 1.

yards on 14 carries. Fellow true freshman James Basinger gained 57 yards on 14 attempts.

Bullock led all receivers with seven catches for 107 yards.

Kimal Clark led all players with 15 tackles for Indiana State. Yatsko contributed 14 tackles, including two for loss.

For SDSU, Isaiah Johnson registered a team-high seven tackles, followed by six stops from Dontay Johnson.

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Indiana State (3-6, 1-4)	7	3	7	7	24
South Dakota State (7-2, 3-2)	3	3	0	6	12

SCORING SUMMARY

1st	11:39	SDSU	-	Eli Stader 44 yd field goal
1st	11:25	INS	-	Rashad Rochelle 95 yd kickoff return (Sebastian Lopez kick)
2nd	14:19	INS	-	Lopez 46 yd field goal
2nd	9:27	SDSU	-	Stader 46 yd field goal
3rd	5:03	INS	-	Rochelle 14 yd pass from Keegan Patterson (Lopez kick)
4th	8:36	SDSU	-	Alex Bullock 27 yd pass from Luke Marble (run failed)
4th	3:06	INS	-	Rochelle 57 yd pass from Keegan Patterson (Lopez kick)

TEAM STATISTICS	INS	SDSU
FIRST DOWNS	9	26
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	20-40	50-162
PASSING YDS (NET)	188	279
Passes Att-Comp-Int	25-15-0	42-24-2
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	45-228	92-441
Punt Returns-Yards	0-0	3-24
Kickoff Returns-Yards	1-95-1	5-136
Interception Returns-Yards	2-0	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	7-42.3	2-42.0
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	2-1
Penalties-Yards	2-10	4-41
Possession Time	18:48	41:12
Third-Down Conversions	3 of 11	10 of 19
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 0	0 of 5
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	1-1	0-1
Sacks By: Number-Yards	5-48	0-0

RUSHING LEADERS: INS - Keegan Patterson 6-34; Nick Osho 7-5; Plez Lawrence 2-4. SDSU - Josiah Johnson 14-75; James Basinger 14-57; Luke Marble 10-33; Alex Bullock 3-8; Julius Loughridge 3-5. **PASSING LEADERS:** INS - Keegan Patterson 15-25-0 188. SDSU - Luke Marble 17-29-1 181; Jack Henry 6-12-1 70; Max Pelham 1-1-0 28. **RECEIVING LEADERS:** INS - Keshon Singleton 5-40; Rashad Rochelle 4-84; Lance Reese 2-18. SDSU - Alex Bullock 7-107; Graham Goering 5-55; Greyton Gannon 4-37; Isaiah Garcia-Castaneda 3-30; Sammy Dresie 2-13; Koby Bretz 1-28; Jack Smith 1-8; James Basinger 1-1. **INTERCEPTIONS:** INS - C.J. Davis 1-0; Jorge Valdes 1-0. SDSU - none. **SACKS:** INS - Kaleb Harris 2-0-23; Kimal Clark, 1-0-12; Jayden Childers 1-0-9; Logan Wilson 1-0-4. SDSU - none. **TACKLE LEADERS (UA-A-TOT):** INS - Kimal Clark 7-8-15; Nic Yatsko 8-6-14; Drew Covington 4-4-8; Jorge Valdes 4-3-7; Ahmond Glass 3-3-6; Alex Rose 2-4-6. SDSU - Isaiah Johnson 5-2-7; Dontay Johnson 4-2-6; Joe Ollman 1-4-5; Cullen McShane 2-2-4; Kytan Fyfe 2-2-4.

#22/25 SOUTH DAKOTA 24, #8/9 SOUTH DAKOTA STATE 17

Nov. 8, 2025 • DakotaDome (Att.: 9,159)

VERMILLION — South Dakota running back L.J. Phillips Jr. rushed for 168 yards and two touchdowns, including a 32-yarder for the only points of the second half, as the Coyotes knocked off South Dakota State, 24-17, in the Interstate Series game Nov. 8 at the DakotaDome.

USD, ranked 22nd in the Stats Perform media poll and 24th by the American Football Coaches Association, improved to 7-4 overall and 5-2 in the Missouri Valley Football Conference. SDSU dropped its third straight game, falling to 7-3 overall and 3-3 in the MVFC. The Jackrabbits entered the game ranked eighth in the media poll and ninth by the coaches.

The Jackrabbits provided the opening salvo 11 seconds into the game as wide receiver Jack Smith lined up in the backfield and took a pitch through a seam on the right side and outraced the USD secondary down the sideline for a 75-yard touchdown run.

USD also found the end zone on its first possession, stringing together a 15-play, 70-yard drive in which the Coyotes extended the march by converting on fourth-and-3 from the Jackrabbit Phillips closed out the drive with a 10-yard touchdown run.

SDSU regained the lead on a 40-yard field goal by Eli Stader later in the first quarter, which was answered by a 34-yard field goal by the Coyotes' Will Leyland at the 4:14 mark of the second quarter. Smith hauled in a 28-yard pass from quarterback Jack Henry on a third-and-6 play that moved the ball into Coyote territory to set up the field goal.

The Coyotes came up with a quick strike of their own as they grabbed the lead for the first time late in the front half. After a personal foul against SDSU on the first play of a Coyote drive, Aidan Bouman found Lorenzo Fenner down the left side for a 37-yard gain before the duo hooked up a play later in the right corner of the end zone for a 19-yard touchdown with 1:03 to play in the first half.

Henry, who became the third SDSU starter at quarterback this season, ran the two-minute drill to near perfection to knot the game for a third time. The redshirt freshman who won two state championship games at the DakotaDome while playing at Dell Rapids High School, completed 5-of-6 passes over a 52-second span, three of which were completed to Alex Bullock. Henry's final pass of the drive covered 27 yards on a post route to Bullock with five seconds remaining in the half to make the score 17-all.

USD put together what would prove to be the game-winning drive on the first possession of the second half. Facing third-and-6 at the SDSU 32, Phillips took a handoff and knifed his way through the middle of the Jackrabbit defense for his second touchdown of the afternoon.

The Jackrabbits were unable to move the ball into USD territory on their two possessions of the third quarter, but were in position to tie the game early in the fourth quarter behind an 18-yard pass from Henry to Smith and a pair of first-down runs by Julius Loughridge that advanced the ball to the Coyote 23. The drive would end, however, when Henry's pass to the end zone was intercepted by Dejuan Lewis.

The SDSU defense came up with a much-needed stop to get the ball back at its own 41 with a few ticks under five minutes to play following a 24-yard punt return by Myles Taylor. Once again, the offense couldn't convert as the Jackrabbits turned the ball over on downs and USD was able to run out the clock when Phillips picked up two first downs on the ground.

USD finished with a 333-330 advantage in total offense. Bouman completed 14-of-21 passes for 158 yards, with Fenner catching four balls for 68 yards.



Jack Henry became the third Jackrabbit to start a game at quarterback this season and threw for 139 yards, including a 27-yard touchdown pass to Alex Bullock.

For the Jackrabbits, Smith ended the day with 197 all-purpose yards, including 82 on the ground after his opening touchdown. He also led the SDSU receiving corps with a career-high six catches for 61 yards.

Loughridge added 44 yards on 10 carries, with Henry ending the day 13-of-24 passing for 139 yards.

Joe Ollman led all players with eight tackles for SDSU, followed by Jalen Lee, Koby Bretz, Kytan Fyfe and Cullen McShane all with seven stops.

Gabriel Hardman and Roman Tillmon each registered seven tackles to lead USD.

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	FINAL
South Dakota State (7-3, 3-3)	10	7	0	0	17
South Dakota (7-4, 5-2)	7	10	7	0	24

SCORING SUMMARY

1st	14:49	SDSU	—	Jack Smith 75 yd run (Eli Stader kick)
1st	8:24	USD	—	L.J. Phillips Jr. 10 yd run (Will Leyland kick)
1st	4:30	SDSU	—	Eli Stader 40 yd field goal
2nd	4:14	USD	—	Leyland 34 yd field goal
2nd	1:03	USD	—	Lorenzo Fenner 19 yd pass from Aidan Bouman (Leyland kick)
2nd	00:05	SDSU	—	Alex Bullock 27 yd pass from Jack Henry (Stader kick)
3rd	3:06	USD	—	Phillips 32 yd run (Leyland kick)

TEAM STATISTICS	SDSU	USD
FIRST DOWNS	16	20
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	32-191	41-175
PASSING YDS (NET)	139	158
Passes Att-Comp-Int	24-13-1	21-14-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	56-330	62-333
Punt Returns-Yards	2-38	1-3
Kickoff Returns-Yards	2-54	2-22
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	1-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	4-50.2	4-48.0
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	10-87	6-45
Possession Time	27:24	32:36
Third-Down Conversions	5 of 13	4 of 11
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 1	1 of 1
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	0-0	3-3
Sacks By: Number-Yards	2-17	1-5

RUSHING LEADERS: SDSU - Jack Smith 3-82; Julius Loughridge 10-44; Jack Henry 9-30; James Basinger 6-29; Josiah Johnson 4-6. USD - L.J. Phillips Jr. 27-168; Tennel Bryant 2-12; Reid Watkins 3-11; Carson Fletcher 3-5. **PASSING LEADERS:** SDSU - Jack Henry 13-24-1 139. USD - Aidan Bouman 14-21-0 158. **RECEIVING LEADERS:** SDSU - Jack Smith 6-61; Alex Bullock 3-41; Greyton Gannon 2-28; Grahm Goering 1-5; Isaiah Garcia-Castaneda 1-4. USD - Lorenzo Fenner 4-68; Jack Martens 3-21; Zach Witte 2-16. **INTERCEPTIONS:** SDSU - none. USD - Dejuan Lewis 1-0. **SACKS:** SDSU - Jace Sifore 1.0-7; Blake Leiferman 0.5-5; Logan Green 0.5-5. USD - Gabriel Hardman 1.0-5. **TACKLE LEADERS (UA-A-TOT):** SDSU - Joe Ollman 3-5-8; Jalen Lee 5-2-7; Koby Bretz 4-3-7; Kytan Fyfe 4-3-7; Cullen McShane 0-7-7; Myles Taylor 4-2-6; Dawson Ripperda 3-3-6. USD - Gabriel Hardman 5-2-7; Roman Tillmon 3-4-7; Caden Crawford 3-3-6; Matt Walsh 1-5-6.

QUARTERBACKS



5-JON BELL

6-3, 205, Sr.

Naperville, Illinois • Naperville North H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Completions: 2, vs. Southern Illinois, 11-16-2024, and at Missouri State, 11-23-2024

Passing Attempts: 4, vs. Western Oregon, 8-31-2023, and vs. Southern Illinois, 11-16-2024

Passing Yards: 30, vs. Southern Illinois, 11-16-2024

Long Pass: 29 yards, to Kentrell Prejean, vs. Incarnate Word, 12-14-2024

Touchdown Passes: 1, vs. Youngstown State, 10-12-2024

Rushing Attempts: 2, vs. Western Oregon, 8-31-2023

Rushing Yards: 13, vs. Western Oregon, 8-31-2023

Long Rush: 11 yards, vs. Western Oregon, 8-31-2023



7-CHASE MASON

6-4, 240, Sr.

Hurley, South Dakota • Viborg-Hurley H.S./Nebraska

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Completions: 21, vs. Mercyhurst, 9-27-2025

Passing Attempts: 31, vs. Northern Iowa, 10-11-2025

Passing Yards: 321, vs. Mercyhurst, 9-27-2025

Long Pass: 71 yards (for TD), to Griffin Wilde, vs. UAlbany, 12-15-2023

Touchdown Passes: 3, at Montana State, 9-6-2025, and vs. Mercyhurst, 9-27-2025

Rushing Attempts: 18, vs. Sacramento State, 8-30-2025

Rushing Yards: 161, vs. Youngstown State, 10-12-2024

Long Rush: 69 yards (for TD), vs. Drake, 9-16-2023, and vs. Youngstown State, 10-12-2024

Rushing Touchdowns: 2, vs. Youngstown State, 10-12-2024, and vs. Northern Iowa, 10-11-2025



16-JACK HENRY

6-2, 215, R-Fr.

Dell Rapids, South Dakota • Dell Rapids H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Completions: 13, at South Dakota, 11-8-2025

Passing Attempts: 24, at South Dakota, 11-8-2025

Passing Yards: 139, at South Dakota, 11-8-2025

Long Pass: 28 yards, to Jack Smith, at South Dakota, 11-8-2025

Touchdown Passes: 1, at South Dakota, 11-8-2025

Rushing Attempts: 9, at South Dakota, 11-8-2025

Rushing Yards: 30, at South Dakota, 11-8-2025

Long Rush: 15 yards, at South Dakota, 11-8-2025



RUNNING BACKS

32-JAMES BASINGER

5-10, 200, Fr.

Littleton, Colorado • Columbine H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Rushing Attempts: 15, vs. Mercyhurst, 9-27-2025

Rushing Yards: 57, vs. Indiana State, 11-1-2025

Long Rush: 14 yards, at South Dakota, 11-8-2025

Rushing Touchdowns: 2, vs. Mercyhurst, 9-27-2025

Receptions: 3, vs. Mercyhurst, 9-27-2025

Receiving Yards: 32, vs. Mercyhurst, 9-27-2025

Long Reception: 19 yards, vs. North Dakota State, 10-25-2025

All-Purpose Yards: 85, vs. Mercyhurst, 9-27-2025



13-LUKE MARBLE

6-4, 210, R-Fr.

Smyrna, Georgia • Campbell H.S./Northern Illinois

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Completions: 17, vs. Indiana State, 11-1-2025

Passing Attempts: 29, vs. Indiana State, 11-1-2025

Passing Yards: 189, at Murray State, 10-18-2025

Long Pass: 46 yards (for TD), to Jack Smith, at Murray State, 10-18-2025

Touchdown Passes: 2, at Murray State, 10-18-2025

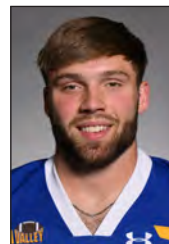
Rushing Attempts: 10, vs. Indiana State, 11-1-2025

Rushing Yards: 33, vs. Indiana State, 11-1-2025

Long Rush: 17 yards, vs. Indiana State, 11-1-2025

Punts: 1, vs. North Dakota State, 10-25-2025, and vs. Indiana State, 11-1-2025

Long Punt: 47, vs. North Dakota State, 10-25-2025



24-BRENDEN BEGEMAN

6-2, 210, So.

Selby, South Dakota • Selby Area H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Rushing Attempts: 10, vs. Southern Illinois, 11-16-2024

Rushing Yards: 37, vs. Southern Illinois, 11-16-2024

Long Rush: 19 yards, vs. Mercyhurst, 9-27-2025

Rushing Touchdowns: 1, vs. Incarnate Word, 12-14-2024, and vs. Mercyhurst, 9-27-2025

Kickoff Returns: 1, two times (last: vs. Drake, 9-13-2025)

Kickoff Return Yards: 29, vs. Drake, 9-13-2025

Long Kickoff Return: 29 yards, vs. Drake, 9-13-2025



29-COREY BLAIR, Jr.

6-3, 210, Fr.

Kernersville, North Carolina • East Forsyth H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Rushing Attempts: 6, vs. Drake, 9-13-2025

Rushing Yards: 50, vs. Drake, 9-13-2025

Long Rush: 42 yards, vs. Drake, 9-13-2025

Rushing Touchdowns: 1, vs. Drake, 9-13-2025

Receptions: 1, vs. Drake, 9-13-2025, and

Receiving Yards: 5, vs. Drake, 9-13-2025

Long Reception: 5 yards, vs. Drake, 9-13-2025

CAREER HIGHS - OFFENSE

RUNNING BACKS (cont.)



34-JOSIAH JOHNSON
6-0, 220, Fr.
Milwaukee, Wisconsin • Milwaukee Academy of Science

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Rushing Attempts: 14, vs. Indiana State, 11-1-2025
Rushing Yards: 75, vs. Indiana State, 11-1-2025
Long Rush: 14 yards, vs. Indiana State, 11-1-2025
Rushing Touchdowns: 1, at Murray State, 10-18-2025



15-JULIUS LOUGHRIDGE
6-0, 215, Grad.
Houston, Texas • Mayde Creek H.S./Fordham

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Rushing Attempts: 25, at Youngstown State, 10-4-2025
Rushing Yards: 176, at Youngstown State, 10-4-2025
Long Rush: 37 yards, vs. Sacramento State, 8-30-2025
Rushing Touchdowns: 4, at Youngstown State, 10-4-2025
Receptions: 1, at Murray State, 10-18-2025
Receiving Yards: 2, at Murray State, 10-18-2025
Long Reception: 2 yards, at Murray State, 10-18-2025



35-QUINTON RENFRO
5-11, 205, R-Fr.
Joplin, Missouri • Joplin H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Rushing Attempts: 2, vs. Southern Illinois, 11-16-2024
Rushing Yards: 6, vs. Southern Illinois, 11-16-2024
Long Rush: 4 yards, vs. Southern Illinois, 11-16-2024
Rushing Touchdowns: N/A

WIDE RECEIVERS



84-ALEX BULLOCK
6-2, 205, Grad.
Omaha, Nebraska • Creighton Prep/Nebraska

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

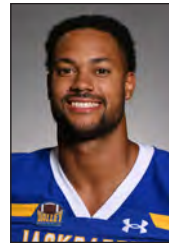
Receptions: 10, at Youngstown State, 10-4-2025
Receiving Yards: 162, at Youngstown State, 10-4-2025
Long Reception: 51 yards, at Youngstown State, 10-4-2025
Receiving Touchdowns: 1, four times (last: at South Dakota, 11-8-2025)
Rushing Attempts: 3, vs. Indiana State, 11-1-2025
Rushing Yards: 8, vs. Indiana State, 11-1-2025
Long Rush: 7 yards, vs. Indiana State, 11-1-2025



8-SAMMY DRESIE
6-2, 195, R-Fr.
Maize, Kansas • Maize South H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Receptions: 2, vs. Indiana State, 11-1-2025
Receiving Yards: 29, vs. Mercyhurst, 9-27-2025
Long Reception: 29 yards, vs. Mercyhurst, 9-27-2025
Receiving Touchdowns: N/A



6-ELIJAH ERVIN
6-1, 195, Sr.
Phoenix, Arizona • Desert Vista H.S./Snow College

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Receptions: 1, vs. Augustana, 9-14-2024, and vs. Murray State, 11-2-2024
Receiving Yards: 8, vs. Augustana, 9-14-2024
Long Reception: 8 yards, vs. Augustana, 9-14-2024
Receiving Touchdowns: N/A



2-ISAIAH GARCIA-CASTANEDA
6-1, 200, Grad.
Twentynine Palms, Calif. • Twentynine Palms H.S./Nebraska

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Receptions: 3, vs. Indiana State, 11-1-2025
Receiving Yards: 30, vs. Mercyhurst, 9-27-2025, and vs. Indiana State, 11-1-2025
Long Reception: 21 yards, vs. Mercyhurst, 9-27-2025
Punt Returns: 3, at Montana State, 9-6-2025
Long Punt Return: 8 yards, at Montana State, 9-6-2025
Kickoff Returns: 2, at Montana State, 9-6-2025, and vs. Mercyhurst, 9-27-2025
Kickoff Return Yards: 53, vs. Mercyhurst, 9-27-2025
Long Kick Return: 36 yards, vs. Mercyhurst, 9-27-2025
Completions: 1, vs. North Dakota State, 10-25-2025
Pass Attempts: 1, vs. North Dakota State, 10-25-2025
Passing Yards: 26, vs. North Dakota State, 10-25-2025
Long Pass: 26 yards, to Lofton O'Groske, vs. North Dakota State, 10-25-2025
All-Purpose Yards: 83, vs. Mercyhurst, 9-27-2025



12-GRAHM GOERING
6-2, 210, Sr.
Iowa City, Iowa • Iowa City West H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Receptions: 7, vs. Mercyhurst, 9-27-2025
Receiving Yards: 101, vs. Mercyhurst, 9-27-2025
Long Reception: 52 yards, vs. Mercyhurst, 9-27-2025
Receiving Touchdowns: 1, four times (last: vs. Youngstown State, 10-12-2024)
Kickoff Returns: 1, vs. Western Oregon, 8-31-2023, and vs. Villanova, 12-9-2023
Long Kickoff Return: 30 yards, vs. Western Oregon, 8-31-2023



1-LOFTON O'GROSKE
6-2, 210, So.
Coon Rapids, Minnesota • Coon Rapids H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Receptions: 12, at Montana State, 9-6-2025
Receiving Yards: 133, at Montana State, 9-6-2025
Long Reception: 44 yards, vs. Sacramento State, 8-30-2025
Receiving Touchdowns: 2, at Montana State, 9-6-2025
Rushing Attempts: 3, vs. Sacramento State, 8-30-2025
Rushing Yards: 31, vs. Sacramento State, 8-30-2025
Long Rush: 24 yards, vs. Sacramento State, 8-30-2025
Rushing Touchdowns: 1, vs. Sacramento State, 8-30-2025
All-Purpose Yards: 133, at Montana State, 9-6-2025

CAREER HIGHS - OFFENSE/SPECIAL TEAMS

WIDE RECEIVERS (cont.)



19-JACK SMITH

6-0, 195, R-Fr.

Sioux Falls, South Dakota • Lincoln H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Receptions: 6, at South Dakota, 11-8-2025

Receiving Yards: 91, at Murray State, 10-18-2025

Long Reception: 46 (for TD), at Murray State, 10-18-2025

Receiving Touchdowns: 2, at Murray State, 10-18-2025

Rushing Attempts: 3, at South Dakota, 11-8-2025

Rushing Yards: 82, at South Dakota, 11-8-2025

Long Rush: 75 yards (for TD), at South Dakota, 11-8-2025

Kickoff Returns: 5, vs. North Dakota State, 10-25-2025

Kickoff Return Yards: 128, vs. Indiana State, 11-1-2025

Long Kickoff Return: 50 yards, vs. Indiana State, 11-1-2025

All-Purpose Yards: 197, at South Dakota, 11-8-2025

TIGHT ENDS



4-DAVID ALPERS

6-6, 255, Jr.

Sioux Falls, South Dakota • O'Gorman H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Receptions: 2, vs. Southern Illinois, 11-16-2024

Receiving Yards: 59, vs. Incarnate Word, 12-14-2024

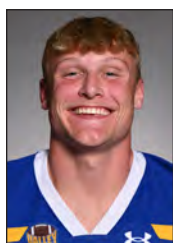
Long Reception: 59 yards (for TD), vs. Incarnate Word, 12-14-2024

Receiving Touchdowns: 1, vs. Incarnate Word, 12-14-2024

Kickoff Returns: 1, at Murray State, 10-18-2025

Kickoff Return Yards: 14, at Murray State, 10-18-2025

Long Kickoff Return: 14 yards, at Murray State, 10-18-2025



10-BRAYDEN DELAHOYDE

6-5, 245, R-Fr.

Spearfish, South Dakota • Spearfish H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Receptions: 1, at Montana State, 9-6-2025

Receiving Yards: 25, at Montana State, 9-6-2025

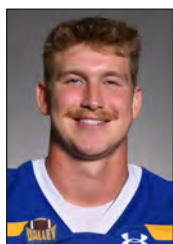
Long Reception: 25 yards (for TD), at Montana State, 9-6-2025

Receiving Touchdowns: 1, at Montana State, 9-6-2025

Kickoff Returns: 2, vs. Drake, 9-13-2025

Kickoff Return Yards: 14, vs. Drake, 9-13-2025

Long Kickoff Return: 14 yards, vs. Drake, 9-13-2025



88-GREYTON GANNON

6-4, 235, Jr.

Eagle, Wisconsin • Mukwonago H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Receptions: 4, vs. Indiana State, 11-1-2025

Receiving Yards: 48, vs. Northern Iowa, 10-11-2025

Long Reception: 41 yards (for TD), vs. Incarnate Word, 9-7-2024

Receiving Touchdowns: 1, three times (last: vs. Northern Iowa, 10-11-2025)



43-ANDREW GUSTAD

6-1, 235, Jr.

Volin, South Dakota • Gayville-Volin H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Receptions: 1, vs. Sacramento State, 8-30-2025, and vs. Northern Iowa, 10-11-2025

Receiving Yards: 11 yards, vs. Northern Iowa, 10-11-2025

Long Reception: 11 yards (for TD), vs. Northern Iowa, 10-11-2025

Receiving Touchdowns: 1, vs. Sacramento State, 8-30-2025, and vs. Northern Iowa, 10-11-2025

Rushing Attempts: 3, at Youngstown State, 10-4-2025

Rushing Yards: 7, at Youngstown State, 10-4-2025

Long Rush: 4 yards, vs. Northern Iowa, 10-11-2025

SPECIALISTS



81-RYAN HARRINGTON

6-3, 175, Fr.

Ankeny, Iowa • Ankeny H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Field Goals Made: 1, vs. Drake, 9-13-2025

Field Goal Attempts: 1, vs. Drake, 9-13-2025

Long Field Goal: 39 yards, vs. Drake, 9-13-2025

Total Points: 3, vs. Drake, 9-13-2025



26-ELI STADER

6-0, 225, Sr.

Cedar Grove, Wisconsin • Oostburg H.S./ Northwestern (Iowa)

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Field Goals Made: 3, vs. Mercyhurst, 9-27-2025

Field Goal Attempts: 4, vs. Sacramento State, 8-30-2025

Long Field Goal: 46 yards, vs. Indiana State, 11-1-2025

Extra Points Made: 6, vs. Mercyhurst, 9-27-2025

Extra Points Attempted: 6, vs. Mercyhurst, 9-27-2025

Total Points: 15, vs. Mercyhurst, 9-27-2025



41-MAX PELHAM

6-1, 195, Sr.

Ankeny, Iowa • Ankeny H.S./MSU, Mankato

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Punts: 7, at Montana State, 9-6-2025

Punt Average (Min. 3 Punts): 54.0 yards, at Murray State, 10-18-2025

Punts Inside 20: 2, three times (last: at Murray State, 10-18-2025)

Long Punt: 68 yards, at Murray State, 10-18-2025

Pass Attempts: 1, vs. Indiana State, 11-1-2025

Completions: 1, vs. Indiana State, 11-1-2025

Passing Yards: 28, vs. Indiana State, 11-1-2025

Long Pass: 28 yards, to Koby Bretz, vs. Indiana State, 11-1-2025

CAREER HIGHS - DEFENSE

DEFENSIVE ENDS



8-REIS KIRSCHENMAN

6-4, 265, So.

Tea, South Dakota • Tea Area H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Solo Tackles: 2, at North Dakota, 11-9-2024

Assisted Tackles: 2, vs. Sacramento State, 8-30-2025

Total Tackles: 3, vs. Sacramento State, 8-30-2025

Tackles for Loss: 1.0, five times (last: at North Dakota State, 12-21-2024)

Sacks: 1.0, at North Dakota, 11-9-2024, and vs. Montana, 12-7-2024

Fumble Recoveries: 1, vs. Sacramento State, 8-30-2025



96-RHETT SCHAEFER

6-3, 255, R-Fr.

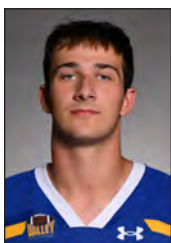
Walcott, Iowa • Davenport Assumption H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Solo Tackles: N/A

Assisted Tackles: 1, vs. Mercyhurst, 9-27-2025

Total Tackles: 1, vs. Mercyhurst, 9-27-2025



49-LUKE KREMPGES

6-4, 235, R-Fr.

Sioux Falls, South Dakota • Lincoln H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Solo Tackles: 1, vs. Mercyhurst, 9-27-2025

Assisted Tackles: N/A

Total Tackles: 1, vs. Mercyhurst, 9-27-2025



93-KEVIN SPELMAN

6-5, 260, Sr.

New Lenox, Illinois • Providence Catholic H.S./Valparaiso

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Solo Tackles: N/A

Assisted Tackles: 1, vs. Drake, 9-13-2025, and vs.

Northern Iowa, 10-11-2025

Total Tackles: 1, vs. Drake, 9-13-2025, and vs. Northern Iowa, 10-11-2025

Tackles for Loss: 0.5, vs. Drake, 9-13-2025



97-BLAKE LEIFERMAN

6-5, 265, R-Fr.

Kimball, South Dakota • Kimball H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Solo Tackles: 2, vs. Mercyhurst, 9-27-2025

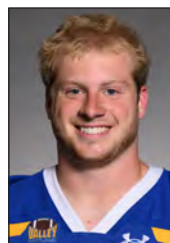
Assisted Tackles: 3, at South Dakota, 11-8-2025

Total Tackles: 3, at South Dakota, 11-8-2025

Tackles for Loss: 1.0, at Youngstown State, 10-4-2025

Sacks: 0.5, at South Dakota, 11-8-2025

Pass Breakups: 1, at Murray State, 10-18-2025



92-SAM WATTS

6-3, 245, R-Fr.

Cedar Rapids, Iowa • Linn-Mar H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Solo Tackles: N/A

Assisted Tackles: 1, vs. Northern Iowa, 10-11-2025

Total Tackles: 1, vs. Northern Iowa, 10-11-2025

Tackles for Loss: N/A



99-DAWSON RIPPERDA

6-4, 255, Jr.

Larchwood, Iowa • West Lyon H.S./Northern Illinois

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Solo Tackles: 3, three times (last: at South Dakota, 11-8-2025)

Assisted Tackles: 3, vs. Northern Iowa, 10-11-2025, and at South Dakota, 11-8-2025

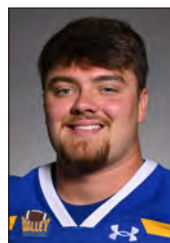
Total Tackles: 6, at South Dakota, 11-8-2025

Tackles for Loss: 1.5, vs. Augustana, 9-14-2024, and at Murray State, 10-18-2025

Sacks: 1.5, vs. Augustana, 9-14-2024

Forced Fumbles: 1, at Youngstown State, 10-4-2025

Fumble Recoveries: 1, three times (last: vs. Drake, 9-13-2025)



50-NICK WELLS

6-4, 260, R-Fr.

Sioux City, Iowa • East H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Solo Tackles: 2, at Montana State, 9-6-2025

Assisted Tackles: 3, at Northern Iowa, 10-5-2024

Total Tackles: 3, three times (last: at Montana State, 9-6-2025)

Tackles for Loss: 2.0, at Southeastern Louisiana, 9-21-2024



DEFENSIVE TACKLES

95-MASON BROSSAU

6-3, 310, Sr.

Hanford, California • Hanford H.S./Sacramento State

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Solo Tackles: N/A

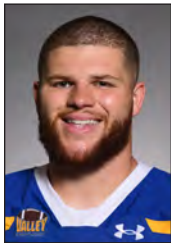
Assisted Tackles: 1, at Murray State, 10-18-2025

Total Tackles: 1, at Murray State, 10-18-2025

Tackles for Loss: 0.5, at Murray State, 10-18-2025

CAREER HIGHS - DEFENSE

DEFENSIVE TACKLES (cont.)



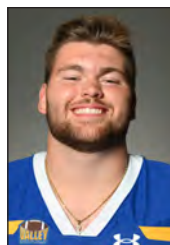
94-KOBE CLAYBORNE

6-0, 280, Sr.

**Sioux City, Iowa • Bishop Heelan H.S./
Northwest Missouri State**

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Solo Tackles: 5, vs. North Dakota State, 10-25-2025
Assisted Tackles: 4, at North Dakota State, 10-19-2024,
and vs. North Dakota State, 10-25-2025
Total Tackles: 9, vs. North Dakota State, 10-25-2025
Tackles for Loss: 2.0, vs. Drake, 9-13-2025
Sacks: 1.5, at Southeastern Louisiana, 9-21-2024
Fumble Recoveries: 1, at Northern Iowa, 10-5-2024



55-AARON WOLFCAL-HOLSTEN

6-2, 285, Sr.

Gilbert, Arizona • Williams Field H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Solo Tackles: 2, vs. Butler, 9-17-2022, and at
Youngstown State, 10-4-2025
Assisted Tackles: 2, four times (last: vs. Indiana State,
11-1-2025)
Total Tackles: 3, three times (last: vs. North Dakota State,
10-25-2025)
Tackles for Loss: 1.5, at Missouri State, 11-23-2024
Sacks: 1.5, at Missouri State, 11-23-2024
Fumble Recoveries: 1, vs. Butler, 9-17-2022



51-LOGAN GREEN

6-4, 290, Jr.

Northboro, Iowa • Clarinda H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Solo Tackles: 2, four times (last: vs. Indiana State,
11-1-2025)
Assisted Tackles: 2, vs. Incarnate Word, 9-7-2024, and at
South Dakota, 11-8-2025
Total Tackles: 3, three times (last: vs. Indiana State,
11-1-2025)
Tackles for Loss: 2.0, at Missouri State, 11-23-2024, and
vs. Indiana State, 11-1-2025
Sacks: 1.5, at Montana State, 9-6-2025
Forced Fumbles: 1, vs. Northern Iowa, 10-14-2023
Fumble Recoveries: 1, at Youngstown State, 10-5-2025



47-KYTAN FYFE

6-2, 210, Jr.

Grand Island, Nebraska • Grand Island H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Solo Tackles: 4, at South Dakota, 11-8-2025
Assisted Tackles: 3, vs. North Dakota State, 10-25-2025,
and at South Dakota, 11-8-2025
Total Tackles: 7, at South Dakota, 11-8-2025
Tackles for Loss: 1.0, vs. Indiana State, 11-1-2025, and
at South Dakota, 11-8-2025
Forced Fumbles: 1, vs. Youngstown State, 10-12-2024
Pass Breakups: 1, vs. Sacramento State, 8-30-2025



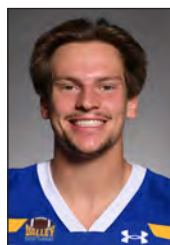
98-MAC MULLER

6-1, 270, R-Fr.

Osage, Iowa • Osage H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Solo Tackles: 1, three times (last: vs. Mercyhurst, 9-27-25)
Assisted Tackles: 2, vs. Mercyhurst, 9-27-2025
Total Tackles: 3, vs. Mercyhurst, 9-27-2025



9-MATT GOEHRING

6-1, 220, Jr.

**Sioux Falls, South Dakota • Roosevelt H.S./
Univ. of Sioux Falls**

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Solo Tackles: 2, at Montana State, 9-6-2025
Assisted Tackles: 1, vs. Drake, 9-13-2025 and at Murray
State, 10-18-2025
Total Tackles: 2, three times (last: at Murray State,
10-18-2025)
Tackles for Loss: 1.0, at Montana State, 9-6-2025
Sacks: 1.0, at Montana State, 9-6-2025



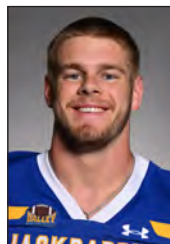
91-JACE SIFORE

6-4, 290, Jr.

Howard, South Dakota • Howard H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Solo Tackles: 1, vs. North Dakota State, 10-25-2025, and
at South Dakota, 11-8-2025
Assisted Tackles: 2, vs. North Dakota State, 10-25-2025
Total Tackles: 3, vs. North Dakota State, 10-25-2025
Tackles For Loss: 1.5, at South Dakota, 11-8-2025
Sacks: 1.0, vs. North Dakota State, 10-25-2025, and at
South Dakota, 11-8-2025



33-BRYCE JOHNSON

6-3, 220, Jr.

Parker, Colorado • Lutheran H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Solo Tackles: 3, at Murray State, 10-18-2025
Assisted Tackles: 3, vs. North Dakota State, 10-25-2025
Total Tackles: 3, at Murray State, 10-18-2025, and vs.
North Dakota State, 10-25-2025
Pass Breakups: 1, vs. Murray State, 11-2-2024
Kickoff Returns: 2, at Missouri State, 11-23-2024
Kickoff Return Yards: 16, at Missouri State, 11-23-2024

CAREER HIGHS – DEFENSE

LINEBACKERS (cont.)



44-CASEY LARSON

6-2, 205, Fr.

Woodinville, Washington • Woodinville H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

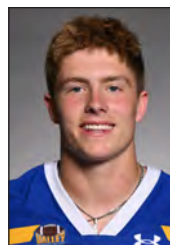
Solo Tackles: 1, vs. Mercyhurst, 9-27-2025

Assisted Tackles: 1, vs. Mercyhurst, 9-27-2025

Total Tackles: 2, vs. Mercyhurst, 9-27-2025

Pass Breakups: 1, vs. Mercyhurst, 9-27-2025

Blocked Kicks: 1, at Montana State, 9-6-2025



4-ANDREW PRICE

6-1, 205, Fr.

West Des Moines, Iowa • Valley H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Solo Tackles: 1, vs. Drake, 9-13-2025

Assisted Tackles: N/A

Total Tackles: 1, vs. Drake, 9-13-2025



5-CULLEN McSHANE

6-2, 230, Jr.

Marquette, Iowa • MFL MarMac H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Solo Tackles: 10, at Montana State, 9-6-2025

Assisted Tackles: 7, at South Dakota, 11-8-2025

Total Tackles: 12, at Montana State, 9-6-2025, and at Youngstown State, 10-4-2025

Tackles for Loss: 2.5, vs. Drake, 9-13-2025

Sacks: 1.0, at Murray State, 10-18-2025

Pass Breakups: 1, four times (last: vs. Northern Iowa, 10-11-2025)

Forced Fumbles: 1, at Illinois State, 10-7-2023, and vs. Northern Iowa, 10-11-2025

Blocked Kicks: 1, at Northern Iowa, 10-5-2024



45-BODEN SCHILLER

6-1, 200, R-Fr.

Volga, South Dakota • Sioux Valley H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Solo Tackles: 1, at Youngstown State, 10-5-2025, and vs. Northern Iowa, 10-11-2025

Assisted Tackles: N/A

Total Tackles: 1, at Youngstown State, 10-5-2025, and vs. Northern Iowa, 10-11-2025



28-CHASE VAN TOL

6-1, 200, So.

Tea, South Dakota • Tea Area H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Solo Tackles: 8, vs. Youngstown State, 10-12-2024, and at Youngstown State, 10-4-2025

Assisted Tackles: 2, four times (last: vs. Southern Illinois, 11-16-2024)

Total Tackles: 9, vs. Youngstown State, 10-12-2024

Tackles for Loss: 2.0, vs. Youngstown State, 10-12-2024, and vs. Northern Iowa, 10-11-2025

Sacks: 2.0, vs. Northern Iowa, 10-11-2025

Forced Fumbles: 1, at North Dakota, 11-9-2024

Fumble Recoveries: 1, at Montana State, 9-6-2025

Interceptions: 1, vs. Northern Iowa, 10-11-2025



48-JACK NASH

6-1, 185, R-Fr.

Palmer, Alaska • Colony H.S.

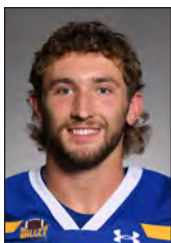
SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Solo Tackles: 1, vs. Drake, 9-13-2025

Assisted Tackles: N/A

Total Tackles: 1, vs. Drake, 9-13-2025

Tackles for Loss: N/A



11-JOE OLLMAN

6-1, 230, Jr.

Mequon, Wisconsin • Homestead H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Solo Tackles: 7, at Montana State, 9-6-2025

Assisted Tackles: 5, at Youngstown State, 10-4-2025, and at South Dakota, 11-8-2025

Total Tackles: 8, three times during 2025 season (last: at South Dakota, 11-8-2025)

Tackles for Loss: 2.0, vs. Drake, 9-13-2025

Sacks: 2.0, vs. Drake, 9-13-2025

Forced Fumbles: 1, four times (last: at Murray State, 10-18-2025)

Fumble Recoveries: 1, vs. Northern Iowa, 10-11-2025

Interceptions: 1, at Murray State, 10-18-2025



CORNERBACKS

30-CODY COTTON

6-0, 185, Jr.

Pleasant Prairie, Wisconsin • Union Grove H.S./Upper Iowa

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Solo Tackles: 1, four times (last: at South Dakota, 11-8-2025)

Assisted Tackles: 3, vs. North Dakota State, 10-25-2025

Total Tackles: 3, vs. North Dakota State, 10-25-2025

Blocked Kicks: 1, vs. Northern Iowa, 10-11-2025

CAREER HIGHS - DEFENSE

CORNERBACKS (cont.)



13-AYDAN DAUTERMANN

6-2, 195, Sr.

Hartford, Wisconsin • Slinger H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Solo Tackles: 2, five times (last: at Murray State, 10-18-2025)

Assisted Tackles: 1, 10 times (last: at South Dakota, 11-8-2025)

Total Tackles: 3, vs. Butler, 9-17-2022, and vs. Incarnate Word, 12-14-2024

Tackles for Loss: 0.5, at Oklahoma State, 8-31-2024, and at Youngstown State, 10-4-2025

Interceptions: 1, vs. Mercer, 12-2-2023

Pass Breakups: 1, six times (last: vs. Montana, 12-7-2024)

Fumble Recoveries: 1, vs. Youngstown State, 10-12-2024



16-NOAH ST-JUSTE

5-10, 175, So.

Montreal, Quebec • Clearwater Academy International (Fla.)

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Solo Tackles: 5, at Youngstown State, 10-4-2025

Assisted Tackles: 1, at South Dakota, 11-8-2025

Total Tackles: 5, at Youngstown State, 10-4-2025

Tackles for Loss: 1.0, vs. Mercyhurst, 9-27-2025, and at Youngstown State, 10-4-2025

Sacks: 1.0, vs. Mercyhurst, 9-27-2025

Forced Fumbles: 1, at Montana State, 9-6-2025



21-MYLES GREEN

6-0, 180, Fr.

Homewood, Illinois • Homewood-Flossmoor H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Solo Tackles: 2, vs. Drake, 9-13-2025, and vs. Mercyhurst, 9-27-2025

Assisted Tackles: 1, three times (last: vs. Northern Iowa, 10-11-2025)

Total Tackles: 3, vs. Drake, 9-13-2025, and vs.

Mercyhurst, 9-27-2025

Interceptions: 1, vs. Northern Iowa, 10-11-2025



2-MYLES TAYLOR

6-1, 175, Sr.

Gilbert, Arizona • Williams Field H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Solo Tackles: 4, at South Dakota, 11-8-2025

Assisted Tackles: 2, vs. UAlbany, 12-15-2023, and at South Dakota, 11-8-2025

Total Tackles: 6, at South Dakota, 11-8-2025

Tackles for Loss: 1.0, vs. North Dakota State, 10-25-2025

Pass Breakups: 1, three times (last: vs. Indiana State, 11-1-2025)

Interceptions: 1, vs. Mercyhurst, 9-27-2025

Interception Return: 27 yards, vs. Mercyhurst, 9-27-2025

Punt Returns: 2, at South Dakota, 11-8-2025

Punt Return Yards: 38, at South Dakota, 11-8-2025

Long Punt Return: 24 yards, at South Dakota, 11-8-2025



0-ISAIAH JOHNSON

6-0, 185, Sr.

Chicago Heights, Illinois • Marian Catholic H.S./Bemidji State

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Solo Tackles: 5, vs. North Dakota State, 10-25-2025, and vs. Indiana State, 11-1-2025

Assisted Tackles: 2, vs. Indiana State, 11-1-2025

Total Tackles: 7, vs. Indiana State, 11-1-2025

Interceptions: 1, vs. Northern Iowa, 10-11-2025

Long Interception Return: 8 yards, vs. Northern Iowa, 10-11-2025

Pass Breakups: 2, at Youngstown State, 10-4-2025



SAFETIES

25-KOBY BRETZ

6-2, 210, Sr.

Omaha, Nebraska • Westside H.S./Nebraska

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Solo Tackles: 4, at South Dakota, 11-8-2025

Assisted Tackles: 3, vs. North Dakota State, 10-25-2025, and at South Dakota, 11-8-2025

Total Tackles: 7, at South Dakota, 11-8-2025

Tackles for Loss: 1.0, at Murray State, 10-18-2025

Interceptions: 1, vs. North Dakota State, 10-25-2025

Pass Breakups: 2, vs. Sacramento State, 8-30-2025

Receptions: 1, vs. Indiana State, 11-1-2025

Receiving Yards: 28, vs. Indiana State, 11-1-2025

Long Reception: 28 yards, vs. Indiana State, 11-1-2025



1-JAYDEN OLIVER

6-4, 185, Sr.

Tampa, Florida • East Bay H.S./Buffalo

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Solo Tackles: 2, vs. Northern Iowa, 10-11-2025

Assisted Tackles: 1, vs. Mercyhurst, 9-27-2025

Total Tackles: 2, vs. Mercyhurst, 9-27-2025, and vs. Northern Iowa, 10-11-2025

Tackles for Loss: 1.0, vs. Sacramento State, 8-30-2025

Interceptions: 1, three times (last: at Murray State, 10-18-2025)

Long Interception Return: 24 yards, vs. Mercyhurst, 9-27-2025



3-DONTAY JOHNSON

6-2, 205, Jr.

Fort Collins, Colorado • Colorado Early College

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Solo Tackles: 4, vs. Indiana State, 11-1-2025

Assisted Tackles: 3, at Youngstown State, 10-4-2025

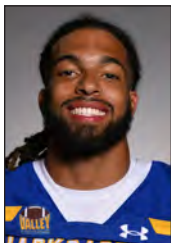
Total Tackles: 6, vs. Indiana State, 11-1-2025

Tackles for Loss: 1.0, vs. UC Davis, 9-10-2022

Pass Breakups: 1, four times (last: vs. Mercyhurst, 9-27-2025)

CAREER HIGHS – DEFENSE

SAFETIES (cont.)



6-JALEN B. LEE

6-0, 200, Jr.

Wentzville, Missouri • Fort Zumwalt H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Solo Tackles: 5, three times in 2025 (last: at South Dakota, 11-8-2025)

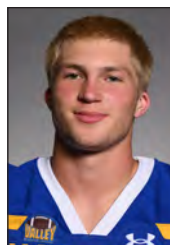
Assisted Tackles: 4, vs. North Dakota State, 10-25-2025

Total Tackles: 9, vs. North Dakota State, 10-25-2025

Tackles for Loss: 1.5, at Youngstown State, 10-4-2025

Interceptions: 2, at Murray State, 10-18-2025

Pass Breakups: 1, vs. Drake, 9-16-2023, and at South Dakota, 11-8-2025



38-MAX STANARD

5-11, 190, R-Fr.

Manhattan, Kansas • Manhattan H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Solo Tackles: 1, vs. Mercyhurst, 9-27-2025

Assisted Tackles: N/A

Total Tackles: 1, vs. Mercyhurst, 9-27-2025



34-JACKSON POWERS

5-11, 185, So.

Maple Grove, Minnesota • Maple Grove H.S./Minnesota

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Solo Tackles: N/A

Assisted Tackles: 1, vs. Mercyhurst, 9-27-2025

Total Tackles: 1, vs. Mercyhurst, 9-27-2025



27-NOAH THOMPSON

6-0, 185, Jr.

Brandon, South Dakota • Brandon Valley H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Solo Tackles: 3, vs. Western Oregon, 8-31-2023, and vs. Northern Iowa, 10-11-2025

Assisted Tackles: 2, vs. Indiana State, 11-1-2025

Total Tackles: 3, three times (last: at Murray State, 10-18-2025)

Interceptions: 1, vs. Drake, 9-13-2025

Pass Breakups: 1, vs. Murray State, 11-2-2024, and vs. Drake, 9-13-2025

Note: Returned blocked punt 49 yards for TD at Northern Iowa, 10-5-24

2025 MISCELLANEOUS STATISTICS

GAME-BY-GAME COMPARISON

OPPONENT	SCORE	----FIRST DOWNS----			--RUSHING--			--PASSING--			-TOTAL OFFENSE-		RETURN Yds	TURNOVERS
		TOTAL	RUSH	PASS	PEN	NUMBER-YARDS		COMP-ATT-INT	YARDS		PLAYS-YARDS			
Sacramento State.	20-3	28 / 7	17 / 1	8 / 4	3 / 2	56-240 / 24-24		17-23-0 / 11-27-1	190 / 112		79-430 / 51-136		41 / 46	2 / 2
Montana State	30-24	16 / 17	8 / 11	6 / 5	2 / 1	40-123 / 42-210		17-25-0 / 19-29-0	174 / 139		65-297 / 71-349		44 / 62	2 / 2
Drake	37-21	23 / 18	11 / 6	11 / 10	1 / 2	43-211 / 32-121		18-25-0 / 18-29-1	225 / 174		68-436 / 61-295		65 / 0	0 / 2
Mercyhurst	51-7	26 / 9	7 / 2	18 / 7	1 / 0	37-126 / 20-41		24-32-0 / 13-20-2	343 / 113		69-469 / 40-154		110 / 118	0 / 2
Youngstown State	35-30	20 / 25	1 / 7	7 / 14	2 / 4	40-211 / 29-156		14-30-1 / 29-44-0	189 / 275		70-400 / 73-431		15 / 61	1 / 1
Northern Iowa	31-3	24 / 14	8 / 5	13 / 6	3 / 3	39-120 / 30-78		20-33-0 / 14-27-4	262 / 143		72-382 / 57-221		37 / 16	0 / 5
Murray State	35-14	25 / 20	14 / 7	10 / 11	1 / 2	52-211 / 28-111		18-27-1 / 20-32-4	258 / 327		79-469 / 60-438		18 / 22	1 / 4
North Dakota State	7-38	11 / 23	5 / 10	5 / 12	1 / 1	28-43 / 49-257		9-19-0 / 18-24-1	123 / 243		47-165 / 73-500		91 / 71	0 / 1
Indiana State	12-24	26 / 9	15 / 2	11 / 6	0 / 1	50-162 / 20-40		24-42-2 / 15-25-0	279 / 188		92-441 / 45-228		160 / 95	3 / 0
South Dakota	17-24	16 / 20	9 / 11	6 / 6	1 / 3	32-191 / 41-175		13-24-1 / 14-21-0	139 / 158		56-330 / 62-333		92 / 25	1 / 0
Totals	275-188	215/162	105/62	95/81	15/19	417-1,638/315-1,213		174-280-5/171-278-13	2,182/1,872		697-3,820/593-3,085		673/516	10/19

MISCELLANEOUS GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

THIRD-DOWN CONVERSIONS

OPPONENT	OVERALL	1ST QTR	2ND QTR	3RD QTR	4TH QTR/OT
Sacramento State	5-15	3-5	0-3	1-3	1-4
Montana State	1-13	0-2	0-2	1-3	0-6/0-0
Drake	3-9	0-2	1-3	1-3	1-1
Mercyhurst	9-13	4-5	2-4	2-2	1-2
Youngstown State	6-14	0-3	3-5	1-1	2-5
Northern Iowa	5-14	3-4	0-2	0-4	2-4
Murray State	8-15	3-5	1-3	1-3	3-4
North Dakota State	3-11	0-2	1-4	1-2	1-3
Indiana State	10-19	2-4	2-5	0-2	6-8
South Dakota	5-13	1-2	3-5	1-4	0-2
Totals	55-136	16-34	13-36	9-27	17-39/0-0
	40.4%	47.1%	36.1%	33.3%	43.6%/0.0%
Opponents	39-122	13-30	10-33	6-27	9-30/1-1
	32.0%	43.3%	30.3%	22.2%	30.0%/100.0%

TIME OF POSSESSION

OPPONENT	OVERALL	1ST QTR	2ND QTR	3RD QTR	4TH QTR
Sacramento State	41:06	11:04	9:28	8:15	12:19
Montana State	33:05	10:03	4:49	9:24	8:49
Drake	32:30	6:48	11:18	9:15	5:09
Mercyhurst	36:47	8:38	10:16	6:22	11:31
Youngstown State	29:31	6:14	7:28	6:59	8:50
Northern Iowa	31:59	8:47	5:37	8:43	8:52
Murray State	35:55	10:30	7:05	6:59	11:21
North Dakota State	21:59	3:00	4:54	6:47	7:18
Indiana State	41:12	10:08	12:00	8:37	10:27
South Dakota	27:24	4:05	8:45	8:47	5:47
Totals	331:28	79:17	81:40	80:08	90:23
Avg.	33:09	7:56	8:17	8:01	9:02
Opponents	268:32	70:43	68:20	69:52	59:37
Avg.	26:51	7:04	6:43	6:59	5:58

FOURTH-DOWN CONVERSIONS

OPPONENT	OVERALL	1ST QTR	2ND QTR	3RD QTR	4TH QTR/OT
Sacramento State	2-3	1-1	1-1	0-0	0-1
Montana State	1-2	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-2/0-0
Drake	1-4	0-2	1-2	0-0	0-0
Mercyhurst	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1
Youngstown State	0-2	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0
Northern Iowa	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0
Murray State	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
North Dakota State	0-2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-2
Indiana State	0-5	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-2
South Dakota	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1
Totals	5-21	1-5	2-5	0-2	2-9
	23.8%	20.0%	40.0%	0.0%	22.2%
Opponents	8-16	3-3	2-4	1-3	2-5
	50.0%	100.0%	50%	33.3%	40.0%

PENALTIES

OPPONENT	SDSU	OPP
Sacramento State	5-50	9-66
Montana State	5-45	4-28
Drake	7-68	3-25
Mercyhurst	8-60	8-55
Youngstown State	7-43	7-60
Northern Iowa	8-85	5-49
Murray State	5-41	3-25
North Dakota State	4-23	6-55
Indiana State	4-41	2-10
South Dakota	10-87	6-45
Totals	65-543	53-418

JACKRABBITS' RECORD WHEN ...

Overall	7-3	Tied After 1 Quarter	2-0	More Total Yards Than Opponent	5-1
Missouri Valley Football Conference	3-3	Leading At Halftime	5-0	Fewer Total Yards Than Opponent	2-2
Non-Conference	4-0	Trailing At Halftime	1-2	More Time of Possession Than Opponent	6-1
Home Games	4-2	Tied at Halftime	1-1	Less Time of Possession Than Opponent	1-2
Away Games	3-1	Leading After 3 Quarters	6-0	More Penalties Than Opponent	4-2
Neutral-Site Games	0-0	Trailing After 3 Quarters	0-3	Fewer Penalties Than Opponent	1-1
Day Games	3-2	Tied After 3 Quarters	1-0	Same Number of Penalties as Opponent	2-0
Night Games (start 6 p.m. or later)	4-1	Game Decided in Overtime	1-0	Force More Turnovers Than Opponent	4-1
Scores First	5-2	Rush For More Yards Than Opponent	6-2	Force Fewer Turnovers Than Opponent	0-2
Opponent Scores First	2-1	Rush For Fewer Yards Than Opponent	1-1	Commit Same Number of Turnovers as Opponent	3-0
Leading After 1 Quarter	4-1	Pass For More Yards Than Opponent	5-1		
Trailing After 1 Quarter	1-2	Pass For Fewer Yards Than Opponent	2-2		

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Team Statistics	SDS	OPP
SCORING	275	188
Points Per Game	27.50	18.80
FIRST DOWNS	215	163
Rushing	105	63
Passing	95	81
Penalty	15	19
RUSHING YARDAGE	1638	1213
Yards gained	1946	1423
Yards lost	308	210
Attempts	417	315
Avg Per Attempt	3.9	3.9
Avg Per Game	163.8	121.3
TDs Rushing	19	11
PASSING YARDAGE	2182	1872
Att-Comp-Int	280-174-5	278-171-13
Avg Per Attempt	7.79	6.73
Avg Per Catch	12.54	10.95
Avg Per Game	218.20	187.20
TDs Passing	16	10
TOTAL OFFENSE	3820	3085
Total Plays	697	593
Avg Per Play	5.5	5.2
Avg Per Game	382.0	308.5
KICK RETURNS: #-YARDS	23-482	20-438
PUNT RETURNS: #-YARDS	15-104	11-65
INT RETURNS: #-YARDS	13-88	5-24
KICK RETURN AVERAGE	20.96	21.90
PUNT RETURN AVERAGE	6.93	5.91
INT RETURN AVERAGE	6.77	4.80
FUMBLES-LOST	11-5	10-6
PENALTIES-YARDS	63-543	53-418
Avg Per Game	54.30	41.80
PUNTS-YARDS	36-1706	50-2038
Avg Per Punt	47.39	40.76
Net Punt Avg	41.69	37.48
KICKOFFS-YARDS	53-3043	38-2181
Avg Per Kick	57.42	57.39
Net Kick Avg	42.36	38.39
TIME OF POSSESSION	05:31:22	04:28:32
Per Game	33:08	26:51
3RD-DOWN CONVERSIONS	55-136	39-124
3rd-Down Pct	40.44 %	31.45 %
4TH-DOWN CONVERSIONS	5-21	8-16
4th-Down Pct	23.81 %	50.00 %
SACKS BY-YARDS	24-150	25-178
MISC YARDS	0	0
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED	35	23
FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS	11-17	9-13
ON-SIDE KICKS	0-0	0-2
RED-ZONE SCORES	35-43	17-23
RED-ZONE TOUCHDOWNS	27-43	11-23
PAT-ATTEMPTS	32-32	21-21
ATTENDANCE	118,817	42,344
Dates-Avg Per Date	7-16,974	3-14,115
Neutral Site #-Avg	-	0-0

Conf	Date	Opponent	WL	Score	Record	Time	Attend
	08/30/2025	SACRAMENTO ST.	W	20-3	1-0 , 0-0	03:10	19,163
	09/06/2025	at Montana St.	W	30-24	2-0 , 0-0	03:34	22,117
	09/13/2025	DRAKE	W	37-21	3-0 , 0-0	03:11	19,213
	09/27/2025	MERCYHURST	W	51-7	4-0 , 0-0	03:04	19,034
*	10/04/2025	at Youngstown St.	W	35-30	5-0 , 1-0	03:30	11,068
*	10/11/2025	UNI	W	31-3	6-0 , 2-0	03:06	19,342
*	10/18/2025	MURRAY ST.	W	35-14	7-0 , 3-0	03:14	6,746
*	10/25/2025	NORTH DAKOTA ST.	L	7-38	7-1 , 3-1	03:14	19,477
*	11/01/2025	INDIANA ST.	L	12-24	7-2 , 3-2	03:00	15,842
*	11/08/2025	at South Dakota	L	17-24	7-3 , 3-3	03:09	9,159

* = Conference game

Score by Quarters	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Total
South Dakota St.	64	72	59	67	13	275
Opponents	52	63	22	44	7	188

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#	Rushing	GP	ATT	GAIN	LOSS	NET	AVG	TD	LG	AVG/G
15	Loughridge, Julius	10	168	839	38	801	4.8	6	37	80.10
32	Basinger, James	10	69	274	18	256	3.7	4	14	25.60
7	Mason, Chase	7	60	264	99	165	2.8	4	34	23.57
34	Johnson, Josiah	4	31	148	3	145	4.7	1	14	36.25
19	Smith, Jack	10	4	91	0	91	22.8	1	75	9.10
	Blair, Corey	3	8	65	2	63	7.9	1	42	21.00
1	O'Groske, Lofton	6	5	51	0	51	10.2	1	24	8.50
13	Marble, Luke	6	22	85	55	30	1.4	0	17	5.00
24	Begeman, Brenden	4	10	31	3	28	2.8	1	19	7.00
16	Henry, Jack	3	21	64	48	16	0.8	0	15	5.33
43	Gustad, Andrew	10	5	14	0	14	2.8	0	4	1.40
2	Garcia-Castaneda, Isaiah	10	1	8	0	8	8.0	0	8	0.80
84	Bullock, Alex	10	4	12	8	4	1.0	0	7	0.40
41	Pelham, Max	10	1	0	11	-11	-11.0	0	0	-1.10
	Team	10	8	0	23	-23	-2.9	0	0	-2.30
	Total	10	417	1946	308	1638	3.9	19	75	163.80
	Opponents	10	315	1423	210	1213	3.9	11	74	121.30

#	Passing	GP	Rating	COMP-ATT-INT	PCT	YDS	TD	LG	AVG/G
7	Mason, Chase	7	156.51	111-169-1	65.68 %	1419	11	52	202.71
13	Marble, Luke	6	128.91	41-71-2	57.75 %	492	4	46	82.00
16	Henry, Jack	3	98.76	20-38-2	52.63 %	217	1	28	72.33
41	Pelham, Max	10	335.20	1-1-0	100.00 %	28	0	28	2.80
2	Garcia-Castaneda, Isaiah	10	318.40	1-1-0	100.00 %	26	0	26	2.60
	Total	10	142.89	174-280-5	62.14 %	2182	16	52	218.20
	Opponents	10	120.59	171-278-13	61.51 %	1872	10	65	187.20

#	Receiving	GP	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	AVG/G
84	Bullock, Alex	10	52	675	12.98	4	51	67.50
12	Goering, Graham	10	28	374	13.36	0	52	37.40
1	O'Groske, Lofton	6	27	355	13.15	4	44	59.17
19	Smith, Jack	10	23	288	12.52	3	46	28.80
88	Gannon, Greyton	10	18	200	11.11	2	26	20.00
2	Garcia-Castaneda, Isaiah	10	7	78	11.14	0	21	7.80
32	Basinger, James	10	7	67	9.57	0	19	6.70
8	Dresie, Sammy	7	4	55	13.75	0	29	7.86
25	Bretz, Koby	10	1	28	28.00	0	28	2.80
10	Delahoyde, Brayden	9	1	25	25.00	1	25	2.78
43	Gustad, Andrew	10	2	15	7.50	2	11	1.50
	Blair, Corey	3	2	14	7.00	0	9	4.67
4	Alpers, David	9	1	6	6.00	0	6	0.67
15	Loughridge, Julius	10	1	2	2.00	0	2	0.20
82	Kuntz, Coleman	2	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00
	Total	10	174	2182	12.54	16	52	218.20
	Opponents	10	171	1872	10.95	10	65	187.20

#	Punt Returns	NO	YRDS	AVG	TD	LG
2	Taylor, Myles	9	109	12.11	0	24
44	Larson, Casey	1	1	1.00	0	1
2	Garcia-Castaneda, Isaiah	5	-6	-1.20	0	8
	Total	15	104	6.93	0	24
	Opponents	11	65	5.91	0	15

#	Interceptions	NO	YRDS	AVG	TD	LG
1	Oliver, Jayden	3	24	8.00	0	24
6	Lee, Jalen B.	3	0	0.00	0	0
28	Van Tol, Chase	1	29	29.00	0	29
2	Taylor, Myles	1	27	27.00	0	27
0	Johnson, Isaiah	1	8	8.00	0	8
25	Bretz, Koby	1	0	0.00	0	0
21	Green, Myles	1	0	0.00	0	0
11	Ollman, Joe	1	0	0.00	0	0
27	Thompson, Noah	1	0	0.00	0	0
	Total	13	88	6.77	0	29
	Opponents	5	24	4.80	0	21

#	Kick Returns	NO	YRDS	AVG	TD	LG
19	Smith, Jack	11	273	24.82	0	50
2	Garcia-Castaneda, Isaiah	5	123	24.60	0	36
24	Begeman, Brenden	2	50	25.00	0	29
10	Delahoyde, Brayden	3	22	7.33	0	14
4	Alpers, David	1	14	14.00	0	14
84	Bullock, Alex	1	0	0.00	0	0
	Total	23	482	20.96	0	50
	Opponents	20	438	21.90	1	95

#	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		
26	Stader, Eli	—	10	32-32	—	—	—	—	—	62
15	Loughridge, Julius	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	36
1	O’Groske, Lofton	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	30
32	Basinger, James	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	24
84	Bullock, Alex	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	24
7	Mason, Chase	4	—	—	—	—	0-2	—	—	24
19	Smith, Jack	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	24
88	Gannon, Greyton	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	12
43	Gustad, Andrew	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	12
24	Begeman, Brenden	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6
	Blair, Corey	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6
10	Delahoyde, Brayden	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6
34	Johnson, Josiah	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6
81	Harrington, Ryan	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
2	Garcia-Castaneda, Isaiah	—	—	—	0-1	—	—	—	—	0
Total		35	11	32-32	0-1	—	0-2	—	—	275
Opponents		23	9	21-21	—	1	1-2	—	—	188

#	Field Goals	FGM-FGA	PCT	I20	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	LG	BLK
26	Stader, Eli	10-16	62.50 %	0-0	5-5	2-5	3-6	0-0	46	0
			100.00 %	0-0	0-0	1-1	0-0	0-0	39	0
81	Harrington, Ryan	1-1		0-0	0-0	1-1	0-0	0-0	39	0
Total		11-17	64.71 %	0-0	5-5	3-6	3-6	0-0	46	0
Opponents		9-13	69.23 %	0-0	1-2	4-6	4-5	0-0	46	1

FG Sequence	South Dakota St.	Opponents
Sacramento St.	(22),37,48,(28)	(36)
Montana St.	(25),36	45,(33)
Drake	38,(39)	(41),44,(24)
Mercyhurst	(36),(25),(28)	-
Youngstown St.	-	(29),43
UNI	41,45,(30)	36,(30)
Murray St.	-	-
North Dakota St.	-	(43)
Indiana St.	(44),(46)	(46)
South Dakota	(40)	(34)

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made.

#	Total Offense	G	Plays	Rush	Pass	Total	AVG/G
7	Mason, Chase	7	229	165	1419	1584	226.29
15	Loughridge, Julius	10	168	801	0	801	80.10
13	Marble, Luke	6	93	30	492	522	87.00
32	Basinger, James	10	69	256	0	256	25.60
16	Henry, Jack	3	59	16	217	233	77.67
34	Johnson, Josiah	4	31	145	0	145	36.25
19	Smith, Jack	10	4	91	0	91	9.10
	Blair, Corey	3	8	63	0	63	21.00
1	O’Groske, Lofton	6	5	51	0	51	8.50
	Garcia-Castaneda, Isaiah	10	2	8	26	34	3.40
24	Begeman, Brenden	4	10	28	0	28	7.00
41	Pelham, Max	10	2	-11	28	17	1.70
43	Gustad, Andrew	10	5	14	0	14	1.40
84	Bullock, Alex	10	4	4	0	4	0.40
	Team	10	8	-23	0	-23	-2.30
Total		10	697	1638	2182	3820	382.00
Opponents		10	593	1213	1872	3085	308.50

#	Punting	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TB	FC	I20	50+	BLK
41	Pelham, Max	33	1625	49.24	68	7	11	9	17	0
13	Marble, Luke	2	81	40.50	47	0	0	2	0	0
	Team	1	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0	1
Total		36	1706	47.39	68	7	11	11	17	1
Opponents		50	2038	40.76	71	3	17	10	6	1

#	Kickoffs	NO	YDS	AVG	TB	OB
81	Harrington, Ryan	53	3043	57.4	18	0
Total		53	3043	57.4	18	0
Opponents		38	2181	57.4	12	2

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#	All Purpose	G	RUSH	RCV	PR	KR	IR	Total	AVG/G
15	Loughridge, Julius	10	801	2	0	0	0	803	80.30
84	Bullock, Alex	10	4	675	0	0	0	679	67.90
19	Smith, Jack	10	91	288	0	273	0	652	65.20
1	O'Groske, Lofton	6	51	355	0	0	0	406	67.67
12	Goering, Graham	10	0	374	0	0	0	374	37.40
32	Basinger, James	10	256	67	0	0	0	323	32.30
2	Garcia-Castaneda, Isaiah	10	8	78	-6	123	0	203	20.30
88	Gannon, Greyton	10	0	200	0	0	0	200	20.00
7	Mason, Chase	7	165	0	0	0	0	165	23.57
34	Johnson, Josiah	4	145	0	0	0	0	145	36.25
2	Taylor, Myles	10	0	0	109	0	27	136	13.60
24	Begeman, Brenden	4	28	0	0	50	0	78	19.50
	Blair, Corey	3	63	14	0	0	0	77	25.67
8	Dresie, Sammy	7	0	55	0	0	0	55	7.86
10	Delahoyde, Brayden	9	0	25	0	22	0	47	5.22
13	Marble, Luke	6	30	0	0	0	0	30	5.00
43	Gustad, Andrew	10	14	15	0	0	0	29	2.90
28	Van Tol, Chase	8	0	0	0	0	29	29	3.63
25	Bretz, Koby	10	0	28	0	0	0	28	2.80
1	Oliver, Jayden	9	0	0	0	0	24	24	2.67
4	Alpers, David	9	0	6	0	14	0	20	2.22
16	Henry, Jack	3	16	0	0	0	0	16	5.33
0	Johnson, Isaiah	10	0	0	0	0	8	8	0.80
44	Larson, Casey	9	0	0	1	0	0	1	0.11
41	Pelham, Max	10	-11	0	0	0	0	-11	-1.10
	Team	10	-23	0	0	0	0	-23	-2.30
	Total	10	1638	2182	104	482	88	4494	449.40
	Opponents	10	1213	1872	65	438	24	3612	361.20

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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
5	McShane, Cullen	10	41	32	73.0	7.5-19	1.0-2	—	2	1	—	1	—	—
11	Ollman, Joe	10	31	29	60.0	5.5-28	3.0-25	1-0	—	4	1-0	3	—	—
6	Lee, Jalen B.	9	30	11	41.0	2.5-10	—	3-0	1	—	—	—	—	—
28	Van Tol, Chase	8	32	6	38.0	4.0-18	4.0-18	1-29	—	—	1-0	—	—	—
94	Clayborne, Kobe	10	18	12	30.0	5.5-21	3.0-17	—	—	2	—	—	—	—
25	Bretz, Koby	10	18	11	29.0	1.0-3	—	1-0	6	—	—	—	—	—
99	Ripperda, Dawson	10	15	14	29.0	5.5-34	4.0-32	—	—	2	2-0	1	—	—
0	Johnson, Isaiah	10	22	6	28.0	—	—	1-8	3	—	—	—	—	—
47	Fyfe, Kytan	10	14	12	26.0	2.5-4	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—
2	Taylor, Myles	10	16	5	21.0	1.0-2	—	1-27	3	—	—	—	—	—
3	Johnson, Dontay	9	12	8	20.0	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
16	St-Juste, Noah	10	16	2	18.0	2.0-8	1.0-5	—	1	—	—	1	—	—
51	Green, Logan	10	8	8	16.0	7.0-32	3.5-25	—	—	3	1-0	—	—	—
55	Wolfcale-Holsten, Aaron	9	6	10	16.0	2.5-10	1.0-6	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
27	Thompson, Noah	10	9	4	13.0	—	—	1-0	1	—	—	—	—	—
13	Dautermann, Aydan	10	10	2	12.0	0.5-1	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—
1	Oliver, Jayden	9	10	1	11.0	—	—	3-24	—	—	—	—	—	—
33	Johnson, Bryce	9	4	6	10.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
97	Leiferman, Blake	10	5	4	9.0	1.5-8	0.5-5	—	1	2	—	—	—	—
30	Cotton, Cody	10	3	5	8.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
9	Goehring, Matt	10	6	2	8.0	1.5-7	1.0-6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
50	Wells, Nick	9	3	5	8.0	1.0-2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
21	Green, Myles	9	4	3	7.0	—	—	1-0	—	—	—	—	—	—
91	Sifore, Jace	6	2	4	6.0	2.5-10	2.0-9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
8	Kirschenman, Reis	2	2	3	5.0	0.5-2	—	—	—	—	1-0	—	—	—
98	Muller, Mac	5	3	2	5.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
19	Smith, Jack	10	4	—	4.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
44	Larson, Casey	9	2	1	3.0	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—
45	Schiller, Boden	6	2	—	2.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
93	Spelman, Kevin	7	—	2	2.0	0.5-0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
62	BigBow, Kenyon	10	1	—	1.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
95	Brosseau, Mason	5	—	1	1.0	0.5-1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
81	Harrington, Ryan	10	1	—	1.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
49	Krempges, Luke	3	1	—	1.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
48	Nash, Jack	3	—	1	1.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
34	Powers, Jackson	1	—	1	1.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
4	Price, Andrew	3	1	—	1.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
96	Schaefer, Rhett	3	—	1	1.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
26	Stader, Eli	10	1	—	1.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
38	Stanard, Max	10	1	—	1.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
33	Thompson, Jalyn	6	—	1	1.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
92	Watts, Sam	4	—	1	1.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
32	Basinger, James	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
24	Begeman, Brenden	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
29	Blair, Corey	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
84	Bullock, Alex	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
10	Delahoyde, Brayden	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
8	Dresie, Sammy	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
88	Gannon, Greyton	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2	Garcia-Castaneda, Isaiah	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
43	Gustad, Andrew	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
34	Johnson, Josiah	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15	Loughridge, Julius	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
7	Mason, Chase	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1	O'Groske, Lofton	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
41	Pelham, Max	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total		10	354	216	570.0	55.0-220	24.0-150	13-88	23	17	6-0	6	2	—
Opponents		10	392	328	720.0	59.0-274	25.0-178	5-24	28	14	5-2	5	1	—