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2025 FOOTBALL INFORMATION

Jackrabbits wrap up regular season at UND

GAME NOTES - NOV. 22

#22/22 SOUTH DAKOTA STATE (7-4, 3-4 MVFC)
at #13/16 NORTH DAKOTA (7-4, 5-2 MVFC)
1 p.m. Saturday • Alerus Center; Grand Forks, N.D.



SERIES NOTES

- 91st Meeting (North Dakota leads the all-time series, 47-38-5)
- The Jackrabbits have won the last four matchups, including a 38-7 road victory in 2024

MEDIA INFORMATION

- Game will be televised on Midco Sports and ESPN+ with the broadcast team of Alex Heinert (play-by-play) and Ryan Kasowski (analyst)
- Radio pre-game show begins at 11 a.m. Central on the Jackrabbit Sports Network, which includes flagship station WNAX 570 AM-Yankton and the following affiliates:
 - KJJQ 910 AM-Brookings • KXLG 100.3 FM-Milbank • KORN 1490 AM/101.3 FM-Mitchell
 - KELO 1320 AM/KELQ 107.9 FM-Sioux Falls • KCCR 1240 AM/98.9 FM-Pierre
 - 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 Tyler Merriam (play-by-play), Mason Leiseth (color) and Scotty Kwas (sidelines) will call the action



HEAD COACH: Eric Schmidt (North Dakota, 2002)
• 7-4 overall record (first season as a collegiate head coach)

HEAD COACH: Dan Jackson (Nebraska-Omaha, 2008)
• 7-4 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] L, 21-35
22 *at North Dakota 1 p.m.

*Missouri Valley Football Conference game
All times Central

TALE OF THE TAPE - 2025 SEASON STATISTICS

NORTH DAKOTA	CATEGORY	SOUTH DAKOTA STATE
35.1	Points Per Game	26.9
18.8	Points Allowed Per Game	20.3
210.6	Rushing Yardage Per Game	154.9
97.0	Rush Yardage Allowed/Game	122.5
194.9	Passing Yardage Per Game	221.5
11.3	Average Per Catch	11.8
199.9	Pass Yardage Allowed/Game	183.0
405.5	Total Offense Per Game	376.5
296.9	Total Offense Allowed/Game	305.5
25.7	Kick Return Average	19.5
12.8	Punt Return Average	6.0
12-171	Interception Returns	13-88
10-6	Fumbles-Lost	15-6
55-494	Penalties-Yards	69-5793
30:58	Time of Possession/Game	32:57
65-151 (43%)	Third-Down Conversions	59-155 (38%)
12/21 (57%)	Fourth-Down Conversions	11-31 (35%)
42-53 (79%, 37 TD)	Red-Zone Offense	38-48 (79%, 30 TD)
23/27 (85%, 14 TD)	Red-Zone Defense	21-27 (78%, 15 TD)

RECENT SERIES SCORES

2012:	South Dakota State 21, North Dakota 0 (Nov. 20, 2012, at Coughlin-Alumni Stadium)
2013:	South Dakota State 35, North Dakota 28 (Sept. 7, 2013, at Grand Forks, N.D.)
2020-21:	North Dakota 28, South Dakota State 17 (Feb. 27, 2021, at Grand Forks, N.D.)
2021:	South Dakota State 24, North Dakota 21 (Nov. 20, 2021, at Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium)
2022:	South Dakota State 49, North Dakota 35 (Oct. 22, 2022, at Grand Forks, N.D.)
2023:	South Dakota State 42, North Dakota 21 (Sept. 30, 2023, at Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium)
2024:	South Dakota State 38, North Dakota 7 (Nov. 9, 2024, at Grand Forks, N.D.)

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Nov. 18, 2025

BROOKINGS, S.D. — The South Dakota State football team will go down to the wire in its attempt to secure a postseason berth as it travels to face a nationally ranked squad from the University of North Dakota.

Kickoff for the regular season finale for both teams is slated for 1 p.m. Saturday at the Alerus Center in Grand Forks, North Dakota. Television coverage will be available through Midco Sports and ESPN+.

The Jackrabbits will attempt to end a four-game losing streak as they enter the matchup with a 7-4 overall record and a 3-4 mark in the Missouri Valley Football Conference. SDSU continued its drop in the Football Championship Subdivision polls this week, falling to 22nd in both the American Football Coaches Association and Stats Perform media polls following a 35-21 home loss to Illinois State on Nov. 15.

North Dakota, meanwhile, has dropped two of its last three games to come into Saturday's contest with a 7-4 overall record and a 5-2 mark in league play. The Fighting Hawks notched a 35-17 road win at Murray State last week to boost their rankings to the 13th spot in this week's media poll and No. 16 in the coaches' survey.

THE SERIES: Saturday's game will mark the 91st meeting between South Dakota State and North Dakota on the football field. UND leads the overall series 47-38-5.

The two schools first met in 1906, with South Dakota State recording a 5-4 victory. UND and SDSU met every year from 1922 until 2003 as members of the North Central Conference, with the exception of 1943-47 due to World War II.

Saturday's contest also will mark the eighth game between the two programs in their respective Division I eras. SDSU has won six of those seven previous matchups, including the last four.

Due to conference realignment after last season, the Jackrabbits will make a trip to Grand Forks for the second consecutive year. In the 2024 matchup played Nov. 9 at the Alerus Center, SDSU spotted UND an early lead before controlling the final three quarters in a 38-7 Jackrabbit victory. Quarterback Mark Gronowski and wide receiver Griffin Wilde connected on touchdown passes of 25, 39 and 47 yards, and the Jacks also racked up 264 rushing yards.

UND's last win in the series came on its home field during the 2020-21 spring slate, when the Fighting Hawks posted a 28-17 victory on Feb. 27, 2021. It was the Jackrabbits' lone regular season loss in that abbreviated spring campaign, one in which SDSU went on to play in the national championship game for the first time.

UNFAMILIAR TERRITORY: South Dakota State will attempt its longest losing streak in more than a decade when it takes to the field Saturday at North Dakota.

The Jackrabbits have dropped four games in a row in the same season for the first time since the 2011 campaign, when SDSU suffered setbacks in succession against Illinois (56-3), Cal Poly (48-14), Illinois State (20-13) and Indiana State (38-28).

SDSU also will attempt to avoid its first losing season in league play since joining the Missouri Valley Football Conference in 2008. SDSU is the only program in that span to never finish below .500 against league foes.

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 191-86 record (.690 winning percentage).

In the decade of the 2020s, SDSU has put together a 67-14 record, which is good for an .827 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.

GAME NOTES – SOUTH DAKOTA STATE AT NORTH DAKOTA

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	7-4	3-4
TOTALS	165-69	102-39
OVERALL TOTALS	191-86	114-45

The Jackrabbits hold a 102-39 record (.723 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.

Since the start of the 2022 season, SDSU has compiled a 26-5 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 slate.

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 32-9 record in regular season games played during the month of November and have added four more playoff victories for an overall mark of 36-9 (.800 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 (0-3) being the only times 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 in 2024, 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.

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 13 Stats Perform FCS polls of the 2025 campaign, SDSU has now appeared in the top 25 of 187 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.

Last week marked the first time that the Jackrabbits had 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. 29 • 2nd	Nov. 3 • 8th
Sept. 1 • 2nd	Oct. 6 • 2nd	Nov. 10 • 16th
Sept. 8 • 2nd	Oct. 13 • 2nd	Nov. 17 • 22nd
Sept. 15 • 2nd	Oct. 20 • 2nd	
Sept. 22 • 2nd	Oct. 27 • T-4th	

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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 North Dakota 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

- 16, Q3/4 vs. Illinois State, 11-15-25
- Touchdown (16 plays, 80 yards, 6:01 TOP)

BY YARDS

- 96, Q2 vs. Illinois State, 11-15-25
- Touchdown (15 plays, 96 yards, 2:00 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
Illinois State	Int	TD	Punt	Punt

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

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 61 receptions and 743 receiving yards, averaging 12.2 yards per catch. He has caught at least five passes in eight of SDSU's 11 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 consecutive games 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 third on the squad with 29 receptions for 328 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.

In a Nov. 8 game 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 692 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: 51, by Jack Henry, vs. Illinois State, 11-15-2025

PASS COMPLETIONS: 32, by Jack Henry, vs. Illinois State, 11-15-2025

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: 3, by Aydan Dautermann, vs. Illinois State, 11-15-25

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.

Henry followed that performance by accounting for touchdowns both rushing (14 yards) and passing (4 yards) Nov. 15 against Illinois State. He ended the day 32-of-51 passing for 254 yards, rushing also finishing as the team's leading rusher with 41 yards on 18 carries.

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 sixth among FCS programs with an average of 32 minutes and 57 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 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.

Last week against Illinois State, the Jackrabbits nearly matched that total by running 89 plays as their comeback bid came up short. SDSU's last two scoring drives in a 35-21 setback covered 15 and 16 plays, respectively.

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.

FEAST OR FAMINE ON FOURTH DOWN: The Jackrabbits did not convert a fourth-down attempt in their first six Missouri Valley Football Conference games this season, going a combined 0-for-11 in that span. The streak reached 12 consecutive unsuccessful tries in the Nov. 15 game against Illinois State before SDSU converted each of its next six fourth-down tries, including a 4-yard touchdown pass from Jack Henry to Brayden Delahoyde on fourth-and-goal late in the second half.

For the season, SDSU is 11-for-31 on fourth-down attempts.

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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: 51, vs. Illinois State, 11-15-2025
PASS COMPLETIONS: 32, vs. Illinois State, 11-15-2025
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, and vs. Illinois State, 11-15-2025
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 net punting, 41.60 yards per attempt
- 7th in turnovers gained, 20
- 6th in interceptions, 13
- 6th in time of possession 32:57 per game
- 11th in punt return defense, 4.23 yards per attempt
- 12th in total defense, 305.5 yards per game
- 13th in third-down conversion pct. defense, .321
- 16th in turnover margin, +0.64 per game
- 17th in first downs defense, 182

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 seventh among FCS programs by forcing 20 turnovers so far this season — 13 interceptions and seven fumble recoveries. Twelve of those turnovers have come in Missouri Valley Football Conference action, including five takeaways (4 interceptions, 1 fumble) Oct. 11 against Northern Iowa and another four-interception performance against Murray State a week later.

However, the Jacks have managed only two takeaways over the last four games. SDSU also has limited the number of times it has turned the ball over this season, with the Jackrabbits currently ranking 16th in turnover margin at plus-0.64 per game.

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 74 tackles, including a career-best 12 stops at both Montana State and Youngstown State. Fellow junior Joe Ollman stands second with 71 tackles after a career-best 11 last week against Illinois State, 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 48, 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 551 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 63 points so far this season by going 10-for-16 on field goals and making all 33 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.

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' 40 punt attempts in 2025 have resulted in a net average of 41.60 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.

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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
Graham 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

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.

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 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.

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
Illinois State	1	0
Season Totals	19	34

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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	4-3
TOTALS	65-10

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

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.

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 SDSU attain an average attendance of 16,278 this season.

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.

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

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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	

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 385 receptions for 4,441 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 36 catches for 356 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 had 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 91 tackles through 11 games this season, including a season-high 15 at Green Bay on Nov. 2. He now has career totals of 316 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.

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 22 carries for 130 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 and carried twice for 8 yards in mop-up duty Nov. 16 against Jacksonville.

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.

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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

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. Monday.

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 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.

The FCS playoffs begin Nov. 29 at campus sites.

DEPTH CHART AT NORTH DAKOTA

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 or	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)	11	Joe Ollman, 6-1, 230, Jr., Mequon, Wis.
	9	Matt Goehring, 6-1, 220, Jr., Sioux Falls, S.D.
or	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	Graham 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	37	KAYDON OLIVIA, 5-11, 215, Sr., Schertz, Texas		2	Isaiah Garcia-Castaneda, 6-1, 200, Gr., Twentynine Palms, Calif.
Snaps	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



South Dakota State University JACKRABBITS

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 Strohsen	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	Sebastyan 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

FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP SUBDIVISION POLLS

STATS PERFORM FCS POLL — NOV. 17

PL.	SCHOOL	2025 RECORD	POINTS	PR
1.	North Dakota State [56]	11-0	1,400	1
2.	Montana	11-0	1,327	2
3.	Montana State	9-2	1,301	3
4.	Lehigh	11-0	1,194	4
5.	Tarleton State	10-1	1,166	6
6.	Tennessee Tech	10-1	1,129	5
7.	Mercer	9-1	976	8
8.	Harvard	9-0	962	7
9.	Villanova	8-2	841	10
10.	Rhode Island	9-2	839	11
11.	Illinois State	8-3	749	14
12.	Monmouth (N.J.)	9-2	745	12
13.	North Dakota	7-4	704	13
14.	Stephen F. Austin	9-2	696	15
15.	UC Davis	7-3	679	9
16.	South Dakota	8-4	633	17
17.	Abilene Christian	7-4	531	18
18.	Youngstown State	7-4	477	20
19.	Lamar	8-3	299	19
20.	Jackson State	8-2	226	23
21.	Southeastern Louisiana	8-3	208	19
22.	<i>South Dakota State</i>	7-4	255	16
23.	Northern Arizona	7-4	136	24
24.	Southern Illinois	6-5	117	21
25.	New Hampshire	7-4	98	NR

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

Teams receiving votes: Alabama State, 79; Lafayette, 72; West Georgia, 61; Delaware State, 47; Austin Peay, 36; South Carolina State, 22; Yale, 21; **Sacramento State**, 19; Dartmouth, 15; Southern Utah, 6.

AFCA FCS COACHES' POLL — NOV. 17

PL.	SCHOOL	2025 RECORD	POINTS	PR
1.	North Dakota State [23]	11-0	599	1
2.	Montana [1]	11-0	573	2
3.	Montana State	9-2	549	3
4.	Lehigh	11-0	523	4
5.	Tarleton State	10-1	505	5
6.	Mercer	9-1	437	8
7.	Villanova	8-2	433	7
8.	Tennessee Tech	10-1	423	6
9.	Rhode Island	9-2	402	9
10.	Harvard	9-0	342	11
11.	Illinois State	8-3	338	13
	Monmouth (N.J.)	9-2	338	12
13.	Stephen F. Austin	9-2	290	17
14.	UC Davis	7-3	259	10
15.	Jackson State	8-2	251	16
16.	North Dakota	7-4	228	18
17.	Youngstown State	7-4	203	19
18.	Abilene Christian	7-4	184	20
19.	Lamar	8-3	168	14
21.	Southeastern Louisiana	8-3	156	21
21.	South Dakota	8-4	127	22
22.	<i>South Dakota State</i>	7-4	110	15
23.	West Georgia	8-3	91	24
24.	Lafayette	8-3	86	25
25.	Yale	7-2	37	NR

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

Teams receiving votes: Southern Illinois, 28; Alabama State, 27; Dartmouth, 22; UT Rio Grande Valley, 15; Gardner-Webb, 13; **Sacramento State**, 12; Austin Peay, 8; New Hampshire, 7; South Carolina State, 4; Presbyterian, 3; East Tennessee State, 2; Southern Utah, 2; William & Mary, 2; Elon, 1; Northern Arizona, 1; Prairie View A&M, 1.

MISSOURI VALLEY FOOTBALL CONFERENCE

2025 MVFC STANDINGS

SCHOOL	CONFERENCE	PF	PA	OVERALL	PF	PA
North Dakota State	8-0	306	116	11-0	444	133
South Dakota	6-2	214	213	8-4	300	326
Illinois State	5-2	236	175	8-3	360	289
North Dakota	5-2	220	118	7-4	386	207
Youngstown State	4-3	264	227	7-4	399	328
South Dakota State	3-4	158	168	7-4	296	223
Southern Illinois	3-4	238	235	6-5	400	313
Indiana State	1-6	138	270	3-8	237	444
Northern Iowa	1-6	104	207	3-8	175	286
Murray State	0-7	125	274	0-11	197	446

RECENT RESULTS AND SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, NOV. 15

*North Dakota 35, Murray State 17
 *Youngstown State 48, Indiana State 29
 *South Dakota 53, Southern Illinois 51 [5 OT]
 *Illinois State 35, South Dakota State 21
 *North Dakota State 48, Northern Iowa 16

SATURDAY, NOV. 22

*Southern Illinois at Illinois State, noon
 *Murray State at Indiana State, noon
 *South Dakota State at North Dakota, 1 p.m.
 *Youngstown State at Northern Iowa, 1 p.m.
 St. Thomas 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



#3/3 SDSU 38, #21/23 NORTH DAKOTA 7

Nov. 9, 2024 • Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium (Att.: 9,797)

GRAND FORKS, N.D. — South Dakota State blitzed North Dakota for 28 second-quarter points as the third-ranked Jackrabbits went on to post a 38-7 road win Nov. 9 at the Alerus Center.

SDSU improved to 8-2 overall and 5-1 in the Missouri Valley Football Conference behind a balanced offensive attack. UND, which dropped its third game in a row, fell to 5-5 overall and 2-4 in league play.

North Dakota, which missed a field goal on the opening drive of the game, put its only points of the game on the board on its next possession in the first quarter. After forcing a Jackrabbit three-and-out, Isaiah Smith took a handoff on the first play of the ensuing drive and broke through the left side of the line for a 62-yard touchdown run.

From there, it was all Jackrabbits.

SDSU responded first with a 32-yard field goal by Hunter Dustman late in the first quarter, then scored touchdowns on four consecutive drives.

On the first play of the second quarter, Angel Johnson turned the corner and rolled around the right side for a 29-yard touchdown run.

SDSU continued to take advantage of great field position for the remainder of the half as the longest of their scoring drives covered 59 yards. Mark Gronowski connected with Griffin Wilde on scoring strikes of 25 and 39 yards as SDSU built a 24-7 lead.

After linebacker Graham Spalding forced a UND fumble and Dawson Ripperda recovered at the Fighting Hawk 27-yard line, the Jackrabbit lead grew to 31-7 after a 6-yard rushing touchdown by Amar Johnson.

The SDSU defense held the Fighting Hawks in check the rest of the way, allowing only 53 net rushing yards after Smith's long touchdown run in the opening stanza.

Gronowski and Wilde hooked up again in the third quarter for the only points of the second half, this time from 47 yards out. Wilde finished the game with five catches for 140 yards and a career-best three touchdowns while Gronowski completed 11-of-19 attempts for 193 yards.

SDSU finished with a 457-248 advantage in total offense, picking up another 264 yards on the ground. Angel Johnson led the way with an even 100 yards on 13 carries to hit the century mark for the second game in a row and Amar Johnson added 74 yards on 15 carries. Kirby Vorhees tallied 66 yards on nine attempts.

Smith ended the afternoon with 87 yards on nine carries. Quarterback Simon Romfo was 16-of-23 passing for 124 yards, with Bo Belquist and Quincy Vaughn each catching four balls for 40 and 37 yards, respectively.

Matthew Durrance paced the SDSU defense with four tackles. Adam Bock and Caleb Franci each were credited with sacks among their four stops.

Jonnie Wiltshire led UND with a game-high 10 tackles. Wyatt Pedigo added eight tackles.



Griffin Wilde caught a career-high three touchdown passes as part of a five-catch, 140-yard performance Nov. 9 at North Dakota.

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	FINAL
South Dakota State (8-2, 5-1)	3	28	7	0	38
North Dakota (5-5, 2-4)	7	0	0	0	7

SCORING SUMMARY

1st	8:22	UND	— Isaiah Smith 62 yd run (C.J. Elrichs kick)
1st	2:29	SDSU	— Hunter Dustman 32 yd field goal
2nd	14:52	SDSU	— Angel Johnson 29 yd run (Dustman kick)
2nd	10:35	SDSU	— Griffin Wilde 25 yd pass from Mark Gronowski (Dustman kick)
2nd	6:30	SDSU	— Wilde 39 yd pass from Gronowski (Dustman kick)
2nd	2:06	SDSU	— Amar Johnson 6 yd run (Dustman kick)
3rd	5:40	SDSU	— Wilde 47 yd pass from Gronowski (Dustman kick)

TEAM STATISTICS

	SDSU	UND
FIRST DOWNS	22	14
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	43-264	33-124
PASSING YDS (NET)	193	124
Passes Att-Comp-Int	20-11-0	23-16-1
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	63-457	56-248
Punt Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Kickoff Returns-Yards	2-39	1-23
Interception Returns-Yards	1-0	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	5-45.0	6-40.0
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	2-1
Penalties-Yards	5-50	3-35
Possession Time	33:27	26:33
Third-Down Conversions	3 of 11	2 of 12
Fourth-Down Conversions	1 of 1	0 of 1
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	2-2	0-1
Sacks By: Number-Yards	5-20	0-0

RUSHING LEADERS: SDSU - Angel Johnson 13-100; Amar Johnson 15-74; Kirby Vorhees 9-66; Brenden Begeman 2-14; Mark Gronowski 3-11. UND - Isaiah Smith 9-87; Gaven Ziebarth 7-36; Sawyer Seidl 3-4; Quincy Vaughn 1-1; Simon Romfo 13-(-4). **PASSING LEADERS:** SDSU - Mark Gronowski 11-19-0 193; Jon Bell 0-1-0 0. UND - Simon Romfo 16-23-1 124. **RECEIVING LEADERS:** SDSU - Griffin Wilde 5-140; Davin Stoffel 2-20; Angel Johnson 1-13; David Alpers 1-11; Lofton O'Groske 1-7; Amar Johnson 1-2. UND - Bo Belquist 4-40; Quincy Vaughn 4-37; Caden Dennis 3-13; Sawyer Seidl 2-8. **INTERCEPTIONS:** SDSU - Tucker Large 1-0. UND - none. **SACKS:** SDSU - Caleb Franci 1.0-9; Graham Spalding 1.0-4; Daeton Mcgaughy 1.0-3; Adam Bock 1.0-3; Reis Kirschenman 1.0-1. UND - none. **TACKLE LEADERS (JA-A-TOT):** SDSU - Matthew Durrance 5-0-5; Adam Bock 4-0-4; Colby Huerter 4-0-4; Caleb Franci 3-1-4; Levi Vanden Bos 3-0-3; Graham Spalding 3-0-3. UND- Jonnie Wiltshire 10-0-10; Wyatt Pedigo 6-2-8; Lance Rucker 4-1-5; Tyler Erkman 2-2-4.

VERSUS RANKED OPPONENTS

Since moving to the Football Championship Subdivision at the start of the 2004 season, the Jackrabbits have compiled a 75-57 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 3-3 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)
- vs. #13/14 Illinois State (L, 21-35)

#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; Grettyton 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.

GAME 9 RECAP

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.

#13/14 ILLINOIS STATE 35, #15/16 SOUTH DAKOTA STATE 21

Nov. 15, 2025 • Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium(Att.: 11,407)

Illinois State took advantage of a rash of South Dakota State miscues in the first quarter, blitzing the Jackrabbits with a 28-point opening stanza en route to a 35-21 victory Saturday afternoon at Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium.

The Redbirds, ranked 13th in the Football Championship Subdivision coaches' poll and 14th in the Stats Perform media poll, ran their winning streak to four games to improve to 8-3 overall and 5-2 in the Missouri Valley Football Conference. SDSU dropped its fourth consecutive game to fall to 7-4 overall and 3-4 in league play.

Illinois State scored touchdowns on each of its first three possessions, including putting together an eight-play, 62-yard scoring drive after receiving the opening kickoff. The drive was aided by a Jackrabbit personal foul penalty before Daniel Sobkowicz caught a 10-yard touchdown pass from Tommy Rittenhouse a minute and 55 seconds into the contest.

The Redbird lead quickly grew to 14-0 a minute later when SDSU quarterback Jack Henry's attempt of a screen pass deep in his own territory was picked off at the 5-yard line by Patrick Bauer and returned for a score.

Things went from bad to worse for the Jackrabbits when the ensuing kickoff was mishandled and Illinois State recovered at the SDSU 28. Rittenhouse later connected on a 2-yard touchdown pass to Sobkowicz giving the Redbirds a 21-0 lead less than five minutes into the game.

Another unforced mistake on special teams set up Illinois State for its fourth touchdown of the opening quarter. A snap back to SDSU punter Max Pelham was fumbled, with the Redbirds taking over at the Jackrabbit 25. Rittenhouse then finished off the drive with a 2-yard touchdown run.

The Redbirds upped their lead to 35-0 with 10:15 remaining in the first half when Sobkowicz became Illinois State's all-time leader in receiving touchdowns with his third of the game and 33rd of his career. This one, on a slant route, covered nine yards and completed a nine-play, 63-yard drive.

SDSU didn't pick up a first down until the first play of the game's next drive on a 27-yard pass from Henry to tight end Coleman Kuntz. That play helped spark a Jackrabbit offense that dominated the statistical categories the remainder of the game as Henry finished off a 10-play, 75 drive with a 14-yard touchdown run.

The Jackrabbits cut the margin to 35-13 with their longest drive of the season in a two-minute situation to close out the first half. SDSU converted twice on fourth-down plays in covering 96 yards in 15 plays. First, Henry found Jack Smith for a 15-yard pass play on fourth-and-6 before throwing a 4-yard touchdown pass to Brayden Delahoyde on fourth-and-goal. The two-point attempt failed.

In the third quarter, the SDSU defense limited Illinois State to one first down and the Jackrabbit offense bridged a 16-play, 80-yard drive between the final two quarters before Josiah Johnson scored from two yards out on the second play of the fourth quarter. The Jackrabbits converted on the two-point play this time on a pass play from Henry to Greyton Gannon.

The SDSU defense continued to rise to the occasion in the fourth quarter and the Jackrabbit offense continued to put pressure on Illinois State. However, each of the next three SDSU drives ended by turning the ball over on downs in Redbird territory.

Rittenhouse ended the afternoon 17-of-32 passing for 141 yards, with Sobkowicz recording five catches for 55 yards, including his three scores. Victor Dawson paced the Redbird rushing attack with 98 yards on 20 carries.

Henry completed 32-of-51 passes for 254 yards and also was the Jackrabbits' leading rusher with 41 yards on 18 carries. SDSU finished with a 320-275 advantage in total offense.



Tight end Greyton Gannon tallied career highs of nine catches and 63 receiving yards in a losing effort against Illinois State.

Alex Bullock caught nine passes for 68 yards, sharing game-high honors with Gannon, who recorded 63 yards on a career-best nine receptions.

Tye Niekamp led all players with 16 tackles for Illinois State. Dexter Niekamp notched two of the Redbirds' five sacks.

For SDSU, linebackers Joe Ollman and Bryce Johnson each posted career highs with 11 and 10 tackles, respectively. Fellow linebacker Kytan Fyfe also registered a career-best eight stops.

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Illinois State (8-3, 5-2)	28	7	0	0	35
South Dakota State (7-4, 3-4)	0	13	0	8	21

SCORING SUMMARY

1st	13:05	ILS - Daniel Sobkowicz 10 yd pass from Tommy Rittenhouse (Matt Maldonado kick)
1st	12:03	ILS - Patrick Bauer 5 yd interception return (Maldonado kick)
1st	10:29	ILS - Sobkowicz 2 yd pass from Rittenhouse (Maldonado kick)
1st	6:26	ILS - Rittenhouse 2 yd run (Maldonado kick)
2nd	10:15	ILS - Sobkowicz 9 yd pass from Rittenhouse (Maldonado kick)
2nd	5:03	SDSU - Jack Henry 14 yd run (Eli Stader kick)
2nd	00:25	SDSU - Brayden Delahoyde 4 yd pass from Henry (pass failed)
4th	14:37	SDSU - Josiah Johnson 2 yd run (Greyton Gannon pass from Henry)

TEAM STATISTICS	ILS	SDSU
FIRST DOWNS	20	22
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	39-134	38-66
PASSING YDS (NET)	141	254
Passes Att-Comp-Int	33-17-0	51-32-2
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	72-275	89-320
Punt Returns-Yards	2-3	2-(-2)
Kickoff Returns-Yards	2-40	3-26
Interception Returns-Yards	2-15-1	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	6-43.3	4-38.2
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	4-1
Penalties-Yards	3-35	6-36
Possession Time	28:56	31:04
Third-Down Conversions	5 of 15	4 of 19
Fourth-Down Conversions	2 of 2	6 of 10
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	4-4	3-5
Sacks By: Number-Yards	5-27	1-6

RUSHING LEADERS: ILS - Victor Dawson 20-98; Seth Glatz 7-32; Tommy Rittenhouse 7-6; Daniel Sobkowicz 1-4. SDSU - Jack Henry 18-41; James Basinger 6-27; Josiah Johnson 8-25; Julius Loughridge 4-3. **PASSING LEADERS:** ILS - Tommy Rittenhouse 17-32-0 141; Daniel Sobkowicz 0-1-0 0. SDSU - Jack Henry 32-51-2 254. **RECEIVING LEADERS:** ILS - Daniel Sobkowicz 5-55; Dylan Lord 4-26; Luke Mailander 2-16; Javon Charles 2-15. SDSU - Alex Bullock 9-68; Greyton Gannon 9-63; Jack Smith 6-40; Graham Goering 3-42; Coleman Kuntz 2-33; James Basinger 1-5; Brayden Delahoyde 1-4; Josiah Johnson 1-(-1). **INTERCEPTIONS:** ILS - Dexter Niekamp 1-10; Patrick Bauer 1-5. SDSU - none. **SACKS:** ILS - Dexter Niekamp 2.0-16; Garret Steffen 1.0-7; Solomon Oduma 1.0-3; Christian Lorenzo 1.0-1. SDSU - Jace Sifore 1.0-6. **TACKLE LEADERS (UA-A-TOT):** ILS - Tye Niekamp 9-7-16; Doreon Dubose 7-4-11; Mason Kaplan 4-3-7; Jake Anderson 2-5-7; SDSU - Joe Ollman 5-6-11; Bryce Johnson 5-5-10; Kytan Fyfe 2-6-8; Jalen Lee 3-4-7; Koby Bretz 3-3-6.

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: 32, vs. Illinois State, 11-15-2025

Passing Attempts: 51, vs. Illinois State, 11-15-2025

Passing Yards: 254, vs. Illinois State, 11-15-2025

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

Touchdown Passes: 1, at South Dakota, 11-8-2025, and vs. Illinois State, 11-15-2025

Interceptions: 2, vs. Illinois State, 11-15-2025

Rushing Attempts: 18, vs. Illinois State, 11-15-2025

Rushing Yards: 41, vs. Illinois State, 11-15-2025

Long Rush: 16 yards, vs. Illinois State, 11-15-2025

Rushing Touchdowns: 1, vs. Illinois State, 11-15-2025

Total Offense: 295 yards, vs. Illinois State, 11-15-2025



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: 20 yards, vs. Illinois State, 11-15-2025

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

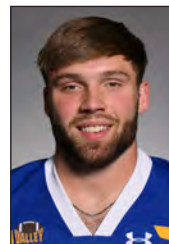
Rushing Attempts: 10, vs. Indiana State, 11-1-2025

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, and vs. Illinois State, 11-15-2025
Receptions: 1, vs. Illinois State, 11-15-2025



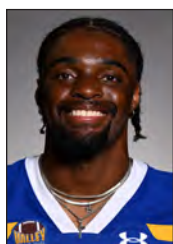
6-ELIJAH ERVIN

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



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



2-ISAIAH GARCIA-CASTANEDA

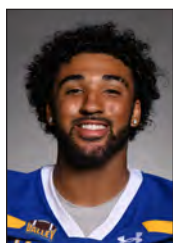
6-1, 200, Grad.

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



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



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

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



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, and vs. Illinois State, 11-15-2025

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

Long Reception: 46 yards (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, and vs. Illinois State, 11-15-2025

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

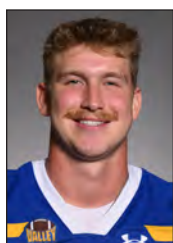
Long Reception: 25 yards (for TD), at Montana State, 9-6-2025

Receiving Touchdowns: 1, at Montana State, 9-6-2025, and vs. Illinois State, 11-15-2025

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: 9, vs. Illinois State, 11-15-2025

Receiving Yards: 63, vs. Illinois State, 11-15-2025

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



82-COLEMAN KUNTZ

6-3, 240, Sr.

Beaumont, California • Etiwanda H.S./
Sacramento State

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Receptions: 2, vs. Illinois State, 11-15-2025

Receiving Yards: 33, vs. Illinois State, 11-15-2025

Long Reception: 27 yards, vs. Illinois State, 11-15-2025

Receiving Touchdowns: N/A

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

Punts: 4, vs. Illinois State, 11-15-2025

Punt Average (Min. 3 Punts): 38.2 yards, vs. Illinois State, 11-15-2025

Long Punt: 40 yards, vs. Illinois State, 11-15-2025

CAREER HIGHS - SPECIAL TEAMS/DEFENSE

SPECIALISTS (cont.)



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



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)

DEFENSIVE ENDS



8-REISS 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.

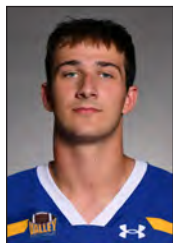
Walcott, Iowa • Davenport Assumption H.S.

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

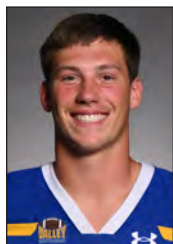
SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

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

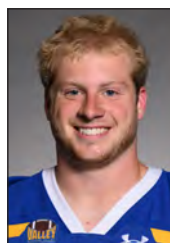
Assisted Tackles: 3, at South Dakota, 11-8-2025

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.

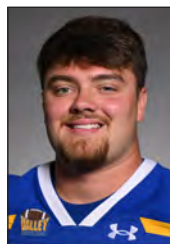
SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

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



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

CAREER HIGHS – DEFENSE

DEFENSIVE TACKLES



95-MASON BROSEAU

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



91-JACE SIFORE

6-4, 290, Jr.

Howard, South Dakota • Howard H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Solo Tackles: 2, vs. Illinois State, 11-15-2025

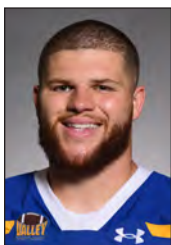
Assisted Tackles: 2, vs. North Dakota State, 10-25-2025

Total Tackles: 3, vs. North Dakota State, 10-25-2025, and
vs. Illinois State, 11-15-2025

Tackles For Loss: 1.5, at South Dakota, 11-8-2025

Sacks: 1.0, three times (last: vs. Illinois State, 11-15-2025)

Blocked Kicks: 1, vs. Illinois State, 11-15-2025



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

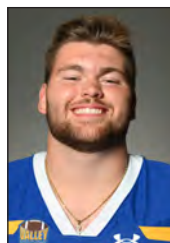
Assisted Tackles: 4, at North Dakota State, 10-19-2024,
and vs. North Dakota State, 10-25-2025

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

Pass Breakups: 1, vs. Illinois State, 11-15-2025



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: 6, vs. Illinois State, 11-15-2025

Total Tackles: 8, vs. Illinois State, 11-15-2025

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.

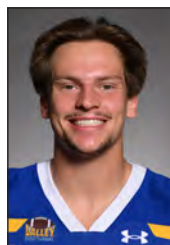
Osage, Iowa • Osage H.S.

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: 2, vs. Illinois State, 11-15-2025

Total Tackles: 3, vs. Illinois State, 11-15-2025

Tackles for Loss: 1.0, at Montana State, 9-6-2025

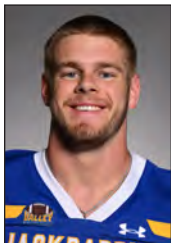
Sacks: 1.0, at Montana State, 9-6-2025

Kickoff Returns: 1, vs. Illinois State, 11-15-2025

Long Kickoff Return: 16 yards, vs. Illinois State, 11-15-2025

CAREER HIGHS – DEFENSE

LINEBACKERS (cont.)



33-BRYCE JOHNSON

6-3, 220, Jr.

Parker, Colorado • Lutheran H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Solo Tackles: 5, vs. Illinois State, 11-15-2025
Assisted Tackles: 5, vs. Illinois State, 11-15-2025
Total Tackles: 10, vs. Illinois State, 11-15-2025
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
Long Kickoff Return: 10 yards, at Missouri State, 11-23-2024



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: 6, vs. Illinois State, 11-15-2025
Total Tackles: 11, vs. Illinois State, 11-15-2025
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
Pass Breakups: 1, vs. Illinois State, 11-15-2025



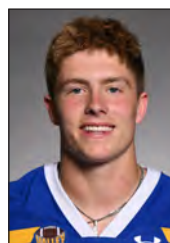
44-CASEY LARSON

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, three times in 2025 (last: vs. Illinois State, 11-15-2025)
Assisted Tackles: 1, vs. Illinois State, 11-15-2025
Total Tackles: 2, vs. Illinois State, 11-15-2025
Tackles for Loss: N/A



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



28-CHASE VAN TOL

6-1, 200, So.

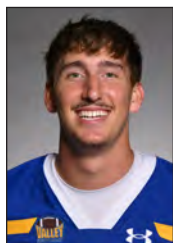
Tea, South Dakota • Tea Area H.S.

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

CAREER HIGHS - DEFENSE

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



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



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: 3, vs. Illinois State, 11-15-2025

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, three times in 2025 (last: vs. Illinois State, 11-15-2025)

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

Kickoff Returns: 1, vs. Illinois State, 11-15-2025

Long Kickoff Return: 12 yards, vs. Illinois State, 11-15-2025



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. Albany, 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, and vs. Illinois State, 11-15-2025

Fumble Recoveries: 1, vs. Illinois State, 11-15-2025

CAREER HIGHS – DEFENSE

SAFETIES



25-KOBY BRETZ
6-2, 210, Sr.
Omaha, Nebraska • Westside H.S./Nebraska

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

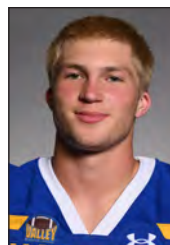
Solo Tackles: 4, at South Dakota, 11-8-2025
 Assisted Tackles: 3, three times in 2025 (last: vs. Illinois State, 11-15-2025)
 Total Tackles: 7, at South Dakota, 11-8-2025
 Tackles for Loss: 1.5, vs. Illinois State, 11-15-2025
 Interceptions: 1, vs. North Dakota State, 10-25-2025
 Pass Breakups: 2, vs. 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



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



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



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)



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



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, and vs. Illinois State, 11-15-2025
 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
 Forced Fumbles: 1, vs. Illinois State, 11-15-2025

2025 MISCELLANEOUS STATISTICS

GAME-BY-GAME COMPARISON

OPPONENT	SCORE	----FIRST DOWNS----				--RUSHING--	--PASSING--	YARDS	-TOTAL OFFENSE-		RETURN Yds	TURNOVERS
		TOTAL	RUSH	PASS	PEN	NUMBER-YARDS	COMP-ATT-INT		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	
Illinois State	21-35	22 / 20	5 / 10	15 / 9	2 / 1	38-66 / 39-134	32-51-2 / 17-33-0	254 / 141	89-320 / 72-275	24 / 58	3 / 1	
Totals	296-223	237/182	110/72	110/90	17/20	455-1,704 / 354-1,347	206-331-7 / 188-311-13	2,436/2,013	786-4,140/665-3,360	697/574	13/20	

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
Illinois State	4-19	0-3	2-6	2-6	0-4
Totals	59-155	16-37	15-42	11-33	17-43/0-0
	38.1%	43.2%	35.7%	33.3%	39.5%/0.0%
Opponents	44-137	16-36	11-35	7-30	9-34/1-1
	32.1%	44.4%	31.4%	23.3%	26.5%/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
Illinois State	31:04	4:22	8:19	10:45	7:38
Totals	362:32	83:39	89:59	90:53	98:01
Avg.	32:57	7:36	8:11	8:16	8:55
Opponents	297:28	81:21	75:01	74:07	66:59
Avg.	27:03	7:24	6:49	6:44	6:05

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
Illinois State	6-10	0-1	3-3	2-2	1-4
Totals	11-31	1-6	5-8	2-4	3-13
	35.5%	16.7%	62.5%	50.0%	23.1%
Opponents	10-18	5-5	2-4	1-3	2-5
	55.6%	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
Illinois State	6-36	3-35
Totals	71-579	56-453

JACKRABBITS' RECORD WHEN ...

Overall	7-4	Tied After 1 Quarter	2-0	More Total Yards Than Opponent	5-2
Missouri Valley Football Conference	3-5	Leading At Halftime	5-0	Fewer Total Yards Than Opponent	2-2
Non-Conference	4-0	Trailing At Halftime	1-3	More Time of Possession Than Opponent	6-2
Home Games	4-3	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	4-3
Neutral-Site Games	0-0	Trailing After 3 Quarters	0-4	Fewer Penalties Than Opponent	1-1
Day Games	3-3	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	0-3
Opponent Scores First	2-2	Rush For Fewer Yards Than Opponent	1-2	Commit Same Number of Turnovers as Opponent	3-0
Leading After 1 Quarter	4-1	Pass For More Yards Than Opponent	5-2		
Trailing After 1 Quarter	1-32	Pass For Fewer Yards Than Opponent	2-2		

2025 South Dakota State University Football
Overall Statistics (as of Nov 15, 2025)

Team Statistics	SDS	OPP
SCORING	296	223
Points Per Game	26.91	20.27
FIRST DOWNS	237	183
Rushing	110	73
Passing	110	90
Penalty	17	20
RUSHING YARDAGE	1704	1347
Yards gained	2076	1583
Yards lost	372	236
Attempts	455	354
Avg Per Attempt	3.7	3.8
Avg Per Game	154.9	122.5
TDs Rushing	21	12
PASSING YARDAGE	2436	2013
Att-Comp-Int	331-206-7	311-188-13
Avg Per Attempt	7.36	6.47
Avg Per Catch	11.83	10.71
Avg Per Game	221.45	183.00
TDs Passing	17	13
TOTAL OFFENSE	4140	3360
Total Plays	786	665
Avg Per Play	5.3	5.1
Avg Per Game	376.4	305.5
KICK RETURNS: #-YARDS	26-508	22-478
PUNT RETURNS: #-YARDS	17-102	13-68
INT RETURNS: #-YARDS	13-88	7-39
KICK RETURN AVERAGE	19.54	21.73
PUNT RETURN AVERAGE	6.00	5.23
INT RETURN AVERAGE	6.77	5.57
FUMBLES-LOST	15-6	11-7
PENALTIES-YARDS	69-579	56-453
Avg Per Game	52.64	41.18
PUNTS-YARDS	40-1859	56-2298
Avg Per Punt	46.48	41.04
Net Punt Avg	41.28	37.43
KICKOFFS-YARDS	57-3260	44-2477
Avg Per Kick	57.19	56.30
Net Kick Avg	42.14	38.39
TIME OF POSSESSION	06:02:26	04:57:28
Per Game	32:57	27:03
3RD-DOWN CONVERSIONS	59-155	44-139
3rd-Down Pct	38.06 %	31.65 %
4TH-DOWN CONVERSIONS	11-31	10-18
4th-Down Pct	35.48 %	55.56 %
SACKS BY-YARDS	25-156	30-205
MISC YARDS	0	0
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED	38	28
FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS	11-17	9-14
ON-SIDE KICKS	0-0	0-2
RED-ZONE SCORES	38-48	21-27
RED-ZONE TOUCHDOWNS	30-48	15-27
PAT-ATTEMPTS	33-33	26-26
ATTENDANCE	130,224	42,344
Dates-Avg Per Date	8-16,278	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
*	11/15/2025	ILLINOIS ST.	L	21-35	7-4 , 3-4	03:15	11,407

* = Conference game

Score by Quarters	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Total
South Dakota St.	64	85	59	75	13	296
Opponents	80	70	22	44	7	223

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#	Rushing	GP	ATT	GAIN	LOSS	NET	AVG	TD	LG	AVG/G
15	Loughridge, Julius	11	172	842	38	804	4.7	6	37	73.09
32	Basinger, James	11	75	303	20	283	3.8	4	20	25.73
	Johnson, Josiah	5	39	173	3	170	4.4	2	14	34.00
7	Mason, Chase	7	60	264	99	165	2.8	4	34	23.57
19	Smith, Jack	11	4	91	0	91	22.8	1	75	8.27
	Blair, Corey	3	8	65	2	63	7.9	1	42	21.00
16	Henry, Jack	4	39	137	80	57	1.5	1	16	14.25
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
43	Gustad, Andrew	11	5	14	0	14	2.8	0	4	1.27
2	Garcia-Castaneda, Isaiah	11	1	8	0	8	8.0	0	8	0.73
97	Leiferman, Blake	11	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.00
84	Bullock, Alex	11	5	12	18	-6	-1.2	0	7	-0.55
	Team	11	8	0	23	-23	-2.9	0	0	-2.09
41	Pelham, Max	11	2	0	31	-31	-15.5	0	0	-2.82
	Total	11	455	2076	372	1704	3.7	21	75	154.91
	Opponents	11	354	1583	236	1347	3.8	12	74	122.45

#	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	4	101.31	52-89-4	58.43 %	471	2	28	117.75
41	Pelham, Max	11	335.20	1-1-0	100.00 %	28	0	28	2.55
2	Garcia-Castaneda, Isaiah	11	318.40	1-1-0	100.00 %	26	0	26	2.36
	Total	11	136.77	206-331-7	62.24 %	2436	17	52	221.45
	Opponents	11	120.25	188-311-13	60.45 %	2013	13	65	183.00

#	Receiving	GP	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	AVG/G
84	Bullock, Alex	11	61	743	12.18	4	51	67.55
12	Goering, Grahm	11	31	416	13.42	0	52	37.82
1	O'Groske, Lofton	6	27	355	13.15	4	44	59.17
19	Smith, Jack	11	29	328	11.31	3	46	29.82
88	Gannon, Greyton	11	27	263	9.74	2	26	23.91
2	Garcia-Castaneda, Isaiah	11	7	78	11.14	0	21	7.09
32	Basinger, James	11	8	72	9.00	0	19	6.55
8	Dresie, Sammy	8	4	55	13.75	0	29	6.88
82	Kuntz, Coleman	3	2	33	16.50	0	27	11.00
10	Delahoyde, Brayden	10	2	29	14.50	2	25	2.90
25	Bretz, Koby	11	1	28	28.00	0	28	2.55
43	Gustad, Andrew	11	2	15	7.50	2	11	1.36
	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	11	1	2	2.00	0	2	0.18
34	Johnson, Josiah	5	1	-1	-1.00	0	0	-0.20
	Total	11	206	2436	11.83	17	52	221.45
	Opponents	11	188	2013	10.71	13	65	183.00

#	Punt Returns	NO	YRDS	AVG	TD	LG
2	Taylor, Myles	11	107	9.73	0	24
44	Larson, Casey	1	1	1.00	0	1
2	Garcia-Castaneda, Isaiah	5	-6	-1.20	0	8
Total		17	102	6.00	0	24
Opponents		13	68	5.23	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	7	39	5.57	1	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	4	20	5.00	0	14
9	Goehring, Matt	1	16	16.00	0	16
4	Alpers, David	1	14	14.00	0	14
21	Green, Myles	1	12	12.00	0	12
84	Bullock, Alex	1	0	0.00	0	0
	Total	26	508	19.54	0	50
	Opponents	22	478	21.73	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	33-33	—	—	—	—	—	63
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
10	Delahoyde, Brayden	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	12
88	Gannon, Greyton	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	12
43	Gustad, Andrew	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	12
34	Johnson, Josiah	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	12
16	Henry, Jack	1	—	—	—	1	1-2	—	—	8
24	Begeman, Brenden	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6
	Blair, Corey	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6
81	Harrington, Ryan	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
2	Garcia-Castaneda, Isaiah	—	—	—	0-1	—	—	—	—	0
Total		38	11	33-33	0-1	1	1-4	—	—	296
Opponents		28	9	26-26	—	1	1-2	—	—	223

#	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
81	Harrington, Ryan	1-1	100.00 %	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		9-14	64.29 %	0-1	1-2	4-6	4-5	0-0	46	2

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)
Illinois St.	-	51

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	11	172	804	0	804	73.09
16	Henry, Jack	4	128	57	471	528	132.00
13	Marble, Luke	6	93	30	492	522	87.00
32	Basinger, James	11	75	283	0	283	25.73
34	Johnson, Josiah	5	39	170	0	170	34.00
19	Smith, Jack	11	4	91	0	91	8.27
	Blair, Corey	3	8	63	0	63	21.00
1	O’Groske, Lofton	6	5	51	0	51	8.50
2	Garcia-Castaneda, Isaiah	11	2	8	26	34	3.09
24	Begeman, Brenden	4	10	28	0	28	7.00
43	Gustad, Andrew	11	5	14	0	14	1.27
41	Pelham, Max	11	3	-31	28	-3	-0.27
84	Bullock, Alex	11	5	-6	0	-6	-0.55
	Team	11	8	-23	0	-23	-2.09
Total		11	786	1704	2436	4140	376.36
Opponents		11	665	1347	2013	3360	305.45

#	Punting	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TB	FC	I20	50+	BLK
41	Pelham, Max	33	1625	49.24	68	7	11	9	17	0
26	Stader, Eli	4	153	38.25	40	0	0	0	0	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		40	1859	46.48	68	7	11	11	17	1
Opponents		56	2298	41.04	71	5	17	12	7	1

#	Kickoffs	NO	YDS	AVG	TB	OB
26	Stader, Eli	2	118	59.0	1	0
81	Harrington, Ryan	55	3142	57.1	18	0
Total		57	3260	57.2	19	0
Opponents		44	2477	56.3	14	2

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#	All Purpose	G	RUSH	RCV	PR	KR	IR	Total	AVG/G
15	Loughridge, Julius	11	804	2	0	0	0	806	73.27
84	Bullock, Alex	11	-6	743	0	0	0	737	67.00
19	Smith, Jack	11	91	328	0	273	0	692	62.91
12	Goering, Grahm	11	0	416	0	0	0	416	37.82
1	O'Groske, Lofton	6	51	355	0	0	0	406	67.67
32	Basinger, James	11	283	72	0	0	0	355	32.27
88	Gannon, Greyton	11	0	263	0	0	0	263	23.91
2	Garcia-Castaneda, Isaiah	11	8	78	-6	123	0	203	18.45
34	Johnson, Josiah	5	170	-1	0	0	0	169	33.80
7	Mason, Chase	7	165	0	0	0	0	165	23.57
2	Taylor, Myles	11	0	0	107	0	27	134	12.18
24	Begeman, Brenden	4	28	0	0	50	0	78	19.50
	Blair, Corey	3	63	14	0	0	0	77	25.67
16	Henry, Jack	4	57	0	0	0	0	57	14.25
8	Dresie, Sammy	8	0	55	0	0	0	55	6.88
10	Delahoyde, Brayden	10	0	29	0	20	0	49	4.90
82	Kuntz, Coleman	3	0	33	0	0	0	33	11.00
13	Marble, Luke	6	30	0	0	0	0	30	5.00
43	Gustad, Andrew	11	14	15	0	0	0	29	2.64
28	Van Tol, Chase	8	0	0	0	0	29	29	3.63
25	Bretz, Koby	11	0	28	0	0	0	28	2.55
1	Oliver, Jayden	10	0	0	0	0	24	24	2.40
4	Alpers, David	9	0	6	0	14	0	20	2.22
9	Goehring, Matt	11	0	0	0	16	0	16	1.45
21	Green, Myles	10	0	0	0	12	0	12	1.20
0	Johnson, Isaiah	11	0	0	0	0	8	8	0.73
44	Larson, Casey	10	0	0	1	0	0	1	0.10
41	Pelham, Max	11	-31	0	0	0	0	-31	-2.82
	Team	11	-23	0	0	0	0	-23	-2.09
Total		11	1704	2436	102	508	88	4838	439.82
Opponents		11	1347	2013	68	478	39	3945	358.64

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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	11	41	33	74.0	7.5-19	1.0-2	—	2	1	—	1	—	—
11	Ollman, Joe	11	36	35	71.0	7.0-37	3.0-25	1-0	1	4	1-0	3	—	—
6	Lee, Jalen B.	10	33	15	48.0	2.5-10	—	3-0	1	1	—	1	—	—
28	Van Tol, Chase	8	32	6	38.0	4.0-18	4.0-18	1-29	—	—	1-0	—	—	—
25	Bretz, Koby	11	21	14	35.0	2.5-7	—	1-0	6	—	—	—	—	—
94	Clayborne, Kobe	11	19	15	34.0	6.0-24	3.0-17	—	—	2	—	—	—	—
47	Fyfe, Kytan	11	16	18	34.0	2.5-4	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—
99	Ripperda, Dawson	11	15	15	30.0	5.5-34	4.0-32	—	—	3	2-0	1	—	—
0	Johnson, Isaiah	11	23	6	29.0	—	—	1-8	5	—	1-0	—	—	—
3	Johnson, Dontay	10	13	10	23.0	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
2	Taylor, Myles	11	18	5	23.0	1.0-2	—	1-27	3	—	—	—	—	—
33	Johnson, Bryce	11	9	12	21.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
16	St-Juste, Noah	11	16	3	19.0	2.0-8	1.0-5	—	1	—	—	1	—	—
51	Green, Logan	11	8	8	16.0	7.0-32	3.5-25	—	1	3	1-0	—	—	—
55	Wolfcale-Holsten, Aaron	10	6	10	16.0	2.5-10	1.0-6	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
13	Dautermann, Aydan	11	11	2	13.0	0.5-1	—	—	5	—	—	—	—	—
27	Thompson, Noah	11	9	4	13.0	—	—	1-0	1	—	—	—	—	—
9	Goehring, Matt	11	7	4	11.0	1.5-7	1.0-6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
97	Leiferman, Blake	11	5	6	11.0	2.0-9	0.5-5	—	1	2	—	—	—	—
1	Oliver, Jayden	10	10	1	11.0	—	—	3-24	—	—	—	—	—	—
30	Cotton, Cody	11	3	6	9.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
91	Sifore, Jace	7	4	5	9.0	3.5-16	3.0-15	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
50	Wells, Nick	10	3	5	8.0	1.0-2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
21	Green, Myles	10	4	3	7.0	—	—	1-0	—	—	—	—	—	—
8	Kirschenman, Reis	2	2	3	5.0	0.5-2	—	—	—	—	1-0	—	—	—
98	Muller, Mac	5	3	2	5.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
19	Smith, Jack	11	4	1	5.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
45	Schiller, Boden	7	3	1	4.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
44	Larson, Casey	10	2	1	3.0	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—
93	Spelman, Kevin	7	—	2	2.0	0.5-0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
62	BigBow, Kenyon	11	1	—	1.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
95	Brosseau, Mason	5	—	1	1.0	0.5-1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
8	Dresie, Sammy	8	1	—	1.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
81	Harrington, Ryan	11	1	—	1.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
49	Krempges, Luke	4	1	—	1.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
48	Nash, Jack	4	—	1	1.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
34	Powers, Jackson	1	—	1	1.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
4	Price, Andrew	4	1	—	1.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
96	Schaefer, Rhett	3	—	1	1.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
26	Stader, Eli	11	1	—	1.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
38	Stanard, Max	11	1	—	1.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
92	Watts, Sam	4	—	1	1.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
32	Basinger, James	11	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
24	Begeman, Brenden	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
29	Blair, Corey	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
84	Bullock, Alex	11	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
10	Delahoyde, Brayden	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
88	Gannon, Greyton	11	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2	Garcia-Castaneda, Isaiah	11	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
43	Gustad, Andrew	11	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
16	Henry, Jack	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
34	Johnson, Josiah	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15	Loughridge, Julius	11	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
7	Mason, Chase	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1	O'Groske, Lofton	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
41	Pelham, Max	11	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total		11	383	256	639.0	60.0-243	25.0-156	13-88	30	19	7-0	7	3	—
Opponents		11	438	366	804.0	69.0-318	30.0-205	7-39	33	17	6-2	7	1	—