2026 JACKRABBIT FOOTBALL

SOUTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY

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OCT. 17 GAME NOTES

#1/1 SOUTH DAKOTA STATE (5-1, 2-0 MVFC)
at #11/15 NORTH DAKOTA (5-2, 2-1 MVFC)
1 p.m. Saturday
Alerus Center; Grand Forks, North Dakota

SERIES NOTE
- 92nd Meeting (North Dakota leads the all-time series, 47-39-5)
- The Jackrabbits have won the last five matchups, including back-to-back years in Grand Forks — 38-7 in 2024 and a 34-31 overtime victory last season

MEDIA INFORMATION
- Game will be televised on Midco Sports and ESPN+ with the broadcast team of Alex Heinert (play-by-play) and Ryan Kaswoski (color 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 team of Tyler Merriam (play-by-play), Al Bahe (color analyst) and Scotty Kwas (sidelines) will call the action

NORTH DAKOTA FIGHTING HAWKS
2026 Record: 5-2 overall (2-1 in Missouri Valley Football Conference)
Head Coach: Eric Schmidt
Alma Mater: North Dakota, 2002
Record at North Dakota: 13-8 (second season)
Career Record: Same

SOUTH DAKOTA STATE JACKRABBITS
2026 Record: 5-1 overall (2-0 in Missouri Valley Football Conference)
Head Coach: Dan Jackson (second season)
Alma Mater: Nebraska-Omaha, 2008
Record at SDSU: 14-6
Career Record: Same

2026 SCHEDULE

AUGUST		
29	STETSON [Precision Ag Bowl]	W, 70-7
SEPTEMBER		
5	at Northwestern (Ill.)	L, 18-34
12	NEW HAVEN [Beef Bowl/Jacks in Black]	W, 57-14
19	*YOUNGSTOWN STATE [Dairy Drive]	W, 27-20
26	EASTERN ILLINOIS [Hall of Fame Game]	W, 42-7
OCTOBER		
3	*at Illinois State	W, 31-14
17	*at North Dakota	1 p.m.
24	*MURRAY STATE [Hobo Day]	2 p.m.
31	*SOUTH DAKOTA [Interstate Series]	TBA
NOVEMBER		
7	*at Northern Iowa	1 p.m.
14	*at Southern Illinois	1 p.m.
21	*INDIANA STATE [Military Apprec./Senior Day]	2 p.m.
28	FCS Playoffs begin (if qualified)	

* Missouri Valley Football Conference game | All times Central

TALE OF THE TAPE — 2026 STATS COMPARISON

NORTH DAKOTA	CATEGORY	SOUTH DAKOTA STATE
38.9	Points Per Game	40.8
27.3	Points Allowed Per Game	16.0
213.0	Rushing Yardage Per Game	291.8
105.9	Rush Yardage Allowed/Game	117.3
245.7	Passing Yardage Per Game	211.8
12.1	Average Per Catch	15.1
195.4	Pass Yardage Allowed/Game	186.3
458.7	Total Offense Per Game	503.7
301.3	Total Offense Allowed/Game	303.7
27.8	Kick Return Average	22.7
9.9	Punt Return Average	19.9
3-34	Interception Returns	3-40
11-7	Fumbles-Lost	7-3
33-301	Penalties-Yards	41-342
30:26	Time of Possession/Game	31:34
39-90 (43%)	Third-Down Conversions	29-76 (38%)
11-18 (61%)	Fourth-Down Conversions	11-13 (85%)
30-37 (81%, 26 TD)	Red-Zone Offense	20-28 (71%, 12 TD)
18-20 (90%, 17 TD)	Red-Zone Defense	14-16 (88%, 10 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.)

2025: South Dakota State 34, North Dakota 31 [OT]
(Nov. 22, 2025, at Grand Forks, N.D.)

TOP PERFORMERS

100-YARD RUSHERS

Josiah Johnson (3)

238 • vs. Youngstown State, 9-19-2026 (30 att.)
121 • vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-26-2026 (14 att.)
131 • at Illinois State, 10-3-2026 (19 att.)

James Basinger (2)

110 • vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026 (8 att.)
116 • vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-26-2026 (9 att.)

Corey Blair Jr. (1)

107 • vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026 (8 att.)

100-YARD RECEIVERS

Grahm Goering (1)

117 • at Northwestern, 9-5-2026 (9 rec.)

300-YARD PASSERS

none

DOUBLE-DIGIT TACKLERS

Dontay Johnson (1)

13 • at Illinois State, 10-3-2026 (10 solo, 3 asst.)

Jes Krcil (1)

12 • vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-26-2026 (6-6)

Cullen McShane (1)

12 • at Illinois State, 10-3-2026 (3-9)

Jackrabbits travel north for matchup with Fighting Hawks

Athletic Communications Contact: Jason Hove *Oct. 14, 2026*

BROOKINGS, S.D. — The top-ranked South Dakota State football team begins the second half of the 2026 regular season with a trip Saturday to North Dakota for the Jackrabbits' third matchup against a ranked team in as many Missouri Valley Football Conference contests.

Kickoff is scheduled for 1 p.m. at the Alerus Center in Grand Forks, North Dakota. The game will be televised by Midco Sports and also will air on the ESPN+ streaming platform.

The Jackrabbits, who are coming off their lone bye week of the regular season, moved into the top spot in both the Stats Perform media poll and American Football Coaches Association rankings after a 31-14 road win at Illinois State on Oct. 3. That moved SDSU's record to 5-1 overall and 2-0 in the MVFC.

North Dakota, meanwhile, fell out of the Football Championship Subdivision top 10 after dropping a 24-17 decision at Northern Iowa on Oct. 10. The Fighting Hawks, who are ranked 11th by Stats Perform and 15th by the coaches, enter the week with a 5-2 overall record and a 2-1 mark in league play.

THE SERIES: Saturday's game will mark the 92nd meeting between South Dakota State and North Dakota on the football field. UND leads the overall series 47-39-5.

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 ninth game between the two programs in their respective Division I eras. SDSU has won seven of those eight previous matchups, including the last five.

Due to conference realignment in recent seasons, the Jackrabbits will be making a trip to Grand Forks for the third consecutive year. In the 2024 matchup 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.

The two squads met again in Grand Forks in the 2025 regular season finale, with the Jackrabbits pulling out a 34-31 overtime victory on a 23-yard touchdown pass from Jack Henry to Grahm Goering that sent SDSU to the FCS playoffs for the 14th season in a row. Josiah Johnson added three touchdowns on the ground for the Jackrabbits.

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 SDSU's lone regular season loss in that abbreviated spring campaign, one in which the Jackrabbits went on to play in the national championship game for the first time.

RANKINGS STREAK: The South Dakota State football team began the 2026 season in a familiar spot with a high ranking in the Stats Perform FCS Preseason Poll and moved into the No. 1 position after its Oct. 3 victory at Illinois State. After holding one of the top three spots in the first eight polls of 2026, the Jacks have now appeared in the top 25 of 197 consecutive Stats Perform polls dating back to October 2012.

The Jackrabbits previously 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.

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

Preseason	3rd	Sept. 21	2nd
Aug. 31	2nd	Sept. 28	2nd
Sept. 7	2nd	Oct. 5	1st
Sept. 14	2nd	Oct. 12	1st

YEAR-BY-YEAR IN FCS

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	9-5	4-4
2026	5-1	2-0
Totals	**172-70**	**105-39**
Overall Totals	***198-88***	***117-45***

2026 MVFC PLAYERS TO WATCH

QB: Chase Mason
RB: Ramon McKinney Jr.
WR: Grahm Goering, Lofton O'Groske
TE: Greyton Gannon, Coleman Kuntz
OL: Quinten Christensen, Shane Willenbring
DL: Logan Green, Reis Kirschenman, Dawson Ripperda, Jace Sifore, Carter Sitzman
LB: Cullen McShane, Chase Van Tol
DB: Ife Current, Noah St-Juste
P: Max Pelham
RS/APB: Jack Smith

CAPTAINS: Leading the Jackrabbit football team are six captains:

- Quinten Christensen, Sr., offensive lineman, Wessington Springs;
- Logan Green, Sr., defensive tackle, Northboro, Iowa;
- Coleman Kuntz, Sr., tight end, Beaumont, Calif.;
- Chase Mason, Grad., quarterback, Hurley;
- Dawson Ripperda, Sr., defensive end, Larchwood, Iowa;
- Chase Van Tol, Jr., linebacker, Tea.

Christensen, Green and Mason are each in their second seasons as team captains while Kuntz, Ripperda and Van Tol are in their first seasons in the leadership role.

YEAR 23 IN FCS: The 2026 season marks the 23rd year South Dakota State has competed in the Football Championship Subdivision.

Since joining the Division I ranks in 2004, the Jackrabbits have compiled a 198-88 record (.692 winning percentage).

In the decade of the 2020s, SDSU has put together a 73-16 record, which is good for an .820 winning percentage.

ELITE COMPANY: With 14 consecutive appearances in the Football Championship Subdivision playoffs, South Dakota State enters the 2026 season tied for the third-longest all-time streak since the subdivision was formed in 1978.

Overall, the Jackrabbits have qualified for the FCS playoffs 15 times, with the first berth coming in 2009 and followed by the current streak that began in 2012. SDSU has compiled a 25-13 record in FCS playoff games, winning back-to-back national championships in 2022 and 2023 after a runner-up finish during the 2020-21 spring season.

In addition, the Jackrabbits advanced to the semifinal round in 2017, 2018, 2021 (fall) and 2024.

Montana holds the all-time FCS consecutive playoff streak with 17 consecutive appearances from 1993-2009. North Dakota State moved its streak to 16 seasons in 2025 before departing for the Football Bowl Subdivision and the Mountain West Conference this past offseason. SDSU's 14 consecutive appearances match New Hampshire's run from 2004-17.

MVFC HISTORY: The 2026 season also marks South Dakota State's 19th as a member of the Missouri Valley Football Conference. Since joining the league in 2008, SDSU is the only program in that span to not have a losing season in conference play.

The Jackrabbits hold a 105-39 record (.729 winning percentage) in MVFC games and have won six or more league games 10 times. SDSU has claimed five league titles (2016, 2020-21, 2022, 2023, 2024) in the past 10 seasons.

SDSU compiled a 23-1 record in league play between the 2022-24 seasons and put together a 19-game league winning streak from November 2021 until October 2024.

LEAGUE FAVORITES: South Dakota State has been picked to return to the top of the Missouri Valley Football Conference in 2026, according to a preseason poll announced in conjunction with the league's annual Media Day in mid-July.

The Jackrabbits received 28 of 36 first-place votes and tallied 312 points to out-distance Illinois State for the top spot in the nine-team poll, which was conducted among the league's head coaches, sports information directors and a select media panel. The Redbirds, who advanced to the Football Championship Subdivision national title game last season, tallied three first-place votes and 256 points, while Youngstown State was third with 235 points.

In all, five teams received first-place votes. North Dakota and South Dakota each received two first-place votes to finish fourth and fifth with respective totals of 211 and 196 points, while Southern Illinois claimed the other first-place vote to place sixth with 186 points.

Northern Iowa (99 points), Indiana State (80) and Murray State (45) completed the poll.

In addition, 19 Jackrabbit student-athletes were recognized as MVFC Players to Watch. A full listing follows:

PRESEASON ALL-AMERICANS: Led by first-team selection Quinten Christensen on the offensive line, six South Dakota State football players were recognized on the 2026 Stats Perform Football Championship Subdivision Preseason All-America Team.

QUICK FACTS

SDSU INFORMATION

Location: Brookings, S.D.
Enrollment: 11,901 (fall 2026)
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

Deputy AD: Austin Hieb

Senior Associate AD—Student-Athlete Experience/ Senior Woman Administrator: Holly Van Vlymen

Faculty Athletics Representative: Rocky Dailey

2025 RECAP

Overall Record: 9-5
Conference Record: 4-4 (tied for sixth place in Missouri Valley Football Conference)
Postseason: Football Championship Subdivision second round (14th consecutive playoff appearance)
Home Record: 5-3
Away Record: 4-2
Final Rankings: 13th (Stats Perform media)/14th (AFCA FCS Coaches)

TEAM INFORMATION

Lettermen Returning: 48
- Offense: 24
- Defense: 22
- Special Teams: 2

Lettermen Lost: 24
- Offense: 9
- Defense: 13
- Special Teams: 2

Starters Returning: 15
• Offense: 8 • Defense: 6 • Special Teams: 1

Offensive Starters Returning (8): Kenyon BigBow, OL; Quinten Christensen, OL; Greyton Gannon, TE; Grahm Goering, WR; Chase Mason, QB; Lofton O'Groske, WR; William Paepke, OL; Shane Willenbring, OL.

Defensive Starters Returning (6): Logan Green, DT; Reis Kirschenman, DE; Cullen McShane, LB; Joe Ollman, LB; Dawson Ripperda, DE; Chase Van Tol, LB.

Special Teams Starters Returning (1): Max Pelham, P.

Other Returning Lettermen (33): James Basinger, RB; Brenden Begeman, RB; Corey Blair Jr., RB; Brayden Delahoyde, TE; Sammy Dresie, WR; Kytan Fyfe, LB; Matt Goehring, LB; Myles Green, CB; Andrew Gustad, TE; Ryan Harrington, K; Jack Henry, QB; Jamari Holliman, CB; Caden Hotz, OL; Bryce Johnson, LB; Dontay Johnson, S; Josiah Johnson, RB; Jackson Kerstin, OL; Luke Krempges, DE; Coleman Kuntz, TE; Casey Larson, LB; Blake Leiferman, DE; Mac Muller, DT; Ian Mutchler, OL; Jack Nash, LB; Reese Osgood, WR; John Pica, OL/TE; Kyan Ruak, OL; Boden Schiller, LB; Jace Sifore, DT; Jack Smith, WR; Noah St-Juste, DB/LB; Max Stanard, S; Noah Thompson, S.

A senior-to-be from Wessington Springs, Christensen received his first-team nod after a 2025 campaign in which he started all 14 games at left tackle and earned second-team All-America honors from Stats Perform, as well as first-team all-Missouri Valley Football Conference accolades. With Christensen in the lineup, the Jackrabbits averaged 28.6 points per game and topped the 200-yard mark for rushing five times.

Four Jackrabbits were named to the preseason All-America second team, including a pair of defensive stalwarts in defensive end Dawson Ripperda and linebacker Cullen McShane.

Ripperda, a senior from Larchwood, Iowa, ranked second on the team in both tackles for loss (8.5) and sacks (5.0) during the 2025 season. He registered a total of 43 tackles and forced and recovered a pair of fumbles.

McShane ranked second on the squad with 88 total tackles a season ago and recorded double figures in tackles three times. A senior from Marquette, Iowa, he also posted 7.5 tackles for loss and forced a fumble while earning second-team all-MVFC honors.

Representing the South Dakota State offense on the second team was wide receiver Lofton O'Groske. A junior from Coon Rapids, Minnesota, O'Groske was the team's top receiving target during nonconference play before missing the second half of the season due to injury. He tallied 27 receptions for 355 yards and four touchdowns in six games, highlighted by a 12-catch, two-touchdown performance in a double-overtime win at eventual national champion Montana State.

Completing the Jackrabbits' list of second-team honorees was senior punter Max Pelham. The Ankeny, Iowa, native averaged 47.2 yards on 42 punts in 2025, with 18 of his attempts traveling 50 or more yards. Pelham was a first-team all-MVFC selection and an All-America selection by both the American Football Coaches Association (first team) and Associated Press (honorable mention) a season ago.

Tight end Greyton Gannon rounded out SDSU's six overall selections with third-team honors. A senior from Eagle, Wisconsin, Gannon tied for third on the Jackrabbits with 33 receptions to go along with 372 receiving yards and three touchdowns. He also was a first-team all-MVFC selection and an honorable mention All-America pick by the Associated Press.

The Jackrabbits' six honorees were the second most, trailing defending national champion Montana State's eight picks.

MASON ON PAYTON AWARD LIST: South Dakota State quarterback Chase Mason was one of 30 players named to the initial watch list for the Walter Payton Award, which is presented annually by Stats Perform to the top offensive performer in the Football Championship Subdivision.

A senior from Hurley, Mason in his second season as the Jackrabbits' starting quarterback in 2026. Limited to nine games in 2025 due to injury, Mason led SDSU to an 8-1 record in his starts and accounted for 21 touchdowns — 15 passing and six rushing. He also completed 64.9 percent (146-of-225) of his passes for 2,005 yards.

Mason has been sidelined since he suffered an injury late in the first half against Youngstown State on Sept. 19, but is expected to return to the lineup Saturday at North Dakota. In the four games he has played this season, Mason has completed 49-of-89 passes (55.1 percent) for 834 yards with four touchdowns and one interception. His 23 completions and 48 pass attempts Sept. 5 at Northwestern were both single-game career highs, while his three touchdown passes Sept. 12 against New Haven marked the fourth time in his career he has pulled off that trifecta, tying a single-game career best.

A dual threat, he also ran for touchdowns in each of his last two games — scoring on a 1-yard quarterback sneak versus New Haven and an 18-yard run up the middle against Youngstown State.

The Walter Payton Award celebrates its 40th anniversary this season. Former SDSU quarterback Mark Gronowski was the award winner in 2023.

McSHANE RANKS AMONG BEST ON DEFENSE: South Dakota State linebacker Cullen McShane was named over the summer to the initial watch list for the Stats Perform FCS Buck Buchanan Award, which is presented annually to the top defensive player in the Football Championship Subdivision.

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Tristan Alvano	al-VAH-no
Beau Bakken	BOCK-en
James Basinger	BAY-sing-er
Brenden Begeman	BEG-ah-man
Teague Cantrall	can-TRALL
Ife Current	EE-fay
Brayden Delahoyde	DELL-ah-hoid
Braylin Dieken-Keahey	DEE-cun KAY-hee
Noah Dietel	dee-TELL
Sammy Dresie	DRESS-ee
Graham Eben	EE-ben
Barry Fries	freese
Matt Goehring	GARE-ing
Grahm Goering	GORE-ing
Andrew Gustad	GUSS-tad
Micah Hach	hock
Caden Hotz	hotes
Sawyer Josewski	JOE-zess-key
Joe Kolega	co-LEE-gah
Jes Krcil	KERR-chill
Luke Krempges	KREMP-geez (like McGee)
Grant Kuhlmann	COLE-man
Coleman Kuntz	COONTS
Maverick LeBrun	lah-BROON
Blake Leiferman	LIFE-er-man
Lofton O'Groske	oh-GRAW-ski
Joe Ollman	OHL-man
William Paepke	PAP-key
Amaje Parker	ah-MAH-jay
John Pica	PEEK-ah
Anthony/Dom Rezac	REE-zak
Joseph Reisz	rise
Dawson Ripperda	RIP-er-dah
Weston Rowe	rau (rhymes with now)
Noah St-Juste	Saint JOOST
Ashton Sayre	SAY-er
Jace Sifore	CY-four
Max Stanard	STAN-ard
Bergan Tetzlaff	TETS-loff
Jack Thue	THEW-ee
Alex Uchtman	UCKT-man
Chase Van Tol	van TOLL

2026 AWARD WINNERS

CONFERENCE AWARDS

MVFC Offensive Player of the Week
- Josiah Johnson (Sept. 19)

MVFC Offensive Lineman of the Week
- Quinten Christensen (Aug. 29)

MVFC Defensive Player of the Week
- Chase Van Tol (Aug. 29)
- Myles Green (Oct. 3)

NATIONAL AWARDS

Stats Perform National Offensive Player of the Week
- Josiah Johnson (Sept. 19)

A senior from Marquette, Iowa, McShane was one of 30 players to receive mention on the watch list, which will be updated periodically throughout the 2026 campaign. The 32nd winner of the award will be determined by a media panel and will be announced leading up to the FCS national championship game in January.

McShane is coming off a 2025 season in which he ranked second on the Jackrabbits' squad with 88 total tackles. He added 7.5 tackles for loss, a sack and a forced fumble en route to being named to the all-Missouri Valley Football Conference Second Team.

After not factoring in any statistics in limited action in the Aug. 29 opener against Stetson, McShane has tallied 26 tackles and a team-best four tackles for loss and two sacks over the last five games. He matched a career high with 12 tackles, including a pair of tackles for loss, in the Oct. 3 road victory at Illinois State.

PELHAM INCLUDED IN PUNTING WATCH LIST: South Dakota State punter Max Pelham was recently named as one of 14 players included on the preseason watch list for the 2026 FCS Punter of the Year Award. The award is presented annually by the Augusta Sports Council.

A graduate student from Ankeny, Iowa, Pelham was a semifinalist for the award in 2025, when he averaged 47.2 yards on 42 punts, with 18 of his attempts traveling 50 or more yards. He was a first-team all-Missouri Valley Football Conference selection and an All-America selection by both the American Football Coaches Association (first team) and Associated Press (honorable mention) a season ago.

In the Aug. 29 opener against Stetson, Pelham's second punt of the night was a career-long 69-yarder. In six games so far this season, he has punted a total of 18 times for an average of 46.5 yards. Six of his punts have traveled 50 or more yards and nine- have pinned the opposition inside its own 20-yard line.

The award winner will be determined by the FCS Punter of the Year Award national voting body, which consists of FCS sports information directors and national sports writers. The award winner is scheduled to be announced Dec. 14.

GREEN HONORED BY MVFC: South Dakota State cornerback Myles Green was honored as the Missouri Valley Football Conference Defensive Player of the Week for his efforts in the Jackrabbits' win at Illinois State on Oct. 3.

A sophomore from Homewood, Illinois, Green came away with two fourth-quarter takeaways to help secure South Dakota State's 31-14 road victory. On the first play of the final stanza with the Jackrabbits holding a 17-7 lead, Green recovered a fumble forced by Cullen McShane at the SDSU 36 and returned it five yards. A series later, Green picked off a pass at the ILS 31-yard line and returned it down the right sideline for his first career touchdown.

Green also was credited with three tackles as part of a strong defensive effort by the Jackrabbits, who remained undefeated in league play. He is the second Jackrabbit to receive the honor this season, joining linebacker Chase Van Tol, who was honored after SDSU's season-opening win against Stetson on Aug. 29.

JOHNSON EARNS MVFC, NATIONAL HONORS: South Dakota State running back Josiah Johnson received recognition on a pair of levels, earning conference and national offensive player of the week awards after helping lead the second-ranked Jackrabbits to a 27-20 victory over Youngstown State on Sept. 19.

A sophomore from Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Johnson earned Missouri Valley Football Conference Offensive Player of the Week honors after carrying 30 times for a career-high 238 yards and two touchdowns as SDSU opened league play with a home victory against the ninth-ranked Penguins. He scored on a 4-yard run on the opening drive of the game, then added a 16-yard touchdown run on the Jackrabbits' first offensive possession of the second half.

In addition, Johnson was selected as the Stats Perform FCS National Offensive Player of the Week after becoming the first Jackrabbit to rush for 200-plus yards since Isaiah Davis ran for 217 yards against UC Davis in a 2021 FCS playoff game. Johnson tallied seven different runs of at least 12 yards versus Youngstown State, including a career-long 39-yarder on SDSU's first offensive play of the third quarter.

2026 TEAM SEASON HIGHS

Rushing Attempts: 46, vs. New Haven, 9-12-26
Rushing Yards: 408, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-26-26
Yards per Rush: 9.1, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-26-26
Rushing Touchdowns: 7, vs. Stetson,8-29-26
Pass Attempts: 48, at Northwestern, 9-5-26
Pass Completions: 23, at Northwestern, 9-5-26
Yards Passing: 285, at Northwestern, 9-5-26
Yards Per Pass: 21.4, vs. Stetson, 8-29-26
Passing Touchdowns: 3, vs. New Haven, 9-12-26
Total Plays: 88, at Northwestern, 9-5-26
Total Offense: 628, vs. Stetson, 8-29-26
Yards Per Play: 11.2, vs. Stetson, 8-29-26
Points: 70, vs. Stetson, 8-29-26
First Downs: 27, at Northwestern, 9-5-26
Sacks By: 3, vs. Stetson, 8-29-26
Penalties: 10, at Illinois State, 10-3-26
Penalty Yards: 93, at Illinois State, 10-3-26
Turnovers By: 1, five times (last: at Illinois State, 10-3-26)
Turnovers Forced: 3, at Illinois State, 10-3-26
Interceptions By: 2, at Illinois State, 10-3-26
Fumble Recoveries: 2, three times (last: vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-26-26)
Punts: 5, vs. New Haven, 9-12-26
Time of Possession: 34:08, at Northwestern, 9-5-26

BIG PLAYS

OFFENSE (20 or more yards)

Player	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	Total
James Basinger (5)	2	1	2	2	7
Josiah Johnson (2)	4	1	–	2	7
Grahm Goering	2	2	1	–	5
Coleman Kuntz (1)	3	1	–	–	4
Lofton O'Groske (1)	1	3	–	–	4
Jack Smith (1)	3	–	–	1	4
Corey Blair Jr. (2)	–	–	–	2	2
Greyton Gannon (2)	2	–	–	–	2
Ramon McKinney Jr. (2)	2	–	–	–	2
Sammy Dresie	1	–	–	–	1
Landon Dulaney (1)	–	–	–	1	1
Josh Myers (1)	1	–	–	–	1
Team Totals (18)	**21**	**8**	**3**	**8**	**40**

RETURNS (30 or more yards)

Player	30-39	40-49	50+	Total
Alex Uchtman (1)	1	–	2	3
Myles Green (1)	1	–	–	1
Ramon McKinney Jr.	–	1	–	1
Team Totals (2)	**2**	**1**	**2**	**5**

Number in parentheses indicates number of touchdowns covering 20 or more yards

Prior to his Sept. 19 outburst, Johnson's previous single-game career high for rushing yards was 79 yards in the Sept. 5 loss at Northwestern. His outing marked the 15th time a Jackrabbit running back topped the 200-yard mark in a Division I game and only the sixth time against a league opponent.

Johnson recorded his third consecutive 100-yard performance by picking up 131 yards on 19 carries Oct. 3 at Illinois State. He heads into this weekend's matchup against North Dakota ranked sixth among FCS players in rushing yards per game (113.3), eighth in total rushing yards (680) and ninth in rushing touchdowns (7).

BIG-PLAY JACKS: South Dakota State recorded 10 offensive plays of 20 or more yards, including six that resulted in touchdowns, in the Aug. 29 season opener against Stetson. In addition, the Jackrabbits turned in a pair of returns that chewed up another 65 (punt return for touchdown by freshman Alex Uchtman) and 46 (kickoff return by Ramon McKinney Jr.) yards.

In all, the Jackrabbits finished with 628 yards — 393 rushing, 235 passing — of total offense, marking the team's highest total in a game since racking up 656 yards at Southern Illinois in 2018. SDSU averaged 11.2 yards per play versus Stetson.

The long offensive scoring plays against Stetson included:

- Jack Smith 73-yard touchdown reception from Chase Mason (Q1);
- Josiah Johnson 20-yard touchdown run (Q1);
- Ramon McKinney Jr. 27-yard touchdown run (Q2);
- Corey Blair Jr. 52-yard touchdown run (Q3);
- Landon Dulaney 78-yard touchdown reception from Josh Holst (Q3);
- Josh Myers 27-yard touchdown run (Q3).

Holst's touchdown pass to Dulaney was the only pass attempt by the Jackrabbits in the entire second half.

SDSU matched that big-play output Sept. 12 against New Haven with 10 more 20-yard plays, including six that resulted in scores. Jackrabbit tight ends accounted for three of the touchdowns as Coleman Kuntz scored on 25-yard pass play in the second quarter, while Greyton Gannon later tallied touchdown receptions of 24 and 29 yards.

Reserve running back James Basinger added scoring runs of 27 and 55 yards in the second half, building off Ramon McKinney's 22-yard touchdown run in the front half.

In five games this season, the Jackrabbits have a total of 40 plays of 20-plus yards, plus five returns of 30 or more yards. James Basinger and Josiah Johnson lead the SDSU offense with seven chunk plays each, with five of Basinger's long gains resulting in touchdowns. A sophomore running back, Basinger scored on runs of 39 and 48 yards Sept. 26 against Eastern Illinois and added a career-long 66-yard touchdown run to cap the scoring at Illinois State on Oct. 3.

GROUND AND POUND: South Dakota State enters this week's matchup against North Dakota leading the Football Championship Subdivision in rushing offense and ranking second in total offense.

Highlighted by topping the 400-yard mark for rushing in a game for the first time in two seasons with 408 yards Sept. 26 against Eastern Illinois, the Jackrabbits are averaging a subdivision-best 291.8 yards per game on the ground. SDSU has used a committee of running backs to get to that mark, led by Josiah Johnson's 680 rushing yards (113.3 yards per game).

Reserve running back James Basinger is averaging 12.9 yards per carry, gaining 401 yards on only 31 carries, while Corey Blair Jr. has picked up 274 yards. As a team, the Jackrabbits have averaged 7.0 yards per rushing attempt thus far in 2026.

Through six games, the Jackrabbits also rank second with 503.7 yards of total offense per game and rank third in scoring offense at 40.8 points per game. In addition, SDSU has allowed the fewest tackles for loss in the FCS at 1.83 per game.

BALANCE ON OFFENSE: South Dakota State achieved a exact 50-50 split between rushing and passing in its Sept. 12 matchup against New Haven. The Jackrabbits rushed and passed for 256 yards each for a total of 512 yards. SDSU ran 68 offensive plays — 46 rushing and 22 passing — and held the ball for 33 minutes and 43 seconds.

For the season, the Jackrabbits have rushed for 1,751 yards and passed for another 1,271.

2026 INDIVIDUAL SEASON HIGHS

Rushing Attempts: 30, by Josiah Johnson, vs. Youngstown State, 9-19-26
Rushing Yards: 238, by Josiah Johnson, vs. Youngstown State, 9-19-26
Rushing Touchdowns: 2, six times by three different backs (three times by Josiah Johnson — last: vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-26-26)
Long Rush: 66 yards (for TD), by James Basinger, at Illinois State, 10-3-26
Pass Attempts: 48, by Chase Mason, at Northwestern, 9-5-26
Pass Completions: 23, by Chase Mason, at Northwestern, 9-5-26
Yards Passing: 285, by Chase Mason, at Northwestern, 9-5-26
Touchdown Passes: 3, by Chase Mason, vs. New Haven, 9-12-26
Receptions: 9, by Grahm Goering, at Northwestern, 9-5-26
Yards Receiving: 117, by Grahm Goering, at Northwestern, 9-5-26
Receiving Touchdowns: 2, by Greyton Gannon, vs. New Haven, 9-12-26
Long Reception: 78 yards (for TD), by Landon Dulaney (from Josh Holst), vs. Stetson, 8-29-26
Tackles: 13, by Dontay Johnson, at Illinois State, 10-3-26
Tackles For Loss: 2.0, by Carter Sitzman, vs. Stetson, 8-29-26, and by Cullen McShane, at Illinois State, 10-3-26
Sacks: 1.0, by seven different players (twice by Cullen McShane — at Northwestern, 9-5-26, and vs. Youngstown State, 9-19-26)
Interceptions: 1, by three different players (last: by Noah St-Juste and Myles Green, at Illinois State, 10-3-26
Long Interception Return: 31 yards (for TD), by Myles Green, at Illinois State, 10-3-26
Pass Breakups: 2, by Paul Kim and Jes Krcil vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-26-26
Field Goals: 4, by Tristan Alvano, at Northwestern, 9-5-26
Long Field Goal: 43 yards, by Tristan Alvano, vs. Youngstown State, 9-19-26
Punts: 5, by Max Pelham, vs. New Haven, 9-12-26
Punting Average (Min. 3 Punts): 50.0 yards (5 punts), by Max Pelham, vs. New Haven, 9-12-26
Long Punt: 69 yards, by Max Pelham, vs. Stetson, 8-29-26
Kickoff Returns: 2, by Ramon McKinney Jr., at Northwestern, 9-5-26, and by Alex Uchtman, vs. New Haven, 9-12-26
Long Kick Return: 50 yards, by Alex Uchtman, vs. New Haven, 9-12-26
Punt Returns: 3, by Alex Uchtman, vs. New Haven, 9-12-26
Long Punt Return: 65 yards (for TD), by Alex Uchtman, vs. Stetson, 8-29-26

LEADOFF HOME RUNS: Jack Smith's 73-yard catch and run for the Jackrabbits' first touchdown of the season marked the second time in his career he scored on the team's initial offensive play of the game.

A sophomore from Sioux Falls, Smith also found the end zone from 75 yards on a rushing play to open the Interstate Series rivalry game at South Dakota on Nov. 8, 2025.

In addition, Corey Blair Jr.'s 52-yard touchdown run against Stetson came on the first play of the second half.

HOLST AT THE HELM: Junior transfer Josh Holst helped lead the Jackrabbits to their two most recent wins while filling in at quarterback.

Holst was pressed into duty midway through SDSU's league-opening game against Youngstown State on Sept. 19 after Chase Mason was injured late in the first half. He directed the Jackrabbits on two second-half scoring drives in their 27-20 victory, the first of which came on the opening possession of the third quarter after completing a pass on fourth-and-3 from the YSU 34 to extend the drive.

In his two starts, Sept. 26 against Eastern Illinois and Oct. 3 at Illinois State, Holst completed a combined 29-of-45 passes for 329 yards and three touchdowns. In the win at Illinois State, he connected on 18-of-23 passes for 153 yards and two scores.

Overall, Holst has played in five games and has completed 35-of-57 passes (57.9 percent) for 423 yards and four touchdowns. His first pass as a Jackrabbit resulted in a 78-yard touchdown to Landon Dulaney in the Aug. 29 season opener against Stetson and ranks as the team's longest offensive play so far this season.

A native of Marengo, Illinois, Holst has previous collegiate starting experience while playing at Northern Illinois from 2023-25, where he was mentored by current SDSU offensive coordinator/quarterbacks coach Eric Eidsness. One of his three starts during the 2024 campaign came in the Famous Idaho Potato Bowl, a game in which he earned MVP honors after completing 18-of-30 passes for 182 yards and touchdowns, as well as rushing 16 times for 65 yards and catching a pass for a 2-point conversion.

Holst is the fourth different Jackrabbit to start a game at quarterback in Dan Jackson's two-year tenure as head coach. Mason has started a total of 13 games, with Jack Henry starting the final three games of the 2025 regular season after Luke Marble earned the start in two regular season games a year ago.

GOERING HITS HIS STRIDE: In the first half of the 2026 season, Jackrabbit wide receiver Grahm Goering has picked up where he left off in 2025.

Granted a sixth season of eligibility, Goering currently leads the team with 309 receiving yards and is tied for second on the team with 19 receptions through the first six games of 2026. He a career-high nine receptions for 117 yards Sept. 5 at Northwestern.

Over his last nine games, dating back to the 2025 regular season finale at North Dakota, Goering has caught 31 passes for 549 yards and two touchdowns. His 23-yard touchdown in overtime last Nov. 22 at North Dakota sent the Jackrabbits to the playoffs. He then opened postseason play with six catches for 75 yards against New Hampshire, followed by four receptions for a career-best 137 yards at Montana that included a school-record 95-yard touchdown catch and run in the opening quarter.

Goering tallied his 100th career reception in the Oct. 3 win at Illinois State, becoming the 29th player in program history to reach that milestone. For his career, Goering has totaled 100 catches for 1,496 yards and seven touchdowns.

100-YARD TANDEMS: For the second time this season, two South Dakota State backs topped the 100-yard mark for rushing in the same game during the Jackrabbits' 42-7 victory over Eastern Illinois on Sept. 26. In that contest, Josiah Johnson carried 14 times for 121 yards, while James Basinger racked up 116 yards on only nine carries.

Basinger (110 yards) also was part of a 100-yard tandem in the Aug. 29 season opener versus Stetson. Corey Blair Jr. (107) was the other Jackrabbit to reach the century mark, with both needed only eight carries to reach the mark.

Prior to the 2026 season opener, the last SDSU tandem of 100-yard rushers were Isaiah Davis (117) and Amar Johnson (107) against Mercer in the second round of the Football Championship Subdivision playoffs Dec. 2, 2023, at Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium. It was the third — and final time — the pair accomplished the feat together.

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	5-3
2026	4-0
Totals	**70-10**

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

LONGEST DRIVES

By Plays

15, Q4 at Northwestern, 9-5-2026
• Missed FG (15 plays, 55 yards, 3:07 TOP)
15, Q1 vs. New Haven, 9-12-2026
• Field Goal (15 plays, 67 yards, 6:12 TOP)

By Yards

99, Q2 vs. New Haven, 9-12-2026
• Touchdown (9 plays, 99 yards, 4:35 TOP
95, Q1 vs. Youngstown State
• Lost Fumble

By Time of Possession

6:19, Q3 at Illinois State, 10-3-2026
• Touchdown (11 plays, 80 yards, 6:19 TOP)
6:12, Q1 at Northwestern, 9-5-2026
• Field Goal (12 plays, 77 yards, 6:12 TOP)
6:12, Q1 at New Haven, 9-12-2026
• Field Goal (15 plays, 67 yards, 6:12 TOP)

OPENING DRIVES BY HALF

Opponent	1st-O	1st-D	2nd-O	2nd-D
Stetson	TD	Punt	TD	Punt
Northwestern	Punt	TD	FG	Punt
New Haven	FG	Downs	TD	Punt
Youngstown State	TD	Punt	TD	Punt
Eastern Illinois	TD	Punt	TD	Downs
Illinois State	TD	Downs	Punt	Punt

Overall, the Jackrabbits have had two or more 100-yard rushers in the same game 14 times in the Division I era (since 2004), of which four of the performances have taken place in Football Championship Subdivision playoff games (*) . A full listing follows:

- Oct. 22, 2005 vs. Missouri-Rolla: Cory Koenig (184), Trevor Hohn (161), Anthony Watson (117);
- Nov. 4, 2006 vs. William Penn: Anthony Watson (159), Trevor Hohn (105);
- *Nov. 24, 2012 vs. Eastern Illinois: Zach Zenner (295), Reggie Gandy (151);
- Nov. 12, 2016 vs. South Dakota: Brady Mengarelli (161), Isaac Wallace (102);
- Sept. 14, 2019 vs. Drake: Pierre Strong Jr. (129), C.J. Wilson (117);
- March 6, 2021 vs. Western Illinois: Mark Gronowski (120), Isaiah Davis (118);
- March 20, 2021 at Southern Illinois: Isaiah Davis (150), Mark Gronowski (103);
- Sept. 11, 2021 vs. Lindenwood: Pierre Strong Jr. (110), Amar Johnson (105);
- *Nov. 27, 2021 vs. UC Davis: Isaiah Davis (217), Pierre Strong Jr. (185);
- *Jan. 8, 2023 vs. North Dakota State: Amar Johnson (126), Isaiah Davis (103);
- Oct. 7, 2023 at Illinois State: Isaiah Davis (197), Amar Johnson (106);
- *Dec. 2, 2023 vs. Mercer: Isaiah Davis (117), Amar Johnson (107);
- Aug. 29, 2026 vs. Stetson: James Basinger (110), Corey Blair Jr. (107).
- Sept. 26, 2026 vs. Eastern Illinois: Josiah Johnson (121), James Basinger (116).

MR. EFFICIENCY: South Dakota State tight end/fullback Andrew Gustad has produced every time has been called the last two seasons.

A senior from Volin, South Dakota, Gustad has either gained a first down or scored a touchdown on all nine of his offensive touches since the start of the 2025 season. Last year, e picked up a first down on all five of his short-yardage rushing attempts for a total of 14 yards and scored touchdowns on each of his three receptions.

Gustad recorded his first touch of the 2026 season Sept. 19 against Youngstown State, when he picked up first down on a career-long 7-yard carry on the opening drive of the game.

DEPTH ON DEFENSE: A total of 32 different Jackrabbit defenders registered at least one tackle in the Aug. 29 season opener versus Stetson. Max Stanard paced the SDSU defense with a career-high six tackles. Luke Krempges, Matt Goehring and Liam Shaw were each credited with five tackles to also set or match previous career highs.

For the season, 45 defenders have registered at least one stop.

PILING UP THE POINTS: South Dakota State reached the 70-point mark for the third time in the program's FCS history (since 2004) in the Aug. 29 season opener versus Stetson. The 70-7 score matched a victory over another Pioneer Football League team, Drake, on Sept. 16, 2023, in a game played at Target Field in Minneapolis.

The Jackrabbits' single-game scoring record is 90, which was posted in a 90-6 home victory over Arkansas-Pine Bluff on Sept. 15, 2018.

In addition, SDSU crossed the 50-point threshold for the second time this season and 33rd time in the FCS era with its 57-14 victory over New Haven on Sept. 12.

STRONG FROM THE START: The SDSU defense has yet to allow an FCS opponent to put any points on the board in the first quarter this season.

Overall, the Jackrabbits hold a 45-7 scoring advantage in the opening stanza in 2026, with the only points allowed going to Northwestern on its first drive of the game Sept. 5.

GOING THE DISTANCE: South Dakota State embarked on a nine-play, 99-yard touchdown drive as part of its 33-point second quarter versus New Haven on Sept. 12. That marked the first drive of that maximum length by a Jackrabbit team since Mark Gronowski capped a six-play, 99-yard drive with a 67-yard touchdown run in a Football Championship Subdivision playoff game against Southern Illinois on May 2, 2021.

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, 16 games have been sellouts, including three of the first four home games in 2026. The attendance surge started when 19,332 fans came out for the for Sept. 9, 2023, showdown against Montana State. The crowd played a big role in the game, helping factor in nine false-start penalties by Montana State, including six in the final quarter.

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.)

2025: SDSU 34, North Dakota 31 [OT]
(Nov. 22, 2025, at Grand Forks, N.D.)

Overall, SDSU is 8-6 in overtime games

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

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

Large crowds continued to fill Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium in 2024 as the first four Jackrabbit home games of season were sellouts and rank in the top nine for most-attended games in facility history.

Following suit, the first five home games of the 2025 season were announced as sellouts, with 19,163 fans filling 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 in 2025.

During the Sept. 12 game against New Haven, the 1-millionth fan for Jackrabbit football games played at Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium came through the turnstiles. SDSU has averaged 13,043 fans for the 80 Jackrabbit football games played at the venue.

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 70-10 record (.875 winning percentage) at Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium during its 11 seasons of operation, including a 17-1 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.

New artificial turf was installed this past spring in preparation for the 2026 season.

WORKING OVERTIME: For the first time in program history, the Jackrabbit football team in 2025 won a pair of games decided in overtime in the same season.

The first SDSU victory in an extra session came in a Sept. 6 matchup at Montana State. After both teams scored touchdowns in the first overtime, Jackrabbit tight end Brayden Delahoyde hauled in a 25-yard touchdown on the first play of the second extra session to give SDSU a 30-24 lead. The Jackrabbit defense then stopped Montana State on a fourth-down play inside the SDSU 5-yard line to hand the Bobcats their only loss to an FCS opponent before going on to win the national championship.

In SDSU's second overtime contest, wide receiver Grahm Goering made a leaping catch off a pass from a scrambling Jack Henry for a 23-yard walk-off touchdown for a 34-31 victory at North Dakota that sent the Jacks into the postseason.

The Jackrabbits are now 8-6 all-time in overtime games.

SDSU'S 2026 RECORD WHEN ...

Jackrabbits score first	5-0
Opponent scores first	0-1
Jackrabbits lead after one quarter	5-0
Opponent leads after one quarter	0-1
Game is tied after one quarter	0-0
Jackrabbits lead at halftime	5-0
Opponent leads at halftime	0-1
Game is tied at halftime	0-0
Jackrabbits lead after three quarters	5-0
Opponent leads after three quarters	0-1
Game is tied after three quarters	0-0
Game is decided in overtime	0-0
Jackrabbits play at home	4-0
SDSU plays on the road	1-1
Neutral-site contest	0-0
Jacks commit fewer turnovers than opponent	4-0
Opponent has fewer turnovers than SDSU	0-1
Turnover margin is equal	1-0
Jacks commit fewer penalties than opponent	1-1
Opponent commits fewer penalties than SDSU	3-0
Teams commit same number of penalties	1-0
Jacks have time of possession advantage	3-1
Opponent has time of possession advantage	2-0
Game is played on artificial surface	5-1
Game played on natural grass/hybrid surface	0-0
Game is played during the day	0-0
Game played at night (6 p.m. or later kickoff)	5-1

JACKS IN THE PROS: Nearing the start of the 2026 National Football League season, more than a dozen former South Dakota State standouts were in National Football League training camps this summer, 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.

After being selected in the second round of the 2018 NFL Draft, Goedert has gone on to record 420 receptions for 4,795 yards and 37 touchdowns in nine seasons. He won a Super Bowl ring with the Eagles during the 2024 season and followed that in 2025 with career highs of 60 receptions and 11 touchdowns while tallying 591 receiving yards.

Goedert got off to a strong start to the 2026 season by catching four passes for 77 yards, including touchdowns of 17 and 43 yards in the Eagles' victory over Washington on Sept. 13, but was slowed by injury until catching six passes for 38 yards last week versus Jacksonville.

Kraft put together a breakthrough second season with the Packers in 2024 and was on a pace to exceed that output with 32 receptions, 489 yards and six touchdowns before suffering a season-ending injury midway through the 2025 campaign. A third-round draft choice of Green Bay in 2023, Kraft has career totals of 133 receptions, 1,763 receiving yards and 16 touchdowns in four professional seasons.

Thus far during the 2026 season, Kraft has 20 catches for 212 yards and a touchdown.

Joining Kraft on the active roster for the Packers recently was running back Pierre Strong, Jr. After previous stints with the New England Patriots (2022) and Cleveland Browns (2023-24), Strong carried five times for 7 yards and caught three passes for 11 yards in his Green Bay debut Oct. 11 against Chicago.

Linebacker Christian Rozeboom earned a Super Bowl ring with the Los Angeles Rams during the 2021 season and is now in his first season as a member of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. Rozeboom has notched back-to-back 100-tackle seasons, registering 135 stops with the Rams in 2024 and a team-best 122 tackles last season for Carolina.

Rozeboom has been credited with eight tackles so far this season, notching three against both Minnesota on Sept. 27 and Dallas on Oct. 8.

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 has settled into a starting role at offensive guard with the Steelers, while Davis has seen spot duty for the Jets as a running back and kick returner as he enters his third season. He recorded his first two carries of the season in an Oct. 11 win over Cleveland, gaining a total of 8 yards.

Another member of the Jackrabbits' back-to-back national championship teams in the NFL is linebacker Isaiah Stalbird, who is in his third year with the New Orleans Saints. Stalbird is coming off a 2025 season in which he recorded 25 total tackles while serving in a reserve role at linebacker and as a key contributor on special teams. He has registered a total of 13 tackles thus far in 2026, highlighted by three stops each against Detroit in the Sept. 13 season opener and Oct. 11 versus Minnesota.

Two former Jackrabbits have been teammates as rookie members of the Houston Texans. Earning a roster spot out of training camp was offensive lineman Sam Hagen, while quarterback Mark Gronowski has had brief stints on the practice squad and active roster this season. Hagen is currently on injured reserve.

Gronowski played his final collegiate season at Iowa in 2025 after previously earning All-America honors and winning the 2023 Walter Payton Award. He spent most of 2026 training camp with the Miami Dolphins.

Other former Jackrabbit standouts with previous professional experience who were in training camps this fall included quarterback Chris Oladokun (Kansas City), running back Amar Johnson (Los Angeles Chargers) and Dalys Beanum (New Orleans Saints). In addition, former Jackrabbit Evan Beerntsen was drafted as an offensive lineman in the seventh round of the NFL Draft by Baltimore, but is currently with the Seattle Seahawks.

Leading the list of Jackrabbit pro football alumni are Hall of Famers Jim Langer and Adam Vinatieri, both of whom are among the 23 undrafted players to be enshrined in Canton, Ohio. Vinatieri was a member of the 2026 Hall of Fame class.

POINTS OFF TURNOVERS

Opponent	Takeaways	Points
Stetson	2	14
Northwestern	0	0
New Haven	2	14
Youngstown State	1	3
Eastern Illinois	2	7
Illinois State	3	7
Season Totals	**10**	**45**

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 was a first-team All-Pro four times and was selected to play in six Pro Bowl games. He played in three Super Bowl games with the Dolphins from 1970-79 before finishing his career with the Minnesota Vikings from 1980-81. Langer 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 2026 season.

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

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. Re-broadcasts are scheduled to air on Midco Sports linear channels Wednesdays at 6 p.m. and Fridays at 5 p.m.

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

A LOOK AHEAD: The Jackrabbits return home Oct. 24 to face Murray State on Hobo Day. Kickoff is set for 2 p.m. at Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium, with the preceding parade starting at 9:30 a.m.

FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP SUBDIVISION POLLS

STATS PERFORM FCS POLL — OCT. 12

Pl.	School	2025 Record	Points	PR
1.	***South Dakota State [52]***	***5-1***	***1,420***	***1***
2.	Tarleton State [5]	6-0	1,371	2
3.	Stephen F. Austin	6-0	1,202	4
4.	Lehigh	6-0	1,201	5
5.	Montana State	5-1	1,195	6
6.	**Youngstown State**	**5-2**	**1,178**	**9**
7.	Montana	5-2	1,052	3
8.	Northern Arizona	5-2	1,026	14
9.	**South Dakota**	**5-2**	**986**	**12**
10.	Lamar	5-1	890	10
11.	**North Dakota**	**5-2**	**800**	**7**
12.	Austin Peay	5-2	755	8
13.	**Illinois State**	**4-2**	**722**	**13**
14.	UC Davis	4-2	670	11
15.	Tennessee Tech	5-1	644	16
16.	Campbell	5-1	596	20
17.	Harvard	4-0	529	19
18.	Mercer	5-2	402	18
19.	**Northern Iowa**	**3-2**	**380**	**NR**
20.	East Tennessee State	5-2	312	NR
21.	Idaho State	4-2	253	17
22.	Colgate	4-2	251	23
23.	Monmouth (N.J.)	4-2	121	24
24.	Morgan State	5-1	116	NR
25.	Yale	3-1	104	NR

Note: First-place votes in brackets; opponents listed in **bold**
Teams receiving votes: Stony Brook, 102; Richmond, 68; Jackson State, 39; West Florida, 24; South Carolina State, 24; Cal Poly, 22; **Southern Illinois, 17**; Abilene Christian, 14; North Alabama, 10; Grambling State, 8; Southeastern Louisiana, 6; Weber State, 6; Princeton, 2.

AFCA FCS POLL — OCT. 12

Pl.	School	2026 Record	Points	PR
1.	***South Dakota State [23]***	***5-1***	***647***	***1***
2.	Tarleton State [3]	6-0	626	2
3.	Stephen F. Austin	6-0	588	4
4.	Lehigh	6-0	558	5
5.	Montana State	5-1	539	6
6.	**Youngstown State**	**5-2**	**517**	**9**
7.	Montana	5-2	461	3
8.	Lamar	5-1	458	10
9.	**South Dakota**	**5-2**	**407**	**12**
10.	Northern Arizona	5-2	398	14
11.	Austin Peay	5-2	397	8
12.	UC Davis	4-2	396	11
13.	**Illinois State**	**4-2**	**333**	**13**
14.	Tennessee Tech	5-1	319	16
15.	**North Dakota**	**5-2**	**293**	**7**
16.	Harvard	4-0	242	19
17.	Mercer	5-2	253	18
18.	Campbell	5-1	227	20
19.	Colgate	4-2	153	23
20.	Monmouth (N.J.)	4-2	125	24
21.	Idaho State	4-2	106	17
22.	Richmond	5-2	96	15
23.	Yale	3-1	61	NR
24.	East Tennessee State	5-2	49	NR
25.	**Northern Iowa**	**3-2**	**38**	**NR**

Note: First-place votes in brackets; opponents listed in **bold**
Teams receiving votes: Jackson State, 32; West Florida, 25; Morgan State, 24; South Carolina State, 18; Stony Brook, 18; Abilene Christian, 11; **Southern Illinois, 11**; Cal Poly, 7; Charleston Southern, 4; Delaware State, 4; North Alabama, 4; Southeastern Louisiana, 2; Wofford, 2; Central Connecticut State, 1.

MISSOURI VALLEY FOOTBALL CONFERENCE

2026 MVFC STANDINGS

School	Conference	PF	PA	Overall	PF	PA
South Dakota State	2-0	58	34	5-1	214	82
Northern Iowa	2-0	52	38	3-2	132	141
Youngstown State	3-1	152	95	5-2	278	163
North Dakota	2-1	114	87	5-2	272	191
South Dakota	2-1	103	71	5-2	265	175
Southern Illinois	1-2	72	65	3-4	169	185
Illinois State	0-2	35	59	4-2	229	106
Murray State	0-2	34	101	1-5	89	244
Indiana State	0-3	73	143	2-5	194	261

RECENT SCORES AND UPCOMING GAMES

Saturday, Oct. 10

*Youngstown State 57, Indiana State 24
*South Dakota 31, Southern Illinois 10
*Northern Iowa 24, North Dakota 17

Saturday, Oct. 17

*South Dakota State at North Dakota, 1 p.m.
*Illinois State at Southern Illinois, 3 p.m.
*South Dakota at Murray State, 4 p.m.
*Northern Iowa at Youngstown State, 5 p.m.

* denotes MVFC game | All times Central

2026 MVFC PRESEASON POLL

1.	South Dakota State [28]	312
2.	Illinois State [3]	256
3.	Youngstown State	235
4.	North Dakota [2]	211
5.	South Dakota [2]	196
6.	Southern Illinois [1]	186
7.	Northern Iowa	99
8.	Indiana State	80
9.	Murray State	45

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FOOTBALL CONFERENCE

DEPTH CHART AT NORTH DAKOTA

OFFENSE

LT	69	QUINTEN CHRISTENSEN, 6-5, 310, Sr., Wessington Springs, S.D.
	63	Kyan Rauk, 6-8, 305, So., Northfield, Minn.
LG	77	WILLIAM PAEPKE, 6-5, 300, Jr., Rapid City, S.D.
	78	Micah Hach, 6-4, 310, R-Fr., Watertown, S.D.
C	54	SHANE WILLENBRING, 6-4, 305, So., La Crosse, Wis.
	53	Caden Hotz, 6-2, 295, So., Waverly, Iowa
RG	58	Jackson Kerstin, 6-4, 295, Jr., Naperville, Ill.
	68	Cooper Starks, 6-5, 330, Jr., Girard, Ill.
RT	56	John Pica, 6-4, 310, Sr., Dell Rapids, S.D.
	76	KENYON BIGBOW, 6-5, 300, Jr., Anadarko, Okla.
or	63	Kyan Rauk, 6-8, 305, So., Northfield, Minn.
TE	88	GREYTON GANNON, 6-4, 235, Sr., Eagle, Wis.
and/or	82	Coleman Kuntz, 6-3, 245, Sr., Beaumont, Calif.
	10	Brayden Delahoyde, 6-5, 245, So., Spearfish, S.D.
	87	Ben Brooks, 6-8, 245, R-Fr., Madison, S.D.
WR	12	GRAHM GOERING, 6-2, 205, Grad., Iowa City, Iowa
	0	Landon Dulaney, 6-2, 210, R-Fr., Brandon, S.D.
WR	2	Jack Smith, 6-0, 195, So., Sioux Falls, S.D.
	3	Joe Kolega, 5-11, 195, R-Fr., Omaha, Neb.
WR	1	LOFTON O'GROSKE, 6-2, 215, Jr., Coon Rapids, Minn.
	8	Sammy Dresie, 6-2, 205, So., Maize, Kan.
QB	7	CHASE MASON, 6-4, 240, Grad., Hurley, S.D.
	11	Josh Holst, 6-4, 210, Jr., Marengo, Ill.
	16	Jack Henry, 6-2, 215, So., Dell Rapids, S.D.
RB	22	Josiah Johnson, 6-0, 215, So., Milwaukee, Wis.
	23	James Basinger, 5-10, 205, So., Littleton, Colo.
or	4	Corey Blair Jr., 6-3, 210, R-Fr., Kernersville, N.C.

Returning starters indicated in CAPS

DEFENSE

DE	99	DAWSON RIPPERDA, 6-4, 260, Sr., Larchwood, Iowa0
or	0	Carter Sitzman, 6-4, 275, Sr., Lincoln, Neb.
DT	91	JACE SIFORE, 6-4, 295, Sr., Howard, S.D.
	52	Brody Targgart, 6-2, 275, Jr., Ankeny, Iowa
or	36	Bergan Tetzlaff, 6-5, 270, Fr., Brookings, S.D.
DT	51	LOGAN GREEN, 6-4, 300, Sr., Northboro, Iowa
	96	Rhett Schaefer, 6-3, 275, So., Walcott, Iowa
DE	8	Reis Kirschenman, 6-4, 255, Jr., Tea, S.D.
	97	Blake Leiferman, 6-5, 265, So., Kimball, S.D.
LB	5	CULLEN McSHANE, 6-2, 225, Sr., Marquette, Iowa
(Will)	33	Bryce Johnson, 6-3, 220, Sr., Parker, Colo.
LB	18	Jes Krcil, 6-1, 235, Jr., Carlisle, Iowa
(Mike)	11	JOE OLLMAN, 6-1, 230, Sr., Mequon, Wis.
LB	28	CHASE VAN TOL, 6-1, 210, Jr., Tea, S.D.
(Sam)	47	Kytan Fyfe, 6-2, 215, Sr., Grand Island, Neb.
CB	7	Noah St-Juste, 5-10, 180, Jr., Montreal, Quebec
	1	Ife Current, 6-2, 195, Sr., Kennedale, Texas
FS	4	Michael "Tank" Farr, 5-11, 200, Fr., Racine, Wis.
	2	Amaje Parker, 6-0, 195, Jr., Charlottesville, Va.
or	21	Myles Green, 6-0, 185, So., Homewood, Ill.
SS	3	Dontay Johnson, 6-2, 190, Sr., Fort Collins, Colo.
	27	Noah Thompson, 6-0, 185, Sr., Brandon, S.D.
or	24	Max Stanard, 5-11, 205, So., Manhattan, Kan.
CB	6	Paul Kim, 5-11, 190, Jr., Janesville, Wis.
	21	Myles Green, 6-0, 185, So., Homewood, Ill.
or	2	Amaje Parker, 6-0, 195, Jr., Charlottesville, Va.

SPECIAL TEAMS

PK	30	Tristan Alvano, 6-1, 205, Jr., Omaha, Neb.
	81	Ryan Harrington, 6-3, 185, So., Ankeny, Iowa
KO	81	Ryan Harrington, 6-3, 185, So., Ankeny, Iowa
	30	Tristan Alvano, 6-1, 205, Jr., Omaha, Neb.
P	41	MAX PELHAM, 6-1, 205, Grad., Ankeny, Iowa
	5	Cullen McShane, 6-2, 225, Sr., Marquette, Iowa
Long	59	Carson Strohbeen, 6-1, 215, Jr., Sioux City, Iowa
Snaps	37	Justin Lutz, 6-0, 215, So., Lawrence, Kan.
Holder	41	MAX PELHAM, 6-1, 205, Grad., Ankeny, Iowa
	16	Jack Henry, 6-2, 215, So., Dell Rapids, S.D.
KOR	2	Jack Smith, 6-0, 195, So., Sioux Falls, S.D.
	20	Alex Uchtman, 6-1, 195, Fr., Elkhorn, Neb.
or	21	Myles Green, 6-0, 185, So., Homewood, Ill.
PR	20	Alex Uchtman, 6-1, 195, Fr., Elkhorn, Neb.
	21	Myles Green, 6-0, 185, So., Homewood, Ill.

South Dakota State University
JACKRABBITS
2026 Football Roster

No.	Name	Pos	Ht	Wt	Yr	Hometown
0	Landon Dulaney	WR	6-2	210	R-Fr.	Brandon, S.D.
0	Carter Sitzman	DE	6-4	275	Sr.	Lincoln, Neb.
1	Ife Current	S	6-2	195	Sr.	Kennedale, Texas
1	Lofton O'Groske	WR	6-2	215	Jr	Coon Rapids, Minn.
2	Amaje Parker	S	6-0	195	Jr.	Charlottesville, Va.
2	Jack Smith	WR	6-0	195	So.	Sioux Falls, S.D.
3	Dontay Johnson	S	6-2	190	Sr.	Fort Collins, Colo.
3	Joe Kolega	WR	5-11	195	R-Fr.	Omaha, Neb.
4	Corey Blair Jr.	RB	6-3	210	R-Fr.	Kernersville, N.C.
4	Michael "Tank" Farr	S	5-11	200	Fr.	Racine, Wis.
5	Cullen McShane	LB	6-2	225	Sr.	Marquette, Iowa
5	Anthony Rezac	QB	6-3	205	So.	Omaha, Neb.
6	Paul Kim	CB	5-11	190	Jr.	Janesville, Wis.
6	Ramon McKinney Jr.	RB	5-10	190	Jr.	Waxahachie, Texas
7	Chase Mason	QB	6-4	240	Gr.	Hurley, S.D.
7	Noah St-Juste	CB	5-10	180	Jr.	Montreal, Quebec
8	Sammy Dresie	WR	6-2	205	So.	Maize, Kan.
8	Reis Kirschenman	DE	6-4	255	Jr.	Tea, S.D.
9	Matt Goehring	LB	6-1	225	Sr.	Sioux Falls, S.D.
9	Harrison Mullens	WR	6-1	180	Fr.	Pella, Iowa
10	Brayden Delahoyde	TE	6-5	245	So.	Spearfish, S.D.
11	Josh Holst	QB	6-4	210	Jr.	Marengo, Ill.
11	Joe Ollman	LB	6-1	230	Sr.	Mequon, Wis.
12	Grahm Goering	WR	6-2	205	Gr.	Iowa City, Iowa
13	Tresten Hass	QB	6-3	210	Fr.	Seward, Neb.
13	Emeir White	CB	5-11	185	Fr.	Orland Park, Ill.
14	Jayden Noel	CB	6-1	205	Fr.	O'Fallon, Mo.
14	Reese Osgood	WR	5-11	185	Sr.	Franklin, Wis.
15	Kaden Harney	QB	6-3	195	Fr.	Osseo, Minn.
15	Jamari Holliman	CB	6-0	195	Jr.	Miami, Fla.
16	Jack Henry	QB	6-2	215	So.	Dell Rapids, S.D.
16	Noah Luginbill	S	6-0	190	Jr.	Clovis, Calif.
17	Micah Bush	S	6-1	195	Fr.	Hills, Minn.
17	Jack Thue	QB	6-2	205	So.	Brandon, S.D.
18	Jes Krcil	LB	6-1	235	Jr.	Carlisle, Iowa
18	Jhace Woods	WR	6-2	200	Fr.	Sioux Falls, S.D.
19	Landon Tate	WR	5-10	180	Fr.	Elkhorn, Neb.
20	Graham Eben	LB	6-1	215	So.	Rock Rapids, Iowa
20	Alex Uchtman	WR	6-1	195	Fr.	Elkhorn, Neb.
21	Myles Green	CB	6-0	185	So.	Homewood, Ill.
22	Josiah Johnson	RB	6-0	215	So.	Milwaukee, Wis.
23	James Basinger	RB	5-10	205	So.	Littleton, Colo.
24	Brenden Begeman	RB	6-2	215	Jr.	Selby, S.D.
24	Max Stanard	S	5-11	205	So.	Manhattan, Kan.
25	Jack Johnson	S	6-0	195	Jr.	Blaine, Minn.
26	Barry Fries	LB	6-3	230	Fr.	Omaha, Neb.
27	Noah Thompson	S	6-0	185	Sr.	Brandon, S.D.
28	Chase Van Tol	LB	6-1	210	Jr.	Tea, S.D.
29	Dom Rezac	RB	6-1	195	Gr.	Omaha, Neb.
30	Tristan Alvano	K	6-1	205	Sr.	Omaha, Neb.
31	Robert Hunter	CB	6-0	185	Fr.	Denver, Colo.
32	Jay'Veon Scott	RB	6-3	210	Fr.	St. Louis, Mo.
32	Amari Williams	S	6-0	185	Fr.	Florissant, Mo.
33	Bryce Johnson	LB	6-3	220	Sr.	Parker, Colo.
34	Josh Myers	RB	6-0	195	R-Fr.	Sioux Falls, S.D.
35	Mitchell Guthmiller	LB	6-4	210	Fr.	Volga, S.D.
36	Bergan Tetzlaff	DL	6-5	270	Fr.	Brookings, S.D.
37	Justin Lutz	LS	6-0	215	So.	Lawrence, Kan.
37	Shane Veenhof	S	6-0	180	Fr.	Madison, S.D.
38	Landin Jackson	S	6-2	190	Fr.	New Braunfels, Texas
39	Beau Bakken	LB	6-4	230	R-Fr.	Garretson, S.D.
40	Gavin McLaren	FB/TE	6-2	255	Fr.	Atlantic, Iowa
40	Liam Shaw	DE	6-3	255	R-Fr.	Muskego, Wis.
41	Max Pelham	P	6-1	205	Gr.	Ankeny, Iowa
41	Joel Sankoh	LB	6-0	190	Fr.	Waukee, Iowa
42	Sawyer Josewski	TE	6-5	240	Fr.	Rogers, Minn.
42	Brady Kurt	LB	6-2	210	R-Fr.	Independence, Iowa
43	Andrew Gustad	TE	6-1	250	Gr.	Volin, S.D.
44	Casey Larson	LB	6-2	215	So.	Woodinville, Wash.
45	Boden Schiller	LB	6-1	210	So.	Volga, S.D.
46	Maverick LeBrun	DE	6-5	235	R-Fr.	Flandreau, S.D.
47	Kytan Fyfe	LB	6-2	210	Sr.	Grand Island, Neb.
48	Jack Nash	LB	6-1	200	So.	Palmer, Alaska
49	Luke Krempges	DE	6-4	255	R-Fr.	Sioux Falls, S.D.
49	Jozef Reisz	TE	6-3	240	R-Fr.	Woodbine, Iowa
50	Kayden Oakland	DE	6-5	230	Fr.	Faribault, Minn.
51	Logan Green	DT	6-4	300	Sr.	Northboro, Iowa
52	Brody Targgart	DT	6-2	275	Jr.	Ankeny, Iowa
53	Caden Hotz	OL	6-2	290	So.	Waverly, Iowa
54	Brady Schroedermeier	LB	6-3	195	Fr.	Hurley, S.D.
54	Shane Willenbring	OL	6-4	305	So.	La Crosse, Wis.
55	Shane Henderson	OL	6-6	270	R-Fr.	Mobridge, S.D.
56	John Pica	OL	6-4	310	Sr.	Dell Rapids, S.D.
57	Sam Christensen	DT	6-2	250	R-Fr.	Rock Rapids, Iowa
58	Jackson Kerstin	OL	6-4	295	Jr.	Naperville, Ill.
59	Carson Strohbeen	LS	6-1	215	Jr.	Sioux City, Iowa
60	Connor Heiderman	DT	6-4	280	Fr.	Norfolk, Neb.
61	Evan McCarty	TE	6-5	280	R-Fr.	Hamel, Minn.
62	Weston Rowe	OL	6-6	300	Fr.	Jackson, Minn.
63	Kyan Rauk	OL	6-8	305	So.	Northfield, Minn.
64	Thomas Dwyer	OL	6-6	300	R-Fr.	Oconomowoc, Wis.
65	Braylin Dieken Keahey	OL	6-3	295	Fr.	Ankeny, IOwa
66	Brock Osbahr	OL	6-2	295	R-Fr.	De Pere, Wis.
67	Ian Mutchler	OL	6-4	295	Jr.	Morton, Ill.
68	Cooper Starks	OL	6-5	330	Jr.	Girard, Ill.
69	Quinten Christensen	OL	6-5	310	Sr.	Wessington Springs, S.D.
70	Lincoln Semchenko	OL	6-5	295	R-Fr.	Brandon, S.D.
72	Noah Dietel	OL	6-8	300	Fr.	Darwin, Minn.
73	Grant Wilkinson	OL	6-9	310	Fr.	De Smet, S.D.
74	JB Walters	OL	6-4	295	R-Fr.	Grand Forks, N.D.
75	Jae'Shaun Thomas	OL	6-4	295	So.	Milwaukee, Wis.
76	Kenyon BigBow	OL	6-5	300	Jr.	Anadarko, Okla.
77	William Paepke	OL	6-5	300	Jr.	Rapid City, S.D.
78	Micah Hach	OL	6-4	310	R-Fr.	Watertown, S.D.
80	Zac Van Meeteren	WR	6-6	215	R-Fr.	Hayti, S.D.
81	Ryan Harrington	K	6-3	185	So.	Ankeny, Iowa
82	Coleman Kuntz	TE	6-3	245	Sr.	Beaumont, Calif.
83	Brayden Hoben	TE	6-5	245	Fr.	Bondurant, Iowa
84	Teague Cantrall	TE	6-5	240	Fr.	Altoona, Iowa
85	David "DJ" Joiner	WR	6-2	175	Fr.	Bettendorf, Iowa
86	Jovan Green Jr.	WR	6-2	195	Fr.	Dolton, Ill.
87	Ben Brooks	TE	6-8	245	R-Fr.	Madison, S.D.
88	Greyton Gannon	TE	6-4	235	Sr.	Eagle, Wis.
90	Daniel Bradley	DT	6-4	285	R-Fr.	Windermere, Fla.
91	Jace Sifore	DT	6-4	295	Sr.	Howard, S.D.
92	Grant Kuhlmann	DE	6-6	260	Fr.	Lincoln, Neb.
93	Cale Buntz	DE	6-5	230	Fr.	Platte City, Mo..
94	Ashton Sayre	DT	6-4	285	Sr.	Alexandria, Minn.
95	Elias Janssen	DT	6-3	255	Fr.	Appleton, Wis.
96	Rhett Schaefer	DE	6-3	275	So.	Walcott, Iowa
97	Blake Leiferman	DE	6-5	265	So.	Kimball, S.D.
98	Mac Muller	DT	6-1	290	So.	Osage, Iowa
99	Dawson Ripperda	DE	6-4	260	Sr.	Larchwood, Iowa

Head Coach: Dan Jackson

DAN JACKSON

Head Coach • Second Season • 14-6 Overall Record
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."

During his first season at the helm in 2025, Jackson faced the challenge of having to quickly rebuild a roster and led the Jackrabbits to a 9-5 overall record, including a 4-4 mark in the Missouri Valley Football Conference. SDSU began the season with a seven-game winning streak that included back-to-back wins over ranked opponents from the Big Sky Conference: a 20-3 home win over Sacramento State, followed by a 30-24 double-overtime victory at eventual national champion Montana State. However, injuries to several key players mounted over the final month of the regular season and contributed to a rare losing streak before the Jackrabbits rebounded with a 34-31 overtime win at North Dakota that propelled SDSU into the Football Championship Subdivision playoffs for the 14th consecutive season.

Jackson was victorious in his playoff debut as the Jackrabbits posted a 41-3 home victory over New Hampshire at a snowy Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium in the opening round.

Ten members of the 2025 Jackrabbit football team received all-MVFC honors, with offensive lineman Quinten Christensen, defensive lineman Kobe Clayborne and punter Max Pelham earning All-America recognition.

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 had been tabbed to become defensive coordinator at New Mexico under Eck before deciding to return to South Dakota State.

"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, former Northern Illinois head coach and current running backs coach for the Seattle Seahawks

#22/22 SOUTH DAKOTA STATE 34, #13/16 NORTH DAKOTA 31 [OT]

Nov. 22, 2025 • Alerus Center (Att.: 11,396)

GRAND FORKS, N.D. — Grahm Goering couldn't have picked a better time for his first touchdown of the season.

The senior wide receiver made a leaping catch of a Jack Henry pass in the front right corner of the end zone for a 23-yard touchdown in overtime to propel South Dakota State to a 34-31 victory over North Dakota and keep the 22nd-ranked Jackrabbits' hopes alive for a 14th consecutive appearance in the Football Championship Subdivision playoffs.

With its second overtime win of the season, SDSU improved to 8-4 overall and 4-4 in the Missouri Valley Football Conference.

On the walk-off winning play, Henry evaded pressure from multiple UND defenders and threw across his body on the run on a third-and-8 play after Kenten Laughman had given the Fighting Hawks a momentary 31-28 lead with his third field goal of the game — from 40 yards — to begin overtime.

SDSU rallied from a 20-7 deficit late in the third quarter to take the lead by scoring the next 21 points, including a pair of touchdowns 44 seconds apart to close out the third stanza. After not completing a pass for nearly two whole quarters, Henry rolled right and found tight end Greyton Gannon open down the sideline for a 42-yard touchdown.

On UND's first play of the ensuing possession, Kobe Clayborne sacked and forced Kaminski to fumble, with Logan Green falling on the loose ball at the 10. Two plays later, Josiah Johnson scored his second touchdown of the game, this time from 6 yards out.

Johnson would give SDSU a 28-20 lead with his third touchdown of the day, a 1-yard plunge with 6:30 remaining in regulation. That capped a six-play, 64-yard drive that began with a 49-yard pass from Henry to Alex Bullock.

The Fighting Hawks sent the game to overtime as they put together an 11-play, 85-yard drive that featured three third-down conversions after starting the game 1-for-12 in that category. Quarterback Jerry Kaminski connected with Nate DeMontagnac for a 16-yard touchdown with 1:52 left on the clock, then tossed the tying two-point pass to Sawyer Seidl.

UND scored on consecutive offensive plays to build a 14-0 first-quarter advantage before the Jackrabbits countered with a methodical 17-play, 80-yard touchdown drive. After throwing an incomplete pass on the first day of the drive, SDSU ran 16 consecutive rushing plays, with Julius Loughridge gaining the first 58 yards on 11 straight carries. Johnson later converted twice on short fourth down plays with carries of 9 and 5 yards before finding the end zone for the first time from 8 yards out.

Loughridge ended the afternoon with 112 yards on 24 carries, while Johnson tallied 76 yards on 19 carries.

UND turned an interception on the next Jackrabbit possession into points to build a 17-7 lead before halftime. Zach Lewis' pickoff gave the Fighting Hawks the ball at the SDSU 42 and UND was set up first and goal from the 5 after a 27-yard pass from Kaminski to DeMontagnac.However, the Jackrabbit defense held, forcing UND to settle for a 20-yard field goal .

SDSU drove to the doorstep after a Noah St-Juste interception in UND territory, but came up empty when tight end Coleman Kuntz took the snap and was stuffed short of the goal line, turning the ball over on downs.

Another Jackrabbit miscue allowed UND to build its lead to 20-7 later in the third quarter. After a muffed punt gave the Fighting Hawks the ball at the SDSU 42, Laughman booted a 29-yard field goal with just under four minutes remaining in the stanza.

UND finished with a 367-334 advantage in total offense as Kaminski tallied 292 yards through the air on 20-of-33 passing and leading the rushing attack with 34 yards on 14 carries. DeMontagnac led the receiving corps with seven catches for 71 yards.

Grahm Goering caught a game-winning 23-yard touchdown pass in overtime Nov. 22 at North Dakota to send the Jackrabbits back to the FCS playoffs.

Henry completed 6-of-17 passes for SDSU for 132 yards, with Goering finishing with two catches for 28 yards.

Defensively, linebackers Joe Ollman and Cullen McShane each registered a team-high seven tackles for the Jackrabbits. Kaden Vig, Malachi McNeal and Lance Rucker all tallied 11 stops for UND.

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	OT	FINAL
South Dakota State (8-4, 4-4)	0	7	14	7	6	34
North Dakota (7-5, 5-3)	14	3	3	8	3	31

SCORING SUMMARY

1st	2:59	UND	– Jerry Kaminski 14 yd run (Kenten Laughman kick)
1st	1:10	UND	– B.J. Fleming 89 yd pass from Kaminski (Laughman kick)
2nd	6:21	SDSU	– Josiah Johnson 8 yd run (Eli Stader kick)
2nd	00:59	UND	– Laughman 20 yd field goal
3rd	3:54	UND	– Laughman 29 yd field goal
3rd	1:19	SDSU	– Greyton Gannon 42 yd pass from Jack Henry (Stader kick)
3rd	00:35	SDSU	– Johnson 6 yd run (Stader kick)
4th	6:30	SDSU	– Johnson 1 yd run (Stader kick)
4th	1:52	UND	– Nate DeMontagnac 16 yd pass from Kaminski (Sawyer Siedl pass)
OT	—	UND	– Laughman 40 yd field goal
OT	—	SDSU	– Grahm Goering 23 yd pass from Henry

TEAM STATISTICS	SDSU	UND
FIRST DOWNS	19	18
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	55-202	33-75
PASSING YDS (NET)	132	292
Passes Att-Comp-Int	17-6-2	33-20-1
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	72-334	66-367
Punt Returns-Yards	1-(-1)	1-26
Kickoff Returns-Yards	3-62	1-15
Interception Returns-Yards	1-0	2-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	5-44.8	4-41.2
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	2-1
Penalties-Yards	6-60	4-40
Possession Time	35:57	24:03
Third-Down Conversions	5 of 14	4 of 16
Fourth-Down Conversions	2 of 3	2 of 4
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	3-4	4-4
Sacks By: Number-Yards	2-15	1-3

RUSHING LEADERS: SDSU - Julius Loughridge 24-112; Josiah Johnson 19-76; Jack Henry 5-13; Corey Blair Jr. 3-1; Coleman Kuntz 1-1. UND - Jerry Kaminski 14-34; Sawyer Seidl 15-33; Colton Brunell 3-5. **PASSING LEADERS:** SDSU - Jack Henry 6-17-2 132. UND - Jerry Kaminski 20-33-1 292. **RECEIVING LEADERS:** SDSU - Alex Bullock 2-58; Grahm Goering 2-28; Greyton Gannon 1-42; Coleman Kuntz 1-4. UND - Nate DeMontagnac 7-71; Deng Deng 5-56; B.J. Fleming 4-123. **INTERCEPTIONS:** SDSU - Noah St-Juste 1-0. UND - Zach Lewis 1-0; Jy Martin 1-0. **SACKS:** SDSU - Kobe Clayborne 1.0-15; Dawson Ripperda 1.0-1. UND -Logyn Eckheart 0.5-2; Lance Rucker 0.5-1. **TACKLE LEADERS (UA-A-TOT):** SDSU - Joe Ollman 6-1-7; Cullen McShane 1-6-7; Aydan Dautermann 6-0-6; Jalen Lee 2-4-6. UND - Kaden Vig 3-8-11; Malachi McNeal 3-8-11; Lance Rucker 0-11-11.

VERSUS RANKED OPPONENTS

Since moving to the Football Championship Subdivision at the start of the 2004 season, the Jackrabbits have compiled a 79-58 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 **5-4 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)
- at #13/16 North Dakota (W, 34-31 – OT)
- ^vs. #22 New Hampshire (W, 41-3)
- at #3/4 Montana (L, 29-50)

2026 **2-0 record**
- vs. #9/9 Youngstown State (W, 27-20)
- at #10/11 Illinois State (W, 31-14)

2026-27 South Dakota St. Football
Combined Team Statistics
All games

Team Results

	Date	Opponent		Score	Att.
	08/29/2026	Stetson	W	70-7	19192
	09/05/2026	at Northwestern	L	18-34	9574
	09/12/2026	New Haven	W	57-14	19013
*	09/19/2026	Youngstown St.	W	27-20	18541
	09/26/2026	Eastern Ill.	W	42-7	18264
*	10/03/2026	at Illinois St.	W	31-14	10171

Rushing

Player	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Josiah Johnson	6	103	685	5	680	6.6	7	56	113.3
James Basinger	6	31	406	5	401	12.9	6	66	66.8
Corey Blair	6	35	275	1	274	7.8	3	61	45.7
Ramon McKinney Jr.	3	11	104	0	104	9.5	2	27	34.7
Chase Mason	4	24	112	25	87	3.6	2	18	21.8
Jay'Veon Scott	2	11	56	0	56	5.1	0	17	28.0
Josh Myers	3	9	52	1	51	5.7	1	27	17.0
Jack Henry	4	7	41	0	41	5.9	0	13	10.3
Josh Holst	5	10	56	23	33	3.3	0	18	6.6
Dominic Rezac	6	3	15	0	15	5.0	0	6	2.5
Andrew Gustad	6	1	7	0	7	7.0	0	7	1.2
Lofton O'Groske	5	2	6	0	6	3.0	0	5	1.2
Team	6	4	0	4	-4	-1.0	0	0	-0.7
Total	**6**	**251**	**1815**	**64**	**1751**	**7.0**	**21**	**66**	**291.8**
Opponents	**6**	**194**	**816**	**112**	**704**	**3.6**	**8**	**80**	**117.3**

Passing

Player	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
Chase Mason	4	146.4	49-89-1	55.1	834	4	73	208.5
Josh Holst	5	143.4	33-57-0	57.9	423	4	78	84.6
Jack Henry	4	39.2	2-3-1	66.7	14	0	13	3.5
Total	**6**	**143.1**	**84-149-2**	**56.4**	**1271**	**8**	**78**	**211.8**
Opponents	**6**	**114.3**	**100-176-3**	**56.8**	**1118**	**4**	**71**	**186.3**

Receiving

Player	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Jack Smith	6	20	285	14.3	1	73	47.5
Grahm Goering	6	19	309	16.3	0	43	51.5
Lofton O'Groske	5	19	252	13.3	1	34	50.4
Coleman Kuntz	6	9	132	14.7	1	31	22.0
Greyton Gannon	6	6	88	14.7	3	29	14.7
Landon Dulaney	4	3	102	34.0	1	78	25.5
Corey Blair	6	2	7	3.5	0	7	1.2
Ben Brooks	4	2	17	8.5	1	16	4.3
Sammy Dresie	6	1	20	20.0	0	20	3.3
Brayden Delahoyde	6	1	19	19.0	0	19	3.2
Josiah Johnson	6	1	27	27.0	0	27	4.5
Joe Kolega	5	1	13	13.0	0	13	2.6
Total	**6**	**84**	**1271**	**15.1**	**8**	**78**	**211.8**
Opponents	**6**	**100**	**1118**	**11.2**	**4**	**71**	**186.3**

Game Records

Record	Overall	Home	Away	Neutral
ALL GAMES	5-1	4-0	1-1	0-0
CONFERENCE	2-0	1-0	1-0	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	3-1	3-0	0-1	0-0

Team Statistics

	SDSU	OPP
First Downs	**145**	**93**
Rushing	85	32
Passing	52	52
Penalty	8	9
Rushing Yardage	**1751**	**704**
Rushing attempts	251	194
Average per rush	7.0	3.6
Average per game	291.8	117.3
TDs Rushing	21	8
Passing Yardage	**1271**	**1118**
Comp-Att-Int	84-149-2	100-176-3
Average per pass	8.5	6.4
Average per catch	15.1	11.2
Average per game	211.8	186.3
TDs Passing	8	4
Total offense	**3022**	**1822**
Average per play	7.6	4.9
Average per game	503.7	303.7
Kick returns: #-Yards	**9-204**	**12-175**
Punt returns: #-Yards	**7-139**	**3-27**
Int returns: #-Yards	**3-40**	**2-4**
Fumbles-Lost	**7-3**	**7-7**
Penalties-Yards	**41-342**	**33-262**
Punts-Avg	**18-46.5**	**35-38.7**
Time of possession / game	**31:34**	**28:26**
3rd-down conversion	**29/76**	**31/85**
4th-down conversion	**11/13**	**3/9**
PAT-attempts	**(30-30) 100%**	**(12-12) 100%**
2-point conversion-attempts	**(0-1) 0%**	**(0-0) 0%**

Interceptions

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Joe Ollman	1	9	9.0	0	9
Noah St-Juste	1	0	0.0	0	0
Myles Green	1	31	31.0	1	31
Total	**3**	**40**	**13.3**	**1**	**31**
Opponents	**2**	**4**	**2.0**	**0**	**4**

Field Goals

Player	fg	pct.	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	lg	blk
Tristan Alvano	9-12	75.0	0-0	4-4	4-5	1-3	0-0	43	0
Opponents	**4-5**	**80.0**	**0-0**	**0-0**	**4-4**	**0-1**	**0-0**	**39**	**0**

Scoring

			PAT						
Player	**td**	**fg**	**kick**	**rush**	**rcv**	**pass**	**dxp**	**saf**	**pts**
Tristan Alvano	-	9-12	30-30	-	-	-	-	-	57
Josiah Johnson	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	42
James Basinger	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	36
Greyton Gannon	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
Corey Blair	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
Chase Mason	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Ramon McKinney Jr.	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Coleman Kuntz	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Jack Smith	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Lofton O'Groske	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Ben Brooks	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Landon Dulaney	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Josh Myers	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Myles Green	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Alex Uchtman	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Carter Sitzman	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2
Total	**31**	**9-12**	**30-30**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**245**
Opponents	**12**	**4-5**	**12-12**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**96**

Score by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	TOT
South Dakota St.	45	80	86	34	0	245
Opponents	7	27	21	41	0	96

Punting

Player	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+	blk
Max Pelham	18	837	46.5	69	2	5	9	6	0
Total	**18**	**837**	**46.5**	**69**	**2**	**5**	**9**	**6**	**0**
Opponents	**35**	**1354**	**38.7**	**57**	**3**	**8**	**6**	**5**	**0**

Punt Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Alex Uchtman	6	139	23.2	1	65
Jack Smith	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total	**7**	**139**	**19.9**	**1**	**65**
Opponents	**3**	**27**	**9.0**	**0**	**18**

Kick Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Ramon McKinney Jr.	4	112	28.0	0	46
Brayden Delahoyde	2	13	6.5	0	8
Alex Uchtman	2	63	31.5	0	50
Jack Smith	1	16	16.0	0	16
Total	**9**	**204**	**22.7**	**0**	**50**
Opponents	**12**	**175**	**14.6**	**0**	**34**

All Purpose

Player	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g
Josiah Johnson	6	680	27	0	0	0	707	117.8
James Basinger	6	401	0	0	0	0	401	66.8
Grahm Goering	6	0	309	0	0	0	309	51.5
Jack Smith	6	0	285	0	16	0	301	50.2
Corey Blair	6	274	7	0	0	0	281	46.8
Lofton O'Groske	5	6	252	0	0	0	258	51.6
Ramon McKinney Jr.	3	104	0	0	112	0	216	72.0
Alex Uchtman	6	0	0	139	63	0	202	33.7
Coleman Kuntz	6	0	132	0	0	0	132	22.0
Landon Dulaney	4	0	102	0	0	0	102	25.5
Greyton Gannon	6	0	88	0	0	0	88	14.7
Chase Mason	4	87	0	0	0	0	87	21.8
Jay'Veon Scott	2	56	0	0	0	0	56	28.0
Josh Myers	3	51	0	0	0	0	51	17.0
Jack Henry	4	41	0	0	0	0	41	10.3
Josh Holst	5	33	0	0	0	0	33	6.6
Brayden Delahoyde	6	0	19	0	13	0	32	5.3
Myles Green	6	0	0	0	0	31	31	5.2
Sammy Dresie	6	0	20	0	0	0	20	3.3
Ben Brooks	4	0	17	0	0	0	17	4.3
Dominic Rezac	6	15	0	0	0	0	15	2.5
Joe Kolega	5	0	13	0	0	0	13	2.6
Joe Ollman	6	0	0	0	0	9	9	1.5
Andrew Gustad	6	7	0	0	0	0	7	1.2
Total	**6**	**1751**	**1271**	**139**	**204**	**40**	**3405**	**567.5**
Opponents	**6**	**704**	**1118**	**27**	**175**	**4**	**2028**	**338.0**

Total Offense

Player	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
Chase Mason	4	113	87	834	921	230.3
Josiah Johnson	6	103	680	0	680	113.3
Josh Holst	5	67	33	423	456	91.2
James Basinger	6	31	401	0	401	66.8
Corey Blair	6	35	274	0	274	45.7
Ramon McKinney Jr.	3	11	104	0	104	34.7
Jay'Veon Scott	2	11	56	0	56	28.0
Jack Henry	4	10	41	14	55	13.8
Josh Myers	3	9	51	0	51	17.0
Dominic Rezac	6	3	15	0	15	2.5
Andrew Gustad	6	1	7	0	7	1.2
Lofton O'Groske	5	2	6	0	6	1.2
Total	**6**	**400**	**1751**	**1271**	**3022**	**503.7**
Opponents	**6**	**370**	**704**	**1118**	**1822**	**303.7**

Team Defense

			Tackles				Sacks	Pass defense			Fumbles		blkd	
##	Player	gp	ua	a	tot	tfl/yds	no-yds	int-yds	brup	qbh	fr-yds	ff	kick	saf
18	Jes Krcil	6	19	17	36	3.5-5	.	.	2	1	.	.	.	.
3	Dontay Johnson	6	21	13	34	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.
5	Cullen McShane	6	10	16	26	4-12	2-9	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
28	Chase Van Tol	5	12	10	22	1.5-1	.	.	4	.	2-0	.	.	.
4	Michael Farr	6	13	6	19	1-2	.	.	3	.	1-0	.	.	.
33	Bryce Johnson	6	6	10	16	1-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
21	Myles Green	6	10	5	15	1-6	.	1-31	.	.	1-5	1	.	.
27	Noah Thompson	5	7	7	14	2-2	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
11	Joe Ollman	6	6	6	12	.	.	1-9	1	.	.	.	.	.
1	Ife Current	6	7	5	12	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.
6	Paul Kim	6	6	5	11	.	.	.	4	.	.	.	.	.
99	Dawson Ripperda	6	5	5	10	2-11	.	.	1	2	.	.	.	.
7	Noah St-Juste	6	7	3	10	.	.	1-0	3	.	.	.	.	.
2	Amaje Parker	6	4	6	10	.	.	.	1	.	.	1	.	.
24	Max Stanard	6	4	6	10	.	.	.	1	.	.	1	.	.
97	Blake Leiferman	6	4	6	10	1-7	1-7	.	.	1	1-0	.	.	.
49	Luke Krempges	6	4	6	10	2-5	0.5-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
0	Carter Sitzman	6	3	6	9	3-18	1-6	.	.	1	.	1	.	1
9	Matt Goehring	5	4	3	7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
8	Reis Kirschenman	6	1	6	7	2-4	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
40	Liam Shaw	4	3	4	7	1-5	1-5	.	.	2	.	.	.	.
51	Logan Green	6	2	4	6	2-5	1-3	.	.	3	.	.	.	.
16	Noah Luginbill	3	1	5	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
15	Jamari Holliman	6	4	1	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
46	Maverick LeBrun	5	2	3	5	1.5-16	1-16	.	1	.	.	1	.	.
38	Landin Jackson	6	2	3	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
91	Jace Sifore	6	2	2	4	.	.	.	2	1	.	.	.	.
96	Rhett Schaefer	6	1	3	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
39	Beau Bakken	6	3	1	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
80	Zac Van Meeteren	5	3	1	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
36	Bergan Tetzlaff	5	2	2	4	1-6	1-6	.	1	.	1-10	.	.	.
26	Barry Fries	3	2	2	4	1-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
48	Jack Nash	2	1	2	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
52	Brody Targgart	6	.	3	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
13	Emeir White	4	1	2	3	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
50	Kayden Oakland	3	1	2	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
47	Kytan Fyfe	6	.	2	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
94	Ashton Sayre	4	1	1	2	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
90	Daniel Bradley	1	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
57	Sam Christensen	3	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
44	Casey Larson	2	.	2	2	0.5-2	0.5-2	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
14	Reese Osgood	6	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
2	Jack Smith	6	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
45	Boden Schiller	2	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
98	Mac Muller	3	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
93	Cale Buntz	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
17	Micah Bush	2	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
35	Mitchell Guthmiller	2	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
54	Brady Schroedermeier	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.
	Totals	**6**	**191**	**196**	**387**	**31-109**	**9-56**	**3-40**	**31**	**13**	**7-15**	**7**	**0**	**1**
	Opponents	6	209	192	401	11-42	5-30	2-4	21	7	3-0	4	0	0

GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

GAME-BY-GAME COMPARISON

			-----FIRST DOWNS----			--RUSHING--	--PASSING--		-TOTAL OFFENSE-		
Opponent	Score	Total	Rush	Pass	Pen	Number-Yards	Comp-Att-Int	Yards	Plays-Yards	Return Yds	Turnovers
Stetson	70-7	25 / 15	19 / 8	6 / 6	0 / 1	45-393 / 34-108	6-11-0 / 21-32-0	235 / 157	56-628 / 66-265	119 / 42	0 / 2
Northwestern (Ill.)	18-34	27 / 19	11 / 7	14 / 12	2 / 0	40-147 / 31-224	23-48-1 / 14-24-0	285 / 273	88-432 / 55-497	49 / 40	1 / 0
New Haven	57-14	24 / 10	12 / 5	11 / 5	1 / 0	46-256 / 34-150	13-22-0 / 9-25-0	256 / 86	68-512 / 59-236	137 / 21	1 / 2
Youngstown State	27-20	26 / 20	15 / 4	7 / 13	4 / 3	45-308 / 23-57	12-21-0 / 27-35-1	153 / 292	66-461 / 58-349	30 / 19	1 / 1
Eastern Illinois	42-7	26 / 10	16 / 2	9 / 7	1 / 1	45-408 / 36-73	12-24-1 / 10-21-0	189 / 123	69-597 / 57-196	27 / 41	1 / 2
Illinois State	31-14	17 / 19	12 / 6	5 / 9	0 / 4	30-239 / 36-92	18-23-0 / 19-39-2	153 / 187	53-392 / 75-279	36 / 43	1 / 3
North Dakota											
Murray State											
South Dakota											
Northern Iowa											
Southern Illinois											
Indiana State											
Totals	**245-96**	**145 / 93**	**85 / 32**	**52 / 52**	**8 / 9**	**251-1,751 / 194-704**	**84-149-2 / 100-176-3**	**1,271 / 1,118**	**400-3,022 / 370-1,822**	**398 / 206**	**5 / 10**

MISCELLANEOUS GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

THIRD-DOWN CONVERSIONS

Opponent	Overall	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr/OT
Stetson	5-8	2-3	1-1	2-2	0-2
Northwestern	8-20	2-4	0-3	2-4	4-8
New Haven	2-12	2-5	0-2	0-3	0-2
Youngstown State	4-12	3-3	1-3	0-3	0-3
Eastern Illinois	6-14	2-4	2-4	0-2	2-4
Illinois State	4-10	1-2	1-3	2-3	0-2
North Dakota					
Murray State					
South Dakota					
Northern Iowa					
Southern Illinois					
Indiana State					
Totals	**29-76**	**12-21**	**5-16**	**6-18**	**6-21**
	38.2%	**57.1%**	**31.3%**	**33.3%**	**28.6%**
Opponents	**31-85**	**7-19**	**8-24**	**5-18**	**11-24**
	36.5%	**36.8%**	**33.3%**	**27.8%**	**45.8%**

FOURTH-DOWN CONVERSIONS

Opponent	Overall	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr/OT
Stetson	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Northwestern	3-3	0-0	0-0	1-1	2-2
New Haven	3-3	2-2	1-1	0-0	0-0
Youngstown State	2-2	0-0	0-0	2-2	0-0
Eastern Illinois	2-4	0-1	0-1	1-1	1-1
Illinois State	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1
North Dakota					
Murray State					
South Dakota					
Northern Iowa					
Southern Illinois					
Indiana State					
Totals	**11-13**	**2-3**	**1-2**	**4-4**	**4-4**
	84.6%	**66.7%**	**50.0%**	**100.0%**	**100.0%**
Opponents	**3-9**	**0-2**	**2-3**	**0-1**	**1-3**
	33.3%	**0.0%**	**66.7%**	**0.0%**	**33.3%**

TIME OF POSSESSION

Opponent	Overall	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr
Stetson	29:26	9:15	6:08	6:51	7:12
Northwestern	34:08	5:39	10:31	8:20	9:38
New Haven	33:43	6:18	13:24	6:43	7:18
Youngstown State	31:22	10:42	5:29	8:46	6:25
Eastern Illinois	32:04	8:58	7:15	5:24	10:27
Illinois State	28:39	4:52	5:31	10:52	7:24
North Dakota					
Murray State					
South Dakota					
Northern Iowa					
Southern Illinois					
Indiana State					
Totals	**189:22**	**45:44**	**48:14**	**46:56**	**48:24**
Avg.	**31:34**	**7:37**	**8:03**	**7:49**	**8:04**
Opponents	**170:38**	**31:31**	**54:27**	**36:56**	**47:44**
Avg.	**28:26**	**5:15**	**9:04**	**6:09**	**7:57**

PENALTIES

Opponent	SDSU	Opp
Stetson	5-39	2-10
Northwestern	6-45	9-61
New Haven	8-45	4-26
Youngstown State	8-80	9-93
Eastern Illinois	4-40	4-42
Illinois State	10-93	5-30
North Dakota		
Murray State		
South Dakota		
Northern Iowa		
Southern Illinois		
Indiana State		
Totals	**41-342**	**33-262**

JACKRABBIT SCORING DRIVES

VS. STETSON

Q1	1-73	00:10	Jack Smith 73 yd pass from Chase Mason	After punt
Q1	4-27	01:20	Corey Blair Jr. 10 yd run	After fumble
Q1	5-53	02:34	Josiah Johnson 20 yd run	After punt
Q2	2-8	00:44	Josiah Johnson 6 yd run	After fumble
Q2	11-92	05:24	Ramon McKinney Jr. 27 yd run	Downs
Q3	1-52	00:10	Corey Blair Jr. 52 yd run	After kickoff
Q3	1-78	00:12	Landon Dulaney 78 yd pass from Josh Holst	After punt
Q3	5-69	02:59	James Basinger 6 yd run	After punt
Q3	5-70	03:18	Josh Myers 27 yd run	After kickoff

Note: SDSU also returned punt 65 yards for touchdown

AT NORTHWESTERN

Q2	12-77	06:12	Tristan Alvano 21 yd field goal	After punt
Q2	7-36	02:22	Tristan Alvano 33 yd field goal	After punt
Q3	7-17	03:23	Tristan Alvano 27 yd field goal	After punt
Q3	13-69	04:51	Tristan Alvano 26 yd field goal	After kickoff
Q4	9-75	05:16	Josiah Johnson 2 yd run	After kickoff

VS. NEW HAVEN

Q1	15-67	06:12	Tristan Alvano 31 yd field goal	After kickoff
Q1/2	14-66	06:04	Chase Mason 1 yd run	Downs
Q2	9-99	04:35	Ramon McKinney Jr. 22 yd run	After punt
Q2	5-50	02:16	Tristan Alvano 36 yd field goal	After safety/free kick
Q2	1-25	00:05	Coleman Kuntz 25 yd pass from Chase Mason	After fumble
Q2	3-55	00:20	Greyton Gannon 24 yd pass from Chase Mason	After punt
Q3	3-43	01:16	Greyton Gannon 29 yd pass from Chase Mason	After punt
Q3	1-27	00:09	James Basinger 27 yd run	After fumble
Q4	2-59	00:48	James Basinger 55 yd run	After punt

VS. YOUNGSTOWN STATE

Q1	11-84	06:05	Josiah Johnson 4 yd run	After kickoff
Q2	7-71	02:41	Chase Mason 18 yd run	After kickoff
Q2	5-17	00:35	Tristan Alvano 27 yd field goal	After interception
Q3	8-80	04:14	Josiah Johnson 16 yd run	After punt
Q3	10-50	04:32	Tristan Alvano 43 yd field goal	After kickoff

VS. EASTERN ILLINOIS

Q1	6-75	03:04	Josiah Johnson 18 yd run	After kickoff
Q2	8-75	03:42	James Basinger 39 yd run	After kickoff
Q3	1-48	00:09	James Basinger 48 yd run	Downs
Q3	1-61	00:06	Corey Blair Jr. 61 yd run	After punt
Q3	5-90	03:35	Josiah Johnson 55 yd run	After punt
Q4	7-39	03:01	Ben Brooks 16 yd pass from Josh Holst	After fumble

AT ILLINOIS STATE

Q1	3-38	01:26	Lofton O'Groske 33 yd pass from Josh Holst	Downs
Q2	8-82	03:49	Tristan Alvano 31 yd field goal	After punt
Q3	11-80	06:19	Greyton Gannon 7 yd pass from Josh Holst	After punt
Q3	3-83	01:40	James Basinger 66 yd run	After punt

Note: SDSU also returned interception 31 yards for touchdown

SCORING DRIVE SUMMARY

TYPE OF SCORING DRIVE

Touchdowns	29
Field Goals	9

BY NUMBER OF PLAYS

1	7
2	2
3	4
4	1
5	6
6	1
7	4
8	3
9	2
10	1
11	3
12	1
13	1
14	1
15	1

BY YARDS

0-9	1
10-19	2
20-29	3
30-39	3
40-49	2
50-59	6
60-69	5
70-79	8
80-89	5
90-99	3

BY TIME

Less than 1:00	11
1:00-1:59	4
2:00-2:59	5
3:00-3:59	7
4:00-4:59	4
5:00-5:59	2
6:00-6:59	5

OFFENSIVE TOUCHDOWNS BY YARDAGE

0-9	5
10-19	5
20-29	8
30-39	3
40-49	1
50-59	3
60-69	2
70-79	2

CAREER HIGHS — OFFENSE

QUARTERBACKS

16-JACK HENRY
6-2, 215, So.
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: 49 yards, to Alex Bullock, at North Dakota, 11-22-2025
Touchdown Passes: 2, at North Dakota, 11-15-2025
Interceptions: 2, vs. Illinois State, 11-15-2025, and at North Dakota, 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

11-JOSH HOLST
6-4, 210, Jr.
Marengo, Illinois • Marengo Community H.S./ Northern Illinois

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS
Completions: 18, at Illinois State, 10-3-2026
Passing Attempts: 23, at Illinois State, 10-3-2026
Passing Yards: 176, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-26-2026
Long Pass: 78 yards (for TD), to Landon Dulaney, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026
Touchdown Passes: 2, at Illinois State, 10-3-2026
Rushing Attempts: 4, at Illinois State, 10-3-2026
Rushing Yards: 18, at Illinois State, 10-3-2026
Long Rush: 18 yards, at Illinois State, 10-3-2026
Total Offense: 191 yards, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-26-2026

7-CHASE MASON
6-4, 240, Grad.
Hurley, South Dakota • Viborg-Hurley H.S. Nebraska

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS
Completions: 23, at Northwestern, 9-5-2026
Passing Attempts: 48, at Northwestern, 9-5-2026
Passing Yards: 356, at Montana, 12-6-2025
Long Pass: 95 yards (for TD), to Grahm Goering, at Montana, 12-6-2025 [school record]
Touchdown Passes: 3, four times (last: vs. New Haven, 9-12-2026)
Interceptions: 2, at Montana, 12-6-2025
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, three times (last: at Montana, 12-6-2025)
Total Offense: 366 yards, at Montana, 12-6-2025

RUNNING BACKS

23-JAMES BASINGER
5-10, 205, So.
Littleton, Colorado • Columbine H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS
Rushing Attempts: 15, vs. Mercyhurst, 9-27-2025
Rushing Yards: 116, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-26-2026
Long Rush: 66 yards (for TD), at Illinois State, 10-3-2026
Rushing Touchdowns: 2, three times (last: vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-26-2026)
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: 110, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026

24-BRENDEN BEGEMAN
6-2, 215, Jr.
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

4-COREY BLAIR, Jr.
6-3, 210, R-Fr.
Kernersville, North Carolina • East Forsyth H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS
Rushing Attempts: 10, vs. New Haven, 9-12-2026
Rushing Yards: 107, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026
Long Rush: 61 yards (for TD), vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-26-2026
Rushing Touchdowns: 2, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026
Receptions: 1, three times (last: vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-26-2026)
Long Reception: 7 yards, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-26-2026
All-Purpose Yards: 107, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026

22-JOSIAH JOHNSON
6-0, 215, So.
Milwaukee, Wisconsin • Milwaukee Academy of Science

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS
Rushing Attempts: 30, vs. Youngstown State, 9-19-2026
Rushing Yards: 238, vs. Youngstown State, 9-19-2026
Long Rush: 56 yards, at Illinois State, 10-3-2026
Rushing Touchdowns: 3, at North Dakota, 11-22-2025
Receptions: 1, vs. Illinois State, 11-15-2025, and vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-26-2026
Long Reception: 27 yards, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-26-2026

CAREER HIGHS — OFFENSE

RUNNING BACKS (cont.)

6-RAMON McKINNEY Jr.
5-10, 190, Jr.
Waxahachie, Texas • Waxahachie H.S./ Northeastern State (Okla.)

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS
Rushing Attempts: 6, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026
Rushing Yards: 53, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026
Long Rush: 27 yards (for TD), vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026
Rushing Touchdowns: 1, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026, and vs. New Haven, 9-12-2026
Kickoff Returns: 2, at Northwestern, 9-5-2026
Kickoff Return Yards: 49, at Northwestern, 9-5-2026
Long Kickoff Return: 46 yards, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026
All-Purpose Yards: 99, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026

34-JOSH MYERS
6-0, 195, R-Fr.
Sioux Falls, South Dakota • Lincoln H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS
Rushing Attempts: 6, vs. New Haven, 9-12-2026
Rushing Yards: 27, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026
Long Rush: 27 yards (for TD), vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026
Rushing Touchdowns: 1, vs. Steston, 8-29-2026

29-DOM REZAC
6-1,. 195, Grad.
Omaha, Nebraska • Westside H.S./Vanderbilt

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS
Rushing Attempts: 3, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026
Rushing Yards: 15, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026
Long Rush: 6 yards, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026
Rushing Touchdowns: N/A

32-JAY'VEON SCOTT
6-3, 210, Fr.
St. Louis, Missouri • Lift For Life Academy

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS
Rushing Attempts: 7, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026
Rushing Yards: 29, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-26-2026
Long Rush: 17 yards, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-26-2026
Rushing Touchdowns: N/A

WIDE RECEIVERS

8-SAMMY DRESIE
6-2, 205, So.
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

0-LANDON DULANEY
6-2, 210, R-Fr.
Brandon, South Dakota • Brandon Valley H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS
Receptions: 2, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026
Receiving Yards: 89, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026
Long Reception: 78 yards (for TD), vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026
Receiving Touchdowns: 1, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026

12-GRAHM GOERING
6-2, 205, Grad.
Iowa City, Iowa • Iowa City West H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS
Receptions: 9, at Northwestern, 9-5-2026
Receiving Yards: 137, at Montana, 12-6-2025
Long Reception: *95 yards (for TD), at Montana, 12-6-2025
Receiving Touchdowns: 1, six times (last: at Montana, 12-6-2025)
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

3-JOE KOLEGA
5-11, 195, R-Fr.
Omaha, Nebraska • Skutt Catholic H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS
Receptions: 1, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-26-2026
Receiving Yards: 13, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-26-2026
Long Reception: 13 yards, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-26-2026
Receiving Touchdowns: N/A

1-LOFTON O'GROSKE
6-2, 215, Jr.
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

WIDE RECEIVERS (cont.)

2-JACK SMITH
6-0, 195, So.
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: 73 yards (for TD), vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026
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

20-ALEX UCHTMAN
6-1, 195, Fr.
Elkhorn, Nebraska • Elkhorn North H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS
Receptions: N/A
Punt Returns: 3, vs. New Haven, 9-12-2026
Punt Return Yards: 65, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026
Long Punt Return: 65 yards (for TD), vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026
Kickoff Returns: 2, vs. New Haven, 9-12-2026
Kickoff Return Yards: 63, vs. New Haven, 9-12-2026
Long Kickoff Return: 50 yards, vs. New Haven, 9-12-2026
All-Purpose Yards: 120, vs. New Haven, 9-12-2026

TIGHT ENDS

87-BEN BROOKS
6-8, 245, R-Fr.
Madison, South Dakota • Madison H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS
Receptions: 1, vs. New Haven, 9-12-2026, and vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-26-2026
Receiving Yards: 16, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-26-2026
Long Reception: 16 yards (for TD), vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-26-2026
Receiving Touchdowns: 1, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-26-2026

10-BRAYDEN DELAHOYDE
6-5, 245, So.
Spearfish, South Dakota • Spearfish H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS
Receptions: 1, three times (last: vs. New Haven, 9-12-2026
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, Sr.
Eagle, Wisconsin • Mukwonago H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS
Receptions: 9, vs. Illinois State, 11-15-2025
Receiving Yards: 65, vs. New Haven, 9-12-2026
Long Reception: 42 yards (for TD), at North Dakota, 11-22-2025
Receiving Touchdowns: 2, vs. New Haven, 9-12-2026

43-ANDREW GUSTAD
6-1, 250, Grad.
Volin, South Dakota • Gayville-Volin H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS
Receptions: 1, three times in 2025 (last: vs. New Hampshire, 11-29-2025)
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, three times in 2025 (last: vs. New Hampshire, 11-29-2025)
Rushing Attempts: 3, at Youngstown State, 10-4-2025
Rushing Yards: 7, at Youngstown State, 10-4-2025, and vs. Youngstown State, 11-19-2026
Long Rush: 7 yards, vs. Youngstown State, 11-19-2026

82-COLEMAN KUNTZ
6-3, 245, Sr.
Beaumont, California • Etiwanda H.S./ Sacramento State

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS
Receptions: 4, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-26-2026
Receiving Yards: 81, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-26-2026
Long Reception: 31 yards, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-26-2026
Receiving Touchdowns: 1, vs. New Hampshire, 11-29-2025, and vs. New Haven, 9-12-2026

CAREER HIGHS — SPECIALISTS/DEFENSE

SPECIALISTS

30-TRISTAN ALVANO
6-3, 205, Jr.
Omaha, Nebraska • Westside H.S./Nebraska

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS
Extra Points Made: 10, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026
Extra Point Attempts: 10, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026
Field Goals Made: 4, at Northwestern, 9-5-2026
Field Goal Attempts: 5, at Northwestern, 9-5-2026
Long Field Goal: 43 yards, vs. Youngstown State, 9-19-2026
Total Points: 13, vs. New Haven, 9-12-2026

81-RYAN HARRINGTON
6-3, 185, So.
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

41-MAX PELHAM
6-1, 205, Grad.
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: 4, at North Dakota, 11-22-2025
Long Punt: 69 yards, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026
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

DEFENSIVE ENDS

93-CALE BUNTZ
6-5, 230, Fr.
Platte City, Missouri • Platte County H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS
Solo Tackles: 1, vs. New Haven, 9-12-2026
Assisted Tackles: N/A
Total Tackles: 1, vs. New Haven, 9-12-2026
Tackles for Loss: N/A

8-REIS KIRSCHENMAN
6-4, 255, Jr.
Tea, South Dakota • Tea Area H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS
Solo Tackles: 2, at North Dakota, 11-9-2024
Assisted Tackles: 2, three times (last: vs. New Haven, 9-12-2026)
Total Tackles: 3, vs. Sacramento State, 8-30-2025
Tackles for Loss: 1.0, six times (last: vs. Youngstown State, 9-19-2026)
Sacks: 1.0, at North Dakota, 11-9-2024, and vs. Montana, 12-7-2024
Fumble Recoveries: 1, vs. Sacramento State, 8-30-2025

49-LUKE KREMPGES
6-4, 255, R-Fr.
Sioux Falls, South Dakota • Lincoln H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS
Solo Tackles: 2, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026
Assisted Tackles: 3, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026
Total Tackles: 5, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026
Tackles for Loss: 1.5, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-26-2026
Sacks: 0.5, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2025

46-MAVERICK LEBRUN
6-5, 255, R-Fr.
Flandreau, South Dakota • Dell Rapids St. Mary H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS
Solo Tackles: 1, vs. New Haven, 9-12-2026, and vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-26-2026
Assisted Tackles: 1, three times (last: vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-26-2026
Total Tackles: 2, vs. New Haven, 9-12-2026, and vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-26-2026
Tackles for Loss: 1.0, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-26-2026
Sacks: 1.0, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-26-2026
Forced Fumbles: 1, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-26-2026
Pass Breakups: 1, vs. New Haven, 9-12-2026

97-BLAKE LEIFERMAN
6-5, 265, So.
Kimball, South Dakota • Kimball H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS
Solo Tackles: 2, vs. Mercyhurst, 9-27-2025, and vs. Youngstown State, 9-19-2026
Assisted Tackles: 5, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-26-2026
Total Tackles: 5, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-26-2026
Tackles for Loss: 1.0, at Youngstown State, 10-4-2025, and at Northwestern, 9-5-2026
Sacks: 1.0, at Northwestern, 9-5-2026
Fumble Recoveries: 1, vs. New Haven, 9-12-2026
Pass Breakups: 1, at Murray State, 10-18-2025

DEFENSIVE ENDS (cont.)

50-KAYDEN OAKLAND
6-5, 230, Fr.
Faribault, Minnesota • Northfield H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS
Solo Tackles: 1, vs. New Haven, 9-12-2026
Assisted Tackles: 2, vs. New Haven, 9-12-2026
Total Tackles: 3, vs. New Haven, 9-12-2026
Tackles for Loss: N/A

99-DAWSON RIPPERDA
6-4, 260, Sr.
Larchwood, Iowa • West Lyon H.S./ Northern Illinois

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS
Solo Tackles: 6, at Montana, 12-6-2025
Assisted Tackles: 3, four times (last: at Illinois State, 10-3-2026)
Total Tackles: 9, at Montana, 12-6-2025
Tackles for Loss: 2.0, at Montana, 12-6-2025
Sacks: 1.5, vs. Augustana, 9-14-2024
Forced Fumbles: 1, at Youngstown State, 10-4-2025, and at North Dakota, 11-22-2025
Fumble Recoveries: 1, three times (last: vs. Drake, 9-13-2025)
Pass Breakups: 1, vs. New Haven, 9-12-2026

40 LIAM SHAW
6-3, 255, R-Fr.
Muskego, Wisconsin • Muskego H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS
Solo Tackles: 2, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026
Assisted Tackles: 3, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026
Total Tackles: 5, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026
Tackles for Loss: 1.0, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026
Sacks: 1.0, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026

0-CARTER SITZMAN
6-4, 275, Sr.
Lincoln, Nebraska • Lincoln Christian H.S./ Wayne State (Neb.)

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS
Solo Tackles: 2, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026
Assisted Tackles: 2, at Northwestern, 9-5-2026, and vs. New Haven, 9-12-2026
Total Tackles: 3, vs. New Haven, 9-12-2026
Tackles for Loss: 2.0 vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026
Sacks: 1.0, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026
Safeties: 1, vs. New Haven, 9-12-2026
Forced Fumbles: 1, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026

DEFENSIVE TACKLES

90-DANIEL BRADLEY
6-4, 285, R-Fr.
Windermere, Florida • Windermere H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS
Solo Tackles: 2, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026
Assisted Tackles: N/A
Total Tackles: 2, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026

57-SAM CHRISTENSEN
6-2, 250, R-Fr.
Rock Rapids, Iowa • Central Lyon H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS
Solo Tackles: 1, vs. New Haven, 9-12-2026
Assisted Tackles: 1, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026
Total Tackles: 1, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026, and vs. New Haven, 9-12-2026

51-LOGAN GREEN
6-4, 300, Sr.
Northboro, Iowa • Clarinda H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS
Solo Tackles: 2, five times (last: at Montana, 12-6-2025)
Assisted Tackles: 2, vs. Incarnate Word, 9-7-2024, and at South Dakota, 11-8-2025
Total Tackles: 3, four times (last: at Montana, 12-6-2025)
Tackles for Loss: 2.0, three times (last: at Montana, 12-6-2025)
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, and at North Dakota, 11-22-2025
Pass Breakups: 1, vs. Illinois State, 11-15-2025, and vs. New Hampshire, 11-29-2025

98-MAC MULLER
6-1, 290, So.
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
Tackles for Loss: N/A

DEFENSIVE TACKLES (cont.)

94-ASHTON SAYRE
6-4, 285, Sr.
Alexandria, Minnesota • Alexandria Area H.S./ Minnesota State, Moorhead

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS
Solo Tackles: 1, vs. New Haven, 9-12-2026
Assisted Tackles: 1, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026
Total Tackles: 1, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026, and vs. New Haven, 9-12-2026
Pass Breakups: 1, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026

96-RHETT SCHAEFER
6-3, 275, So.
Walcott, Iowa • Davenport Assumption H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS
Solo Tackles: 1, at Northwestern, 9-5-2026
Assisted Tackles: 2, at Illinois State, 10-3-2026
Total Tackles: 2, at Illinois State, 10-3-2026
Tackles for Loss: N/A

91-JACE SIFORE
6-4, 295, Sr.
Howard, South Dakota • Howard H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS
Solo Tackles: 2, vs. Illinois State, 11-15-2025
Assisted Tackles: 4, at North Dakota, 11-22-2025
Total Tackles: 4, at North Dakota, 11-22-2025, and vs. New Hampshire, 11-29-2025
Tackles For Loss: 1.5, at South Dakota, 11-8-2025
Sacks: 1.0, three times (last: vs. Illinois State, 11-15-2025)
Pass Breakups: 1, vs. New Haven, 9-12-2026
Blocked Kicks: 1, vs. Illinois State, 11-15-2025

52-BRODY TARGGART
6-2, 275, Jr.
Ankeny, Iowa • Ankeny Centennial H.S./Iowa Western CC

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS
Solo Tackles: N/A
Assisted Tackles: 1, three times (last: at Illinois State, 10-3-2026)
Total Tackles: 1, three times (last: at Illinois State, 10-3-2026)

36-BERGAN TETZLAFF
6-5, 270, Fr.
Brookings, South Dakota • Brookings H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS
Solo Tackles: 2, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-26-2026
Assisted Tackles: 1, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-26-2026, and at Illinois State, 10-3-2026
Total Tackles: 3, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-26-2026
Tackles for Loss: 1.0, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-26-2026
Sacks: 1.0, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-26-2026
Fumble Recoveries: 1, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-26-2026
Pass Breakups: 1, vs. Youngstown State, 9-129-2026

LINEBACKERS

39-BEAU BAKKEN
6-4, 230, R-Fr.
Garretson, South Dakota • Hills-Beaver Creek H.S. (Minn.)

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS
Solo Tackles: 1, three times (last: vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-26-2026)
Assisted Tackles: 1, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-26-2026
Total Tackles: 2, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-26-2026

26-BARRY FRIES
6-3, 230, Fr.
Omaha, Nebraska • Elkhorn North H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS
Solo Tackles: 2, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026
Assisted Tackles: 1, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026, and vs. New Haven, 9-12-2026
Total Tackles: 3, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026
Tackles for Loss: 1.0, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026

47-KYTAN FYFE
6-2, 210, Sr.
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

LINEBACKERS (cont.)

9-MATT GOEHRING
6-1, 225, Sr.
Sioux Falls, South Dakota • Roosevelt H.S./ Univ. of Sioux Falls

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS
Solo Tackles: 3, vs. New Hampshire, 11-29-2025
Assisted Tackles: 3, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026
Total Tackles: 5, vs. New Hampshire, 11-29-2025, and vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026
Tackles for Loss: 1.0, at Montana State, 9-6-2025
Sacks: 1.0, at Montana State, 9-6-2025
Pass Breakups: 1, vs. New Hampshire, 11-29-2025
Kickoff Returns: 1, vs. Illinois State, 11-15-2025, and at North Dakota, 11-22-2025
Long Kickoff Return: 16 yards, vs. Illinois State, 11-15-2025

35-MITCHELL GUTHMILLER
6-4, 210, Fr.
Volga, South Dakota • Sioux Valley H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS
Solo Tackles: N/A
Assisted Tackles: 1, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-26-2026
Total Tackles: 1, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-26-2026
Tackles for Loss: N/A

33-BRYCE JOHNSON
6-3, 220, Sr.
Parker, Colorado • Lutheran H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS
Solo Tackles: 6, vs. New Hampshire, 11-29-2025
Assisted Tackles: 5, vs. Illinois State, 11-15-2025, and at Illinois State, 10-3-2026
Total Tackles: 10, vs. Illinois State, 11-15-2025, and vs. New Hampshire, 11-29, 2025
Tackles for Loss: 1.0, at Illinois State, 10-3-2026
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

18-JES KRCIL
6-1, 220, Jr.
Carlisle, Iowa • Carlisle H.S./Wayne State (Neb.)

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS
Solo Tackles: 6, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-26-2026
Assisted Tackles: 6, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-26-2026
Total Tackles: 12, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-26-2026
Tackles for Loss: 1.0, three times (last: vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-26-2026)
Pass Breakups: 2, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-26-2026

44-CASEY LARSON
6-2, 215, So.
Woodinville, Washington • Woodinville H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS
Solo Tackles: 1, vs. Mercyhurst, 9-27-2025
Assisted Tackles: 2, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026
Total Tackles: 2, vs. Mercyhurst, 9-27-2025, and vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026
Tackles for Loss: 0.5, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026
Sacks: 0.5, vs. Stetson, 8-29-206
Pass Breakups: 1, vs. Mercyhurst, 9-27-2025, and vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026
Blocked Kicks: 1, at Montana State, 9-6-2025

5-CULLEN McSHANE
6-2, 225, Sr.
Marquette, Iowa • MFL MarMac H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS
Solo Tackles: 10, at Montana State, 9-6-2025
Assisted Tackles: 9, at Illinois State, 10-3-2026
Total Tackles: 12, three times (last: at Illinois State, 10-3-2026)
Tackles for Loss: 2.5, vs. Drake, 9-13-2025
Sacks: 1.0, three times (last: vs. Youngstown State, 9-19-2026)
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

48-JACK NASH
6-1, 200, So.
Palmer, Alaska • Colony H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS
Solo Tackles: 1, vs. Drake, 9-13-2025, and vs. New Haven, 9-12-2026
Assisted Tackles: 2, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026
Total Tackles: 2, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026

11-JOE OLLMAN
6-1, 230, Sr.
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, and vs. Youngstown State, 9-19-2026
Pass Breakups: 1, four times (last: vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-26-2026)

LINEBACKERS (cont.)

45-BODEN SCHILLER
6-1, 210, So.
Volga, South Dakota • Sioux Valley H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS
Solo Tackles: 1, four times (last: vs. New Hampshire, 11-29-2025)
Assisted Tackles: 1, vs. Illinois State, 11-15-2025, and vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-26-2026
Total Tackles: 2, vs. Illinois State, 11-15-2025

54-BRADY SCHROEDERMEIER
6-3, 195, Fr.
Hurley, South Dakota • Viborg-Hurley H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS
Solo/Assisted Tackles: N/A
Total Tackles: N/A
Tackles for Loss: N/A
Fumble Recoveries: 1, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-26-2026

28-CHASE VAN TOL
6-1, 210, Jr.
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: 4, at Illinois State, 10-3-2026
Total Tackles: 9, vs. Youngstown State, 10-12-2024, and at Northwestern, 9-5-2026
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: 2, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026
Interceptions: 1, vs. Northern Iowa, 10-11-2025
Pass Breakups: 1, five times (last: at Illinois State, 10-3-2026)

CORNERBACKS

1-IFE CURRENT
6-2, 195, Sr.
Kennedale, Texas • Kennedale H.S./ Nebraska-Kearney

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS
Solo Tackles: 3, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026
Assisted Tackles: 3, at Northwestern, 9-5-2026
Total Tackles: 4, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026, and at Northwestern, 9-5-2026
Pass Breakups: 1, vs. New Haven, 9-12-2026, and vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-26-2026

21-MYLES GREEN
6-0, 185, So.
Homewood, Illinois • Homewood-Flossmoor H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS
Solo Tackles: 4, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026
Assisted Tackles: 2, at Northwestern, 9-5-2026, and at Illinois State, 10-3-2026
Total Tackles: 5, at Northwestern, 9-5-2026
Tackles for Loss: 1.0, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026
Interceptions: 1, vs. Northern Iowa, 10-11-2025, and at Illinois State, 10-3-2026
Long Interception Return: 31 yards (for TD), at Illinois State, 10-3-2026
Forced Fumbles: 1, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026
Fumble Recoveries: 1, at Illinois State, 10-3-2026
Kick Returns: 2, at Montana, 12-6-2025
Kickoff Return Yards: 60, at Montana, 12-6-2025
Long Kickoff Return: 34 yards, at Montana, 12-6-2025

15-JAMARI HOLLIMAN
6-0, 195, Jr.
Miami, Florida • Miami Norland H.S./ Florida International

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS
Solo Tackles: 3, vs. New Haven, 9-12-2026
Assisted Tackles: 1, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026
Total Tackles: 3, vs. New Haven, 9-12-2026

6-PAUL KIM
5-11, 190, Jr.
Janesville, Wisconsin • Janesville Parker H.S./Wisconsin-Whitewater

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS
Solo Tackles: 4, vs. Youngstown State, 9-19-2026
Assisted Tackles: 3, at Illinois State, 10-3-2026
Total Tackles: 5, vs. Youngstown State, 9-19-2026
Pass Breakups: 2, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-26-2026

7-NOAH ST-JUSTE
5-10, 180, Jr.
Montreal, Quebec • Clearwater Academy International (Fla.)

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS
Solo Tackles: 5, at Youngstown State, 10-4-2025
Assisted Tackles: 2, at Montana, 12-6-2025
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
Interceptions: 1, at North Dakota, 11-22-2025, and at Illinois State, 10-3-2026
Pass Breakups: 1, three times (last: at Illlinois State, 10-3-2026
Forced Fumbles: 1, at Montana State, 9-6-2025

CORNERBACKS (cont.)

13-EMEIR WHITE
5-11, 185, Fr
Orland Park, Illinois • Brother Rice H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS
Solo Tackles: 1, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026
Assisted Tackles: 1,vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026, and vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-26-2026
Total Tackles: 2, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026
Pass Breakups: 1, vs. New Haven, 9-12-2026

SAFETIES

17-MICAH BUSH
6-1, 195, Fr.
Hills, Minnesota • Hills-Beaver Creek H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS
Solo Tackles: 1, vs. New Haven, 9-12-2026
Assisted Tackles: N/A
Total Tackles: 1, vs. New Haven, 9-12-2026
Tackles for Loss: N/A

4-MICHAEL "TANK" FARR
5-11, 200, Fr.
Racine, Wisconsin • J.I. Case H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS
Solo Tackles: 5, at Northwestern, 9-5-2026
Assisted Tackles: 2, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026
Total Tackles: 6, at Northwestern, 9-5-2026
Tackles for Loss: 1.0, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-26-2026
Fumble Recoveries: 1, vs. New Haven, 9-12-2026
Pass Breakups: 1, three times (last: vs. Youngstown State, 9-19-2026)

38-LANDIN JACKSON
6-2, 190, Fr.
New Braunfels, Texas • New Braunfels H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS
Solo Tackles: 1, at Illinois State, 10-3-2026
Assisted Tackles: 2, vs. New Haven, 9-12-202
Total Tackles: 2, vs. New Haven, 9-12-2026
Tackles for Loss: N/A

3-DONTAY JOHNSON
6-2, 190, Sr.
Fort Collins, Colorado •
Colorado Early College

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS
Solo Tackles: 10, at Illinois State, 10-3-2026
Assisted Tackles: 5, vs. New Hampshire, 11-29-2025, and at Northwestern, 9-5-2026
Total Tackles: 13, at Illinois State, 10-3-2026
Tackles for Loss: 1.0, vs. UC Davis, 9-10-2022
Pass Breakups: 1, six times (last: at Illinois State, 10-3-2026)

16-NOAH LUGINBILL
6-0, 190, Jr.
Clovis, California • Clovis H.S./Saddleback College

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS
Solo Tackles: 1, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-26-2026
Assisted Tackles: 4, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026
Total Tackles: 4, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026
Forced Fumbles: 1, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-26-2026

2-AMAJE PARKER
6-0, 195, Jr.
Charlottesville, Virginia • Albermarle H.S./
Virginia Military Institute

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS
Solo Tackles: 1, three times (last: at Illinois State, 10-3-2026)
Assisted Tackles: 2, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-26-2026
Total Tackles: 2, three times (last: at Illinois State, 10-3-2026)
Forced Fumbles: 1, vs. New Haven, 9-12-2026

24-MAX STANARD
5-11, 205, So.
Manhattan, Kansas • Manhattan H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS
Solo Tackles: 2, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-26-2026
Assisted Tackles: 5, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026
Total Tackles: 6, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026
Forced Fumbles: 1, vs. New Haven, 9-12-2026
Pass Breakups: 1, at Northwestern, 9-5-2026

27-NOAH THOMPSON
6-0, 185, Sr.
Brandon, South Dakota • Brandon Valley H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS
Solo Tackles: 4, vs. Youngstown State, 9-19-2026
Assisted Tackles: 2, four times (last: at Illinois State, 10-3-2026
Total Tackles: 6, vs. Youngstown State, 9-19-2026
Tackles for Loss: 1.5, vs. Youngstown State, 9-19-2026
Interceptions: 1, vs. Drake, 9-13-2025
Forced Fumbles: 1, at Illinois State, 10-3-2026
Pass Breakups: 1, vs. Murray State, 11-2-2024, and vs. Drake, 9-13-2025
Note: Returned blocked punt 49 yards for touchdown at Northern Iowa, 10-5-2024