2026 JACKRABBIT FOOTBALL

SOUTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY

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NOV. 14 GAME NOTES

#4/4 SOUTH DAKOTA STATE (8-2, 5-1 MVFC)
at RV SOUTHERN ILLINOIS (5-5, 3-3 MVFC)
1 p.m. Saturday
Saluki Stadium | Carbondale, Illinois

SERIES NOTES
• 16th Meeting (SDSU leads the all-time series, 11-4)
• The Jackrabbits have eight of the last nine matchups, including a 41-10 victory at Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium during the 2024 season

MEDIA INFORMATION
• Game will be televised on ESPN+ featuring the broadcast team of Larry Larson (play-by-play) and Dominique Gafney (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), Mason Leiseth (color analyst) and Scotty Kwas (sidelines) will call the action

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS SALUKIS
2026 Record: 5-5 overall (3-3 in Missouri Valley Football Conference)
Head Coach: Nick Hill
Alma Mater: Southen Illinois, 2007
Record at SIU: 60-66 (11th season)
Career Record: Same

SOUTH DAKOTA STATE JACKRABBITS
2026 Record: 7-2 overall (4-1 in Missouri Valley Football Conference)
Head Coach: Dan Jackson (second season)
Alma Mater: Nebraska-Omaha, 2008
Record at SDSU: 17-7
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	L, 10-21
24	*MURRAY STATE [Hobo Day]	W, 42-9
31	*SOUTH DAKOTA [Interstate Series]	W, 31-21
NOVEMBER			
7	*at Northern Iowa	W, 41-15
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

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS	CATEGORY	SOUTH DAKOTA STATE
24.0	Points Per Game	36.9
25.7	Points Allowed Per Game	16.2
146.5	Rushing Yardage Per Game	259.3
148.0	Rush Yardage Allowed/Game	104.7
304.5	Passing Yardage Per Game	211.5
12.1	Average Per Catch	14.2
208.3	Pass Yardage Allowed/Game	182.7
351.0	Total Offense Per Game	470.8
356.3	Total Offense Allowed/Game	287.4
22.4	Kick Return Average	19.8
19.3	Punt Return Average	12.8
13-194	Interception Returns	3-40
12-7	Fumbles-Lost	9-5
54-430	Penalties-Yards	66-614
30:59	Time of Possession/Game	31:08
54-151 (36%)	Third-Down Conversions	51-127 (40%)
14-28 (50%)	Fourth-Down Conversions	14-18 (78%)
31-40 (78%, 20 TD)	Red-Zone Offense	36-46 (78%, 24 TD)
26-32 (81%, 21 TD)	Red-Zone Defense	20-23 (87%, 14 TD)

SERIES SCORES

2008: Southern Illinois 38, South Dakota State 35
(Nov. 15, 2008, at Carbondale, Illinois)

2009: Southern Illinois 34, South Dakota State 15
(Nov. 7, 2009, at Coughlin-Alumni Stadium)

2010: South Dakota State 31, Southern Illinois 10
(Oct. 16, 2010, at Carbondale, Illinois)

2011: South Dakota State 45, Southern Illinois 34
(Nov. 5, 2011, at Coughlin-Alumni Stadium)

2012: South Dakota State 16, Southern Illinois 12
(Nov. 3, 2012, at Carbondale, Illinois)

2013: Southern Illinois 27, South Dakota State 24
(Oct. 5, 2013, at Coughlin-Alumni Stadium)

2016: South Dakota State 45, Southern Illinois 39
(Oct. 8, 2016, at Carbondale, Illinois)

2017: South Dakota State 49, Southern Illinois 14
(Oct. 7, 2017, at Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium)

2018: South Dakota State 57, Southern Illinois 38
(Nov. 10, 2018, at Carbondale, Illinois)

2019: South Dakota State 28, Southern Illinois 10
(Oct. 5, 2019, at Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium)

2020-21: South Dakota State 44, Southern Illinois 3
(March 20, 2021, at Carbondale, Illinois)

^South Dakota State 31, Southern Illinois 26
(May 2, 2021, at Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium)

2021: Southern Illinois 42, SDSU 41 [OT]
(Oct. 9, 2021, at Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium)

2023: South Dakota State 17, Southern Illinois 10
(Oct. 21, 2023, at Carbondale, Illinois)

2024: South Dakota State 41, Southern Illinois 10
(Nov. 16, 2024, at Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium)

^ Football Championship Subdivision playoff game

Jackrabbits close road slate at Southern Illinois

Athletic Communications Contact: Jason Hove *Nov. 11, 2026*

BROOKINGS, S.D. — *The South Dakota State football team wraps up the road portion of its 2026 regular season schedule by taking on a Southern Illinois squad looking to make a final push toward a potential postseason berth.*

Kickoff is slated for 1 p.m. Saturday at Saluki Stadium in Carbondale, Illinois. The game will be televised through the ESPN+ streaming platform.

The Jackrabbits enter the week with an 8-2 overall record and tied atop the Missouri Valley Football Conference in the loss column with Youngstown State with a 5-1 league mark. SDSU moved up a spot to fourth place in both major Football Championship Subdivision polls after extending its winning streak to three games with a dominant 41-15 victory at Northern Iowa on Nov. 7.

Southern Illinois, meanwhile, is receiving votes in the Stats Perform media poll and comes into the week with a 5-5 overall record and a 3-3 mark in the MVFC with two games to play. The Salukis have won two games in a row and evened their overall and league ledgers with a 37-20 road win at Indiana State last week behind four touchdown passes from quarterback D.J. Williams — three of which went to junior wide receiver Kyle Thomas.

THE SERIES: Saturday's game marks the 16th all-time meeting on the gridiron between SDSU and Southern Illinois. The series began in 2008, when the Jackrabbits joined the Missouri Valley Football Conference, with SDSU holding an 11-4 advantage.

SIU won the first two meetings in the series before SDSU reeled off wins in nine of the next 10 matchups.

The Jackrabbits are undefeated in games played at Saluki Stadium, winning all six matchups since SDSU's first visit to the facility in 2010. Three of those contests have been decided by one score, including a 17-10 Jackrabbit victory in their last trip to SIU in 2023.

SDSU's lone loss in Carbondale was in the first-ever meeting between the two programs on Nov. 15, 2008, at McAndrew Stadium.

The Jackrabbits and SIU did not play during the 2025 season. In the most recent matchup, SDSU claimed a 41-10 home victory on Nov. 16, 2024, a game in which the Jackrabbits scored 28 second-quarter points and Amar Johnson rushed for 157 yards and two touchdowns.

RANKINGS STREAK: South Dakota State has held a top-five ranking in all 12 Football Championship Subdivision polls conducted thus far during the 2026 season and reached another rankings milestone earlier this month.

The Jackrabbits began the season at No. 3 in the Stats Perform media poll and held the No. 2 spot for five weeks before ascending to No. 1 for the first time in Dan Jackson's tenure as head coach in early October. SDSU was ranked first for two weeks before falling to No. 5 after an Oct. 17 loss at North Dakota.

With a fourth-place ranking this week, the Jackrabbits have now appeared in the top 25 of 201 consecutive Stats Perform polls dating back to October 2012.

The Jacks 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	Oct. 5	1st
Aug. 31	2nd	Oct. 12	1st
Sept. 7	2nd	Oct. 19	5th
Sept. 14	2nd	Oct. 26	5th
Sept. 21	2nd	Nov. 2	5th
Sept. 28	2nd	Nov. 9	4th

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	8-2	5-1
Totals	**175-71**	**108-40**
Overall Totals	***201-89***	***120-46***

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 201-89 record (.693 winning percentage), earning their milestone 200th victory at home against in-state rival South Dakota on Oct. 31.

In the decade of the 2020s, SDSU has put together a 76-17 record, which is good for an .817 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 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.

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

Since starting their run of consecutive playoff appearances in 2012, the Jackrabbits have compiled a 34-9 record in regular season games played during the month of November and have added five more playoff victories for an overall mark of 39-9 (.813 winning percentage).

The 2025 season was an outlier as an injury-depleted Jackrabbit squad dropped its first three November contests before recovering to defeat North Dakota in overtime in the regular season finale to send SDSU to the postseason. The Jackrabbits then posted a 41-3 home victory over New Hampshire in the opening round of the FCS playoffs.

SDSU went 4-0 in the month of November during the 2024 season and previously posted a 3-0 mark in November five times in that span, with 2019 (2-2) being the only other time in the last 13 years the Jackrabbits have dropped more than one game in the next-to-last month of the calendar year.

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, extending that streak by reaching four league wins with their 31-21 home victory over South Dakota last week.

The Jackrabbits hold a 108-40 record (.728 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.

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.

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 (186).

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 (see list at left on previous page).

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.

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.

Sidelined for two and a half games after he suffered an injury against Youngstown State on Sept. 19, Mason returned to the lineup Oct. 17 at North Dakota.

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, Nov. 7)

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)

In the eight games he has played this season, Mason has completed 107-of-192 passes (55.7 percent) for 1,1613 yards with nine touchdowns and only 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 back-to-back games — scoring on a 1-yard quarterback sneak versus New Haven and an 18-yard run up the middle against Youngstown State.

For his career, Mason has helped led the Jacks to a 14-3 record as a starter while throwing for a total of 4,018 yards with 27 touchdowns against only five interceptions. With 4,961 career yards of total offense (4,018 passing, 943 rushing), Mason enters the week 288 yards away from surpassing Todd McDonald (5,248 yards of total offense from 1990-93) for 10th place on the Jackrabbit career charts.

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.

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 since moved into second place on the squad with 60 tackles and three sacks, while tying for second with 6.5 tackles for loss.

McShane notched double figures for tackles in each of the first three games played in October — matching a career high with 12 tackles, including a pair of tackles for loss, in the Oct. 3 road victory at Illinois State, followed by consecutive 10-tackle performances Oct. 17 at North Dakota and Oct. 24 versus Murray 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 10 games so far this season, he has punted a total of 33 times for an average of 47.8 yards — a mark that would lead the FCS if he had enough attempts to qualify for the subdivision lead (three attempts short). Eleven of his punts have traveled 50 or more yards, highlighted by a career-long 83-yarder last week against South Dakota, and 12 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.

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.

2026 TEAM SEASON HIGHS

Rushing Attempts: 49, vs. South Dakota, 10-31-26
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: 28, vs. Murray State, 10-24-26
Sacks By: 5, vs. South Dakota, 10-31-26
Penalties: 10, at Illinois State, 10-3-26
Penalty Yards: 93, at Illinois State, 10-3-26
Turnovers By: 1, seven times (last: vs. South Dakota, 10-31-26)
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: 6, at North Dakota, 10-17-26
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 (7)	3	1	2	4	10
Josiah Johnson (2)	5	2	1	2	10
Jack Smith (2)	6	1	–	1	8
Grahm Goering	2	3	1	–	6
Lofton O'Groske (1)	2	4	–	–	6
Coleman Kuntz (1)	4	1	–	–	5
Greyton Gannon (2)	3	–	–	–	3
Corey Blair Jr. (2)	–	–	–	2	2
Ramon McKinney Jr. (2)	2	–	–	–	2
Brayden Delahoyde	1	–	–	–	1
Sammy Dresie	1	–	–	–	1
Landon Dulaney (1)	–	–	–	1	1
Josh Myers (1)	1	–	–	–	1
Team Totals (20)	**30**	**12**	**4**	**10**	**56**

RETURNS (30 or more yards)

Player	30-39	40-49	50+	Total
Alex Uchtman (1)	1	–	2	3
Myles Green (1)	2	–	–	2
Ramon McKinney Jr.	–	1	–	1
Team Totals (2)	**3**	**1**	**2**	**6**

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

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.

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 fifth 100-yard performance of the season — and his career — by picking up 109 yards on 14 carries Nov. 7 at Northern Iowa. He also topped the 1,000-yard mark for the season last week at UNI, becoming the 17th different Jackrabbit running back in program history to accomplish the feat.

Entering Saturday's matchup at Southern Illinois, Johnson ranks seventh among FCS players in total rushing yards (1,061), fifth in rushing touchdowns (12) and 10th in rushing yards per game (106.1). Johnson's two rushing touchdowns Nov. 7 at Northern Iowa marked his fifth multi-touchdown game of the season.

CHRISTENSEN HONORED BY MVFC: For the second time this season, South Dakota State left tackle Quinten Christensen has been honored as the Missouri Valley Football Conference Offensive Lineman of the Week. He received his most recent award Monday.

A senior from Wessington Springs, Christensen registered a 96 percent assignment grade and tallied a team-leading 11 knockdown blocks in the Jackrabbits' 41-15 victory at Northern Iowa on Nov. 7. He had no missed assignments and did not allow a pressure or sack as SDSU racked up 467 yards of total offense. Of SDSU's yardage total, 259 came on the ground as SDSU posted its average per game as it continues to lead the Football Championship Subdivision in rushing (259.3 ypg).

Christensen previously received the award following the Jackrabbits' season-opening win over Stetson on Aug. 29.

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.

In 10 games this season, the Jackrabbits have a total of 56 offensive plays of 20-plus yards, plus five returns of 30 or more yards. Running backs James Basinger and Josiah Johnson lead the SDSU offense with 10 chunk plays each.

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, eight times by three different backs (fivetimes by Josiah Johnson — last: at Northern Iowa, 11-7-2026)
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: 2.5, by Reis Kirschenman, vs. South Dakota, 10-31-26
Sacks: 2.0, by Reis Kirschenman, vs. South Dakota, 10-31-26
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, four times by three different players (twice by Paul Kim — vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-26-26, and vs. Murray State, 10-24-26)
Field Goals: 4, by Tristan Alvano, at Northwestern, 9-5-26
Long Field Goal: 50 yards, by Tristan Alvano, at Northern Iowa, 11-7-2026
Punts: 6, by Max Pelham, at North Dakota, 10-17-26
Punting Average (Min. 3 Punts): 51.0 yards (6 punts), by Max Pelham, at North Dakota, 10-17-26
Long Punt: 83 yards, by Max Pelham, vs. South Dakota, 10-31-26
Kickoff Returns: 3, by Ramon McKinney Jr., at North Dakota, 10-17-26
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, and at North Dakota, 10-17-26; and by Myles Green, at Northern Iowa, 11-7-26
Long Punt Return: 65 yards (for TD), by Alex Uchtman, vs. Stetson, 8-29-26

For Basinger, a sophomore running back from Littleton, Colorado, seven of his chunk plays have resulted in touchdowns. He 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.

Basinger also scored the Jackrabbits' lone touchdown in an Oct. 17 loss at North Dakota on a 63-yard run on the opening drive of the third quarter, then chalked up another 63-yard scoring run in the fourth quarter last week at Northern Iowa.

GROUND AND POUND: South Dakota State enters this week's matchup at Southern Illinois as the top rushing offense in the Football Championship Subdivision.

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 259.3 yards per game on the ground — overtaking Southern Utah for the top spot after rushing for 227 yards against South Dakota on Oct. 31. SDSU has used a committee of running backs to get to that mark, led by Josiah Johnson's 1,061 rushing yards (106.1 yards per game) and James Basinger's 744 yards (74.4 ypg).

Basinger is averaging 10.1 yards per carry as his 744 yards have come on only 74 attempts, while Corey Blair Jr. has picked up 292 yards with an average of 7.1 ypc. As a team, the Jackrabbits have averaged 6.3 yards per rushing attempt thus far in 2026.

Through 10 games, the Jackrabbits also rank sixth with 470.8 yards of total offense per game and stand ninth in scoring offense at 36.9 points per game. In addition, SDSU has allowed the fewest tackles for loss in the FCS at 2.40 per game.

STUFFING THE RUN: While the Jackrabbits boast the top rushing offense in the Football Championship Subdivision, the SDSU defense also holds a top-10 ranking against the run in 2026.

The Jackrabbits enter the week ranked eighth among FCS squads by allowing 104.7 yards per game on the ground. SDSU has held five of its six Missouri Valley Football Conference opponents under 100 net yards rushing, highlighted by limiting South Dakota to 19 rushing yards on 27 attempts in the Interstate Series matchup on Oct. 31.

The only blemish is a 175-yard showing by North Dakota in the Jackrabbits' lone league loss on Oct. 17.

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 2,334 yards and passed for 1,907.

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 two wins earlier this seasonwhile 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 sevn games and has completed 40-of-69 passes (58 percent) for 488 yards and five 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.

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
North Dakota	Downs	Punt	TD	Punt
Murray State	Punt	Punt	Punt	Punt
South Dakota	Fumble	Punt	Punt	Punt
Northern Iowa	Punt	Punt	TD	Downs

SDSU'S 2026 RECORD WHEN ...

Jackrabbits score first	8-0
Opponent scores first	0-2
Jackrabbits lead after one quarter	8-0
Opponent leads after one quarter	0-2
Game is tied after one quarter	0-0
Jackrabbits lead at halftime	8-0
Opponent leads at halftime	0-2
Game is tied at halftime	0-0
Jackrabbits lead after three quarters	8-0
Opponent leads after three quarters	0-2
Game is tied after three quarters	0-0
Game is decided in overtime	0-0
Jackrabbits play at home	6-0
SDSU plays on the road	2-2
Neutral-site contest	0-0
Jacks commit fewer turnovers than opponent	4-1
Opponent has fewer turnovers than SDSU	0-1
Turnover margin is equal	4-0
Jacks commit fewer penalties than opponent	1-1
Opponent commits fewer penalties than SDSU	6-1
Teams commit same number of penalties	1-0
Jacks have time of possession advantage	5-1
Opponent has time of possession advantage	3-1
Game is played on artificial surface	8-2
Game played on natural grass/hybrid surface	0-0
Game is played during the day	3-1
Game played at night (6 p.m. or later kickoff)	5-1

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 16 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 ranks second on the team with 35 receptions and 510 receiving yards through the first 10 games of 2026. He hauled in a career-high nine receptions for 117 yards in the Sept. 5 loss at Northwestern.

Over his last 13 games, dating back to the 2025 regular season finale at North Dakota, Goering has caught 48 passes for 750 yards and three 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 116 catches for 1,697 yards and eight touchdowns. He has caught a pass in 25 consecutive games and 34 of the 35 games he has playe over the last three seasons.

DONTAY LEADS D: Senior safety Dontay Johnson emerged as one of the Jacks' leading tacklers in October

A native of Fort Collins, Colorado, Johnson posted back-to-back double-digit tackling performances to open October. He registered a career-best 13 tackles (10 solo) in pacing the Jackrabbit defense in an Oct. 3 road win at Illinois State, followed by sharing the team lead with 12 tackles Oct. 17 at North Dakota.

For the season, Johnson ranks second on the squad with 53 total tackles while adding three pass breakups. He missed last week's game at Northern Iowa due to injury

SACK ATTACK: South Dakota State has gotten after the quarterback during its recent three-game winning streak, combining for 10 sacks in victories against Murray State (3), South Dakota (5) and Northern Iowa (2).

Junior defensive end Reis Kirschenman tallied a career-best two sacks in the Oct. 31 victory against South Dakota, while senior defensive tackle Logan Green notched one sack in each of the two home contests, along with a half-sack at Northern Iowa.

The Jackrabbits' five sacks versus USD were the most in a game in two seasons under head coach Dan Jackson. SDSU has tallied 20 sacks — an average of two a game — in 2026, with Green leading the way with 3.5, followed by Kirschenman and Cullen McShane with three each.

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, 46 defenders have registered at least one stop.

TOP TANDEMS: For the third time this season, two South Dakota State backs topped the 100-yard mark for rushing in the same game during the Jackrabbits' 41-15 victory at Northern Iowa on Nov. 7. In that contest, Josiah Johnson carried 14 times for 109 yards, while James Basinger racked up 102 yards on only nine carries.

Basinger also was part of a 100-yard tandem on two other occasions. In the Aug. 29 season opener versus Stetson, Basinger gained 110 yards and Corey Blair Jr. also reached the century mark with 107. Both needed only eight carries to reach the mark.

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

6:28, Q1 vs. South Dakota, 10-31-2026
• Touchdown (12 plays, 87 yards, 6:28 TOP)
6:23, Q3 at North Dakota, 10-17-2026
• Punt (13 plays, 38 yards, 6:23 TOP)

Basinger (116 yards) and Johnson (121) previously hit the century mark together in the same game Sept. 26 versus Eastern Illinois.

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.

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).
- Nov. 7, 2026 at Northern Iowa: Josiah Johnson (109), James Basinger (102).

In addition, Johnson and Basinger are closing in on becoming only the fifth Jackrabbit duo to produce 750 or more rushing yards each in a season. Johnson topped the 1,000-yard mark last week, while Basinger needs only six yards to hit the plateau.

1950: Warren Williamson (1,014) and Gene Cheever (839)
1941: Pete Retzlaff (1,016) and Dallas Hoff (761)
2005: Cory Koenig (987) and Anthony Watson (908)
2023: Isaiah Davis (1,578) and Amar Johnson (801)
2026: Josiah Johnson (1,061) and James Basinger (744)

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 10 of his offensive touches since the start of the 2025 season. Last year, he 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 a first down on a career-long 7-yard carry on the opening drive of the game. He later made it 4-for-4 on receptions resulting in touchdowns between the 2025 and 2026 campaigns with a 12-yard touchdown catch to close out the scoring in the Jackrabbits' 42-9 Hobo Day victory over Murray State on Oct. 24.

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.

SECOND-HALF ADJUSTMENTS: The Jackrabbit offense has been on point to start the second half throughout the 2026 season.

Josiah Johnson's 3-yard touchdown run on SDSU's first possession of the second half Nov. 7 at Northern Iowa marked the seventh time in 10 games SDSU scored on its first offensive drive of the third quarter. The Jackrabbits have scored six touchdowns and a field goal to begin the second half en route to outscoring the opposition by a 122-21 margin in the third quarter of games so far this season, including a 14-0 advantage last week at UNI.

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	6-0
Totals	**72-10**

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

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, 17 games have been sellouts, including four of the first six 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.

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 13,191 fans for the 82 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, with a Jacks Bash concert by country music stars Luke Bryan, Little Big Town and Lee Brice. 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 72-10 record (.878 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.

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

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.

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 440 receptions for 4,984 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. After missing some time due to injury, Goedert has marked his return by catching 26 passes over the past five games for a total of 227 yards.

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 149 receptions, 1,902 receiving yards and 18 touchdowns in four professional seasons.

Thus far during the 2026 season, Kraft has 36 catches for 351 yards and three touchdowns. He scored touchdowns in back-to-back games against Detroit (Oct. 25) and Carolina (Oct. 29).

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 has carried 25 times for 59 yards and caught 10 passes for 61 yards over the last four games.

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 11 tackles and two pass breakups in 2026, with a season-high four stops Oct. 18 against Pittsburgh. He was recently placed on injured reserve.

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. Over the last three games, Davis has registered six carries for 20 yards and caught three passes for 49 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 10 tackles and two forced fumbles thus far in 2026, highlighted by three stops each against Detroit in the Sept. 13 season opener and Oct. 11 versus Minnesota.

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
North Dakota	1	3
Murray State	1	3
South Dakota	1	0
Northern Iowa	0	0
Season Totals	**13**	**51**

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.

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 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.

Due to Jackrabbit men's basketball on Monday, Nov. 16, next week's Dan Jackson Show will air at 6 p.m. Tuesday (Nov. 17). The final edition of the 2026 regular season is set for a 6 p.m. airing on Sunday, Nov. 22.

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 wrap up the regular season by hosting Indiana State on Nov. 21 in a Senior Day matchup. Kickoff for the annual Military Appreciation game is set for 2 p.m. at Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium.

FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP SUBDIVISION POLLS

STATS PERFORM FCS POLL — NOV. 9

Pl.	School	2026 Record	Points	PR
1.	Tarleton State [48]	10-0	1,415	1
2.	Montana State [6]	9-1	1,342	3
3.	**Youngstown State [2]**	**8-2**	**1,295**	**4**
4.	***South Dakota State [1]***	***8-2***	***1,280***	***5***
5.	Northern Arizona	8-2	1,169	6
6.	Austin Peay	8-2	1,047	7
7.	Lamar	8-2	1,029	13
	Stephen F. Austin	9-1	1,029	2
9.	Tennessee Tech	9-1	986	9
10.	**South Dakota**	**7-3**	**978**	**8**
11.	**North Dakota**	**7-4**	**887**	**11**
12.	Montana	7-3	811	12
13.	Mercer	8-2	730	14
14.	Monmouth (N.J.)	8-2	620	15
15.	**Illinois State**	**7-3**	**617**	**10**
16.	Campbell	8-2	547	16
17.	Lehigh	8-2	509	17
18.	Weber State	6-4	458	18
19.	Harvard	7-1	426	T19
20.	South Carolina State	8-2	274	24
21.	Idaho State	6-4	212	22
22.	Incarnate Word	6-4	143	NR
23.	UC Davis	6-4	121	NR
24.	Abilene Christian	5-5	120	23
25.	Princeton	6-2	83	NR

Note: First-place votes in brackets; opponents listed in **bold**
Teams receiving votes: Dayton, 62; East Tennessee State, 59; Jackson State, 50; Villanova, 36; Idaho, 34; Chattanooga, 32; Central Connecticut State, 31; UAlbany, 29; Bryant, 13; Richmond, 12; **Southern Illinois, 9**; Alabama A&M, 8; North Alabama, 7; Western Illinois, 5.

AFCA FCS POLL — NOV. 9

Pl.	School	2026 Record	Points	PR
1.	Tarleton State [26]	10-0	650	1
2.	Montana State	9-1	606	3
3.	**Youngstown State**	**8-2**	**591**	**4**
4.	***South Dakota State***	***8-2***	***576***	***5***
5.	Northern Arizona	8-2	536	6
6.	Austin Peay	8-2	499	7
7.	Stephen F. Austin	9-1	470	2
8.	Lamar	8-2	464	12
9.	Tennessee Tech	9-1	434	9
10.	**South Dakota**	**7-3**	**390**	**10**
11.	Mercer	8-2	385	11
12.	Montana	7-3	354	13
	North Dakota	**7-4**	**354**	**15**
14.	Monmouth (N.J.)	8-2	331	14
15.	Lehigh	8-2	255	16
16.	Campbell	8-2	241	19
17.	**Illinois State**	**7-3**	**222**	**8**
18.	South Carolina State	8-2	220	17
19.	Harvard	7-1	203	T22
20.	Weber State	6-4	134	25
21.	Idaho State	6-4	126	18
22.	Jackson State	7-2	76	NR
23.	Princeton	6-2	60	NR
24.	Abilene Christian	5-5	34	T22
25.	UAlbany	6-4	31	20

Note: First-place votes in brackets; opponents listed in **bold**
Teams receiving votes: East Tennessee State, 29; UC Davis, 27; Incarnate Word, 25; Chattanooga, 22; Dayton, 22; Central Connecticut State, 19; North Alabama, 11; Bryant, 10; Idaho, 10; Alabama A&M, 9; Villanova, 8; Morgan State, 7; Richmond, 4; Southeast Missouri State, 2; Brown, 1; Butler, 1; UT Rio Grande Valley, 1.

MISSOURI VALLEY FOOTBALL CONFERENCE

2026 MVFC STANDINGS

School	Conference	PF	PA	Overall	PF	PA
Youngstown State	6-1	260	180	8-2	406	248
South Dakota State	5-1	182	100	8-2	369	162
South Dakota	4-2	198	145	7-3	360	249
North Dakota	4-3	235	175	7-4	393	279
Illinois State	3-3	143	146	7-3	337	193
Southern Illinois	3-3	143	137	5-5	240	257
Northern Iowa	3-3	151	157	4-5	231	260
Indiana State	0-6	126	242	2-8	247	360
Murray State	0-6	112	288	1-9	167	431

RECENT SCORES AND UPCOMING GAMES

Saturday, Nov. 7

*Youngstown State 62, Murray State 35
*South Dakota State 41, Northern Iowa 15
*North Dakota 49, Illinois State 21
*Southern Illinois 37, Indiana State 20

Saturday, Nov. 14

*Illinois State at Youngstown State, 11 a.m.
*Murray State at Indiana State, noon
*Northern Iowa at South Dakota, 1 p.m.
*South Dakota State at Southern Illinois, 1 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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DEPTH CHART AT SOUTHERN ILLINOIS

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.
or	76	Kenyon BigBow, 6-5, 300, Jr., Anadarko, Okla.
	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.
	63	Kyan Rauk, 6-8, 305, So., Northfield, Minn.
TE	82	Coleman Kuntz, 6-3, 245, Sr., Beaumont, Calif.
and/or	10	Brayden Delahoyde, 6-5, 245, So., Spearfish, S.D.
	88	GREYTON GANNON, 6-4, 235, Sr., Eagle, Wis.
or	43	Andrew Gustad, 6-1, 250, Gr., Volin, 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.
	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, Iowa
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
DT	51	LOGAN GREEN, 6-4, 300, Sr., Northboro, Iowa
	36	Bergan Tetzlaff, 6-5, 270, Fr., Brookings, S.D.
or	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.
	40	Liam Shaw, 6-3, 255, R-Fr., Muskego, Wis.
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.
	21	Myles Green, 6-0, 185, So., Homewood, Ill.
SS	3	Dontay Johnson, 6-2, 190, Sr., Fort Collins, Colo.
or	27	Noah Thompson, 6-0, 185, Sr., Brandon, S.D.
	24	Max Stanard, 5-11, 205, So., Manhattan, Kan.
CB	2	Amaje Parker, 6-0, 195, Jr., Charlottesville, Va.
or	6	Paul Kim, 5-11, 190, Jr., Janesville, Wis.

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
or	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.
or	2	Jack Smith, 6-0, 195, So., Sioux Falls, S.D.
Holder	41	MAX PELHAM, 6-1, 205, Grad., Ankeny, Iowa
	16	Jack Henry, 6-2, 215, So., Dell Rapids, S.D.
KOR	6	Ramon McKinney Jr., 5-10, 190, Jr., Waxahachie, Texas
	23	James Basinger, 5-10, 205, So., Littleton, Colo.
or	21	Myles Green, 6-0, 185, So., Homewood, Ill.
PR	21	Myles Green, 6-0, 185, So., Homewood, Ill.
	2	Jack Smith, 6-0, 195, So., Sioux Falls, S.D.

COACHING AND SUPPORT STAFF

Head Coach: Dan Jackson
Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks; Eric Eidsness
Defensive Coordinator: Brian Bergstrom
Special Teams Coordinator: Isaiah Jackson
Run Game Coordinator/Offensive Line: Mike Bangtson
Pass Game Coordinator/Wide Receivers: Luke Bengtson
Tight Ends: Vince Benedetto
Linebackers: Zane Busekist
Running Backs/Recruiting Coordinator: Deontae Cooper
Defensive Run Game Coordinator/Defensive Line: Logan McCormick
Defensive Pass Game Coordinator/Defensive Backs: Marcus McLin
Quality Control: Caleb Baker (offensive line), Kobe Clayborne (linebackers), DyShawn Gales (defensive backs), Emmitt Grossbard (special teams), Cade Haberman (defensive line), Noah Kent (defensive backs), Jade Lawrence (linebackers), C.J. Pickrel (quarterbacks), Noah Vedral (wide receivers)
Video Coordinator: Brock Swanson
General Manager: Tyler Wrice
Director of Football Operations: Ethan Beisner
Assistant Director of Football Operations: Grant Poppen
Director of Football Performance: Nathan Morris
Football Equipment: Steven Veach
Sports Medicine: Charlie Miller, Hallie Hawe, Megan Blomberg



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.
61/83	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 • 17-7 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

#3/3 SDSU 41, SOUTHERN ILLINOIS 10

Nov. 16, 2024 • Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium (Att.: 17,268)

South Dakota State scored 28 points in the second quarter for the second week in a row, rolling to a 41-10 victory over Southern Illinois in the Jackrabbits' regular season home finale Nov. 16 at Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium.

With the Senior Day win, third-ranked SDSU won for the fourth time in a row to improve to 9-2 overall and 6-1 in the Missouri Valley Football Conference. The Salukis dropped to 3-8 overall and 1-6 in league play.

The Jackrabbits scored on five of their six first-half offensive possessions and were led offensively by a career day from running back Amar Johnson. The senior from O'Fallon, Missouri, set the tone on his first carry of the game, picking up 43 yards to set up a 24-yard field goal by Hunter Dustman to close out the Jackrabbits' first drive of the game.

Meanwhile, SIU turned the ball over on downs on each of its first two possessions and didn't convert a third-down attempt until midway through the third quarter.

After Angel Johnson scored on a 5-yard run on the second play of the second quarter for a 10-0 Jackrabbit lead, SDSU quickly went up by three scores after the first of two interceptions by safety Matthew Durrance gave the Jackrabbits the ball at the SIU 20. Six plays later, quarterback Mark Gronowski plunged in from a yard out.

SDSU built its lead to 31-0 with two more touchdowns in the back half of the second quarter. Amar Johnson clicked off a 33-yard rush before scoring on a 9-yard touchdown run with 3:31 to play in the half, then the Jackrabbits marched 78 yards on eight plays in a two-minute situation that included pass plays of 32 and 22 yards to Angel Johnson and Lofton O'Groske, respectively, to lead to a 4-yard scoring run by Kirby Vorhees.

The Jackrabbits put their final tallies on the board on their first two drives of the second half. Dustman connected on a 39-yard field goal on the first possession, which was followed by a 3-yard touchdown run by Amar Johnson, who finished the afternoon with a career-high 157 yards on 14 carries while adding three receptions for 34 yards.

As a team, SDSU rushed for 288 yards and held a 503-233 advantage in total offense.

The Salukis ended SDSU's shutout bid with a 48-yard touchdown pass from backup quarterback Michael Lindauer to Allen Middleton on a fourth-and-6 play late in the third quarter. The touchdown marked the first third-quarter points the SDSU defense has allowed in MVFC play this season.

Gronowski put together another efficient passing day by completing 11-of-17 attempts for 185 yards. Griffin Wilde shared team-high honors with three catches for 50 yards.

SIU starting quarterback Jake Curry was good on 8-of-15 passes for 54 yards, while Lindauer compiled a 12-for-17 day through the air for 145 yards. Keontez Lewis hauled in six receptions for 59 yards, with Middleton collecting five catches for 94 yards.

The Salukis mustered only 34 rushing yards against an SDSU squad that entered the contest ranked seventh in the Football Championship Subdivision against the run by allowing 101.8 yards per contest.

Graham Spalding paced the Jackrabbit defense with six tackles, including one for loss. Durrance and Chase Van Tol each registered four stops.

Ubayd Steed led all players with 12 tackles for SIU.



Matthew Durrance intercepted two passes and registered four solo tackles in South Dakota State's 41-10 home victory over Southern Illinois.

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Southern Illinois (3-8, 1-6)	0	0	7	3	10
South Dakota State (9-2, 6-1)	3	28	10	0	41

SCORING SUMMARY

1st	8:08	SDSU	– Hunter Dustman 24 yd field goal
2nd	14:14	SDSU	– Angel Johnson 5 yd run (Dustman kick)
2nd	9:25	SDSU	– Mark Gronowski 1 yd run (Dustman kick)
2nd	3:31	SDSU	– Amar Johnson 9 yd run (Dustman kick)
2nd	00:29	SDSU	– Kirby Vorhees 4 yd run (Dustman kick)
3rd	12:46	SDSU	– Dustman 39 yd field goal
3rd	6:00	SDSU	– Amar Johnson 3 yd run (Dustman kick)
3rd	3:16	SIU	– Allen Middleton 48 yd pass from Michael Lindauer (Paul Geelen kick)
4th	2:17	SIU	– Geelen 36 yd field goal

TEAM STATISTICS	SIU	SDSU
FIRST DOWNS	12	24
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	18-34	49-288
PASSING YDS (NET)	199	215
Passes Att-Comp-Int	32-20-2	21-13-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	50-233	70-503
Punt Returns-Yards	1-4	0-0
Kickoff Returns-Yards	3-61	2-29
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	2-12
Punts (Number-Avg)	4-38.8	2-43.5
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	6-45	8-75
Possession Time	21:39	38:21
Third-Down Conversions	1 of 10	9 of 15
Fourth-Down Conversions	1 of 3	1 of 1
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	1-1	6-7
Sacks By: Number-Yards	0-0	2-3

RUSHING LEADERS: SIU - Jerrian Parker 6-20; Willtrell Hartson 3-7; Allen Middleton 2-6; Michael Lindauer 4-4; Jake Curry 1-1; Jimmy Athans 1-0; Keontez Lewis 1-(-4). SDSU - Amar Johnson 14-157; Angel Johnson 9-50; Kirby Vorhees 9-39; Brenden Begeman 10-37; Quinton Renfro 2-6; Mark Gronowski 3-5; Jon Bell 1-(-5). **PASSING LEADERS:** SIU - Jake Curry 8-15-1 54; Michael Lindauer 12-17-1 145. SDSU - Mark Gronowski 11-17-0 185; Jon Bell 2-4-0 30. **RECEIVING LEADERS:** SIU - Keontez Lewis 6-59; Allen Middleton 5-94; Colton Hoag 3-14; Vinson Davis III 2-16. SDSU - Griffin Wilde 3-50; Amar Johnson 3-39; Angel Johnson 2-47; David Alpers 2-33; Lofton O'Groske 1-22; Marcus Preston 1-18; Kentrell Prejean 1-6 **INTERCEPTIONS:** SIU - none. SDSU - Matthew Durrance 2-12. **SACKS:** SIU - none. SDSU - Kobe Clayborne 1.0-2; Daeton Mcgaughy 1.0-1. **TACKLE LEADERS (UA-A-TOT):** SIU - Ubayd Steed 6-6-12; Ben Bogle 3-4-7; Andrew Behm 3-1-4; Jamir Conn 3-1-4; Sebastian Vargas 0-4-4. SDSU - Graham Spalding 3-3-6; Matthew Durrance 4-0-4; Chase Van Tol 2-2-4; Dalys Beanum 2-1-3; Kobe Clayborne 2-1-3; Trey Ridley 2-1-3; Joe Ollman 0-3-3.

VERSUS RANKED OPPONENTS

Since moving to the Football Championship Subdivision at the start of the 2004 season, the Jackrabbits have compiled an 80-59 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 **3-1 record**
- vs. #9/9 Youngstown State (W, 27-20)
- at #10/11 Illinois State (W, 31-14)
- at #11/15 North Dakota (L, 10-21)
- vs. #6/6 South Dakota (W, 31-21)

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
*	10/17/2026	at North Dakota	L	10-21	12922
*	10/24/2026	Murray St.	W	42-9	19302
*	10/31/2026	South Dakota	W	31-21	18902
*	11/07/2026	at UNI	W	41-15	10037

Rushing

Player	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Josiah Johnson	10	173	1067	6	1061	6.1	12	56	106.1
James Basinger	10	74	755	11	744	10.1	10	66	74.4
Corey Blair	10	41	293	1	292	7.1	3	61	29.2
Ramon McKinney Jr.	7	20	150	2	148	7.4	2	27	21.1
Chase Mason	8	47	193	72	121	2.6	2	18	15.1
Josh Holst	7	13	79	23	56	4.3	0	18	8.0
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	6	8	42	0	42	5.3	0	13	7.0
Dominic Rezac	10	3	15	0	15	5.0	0	6	1.5
Andrew Gustad	10	1	7	0	7	7.0	0	7	0.7
Lofton O'Groske	9	3	6	1	5	1.7	0	5	0.6
Team	10	6	0	5	-5	-0.8	0	0	-0.5
Total	**10**	**409**	**2715**	**122**	**2593**	**6.3**	**30**	**66**	**259.3**
Opponents	**10**	**326**	**1274**	**227**	**1047**	**3.2**	**10**	**80**	**104.7**

Passing

Player	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
Chase Mason	8	140.7	107-192-1	55.7	1613	9	73	201.6
Josh Holst	7	141.3	40-69-0	58.0	488	5	78	69.7
Jack Henry	6	39.2	2-3-1	66.7	14	0	13	2.3
Jack Smith	10	0.0	0-1-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
Total	**10**	**139.2**	**149-265-2**	**56.2**	**2115**	**14**	**78**	**211.5**
Opponents	**10**	**121.2**	**177-295-3**	**60.0**	**1827**	**10**	**71**	**182.7**

Receiving

Player	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Jack Smith	10	39	559	14.3	3	73	55.9
Grahm Goering	10	35	510	14.6	1	43	51.0
Lofton O'Groske	9	29	380	13.1	1	37	42.2
Coleman Kuntz	10	18	231	12.8	1	31	23.1
Greyton Gannon	9	7	113	16.1	3	29	12.6
Brayden Delahoyde	10	6	87	14.5	2	29	8.7
Sammy Dresie	10	3	34	11.3	0	20	3.4
Corey Blair	10	3	16	5.3	0	9	1.6
Landon Dulaney	8	3	102	34.0	1	78	12.8
Ben Brooks	7	2	17	8.5	1	16	2.4
Joe Kolega	10	2	27	13.5	0	14	2.7
Andrew Gustad	10	1	12	12.0	1	12	1.2
Josiah Johnson	10	1	27	27.0	0	27	2.7
Total	**10**	**149**	**2115**	**14.2**	**14**	**78**	**211.5**
Opponents	**10**	**177**	**1827**	**10.3**	**10**	**71**	**182.7**

Game Records

Record	Overall	Home	Away	Neutral
ALL GAMES	8-2	6-0	2-2	0-0
CONFERENCE	5-1	3-0	2-1	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	3-1	3-0	0-1	0-0

Team Statistics

	SDSU	OPP
First Downs	**237**	**157**
Rushing	126	53
Passing	96	85
Penalty	15	19
Rushing Yardage	**2593**	**1047**
Rushing attempts	409	326
Average per rush	6.3	3.2
Average per game	259.3	104.7
TDs Rushing	30	10
Passing Yardage	**2115**	**1827**
Comp-Att-Int	149-265-2	177-295-3
Average per pass	8.0	6.2
Average per catch	14.2	10.3
Average per game	211.5	182.7
TDs Passing	14	10
Total offense	**4708**	**2874**
Average per play	7.0	4.6
Average per game	470.8	287.4
Kick returns: #-Yards	**16-317**	**17-269**
Punt returns: #-Yards	**17-217**	**9-94**
Int returns: #-Yards	**3-40**	**2-4**
Fumbles-Lost	**9-5**	**12-10**
Penalties-Yards	**67-614**	**52-419**
Punts-Avg	**33-47.8**	**58-41.4**
Time of possession / game	**31:08**	**28:52**
3rd-down conversion	**51/127**	**47/138**
4th-down conversion	**14/18**	**8/19**
PAT-attempts	**(44-44) 100%**	**(19-19) 100%**
2-point conversion-attempts	**(1-2) 50%**	**(1-1) 100%**

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**

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Field Goals

Player	fg	pct.	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	lg	blk
Tristan Alvano	15-20	75.0	0-0	5-5	6-7	3-6	1-2	50	0
Opponents	**7-10**	**70.0**	**0-0**	**0-0**	**6-7**	**0-1**	**1-2**	**51**	**0**

Scoring

			PAT						
Player	**td**	**fg**	**kick**	**rush**	**rcv**	**pass**	**dxp**	**saf**	**pts**
Tristan Alvano	-	15-20	44-44	-	-	-	-	-	89
Josiah Johnson	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	72
James Basinger	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	60
Greyton Gannon	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
Jack Smith	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
Corey Blair	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
Chase Mason	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Ramon McKinney Jr.	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Brayden Delahoyde	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Grahm Goering	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Coleman Kuntz	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Andrew Gustad	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
Jack Henry	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	2
Total	**46**	**15-20**	**44-44**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**369**
Opponents	**20**	**7-10**	**19-19**	**0**	**1**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**162**

Score by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	TOT
South Dakota St.	76	117	122	54	0	369
Opponents	14	57	21	70	0	162

Punting

Player	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+	blk
Max Pelham	33	1577	47.8	83	5	10	12	11	0
Total	**33**	**1577**	**47.8**	**83**	**5**	**10**	**12**	**11**	**0**
Opponents	**58**	**2402**	**41.4**	**66**	**5**	**14**	**14**	**11**	**0**

Punt Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Alex Uchtman	9	135	15.0	1	65
Myles Green	6	79	13.2	0	39
Jack Smith	2	3	1.5	0	3
Total	**17**	**217**	**12.8**	**1**	**65**
Opponents	**9**	**94**	**10.4**	**0**	**31**

Kick Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Ramon McKinney Jr.	8	197	24.6	0	46
Brayden Delahoyde	2	13	6.5	0	8
Luke Krempges	2	28	14.0	0	15
Alex Uchtman	2	63	31.5	0	50
Jack Smith	1	16	16.0	0	16
Myles Green	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total	**16**	**317**	**19.8**	**0**	**50**
Opponents	**17**	**269**	**15.8**	**0**	**34**

All Purpose

Player	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g
Josiah Johnson	10	1061	27	0	0	0	1088	108.8
James Basinger	10	744	0	0	0	0	744	74.4
Jack Smith	10	0	559	3	16	0	578	57.8
Grahm Goering	10	0	510	0	0	0	510	51.0
Lofton O'Groske	9	5	380	0	0	0	385	42.8
Ramon McKinney Jr.	7	148	0	0	197	0	345	49.3
Corey Blair	10	292	16	0	0	0	308	30.8
Coleman Kuntz	10	0	231	0	0	0	231	23.1
Alex Uchtman	7	0	0	135	63	0	198	28.3
Chase Mason	8	121	0	0	0	0	121	15.1
Greyton Gannon	9	0	113	0	0	0	113	12.6
Myles Green	10	0	0	79	0	31	110	11.0
Landon Dulaney	8	0	102	0	0	0	102	12.8
Brayden Delahoyde	10	0	87	0	13	0	100	10.0
Josh Holst	7	56	0	0	0	0	56	8.0
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	6	42	0	0	0	0	42	7.0
Sammy Dresie	10	0	34	0	0	0	34	3.4
Luke Krempges	9	0	0	0	28	0	28	3.1
Joe Kolega	10	0	27	0	0	0	27	2.7
Andrew Gustad	10	7	12	0	0	0	19	1.9
Ben Brooks	7	0	17	0	0	0	17	2.4
Dominic Rezac	10	15	0	0	0	0	15	1.5
Joe Ollman	10	0	0	0	0	9	9	0.9
Total	**10**	**2593**	**2115**	**217**	**317**	**40**	**5282**	**528.2**
Opponents	**10**	**1047**	**1827**	**94**	**269**	**4**	**3241**	**324.1**

Total Offense

Player	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
Chase Mason	8	239	121	1613	1734	216.8
Josiah Johnson	10	173	1061	0	1061	106.1
James Basinger	10	74	744	0	744	74.4
Josh Holst	7	82	56	488	544	77.7
Corey Blair	10	41	292	0	292	29.2
Ramon McKinney Jr.	7	20	148	0	148	21.1
Jack Henry	6	11	42	14	56	9.3
Jay'Veon Scott	2	11	56	0	56	28.0
Josh Myers	3	9	51	0	51	17.0
Dominic Rezac	10	3	15	0	15	1.5
Andrew Gustad	10	1	7	0	7	0.7
Lofton O'Groske	9	3	5	0	5	0.6
Total	**10**	**674**	**2593**	**2115**	**4708**	**470.8**
Opponents	**10**	**621**	**1047**	**1827**	**2874**	**287.4**

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	10	28	37	65	4-6	.	.	2	1	1-0	.	.	.
5	Cullen McShane	10	24	36	60	6.5-23	3-18	.	.	3	.	.	.	.
3	Dontay Johnson	10	31	22	53	0.5-0	.	.	3	.	.	.	.	.
28	Chase Van Tol	9	26	22	48	2.5-6	.	.	4	1	2-0	1	.	.
4	Michael Farr	10	19	15	34	1.5-4	.	.	3	.	1-0	.	.	.
27	Noah Thompson	9	12	12	24	2-2	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
2	Amaje Parker	10	13	10	23	1-7	.	.	1	.	.	1	.	.
33	Bryce Johnson	10	9	13	22	1-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
97	Blake Leiferman	10	8	14	22	1.5-13	1.5-13	.	1	1	1-0	.	.	.
11	Joe Ollman	10	6	14	20	.	.	1-9	2	.	.	.	.	.
99	Dawson Ripperda	10	8	12	20	3-13	.	.	1	5	.	.	.	.
1	Ife Current	10	12	6	18	.	.	.	3	.	.	.	.	.
7	Noah St-Juste	10	11	7	18	.	.	1-0	6	.	.	.	.	.
24	Max Stanard	10	9	9	18	1-1	.	.	1	.	.	1	.	.
0	Carter Sitzman	10	7	10	17	7-38	2.5-22	.	2	3	.	1	.	1
6	Paul Kim	10	10	7	17	0.5-1	.	.	6	.	.	.	.	.
21	Myles Green	10	10	7	17	1-6	.	1-31	.	.	1-5	1	.	.
8	Reis Kirschenman	10	7	9	16	6.5-36	3-30	.	.	1	1-0	1	.	.
51	Logan Green	10	7	8	15	5.5-19	3.5-16	.	.	4	.	1	.	.
91	Jace Sifore	10	4	10	14	1.5-6	1-5	.	3	1	1-4	.	.	.
52	Brody Targgart	10	1	10	11	0.5-6	0.5-6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
49	Luke Krempges	9	4	6	10	2-5	0.5-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
40	Liam Shaw	8	3	5	8	1-5	1-5	.	.	2	.	.	.	.
36	Bergan Tetzlaff	9	4	4	8	2-12	2-12	.	1	.	1-10	.	.	.
9	Matt Goehring	9	4	3	7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
47	Kytan Fyfe	10	3	4	7	1-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
15	Jamari Holliman	10	5	1	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
16	Noah Luginbill	5	1	5	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
96	Rhett Schaefer	10	1	4	5	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
46	Maverick LeBrun	8	2	3	5	1.5-16	1-16	.	1	.	.	1	.	.
38	Landin Jackson	10	2	3	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
94	Ashton Sayre	7	2	2	4	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
39	Beau Bakken	10	3	1	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
80	Zac Van Meeteren	9	3	1	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
13	Emeir White	7	1	3	4	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
26	Barry Fries	3	2	2	4	1-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
48	Jack Nash	3	1	2	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
50	Kayden Oakland	3	1	2	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
45	Boden Schiller	6	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
90	Daniel Bradley	2	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
57	Sam Christensen	4	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
44	Casey Larson	4	.	2	2	0.5-2	0.5-2	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
14	Reese Osgood	10	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
2	Jack Smith	10	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
59	Carson Strohbeen	10	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
98	Mac Muller	5	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
56	John Pica	10	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
93	Cale Buntz	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
17	Micah Bush	2	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
35	Mitchell Guthmiller	2	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
54	Brady Schroedermeier	4	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.
	Totals	**10**	**314**	**348**	**662**	**56-231**	**20-147**	**3-40**	**43**	**23**	**10-19**	**10**	**0**	**1**
	Opponents	10	370	280	650	24-98	11-74	2-4	39	18	5-0	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	10-21	18 / 17	7 / 9	10 / 7	1 / 1	33-157 / 45-175	14-34-0 / 10-16-0	169 / 116	67-326 / 61-291	60 / 69	0 / 1
Murray State	42-9	28 / 17	10 / 6	14 / 8	4 / 3	41-199 / 29-75	22-34-0 / 21-35-0	235 / 174	75-434 / 64-249	34 / 43	1 / 1
South Dakota	31-21	26 / 13	12 / 1	13 / 9	1 / 3	49-227 / 27-19	16-26-0 / 21-27-0	232 / 233	75-459 / 54-252	67 / 25	1 / 1
Northern Iowa	41-15	20 / 17	12 / 5	7 / 9	1 / 3	35-259 / 31-74	13-22-0 / 25-41-0	208 / 186	57-467 / 72-260	34 / 24	0 / 0
Southern Illinois											
Indiana State											
Totals	**369-162**	**237 / 157**	**126 / 53**	**96 / 85**	**15 / 19**	**409-2,593 / 326-1,047**	**149-265-2 / 177-295-3**	**2,115 / 1,827**	**674-4,708 / 621-2,874**	**593 / 367**	**7 / 13**

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	4-15	0-2	2-7	2-3	0-3
Murray State	10-15	3-4	0-2	5-6	2-3
South Dakota	5-13	0-2	2-3	1-2	2-6
Northern Iowa	3-8	2-4	0-2	1-1	0-1
Southern Illinois					
Indiana State					
Totals	**51-127**	**17-33**	**9-30**	**15-30**	**10-34**
	40.2%	**51.5%**	**30.0%**	**50.0%**	**29.4%**
Opponents	**47-138**	**11-32**	**11-36**	**9-33**	**16-37**
	34.1%	**34.4%**	**30.6%**	**37.3%**	**43.2%**

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	1-3	0-1	1-2	0-0	0-0
Murray State	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
South Dakota	2-2	1-1	0-0	0-0	1-1
Northern Iowa	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Southern Illinois					
Indiana State					
Totals	**14-18**	**3-5**	**2-4**	**4-4**	**5-5**
	77.8%	**60.0%**	**50.0%**	**100.0%**	**100.0%**
Opponents	**8-19**	**0-2**	**4-5**	**1-3**	**3-9**
	42.1%	**0.0%**	**80.0%**	**33.3%**	**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	27:46	4:00	9:45	7:48	6:13
Murray State	33:54	9:21	7:28	9:16	7:49
South Dakota	33:55	10:07	8:37	3:35	11:36
Northern Iowa	26:24	6:36	9:33	3:48	6:27
Southern Illinois					
Indiana State					
Totals	**311:21**	**75:48**	**83:41**	**71:23**	**80:29**
Avg.	**31:08**	**7:35**	**8:22**	**7:08**	**8:03**
Opponents	**288:39**	**74:12**	**66:19**	**78:37**	**69:31**
Avg.	**28:52**	**7:25**	**6:38**	**7:52**	**6:57**

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	6-50	4-35
Murray State	7-80	6-60
South Dakota	5-68	3-25
Northern Iowa	8-74	6-37
Southern Illinois		
Indiana State		
Totals	**67-614**	**52-409**

GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

GAME-BY-GAME STARTERS

OFFENSE

Opponent	LT	LG	C	RG	RT	TE	WR	WR	WR/TE/RB	QB	RB
Stetson	Q. Christensen	Paepke	Willenbring	Kerstin	Pica	Kuntz	Goering	Smith	Gustad(TE)	Mason	J. Johnson
Northwestern	Q. Christensen	Paepke	Willenbring	Kerstin	Pica	Kuntz	Goering	Smith	O'Groske (WR)	Mason	J. Johnson
New Haven	Q. Christensen	Paepke	Willenbring	Kerstin	BigBow	Kuntz	Goering	O'Groske	Gannon (TE)	Mason	J. Johnson
Youngstown St.	Q. Christensen	Paepke	Willenbring	Kerstin	Pica	Delahoyde	Goering	O'Groske	Gannon (TE)	Mason	J. Johnson
Eastern Illinois	Q. Christensen	Paepke	Willenbring	Kerstin	Pica	Kuntz	Goering	Smith	O'Groske (WR)	Holst	J. Johnson
Illinois State	Q. Christensen	Paepke	Willenbring	Kerstin	Pica	Kuntz	Goering	Smith	O'Groske (WR)	Holst	J. Johnson
North Dakota	Q. Christensen	Paepke	Willenbring	Kerstin	Pica	Kuntz	Goering	O'Groske	Delahoyde (TE)	Mason	J. Johnson
Murray State	Q. Christensen	Paepke	Willenbring	Kerstin	Pica	Kuntz	Goering	Smith	O'Groske (WR)	Mason	J. Johnson
South Dakota	Q. Christensen	Paepke	Willenbring	Kerstin	Pica	Kuntz	Goering	O'Groske	Delahoyde (TE)	Mason	J. Johnson
Northern Iowa	Q. Christensen	Paepke	Willenbring	BigBow	Pica	Kuntz	Goering	O'Groske	Delahoyde (TE)	Mason	J. Johnson
Southern Illinois	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx
Indiana State	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx
xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx
xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx

DEFENSE

Opponent	DE	DT	DT	DE	WLB	MLB	SLB	CB	SS	FS	CB
Stetson	Ripperda	Sifore	L. Green	Kirschenman	McShane	Krcil	Van Tol	St-Juste	D. Johnson	Parker	M. Green
Northwestern	Ripperda	Sifore	L. Green	Kirschenman	McShane	Krcil	Van Tol	Current	D. Johnson	Parker	M. Green
New Haven	Ripperda	Sifore	L. Green	Kirschenman	McShane	Krcil	Farr (S)	St-Juste	D. Johnson	Parker	M. Green
Youngstown St.	Ripperda	Sifore	Sitzman	Kirschenman	McShane	Krcil	Van Tol	St-Juste	D. Johnson	Farr	M. Green
Eastern Illinois	Ripperda	Sifore	L. Green	Kirschenman	McShane	Krcil	Van Tol	St-Juste	D. Johnson	Farr	Kim
Illinois State	Ripperda	Sifore	L. Green	Kirschenman	McShane	Krcil	Van Tol	St-Juste	D. Johnson	Farr	Kim
North Dakota	Ripperda	Sifore	L. Green	Kirschenman	McShane	Krcil	Van Tol	St-Juste	D. Johnson	Farr	Kim
Murray State	Ripperda	Sifore	L. Green	Kirschenman	McShane	Krcil	Van Tol	St-Juste	D. Johnson	Farr	Kim
South Dakota	Ripperda	Sifore	L. Green	Kirschenman	McShane	Krcil	Van Tol	St-Juste	D. Johnson	Farr	Kim
Northern Iowa	Ripperda	Sifore	L. Green	Kirschenman	McShane	Krcil	Van Tol	St-Juste	Thompson	Farr	Kim
Southern Illinois	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx
Indiana State	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx
xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx
xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx

RED-ZONE STATISTICS

SOUTH DAKOTA STATE

Opponent	Times in RZ	Scores	Pts	TDs	FGM-FGA TO/Downs/Half	
Stetson	5	4	28	4	0-0	0/0/1
Northwestern	7	5	18	1	4-5	0/0/1
New Haven	3	3	13	1	2-2	0/0/0
Youngstown State	6	4	24	3	1-1	1/0/1
Eastern Illinois	5	2	14	2	0-1	0/1/1
Illinois State	2	2	10	1	1-1	0/0/0
North Dakota	1	1	3	0	1-1	0/0/0
Murray State	7	7	42	5	2-2	0/0/0
South Dakota	6	5	31	4	1-2	0/0/0
Northern Iowa	4	3	21	3	0-0	0/0/1
Southern Illinois						
Indiana State						
SDSU Totals	**46**	**36**	**204**	**24**	**12/15**	**1/1/5**

OPPONENTS

Opponent	Times in RZ	Scores	Pts	TDs	FGM-FGA TO/Downs/Half	
Stetson	3	1	7	1	0-0	0/2/0
Northwestern	5	5	27	3	2-2	0/0/0
New Haven	1	1	7	1	0-0	0/0/0
Youngstown State	4	4	20	2	2-2	0/0/0
Eastern Illinois	1	1	7	1	0-0	0/0/0
Illinois State	2	2	14	2	0-0	0/0/0
North Dakota	1	1	7	1	0-0	0/0/0
Murray State	3	2	6	0	2-3	0/0/0
South Dakota	1	1	7	1	0-0	0/0/0
Northern Iowa	2	2	15	2	0-0	0/0/0
Southern Illinois						
Indiana State						
Opponent Totals	**23**	**20**	**117**	**14**	**6-7**	**0/2/0**

JACKRABBIT SCORING DRIVES

VS. STETSON

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

Note: SDSU also returned punt 65 yards for touchdown

AT NORTHWESTERN

Q2	12-77	06:12	Tristan Alvano 21 yd field goal [1]	After punt
Q2	7-36	02:22	Tristan Alvano 33 yd field goal [2]	After punt
Q3	7-17	03:23	Tristan Alvano 27 yd field goal [3]	After punt
Q3	13-69	04:51	Tristan Alvano 26 yd field goal [4]	After kickoff
Q4	9-75	05:16	Josiah Johnson 2 yd run [3]	After kickoff

VS. NEW HAVEN

Q1	15-67	06:12	Tristan Alvano 31 yd field goal [5]	After kickoff
Q1/2	14-66	06:04	Chase Mason 1 yd run [1]	Downs
Q2	9-99	04:35	Ramon McKinney Jr. 22 yd run [2]	After punt
Q2	5-50	02:16	Tristan Alvano 36 yd field goal [6]	After safety/free kick
Q2	1-25	00:05	Coleman Kuntz 25 yd pass from Chase Mason [1]	After fumble
Q2	3-55	00:20	Greyton Gannon 24 yd pass from Chase Mason [1]	After punt
Q3	3-43	01:16	Greyton Gannon 29 yd pass from Chase Mason [2]	After punt
Q3	1-27	00:09	James Basinger 27 yd run [2]	After fumble
Q4	2-59	00:48	James Basinger 55 yd run [3]	After punt

VS. YOUNGSTOWN STATE

Q1	11-84	06:05	Josiah Johnson 4 yd run [4]	After kickoff
Q2	7-71	02:41	Chase Mason 18 yd run [2]	After kickoff
Q2	5-17	00:35	Tristan Alvano 27 yd field goal [7]	After interception
Q3	8-80	04:14	Josiah Johnson 16 yd run [5]	After punt
Q3	10-50	04:32	Tristan Alvano 43 yd field goal [8]	After kickoff

VS. EASTERN ILLINOIS

Q1	6-75	03:04	Josiah Johnson 18 yd run [6]	After kickoff
Q2	8-75	03:42	James Basinger 39 yd run [4]	After kickoff
Q3	1-48	00:09	James Basinger 48 yd run [5]	Downs
Q3	1-61	00:06	Corey Blair Jr. 61 yd run [3]	After punt
Q3	5-90	03:35	Josiah Johnson 55 yd run [7]	After punt
Q4	7-39	03:01	Ben Brooks 16 yd pass from Josh Holst [1]	After fumble

AT ILLINOIS STATE

Q1	3-38	01:26	Lofton O'Groske 33 yd pass from Josh Holst [1]	Downs
Q2	8-82	03:49	Tristan Alvano 31 yd field goal [9]	After punt
Q3	11-80	06:19	Greyton Gannon 7 yd pass from Josh Holst [3]	After punt
Q3	3-83	01:40	James Basinger 66 yd run [6]	After punt

Note: SDSU also returned interception 31 yards for touchdown

AT NORTH DAKOTA

Q2	8-22	01:53	Tristan Alvano 30 yd field goal [10]	After fumble
Q3	3-74	01:18	James Basinger 63 yd run [7]	After kickoff

VS. MURRAY STATE

Q1	9-84	04:16	Josiah Johnson 9 yd run [8]	After punt
Q1	7-79	03:32	Grahm Goering 18 yd pass from Chase Mason 1[]	After punt
Q2	7-32	02:57	Tristan Alvano 45 yd field goal [11]	After kickoff
Q2	6-17	03:18	Tristan Alvano 23 yd field goal [12]	After fumble
Q2	7-57	01:02	James Basinger 4 yd run [8]	After kickoff
Q3	14-80	06:09	Josiah Johnson 3 yd run [9]	After missed FG
Q4	12-71	05:58	Andrew Gustad 12 yd pass from Josh Holst [1]	Downs

SCORING DRIVE SUMMARY

TYPE OF SCORING DRIVE

Touchdowns	44
Field Goals	15

BY NUMBER OF PLAYS

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

BY YARDS

0-9	1
10-19	3
20-29	5
30-39	6
40-49	3
50-59	8
60-69	8
70-79	12
80-89	10
90-99	3

BY TIME

Less than 1:00	12
1:00-1:59	9
2:00-2:59	9
3:00-3:59	13
4:00-4:59	6
5:00-5:59	3
6:00-6:59	7

OFFENSIVE TOUCHDOWNS BY YARDAGE

0-9	14
10-19	8
20-29	9
30-39	3
40-49	1
50-59	3
60-69	4
70-79	2

JACKRABBIT SCORING DRIVES

VS. SOUTH DAKOTA

Q1	12-87	06:28	James Basinger 2 yd run [9]	After punt
Q2	8-64	04:12	Jack Smith 3 yd pass from Chase Mason [2]	After punt
Q2	6-80	03:06	Brayden Delahoyde 11 yd pass from Chase Mason [1]	After punt
Q3	7-34	03:10	Josiah Johnson 5 yd run [10]	After punt
Q4	8-59	01:49	Tristan Alvano 34 yd field goal [13]	After kickoff

AT NORTHERN IOWA

Q1	4-63	02:14	Jack Smith 22 yd pass from Chase Mason [3]	After punt
Q1	5-27	02:01	Tristan Alvano 50 yd field goal [14]	After punt
Q2	8-73	03:58	Josiah Johnson 1 yd run [11]	After punt
Q3	7-80	02:37	Josiah Johnson 3 yd run [12]	Downs
Q3	3-36	01:11	Brayden Delahoyde 8 yd pass from Chase Mason [2]	After punt
Q4	1-63	00:10	James Basinger 63 yd run [10]	Downs
Q4	8-49	03:40	Tristan Alvano 42 yd field goal [15]	After kickoff

TOP PERFORMANCES

100-YARD RUSHERS [10]

JAMES BASINGER (4)

110 • vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026 (8 att.)
116 • vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-26-2026 (9 att.)
101 • at North Dakota, 10-17-2026 (11 att.)
102 • at Northern Iowa, 11-7-2026 (9 att.)

JOSIAH JOHNSON (5)

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.)
126 • vs. South Dakota, 10-31-2026 (23 att.)
109 • at Northern Iowa, 11-7-2026 (14 att.)

COREY BLAIR JR. (1)

107 • vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026 (8 att.)

100-YARD RECEIVERS [1]

GRAHM GOERING (1)

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

300-YARD PASSERS

none

DOUBLE-DIGIT TACKLERS [9]

DONTAY JOHNSON (2)

13 • at Illinois State, 10-3-2026 (10 solo, 3 ast.)
12 • at North Dakota, 10-17-2026 (6-6)

JES KRCIL (3)

12 • vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-26-2026 (6-6)
12 • at North Dakota, 10-17-2026 (4-8)
10 • at Northern Iowa, 11-7-2026 (2-8)

CULLEN MCSHANE (3)

12 • at Illinois State, 10-3-2026 (3-9)
10 • at North Dakota, 10-17-2026 (5-5)
10 • vs. Murray State, 10-24-2026 (4-6)

CHASE VAN TOL (1)

10 • vs. South Dakota, 10-31-2026 (5-5)

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: 17, vs. South Dakota, 10-31-2026
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, four times (last: vs. South Dakota, 10-31-2026)
Long Reception: 9 yards, vs. South Dakota, 10-31-2026
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: 3, at North Dakota, 10-17-2026
Kickoff Return Yards: 64, at North Dakota, 10-17-2026
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, seven times (last: vs. Murray State, 10-24-2026)
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, and at Northern Iowa, 11-7-2026
Receiving Yards: 14, at Northern Iowa, 11-7-2026
Long Reception: 14 yards, at Northern Iowa, 11-7-2026
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, three times (last: vs. Murray State, 10-24-2026)
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, and at North Dakota, 10-17-2026
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: 2, vs. South Dakota, 10-31-2026, and at Northern Iowa, 11-7-2026
Receiving Yards: 37, at Northern Iowa, 11-7-2026
Long Reception: 29 yards, at Northern Iowa, 11-7-2026
Receiving Touchdowns: 1, four times (last: at Northern Iowa, 11-7-2026)
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, four times (last: vs. Murray State, 10-24-2026)
Receiving Yards: 12 yards, vs. Murray State, 10-24-2026
Long Reception: 12 yards (for TD), vs. Murray State, 10-24-2026
Receiving Touchdowns: 1, four times (last: vs. Murray State, 10-24-2026)
Rushing Attempts: 3, at Youngstown State, 10-4-2025
Rushing Yards: 7, at Youngstown State, 10-4-2025, and vs. Youngstown State, 9-19-2026
Long Rush: 7 yards, vs. Youngstown State, 9-19-2026



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, and at North Dakota, 10-17-2026
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: 50 yards, at Northern Iowa, 11-7-2026
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: 83 yards, vs. South Dakota, 10-31-2026
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: 3, at North Dakota, 10-17-2026
Assisted Tackles: 2, four times (last: at Northern Iowa, 11-7-2026)
Total Tackles: 3, three times (last: vs. South Dakota, 10-31-2026)
Tackles for Loss: 2.5, vs. South Dakota, 10-31-2026
Sacks: 2.0, vs. South Dakota, 10-31-2026
Fumble Recoveries: 1, vs. Sacramento State, 8-30-2025, and at North Dakota, 10-17-2026



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
Kickoff Returns: 2, vs. Murray State, 10-24-2026
Long Kick Return: 15 yards, vs. Murray State, 10-24-2026



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, three times (last: vs. Murray State, 10-24-2026)
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, and at Northern Iowa, 11-7-2026

CAREER HIGHS — DEFENSE

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: 4, at Northern Iowa, 11-7-2026
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, and vs. Murray State, 10-24-2026
Assisted Tackles: 2, three times (last: at Northern Iowa, 11-7-2026)
Total Tackles: 3, three times (last: at Northern Iowa, 11-7-2026)
Tackles for Loss: 2.0 vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026
Sacks: 1.0, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026, and vs. Murray State, 10-24-2026
Safeties: 1, vs. New Haven, 9-12-2026
Forced Fumbles: 1, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026
Pass Breakups: 2, vs. Murray State, 10-24-2026

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: 3, vs. South Dakota, 10-31-2026
Assisted Tackles: 3, at Northern Iowa, 11-7-2026
Total Tackles: 3, six times (last: at Northern Iowa, 11-7-2026)
Tackles for Loss: 2.0, (four times (last: vs. South Dakota, 10-31-2026)
Sacks: 1.5, at Montana State, 9-6-2025
Forced Fumbles: 1, vs. Northern Iowa, 10-14-2023, and vs. Murray State, 10-24-2026
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

CAREER HIGHS — DEFENSE

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, and vs. Murray State, 10-24-2026
Assisted Tackles: 1, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026, and vs. Murray State, 10-24-206
Total Tackles: 2, vs. Murray State, 10-24-2026
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, three times (last: at North Dakota, 10-17-2026)
Tackles For Loss: 1.5, at South Dakota, 11-8-2025
Sacks: 1.0, four times (last: vs. Murray State, 10-24-2025)
Fumble Recoveries: 1, vs. South Dakota, 10-31-2026
Pass Breakups: 1, vs. New Haven, 9-12-2026, and at North Dakota, 10-17-2026
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: 1, vs. Murray State, 10-24-2026
Assisted Tackles: 6, at Northern Iowa, 11-7-2026
Total Tackles: 6, at Northern Iowa, 11-7-2026
Tackles for Loss: 0.5, vs. South Dakota, 10-31-2026



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, and at Northern Iowa, 11-7-2026
Assisted Tackles: 2, at Northern Iowa, 11-7-2026
Total Tackles: 4, vs. Northern Iowa, 11-7-2026
Tackles for Loss: 1.0, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-26-2026, and at Northern Iowa, 11-7-2026
Sacks: 1.0, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-26-2026, and at Northern Iowa, 11-7-2026
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, three times (last: vs. Murray State, 10-24-2026)
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: 8, at North Dakota, 10-17-2026, and at Northern Iowa, 11-7-2026
Total Tackles: 12, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-26-2026, and at North Dakota, 10-17-2026
Tackles for Loss: 1.0, three times (last: vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-26-2026)
Fumble Recoveries: 1, vs. Murray State, 10-24-2026
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, four times (last: vs. South Dakota, 10-31-2026)
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, five times (last: at North Dakota, 10-17-2026)

LINEBACKERS (cont.)



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

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS
Solo Tackles: 1, five times (last: vs. Murray State, 10-24-2026)
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 Tackles: 1, vs. Murray State, 10-24-2026
Assisted Tackles: N/A
Total Tackles: 1, vs. Murray State, 10-24-2026
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: 5, vs. South Dakota, 10-31-2026, and at Norrthern Iowa, 11-7-2026
Total Tackles: 10, vs. South Dakota, 10-31-2026
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, and at North Dakota, 10-17-2026
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, three times (last: at Northern Iowa, 11-7-2026)



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
Tackles for Loss: 0.5, vs. South Dakota, 10-31-2026
Pass Breakups: 2, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-26-2026, and vs. Murray State, 10-24-2026



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

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS
Solo Tackles: 4, at Northern Iowa, 11-7-2026
Assisted Tackles: 2, three times (last: at Northern Iowa, 11-7-2026)
Total Tackles: 6, at Northern Iowa, 11-7-2026
Tackles for Loss: 1.0, vs. Murray State, 10-24-2026
Forced Fumbles: 1, vs. New Haven, 9-12-2026



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, and at Northern Iowa, 11-7-2026
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, six times (last: vs. South Dakota, 10-31-2026)
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, three times (last: vs. South Dakota, 10-31-2026)
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: 4, at Northern Iowa, 11-7-2026
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)



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
Punt Returns: 3, at Northern Iowa, 11-7-2026
Punt Return Yards: 42, vs. South Dakota, 10-31-2026
Long Punt Return: 39 yards, vs. South Dakota, 10-31-2026



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: 6, at North Dakota, 10-17-2026
Total Tackles: 13, at Illinois State, 10-3-2026
Tackles for Loss: 1.0, vs. UC Davis, 9-10-2022
Pass Breakups: 1, seven times (last: vs. Murray State, 10-24-2026)



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



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

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS
Solo Tackles: 3, at Northern Iowa, 11-7-2026
Assisted Tackles: 5, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026
Total Tackles: 6, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026, and at Northern Iowa, 11-7-2026
Tackles for Loss: 1.0, at Northern Iowa, 11-7-2026
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, five times (last: vs. Murray State, 10-24-2026)
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