



2026 SEASON PREVIEW

SDSU FOOTBALL QUICK FACTS

SOUTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

LOCATION: Brookings, S.D.
ENROLLMENT: 12,139 (fall 2025)
COLORS: Yellow and Blue
NICKNAME: Jackrabbits
AFFILIATION: NCAA Division I Football
 Championship Subdivision
CONFERENCE: Missouri Valley Football Conference
STADIUM: Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium (19,340
 capacity – AstroTurf surface)

ADMINISTRATION

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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)

2025 GAME RESULTS

Aug. 30	SACRAMENTO STATE	W, 20-3
Sept. 6	at Montana State	[2 OT] W, 30-24
Sept. 13	DRAKE [Beef Bowl]	W, 37-21
Sept. 27	MERCYHURST	W, 51-7
Oct. 4	*at Youngstown State	W, 35-30
Oct. 11	*NORTHERN IOWA [Hobo Day]	W, 31-3
Oct. 18	*at Murray State	W, 35-14
Oct. 25	*NORTH DAKOTA STATE	L, 7-38
Nov. 1	*INDIANA ST.	L, 12-24
Nov. 8	*at South Dakota	L, 17-24
Nov. 15	*ILLINOIS STATE [Senior Day]	L, 21-35
Nov. 22	*at North Dakota	[OT] W, 34-31
Nov. 29	*NEW HAMPSHIRE	W, 41-3
Dec. 6	*at Montana	L, 29-50

*Missouri Valley Football Conference game
 *Football Championship Subdivision Playoff game

2026 SCHEDULE

Aug. 29	STETSON	6 p.m.
Sept. 5	at Northwestern (Ill.)	7 p.m.
Sept. 12	NEW HAVEN	6 p.m.
Sept. 19	*YOUNGSTOWN STATE	6 p.m.
Sept. 26	EASTERN ILLINOIS	6 p.m.
Oct. 3	*at Illinois State	6 p.m.
Oct. 17	*at North Dakota	1 p.m.
Oct. 24	*MURRAY STATE [Hobo Day]	2:30 p.m.
Oct. 31	*SOUTH DAKOTA [Interstate Series]	TBA
Nov. 7	*at Northern Iowa	1 p.m.
Nov. 14	*at Southern Illinois	1 p.m.
Nov. 21	*INDIANA STATE [Senior Day]	2 p.m.

*Missouri Valley Football Conference game; all times Central

COACHING STAFF

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ALMA MATER: Sioux Falls, 1992
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ALMA MATER: Gustavus Adolphus, 2002
SPECIAL TEAMS COORDINATOR: Isaiah Jackson
ALMA MATER: South Dakota State, 2009
RUN GAME COORDINATOR/OFFENSIVE LINE: Mike Bangtson
ALMA MATER: Iowa State, 2012
TIGHT ENDS: Vince Benedetto
ALMA MATER: South Dakota State, 2013
PASS GAME COORDINATOR/WIDE RECEIVERS: Luke
 Bengtson
ALMA MATER: St. Cloud State, 2009

RUNNING BACKS/RECRUITING COORDINATOR: Deontae
 Cooper

ALMA MATER: Washington, 2017

LINEBACKERS: Zane Busekist

ALMA MATER: Nebraska, 2021

DEFENSIVE LINE/DEFENSIVE RUN GAME COORDINATOR:
 Logan McCormick

ALMA MATER: North Dakota State, 2020

DEFENSIVE BACKS: Marcus McLin

ALMA MATER: Wisconsin-Whitewater, 2015

QUALITY CONTROL: Caleb Baker (offensive line);
 DyShawn Gales (cornerbacks); Noah Kent (defensive
 line); Jade Lawrence (linebackers); C.J. Pickrel
 (quarterbacks); Noah Vedral (wide receivers)

VIDEO COORDINATOR: Brock Swanson

TEAM INFORMATION

LETTERMEN RETURNING: 48	LETTERMEN LOST: 24
• Offense: 24	• Offense: 9
• Defense: 22	• Defense: 13
• Special Teams: 2	• Special Teams: 2

STARTERS RETURNING: 15

• Offense: 8 • Defense: 6 • Special Teams: 1

OFFENSIVE STARTERS RETURNING (8): Kenyon Big Bow,
 OG; Quentin Christensen, OT; Greyton Gannon, TE;
 Grahm Goering, WR; Chase Mason, QB; Lofton
 O'Groske, WR; William Paepke, OG; Shane Willenbring,
 C.

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/FB; 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 Rauk, OL; Boden Schiller, LB; Jace Sifore, DT;
 Jack Smith, WR; Noah St-Juste, S/LB; Max Stanard,
 S; Noah Thompson, S.



The 2025 season was one of transition for the South Dakota State football program as it featured a re-tooled roster and an entirely new coaching staff. Although the results didn't match the lofty accomplishments of recent seasons with an exit in the second round of postseason play, the Jackrabbits successfully set the tone for what they hope will lead to more sustained success in 2026 and beyond under second-year head coach Dan Jackson.

"It's good to be able to just hit the ground running this year with a plan and complete organization, as well as connection and alignment," said Jackson, who guided SDSU to a 9-5 overall record in 2025 and the program's 14th consecutive appearance in the NCAA Division I Football Championship Subdivision playoffs.

"The offseason treated us well with player retention and staff retention, and we were able to build on the foundation that was laid last year," Jackson continued. "We're really excited with where we're at, and all systems are running at a high level right now."

SDSU got off to a fast start in 2025 by winning its first seven games, including handing eventual FCS national champion Montana State its lone loss in a 30-24 double-overtime thriller in Bozeman the second week of the season. However, injuries to several key players took their toll in the second half of the season and the Jackrabbits struggled with consistency during the Missouri Valley Football Conference portion of the schedule as they finished with a 4-4 mark in league play.

A silver lining in that slight downturn was the fact that a number of younger players pressed into action a season ago have returned with their more experienced counterparts or joined with another group of talented newcomers during spring ball to give the Jackrabbits quality depth up and down their roster.



Left tackle Quinten Christensen earned first-team all-Missouri Valley Football Conference honors and was named to three FCS All-America squads in 2025.

"In the spring, we focused on three things: being the most disciplined team in the country, being the most physical team in the country, and being the most connected team," Jackson said. "We had a goal that we needed to show that every single day of practice so that it can come to fruition on Saturdays."

"Discipline is all about doing your job, limiting mistakes and putting pressure on your opponent through your execution. Physicality is being able to run the ball, stop the run, and be great on special teams. And then, the most connected team in the country, we have it. We have leadership. We have guys that love and care about each other."

Following is a closer look at the Jackrabbit football team by position group.

OFFENSIVE LINE

As has been the case throughout their ascension to the upper echelon of FCS teams, the Jackrabbits have made a commitment to winning the battle in the trenches. On the offensive side of the ball, SDSU returns four starters on its offensive line, but that doesn't mean there won't be competitive battles to determine who will fill out the rotation.

Senior Quinten Christensen has been a two-year starter for the Jackrabbits at left tackle and returns after earning first-team all-MVFC honors, as well as receiving All-America honors from a number of organizations a year ago, when SDSU averaged 28.6 points and 379.7 yards of total offense per game.

Alongside Christensen, starting left guard William Paepke also returns after starting all 14 games and helping pave the way for 1,000-yard rusher Julius Loughridge last season.

In the middle of the line, sophomore center Shane Willenbring is back after a 2025 campaign in which he was named to freshman All-America teams picked by Stats Perform and FCS Football Central. He started the first 11 games at center before shifting over to right guard following injuries to starting right guard Kenyon BigBow and all-league right tackle Sam Hagen.

With BigBow expected to be ready for the start of the 2026 season, the Jackrabbits will look to replace the departed Hagen out of a group of candidates that includes senior John Pica and sophomore Kyan Rauk. Pica split time between tackle and tight end during his first season with the Jackrabbits in 2025, while Rauk saw his role increase as last season progressed.

Others with experience on the Jackrabbit line include juniors Jackson Kerstin and Ian Mutchler, while a group of youngsters in their first or second year in the program will attempt to take the next step.

QUARTERBACK

One of the most dynamic players in the Football Championship Subdivision, Chase Mason returns for his second season as the Jackrabbits' starting signal-caller.

Primarily used as a runner his first two seasons, Mason was able to showcase his skill set as a passer during the 2025 campaign, one in which he helped lead the Jackrabbits to victories in each of his



Lofton O'Groske paced the Jackrabbit receiving corps during the first third of the 2025 season and will be again be a top target after returning from injury.

first seven starts. An injury in mid-October on the opening drive of the game at Murray State derailed his initial go-around as a starter, although he was able to return for SDSU's playoff run.

Named to the preseason watch list for the Stats Perform FCS Walter Payton Award, Mason finished the 2025 season with 2,005 yards in nine games while completing 64.9 percent (146-of-225) of his passes with 15 touchdowns against only four interceptions.

"Chase brings a level of wisdom and confidence, as well as a presence and leadership that really infects the rest of the team," Jackson said. "Everybody believes that when Chase is behind center that we can accomplish anything and, honestly, physically he's bigger and faster than he's ever been. He's also much sharper in terms of his understanding of reads and operation."

Jackson also expressed his confidence in the group of quarterbacks behind Mason on the depth chart, most notably sophomore Jack Henry and junior Josh Holst, the latter of whom transferred in from Northern Illinois during the spring semester. Henry started the final three regular season games in 2025, including throwing the game-winning touchdown in the Jackrabbits' walk-off overtime win at North Dakota on the final play of the regular season that sent SDSU to the playoffs.

Henry completed 55.1 percent of his passes (59-of-107) for 605 yards with five touchdowns in 2025 and also has big-play ability in the run game.

The remainder of the quarterback room includes sophomore Jack Thue, sophomore transfer Anthony Rezac (Notre Dame) and incoming freshmen Kaden Harney and Tresten Hass.

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WIDE RECEIVER

Although last year's leading pass-catcher, Alex Bullock, was lost to graduation, the Jackrabbits won't be lacking for quality options to pick up the slack at wide receiver.

"We have seven or eight guys that we feel good about going into any game and being able to compete with anybody in the country," Jackson said.

The receivers group will be bolstered immediately by the return of Lofton O'Groske. A junior, O'Groske was the team's top receiving target during the non-conference slate of games before being limited to two brief appearances in MVFC action due to injury. Overall, he tallied 27 receptions for 355 yards and four touchdowns in six games, highlighted by a 12-catch, two-touchdown performance in the win at Montana State, that helped put him on the radar for preseason All-America honors in 2026.

Veteran Graham Goering is back for his final year after coming on strong down the stretch of the 2025 season. Goering ranked second on the squad with 43 receptions and 656 yards a year ago. He hauled in only two touchdown receptions, but both were big ones as his 23-yard scoring catch in overtime at North Dakota propelled the Jacks into the playoffs and his 95-yard catch and run for a touchdown in the first quarter of SDSU's playoff game at Montana stands as the longest pass play in program history.

Sophomore Jack Smith also emerged as a reliable and versatile option at wide receiver a year ago. The Sioux Falls native tied for third on the team with 33 receptions, while accumulating 396 receiving yards and four touchdowns — two of which covered 40-plus yards. In addition, Smith saw some occasional snaps at running back, including breaking off a team-best 75-yard run for touchdown on the opening play from scrimmage in the Interstate series rivalry game at South Dakota.



Gr eyton Gannon caught 33 passes for 372 yards and three touchdowns in 2025 en route to becoming the latest SDSU tight end to earn all-conference and All-America accolades.

Other leading candidates for the regular rotation at wide receiver include sophomore Sammy Dresie and redshirt freshman speedster Landon Dulaney. Dresie caught five passes for 61 in limited action a year ago.

TIGHT END

Adding to a full complement of receivers, is one of the deepest group of tight ends in the FCS ranks, highlighted by seniors Greyton Gannon and Coleman Kuntz.

Gannon was the latest in a long line of Jackrabbit tight ends to earn all-conference and All-America honors during the 2025 season after tying for third on the squad with 33 receptions for 372 yards and three touchdowns.

Kuntz, meanwhile, brings a more physical persona to the position, allowing the Jackrabbits to utilize a variety of schemes and personnel packages. After missing the first half of his first season at SDSU due to injury, Kuntz recorded seven catches for 82 yards and a touchdown as his contributions carried over into the postseason.

Next in line at tight end is sophomore Brayden Delahoyde, who showed flashes of big-play ability in 2025. Both of Delahoyde's receptions last season resulted in touchdowns, the first of which was a game-winning 25-yard touchdown on the first play of the second overtime at Montana State.

Also in the mix is senior Andrew Gustad, who has filled the hybrid role of tight end and fullback in recent seasons. Gustad was the model of efficiency in 2025 as he gained a first down and/or scored a touchdown on all eight of his offensive touches, including all three of his receptions ending in scores.

Redshirt freshman Ben Brooks also is expected to be in the mix at the tight end position in 2026.

RUNNING BACK

The stable of Jackrabbit running backs features a variety of styles as SDSU strives for more consistency in the rushing department than a year ago.

"We're really excited about the depth in that room," Jackson said. "It's a much more mature group this year in terms of their physicality, how they look, and then also the confidence in which they play."

The top returning rusher is sophomore Josiah Johnson, who brings a downhill, physical running style to the Jackrabbit offense. As a true freshman in 2025, Johnson ranked second on the squad with 320 yards (4.1 yards per carry) and tied for second on the team with six rushing touchdowns — three of which came in the regular season finale at North Dakota.

Junior Brenden Begeman also has shown flashes of a physical nature while battling injuries early in his career, while redshirt freshman Corey Blair Jr. displayed some glimpses of big-play ability in limited action a season ago.

Transfer Ramon McKinney Jr. (Northeastern State of Oklahoma) is perhaps the most dynamic player in the position group. He also likely will be featured regularly in the passing game, along with sophomore James Basinger, who ran for 308 yards (3.9 ypc) and scored five touchdowns while adding eight catches for 72 yards last year.

Redshirt freshman Josh Myers and incoming

RETURNING STATISTICAL LEADERS

PASSING - YARDS

1. Chase Mason	2,005
2. Jack Henry	605

RUSHING - YARDS

2. Josiah Johnson	320
3. James Basinger	308
4. Chase Mason	174
5. Corey Blair Jr.	96

RECEPTIONS

2. Graham Goering.....	43
T3. Greyton Gannon.....	33
T3. Jack Smith	33
5. Lofton O'Groske	27

RECEIVING YARDS

2. Graham Goering.....	656
3. Jack Smith	396
4. Greyton Gannon.....	372
5. Lofton O'Groske	355

TACKLES

1. Joe Ollman	94
2. Cullen McShane	88
5. Dawson Ripperda.....	43

TACKLES FOR LOSS

1. Logan Green	10.0
T2. Joe Ollman	8.5
T2. Dawson Ripperda	8.5
5. Cullen McShane	7.5

SACKS

1. Logan Green	5.5
2. Dawson Ripperda	5.0
T3. Chase Van Tol	4.0
T5. Joe Ollman	3.0
T5. Jace Sifore	3.0

freshman Jay'veon Scott have been impressive in preseason workouts and also could factor into the Jackrabbits' rushing attack this season

DEFENSIVE LINE

Moving to the defensive side of the ball, the Jackrabbits plan to employ a front four that will be built around depth.

The interior of the line is led by senior Logan Green, who flew a bit under the radar as season ago despite leading the team with 10.0 tackles for loss and 5.5 sacks. A native of Northboro, Iowa, Green also has served as a team captain and will again mentor a group of defensive tackles that includes fellow senior Jace Sifore, transfer Ashton Sayre (Minnesota State, Moorhead) and redshirt freshman Sam Christensen.

Sifore enjoyed a strong second half to the season in 2025, registering four tackles for loss and three sacks among his 20 total tackles.

Additional reinforcements on the interior of the line could come in the forms of sophomores, Mac Muller (five tackles in 2025) and Rhett Schaefer (one tackle), who have both seen limited action in their two seasons in the program, along with junior Brody Targgart, who missed all of last season because of injury.

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At defensive end, both of last season's starters in Dawson Ripperda and Reis Kirschenman are back in yellow and blue.

A senior, Ripperda was a consistent performer throughout the 2025 campaign that has led to him being named to the Stats Perform FCS Preseason All-America Second Team. He finished second on the team with five sacks and tied for second on the squad with 8.5 tackles for loss. Overall, he notched 43 total tackles.

Kirschenman was limited to two games as he suffered a season-ending injury in the win at Montana State. In three halves of action last season, he notched five tackles, including a half-tackle for loss, and came away with a fumble recovery.

"Reis may have been one of the bigger losses last year injury-wise," Jackson said. "What Chase's loss to the offense was, Reis's was to the defense because of how he impacts games with his pass rush and his play-making ability."

Also expected to be a part of the defensive end rotation are sophomore Blake Leiferman (13 total tackles, 2 tackles for loss in 2025), newcomer Carter Sitzman and redshirt freshman Liam Shaw, while true freshman and Brookings native Bergan Tetzlaff another possible early contributor. A transfer from Wayne State (Neb.), Sitzman also could see some time at defensive tackle.

"There's a lot of names in that room that we could get to, but we'll be deeper and more physical than a year ago," Jackson said.

LINEBACKER

Although the Jackrabbits return all three of their starters in the second line of defense, a wealth of talent and athleticism will allow SDSU to play fresh, fast and physical.

Both of the team's top two tacklers return to the unit in seniors Joe Ollman (94 tackles, 8.5 tackles for loss) at Mike linebacker and Cullen McShane (88

tackles, 7.5 TFLs) at the Will position, while Chase Van Tol (38 tackles, 4 sacks) is back at Sam linebacker after missing the second half of 2025 with an injury. Ollman also accounted for four turnovers as he forced three fumbles and intercepted a pass over 14 starts.

Newcomer Jes Krcil, another transfer from Wayne State, will push Ollman for the starting spot at middle linebacker after turning in a strong spring and continuing to impress during offseason workouts.

Senior Matt Goehring (16 tackles) and sophomore Casey Larson (4 tackles) also could be called upon, along with seniors Kytan Fyfe and Bryce Johnson, who both proved to be capable backups a season ago with 39 tackles each.

"This is the best linebacker group I have ever been around as a whole," Jackson said. "We're teaching all the linebackers all the positions so we can always have our best 11 (defenders) out there."

SECONDARY

After experiencing some growing pains a year ago, the Jackrabbit secondary will aim for a fresh start in 2026.

The only returning player in the unit with any starting experience in senior Dontay Johnson, who made a pair of starts last season while registering 37 tackles with a pass breakup.

Senior Noah Thompson (15 tackles, 1 interception) and sophomore Max Stanard also return to the team, but the remainder of the safeties on the preseason depth chart are new to the program. A group that includes transfers Amaje Parker (Virginia Military Institute) and Noah Luginbill (Saddleback College), as well as true freshman Michael "Tank" Farr also will be expected to compete for prominent roles at safety.

A couple transfers also are likely to contend for key roles at the cornerback positions as Ife Current (Nebraska-Kearney) and Paul Kim (Wisconsin-Whitewater) both turned in productive springs.

Among returning players at cornerback, Jackson pointed to Noah St-Juste and Myles Green continuing their progression in the program. St-Juste has the ability to play multiple positions and was used mostly in nickel situations a year ago, when he recorded 27 tackles and a sack, intercepted a pass and forced a fumble.

True freshman Emair White is another possible option to be pressed into duty at cornerback.

SPECIAL TEAMS

The special teams unit is led by All-America punter Max Pelham, who averaged 47.2 yards per attempt last season with a long of 68 yards. Pelham consistently flipped the field in the Jackrabbits' favor in 2025 as 18 of his punts traveled 50 or more yards and he landed 14 inside the opponents' 20-yard line.

Less certain is who will be the Jackrabbits' starting kicker. A battle between Nebraska transfer Tristan Alvano and sophomore Ryan Harrington developed in the spring and likely won't be decided until fall camp. Alvano made nine field goals during his freshman season at Nebraska but dealt with injuries later in his tenure in Lincoln, while Harrington connected on his lone field goal attempt in 2025. Harrington also handled the bulk of the kickoff duties a year ago.

Other positions in the to-be-determined category on special teams include long snapper and the kick and punt returners. The long-snapping duties likely will fall to either Carson Strohbeen or transfer Justin Lutz, while Jackson envisions game situations will determine who to send back for returns, although Jack Smith (team-leading 25.9-yard average) and Myles Green (23-yard average) both gained experience on kickoff returns a year ago.

"I expect there to be a major improvement from a year ago just with how those special teams units rank out, execute and impact winning," Jackson said. "We've refined and actually simplified our scheme so we can play faster."



Dawson Ripperda settled into a starting role at defensive end in 2025 and ranked second on the squad with both 8.5 tackles for loss and 5.0 sacks.



Cullen McShane has been named to the preseason watch list for the Buck Buchanan Award after registering 88 tackles and 7.5 tackles for loss a season ago.



Max Pelham earned All-America recognition in 2025 after averaging 47.2 yards on 42 punt attempts.

PRESEASON ROSTER

ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

Alvano, Tristan – 30
 Bakken, Beau – 39
 Basinger, James – 23
 Begeman, Brenden – 24
 BigBow, Kenyon – 76
 Blair Jr., Corey – 4
 Bradley, Danny – 90
 Brooks, Ben – 87
 Buntz, Cale – 94
 Bush, Micah – 17
 Cantrall, Teague – 84
 Christensen, Quinten – 69
 Christensen, Sam – 57
 Current, Ife – 1
 Delahoyde, Brayden – 10
 Dieken-Keahey, Braylin – 65
 Dresie, Sammy – 8
 Dietel, Noah – 72
 Dulaney, Landon – 0
 Dwyer, Thomas – 64
 Eben, Graham – 20
 Farr, Michael "Tank" – 4
 Fries, Barry – 26
 Fyfe, Kytan – 47
 Gannon, Greyton – 88
 Goehring, Matt – 9
 Goering, Graham – 12
 Green Jr., Jovan – 86
 Green, Logan – 51
 Green, Myles – 21
 Gustad, Andrew – 43
 Guthmiller, Mitchell – 35
 Hach, Micah – 78
 Harney, Kaden – 15
 Harrington, Ryan – 81
 Hass, Tresten – 13
 Heiderman, Connor – 60
 Henderson, Shane – 55
 Henry, Jack – 16
 Hoben, Brayden – 83
 Holliman, Jamari – 15
 Holst, Josh – 11
 Hotz, Caden – 53
 Hunter, Robert – 31
 Jackson, Landin – 38
 Janssen, Elias – 95
 Johnson, Bryce – 33
 Johnson, Dontay – 3
 Johnson, Jack – 25
 Johnson, Josiah – 22
 Joiner, David – 85
 Josewski, Sawyer – 42
 Kerstin, Jackson – 58
 Kim, Paul – 6
 Kirschenman, Reis – 8
 Kolega, Joe – 3
 Krcil, Jes – 18
 Krempges, Luke – 49
 Kuhlmann, Grant – 89
 Kuntz, Coleman – 82
 Kurt, Brady – 42
 Larson, Casey – 44
 LeBrun, Maverick – 46
 Leiferman, Blake – 97
 Luginbill, Noah – 16
 Lutz, Justin – 37
 Mason, Chase – 7
 McCarty, Evan – 61
 McKinney Jr., Ramon – 6

2026 NUMERICAL PRESEASON ROSTER

No.	NAME	Pos	Ht	Wt	Yr	Exp	HOMETOWN	HIGH SCHOOL/PREV. SCHOOL
0	Landon Dulaney	WR	6-2	200	R-Fr.	—	Brandon, S.D.	Brandon Valley
0	Carter Sitzman	DE	6-4	260	Sr.	TR	Lincoln, Neb.	Lincoln Christian/Wayne State (Neb.)
1	Ife Current	CB	6-2	195	Sr.	TR	Keenedale, Texas	Keenedale/Nebraska-Kearney
1	Lofton O'Groske	WR	6-2	210	Jr.	2L	Coon Rapids, Minn.	Coon Rapids
2	Amaje Parker	S	6-0	190	Jr.	TR	Charlottesville, Va.	Albermarle/VMI
2	Jack Smith	WR	6-0	195	So.	1L	Sioux Falls, S.D.	Lincoln
3	Dontay Johnson	S	6-2	205	Sr.	3L	Fort Collins, Colo.	Colorado Early College
3	Joe Kolega	WR	5-11	190	R-Fr.	—	Omaha, Neb.	Skutt Catholic
4	Corey Blair Jr.	RB	6-3	210	R-Fr.	1L	Kernersville, N.C.	East Forsyth
4	Michael "Tank" Farr	S	5-11	190	Fr.	—	Racine, Wis.	J.I. Case
5	Cullen McShane	LB	6-2	230	Sr.	3L	Marquette, Iowa	MFL MarMac
5	Anthony Rezac	QB	6-3	200	So.	TR	Omaha, Neb.	Westside/Notre Dame
6	Paul Kim	CB	5-11	185	Jr.	TR	Janesville, Wis.	Parker/Wisconsin-Whitewater
6	Ramon McKinney Jr.	RB	5-10	180	Jr.	TR	Waxahachie, Texas	Waxahachie/Northeastern St.
7	Chase Mason	QB	6-4	240	Gr.	3L	Hurley, S.D.	Viborg-Hurley/Nebraska
7	Noah St-Juste	CB	5-10	175	Jr.	2L	Clearwater, Fla.	Clearwater Academy Intl.
8	Sammy Dresie	WR	6-2	195	So.	1L	Maize, Kan.	Maize South
8	Reis Kirschenman	DE	6-4	265	Jr.	2L	Tea, S.D.	Tea Area
9	Matt Goehring	LB	6-1	220	Sr.	1L	Sioux Falls, S.D.	Roosevelt/Sioux Falls
9	Harrison Mullens	WR	6-1	175	Fr.	—	Pella, Iowa	Pella
10	Brayden Delahoyde	TE	6-5	245	So.	1L	Spearfish, S.D.	Spearfish
11	Josh Holst	QB	6-4	205	Jr.	TR	Marengo, Ill.	Marengo/Northern Illinois
11	Joe Ollman	LB	6-1	230	Sr.	3L	Mequon, Wis.	Homestead
12	Graham Goering	WR	6-2	210	Gr.	3L	Iowa City, Iowa	Iowa City West
13	Tresten Hass	QB	6-3	210	Fr.	—	Seward, Neb.	Seward
13	Emeir White	CB	5-11	185	Fr.	—	Orland Park, Ill.	Brother Rice
14	Reese Osgood	WR	5-11	185	Sr.	1L	Franklin, Wis.	Franklin/Iowa
14	Jayden Noel	CB	6-1	190	Fr.	—	O'Fallon, Mo.	Fort Zumwalt North
15	Kaden Harney	QB	6-3	195	Fr.	—	Osseo, Minn.	Maple Grove
15	Jamari Holliman	DB	6-0	190	Jr.	1L	Miami, Fla.	Norland/Florida International
16	Jack Henry	QB	6-2	215	So.	1L	Dell Rapids, S.D.	Dell Rapids
16	Noah Luginbill	S	6-0	185	Jr.	TR	Clovis, Calif.	Clovis/Saddleback College
17	Micah Bush	S	6-1	185	Fr.	—	Hills, Minn.	Hills-Beaver Creek
17	Jack Thue	QB	6-2	205	So.	—	Brandon, S.D.	Brandon Valley
18	Jes Krcil	LB	6-1	220	Jr.	TR	Carlisle, Iowa	Carlisle/Wayne State (Neb.)
18	Jhace Woods	WR	6-2	195	Fr.	—	Sioux Falls, S.D.	Washington
19	Dominick Walters	LB	6-0	205	Fr.	—	Franklin, Wis.	Franklin
20	Graham Eben	LB	6-1	200	So.	—	Rock Rapids, Iowa	Central Lyon/Iowa
20	Alex Uchtman	WR	6-1	190	Fr.	—	Elkhorn, Neb.	Elkhorn North
21	Myles Green	CB	6-0	180	So.	1L	Homewood, Ill.	Homewood-Flossmoor
22	Josiah Johnson	RB	6-0	220	So.	1L	Milwaukee, Wis.	Milwaukee Academy of Science
23	James Basinger	RB	5-10	200	So.	1L	Littleton, Colo.	Columbine
24	Brenden Begeman	RB	6-2	210	Jr.	1L	Selby, S.D.	Selby Area
24	Max Stanard	S	5-11	190	So.	1L	Manhattan, Kan.	Manhattan
25	Jack Johnson	S	6-0	185	Jr.	TR	Blaine, Minn.	Blaine/MSU, Moorhead
26	Barry Fries	LB	6-3	200	Fr.	—	Omaha, Neb.	Elkhorn Noreth
27	Noah Thompson	S	6-0	185	Sr.	3L	Brandon, S.D.	Brandon Valley H.S.
28	Chase Van Tol	LB	6-1	200	Jr.	2L	Tea, S.D.	Tea Area
29	Dom Rezac	RB	6-1	190	Gr.	TR	Omaha, Neb.	Westside/Vanderbilt
30	Tristan Alvano	K	6-1	210	Jr.	TR	Omaha, Neb.	Westside/Nebraska
31	Robert Hunter	CB	6-0	185	Fr.	—	Denver, Colo.	Hutchinson (Kan.)
32	Jay Veon Scott	RB	6-3	215	Fr.	—	St. Louis, Mo.	Lift For Life Academy
32	Amari Williams	S	6-0	180	Fr.	—	Florissant, Mo.	De Smet Jesuit
33	Bryce Johnson	LB	6-3	220	Sr.	3L	Parker, Colo.	Lutheran
34	Josh Myers	RB	6-0	190	R-Fr.	—	Sioux Falls, S.D.	Lincoln
35	Mitchell Guthmiller	LB	6-4	200	Fr.	—	Volga, S.D.	Sioux Valley
36	Bergan Tetzlaff	DE	6-5	235	Fr.	—	Brookings, S.D.	Brookings
37	Justin Lutz	LS	6-0	225	So.	TR	Lawrence, Kan.	Lawrence Free State/Weber State
37	Shane Veenhof	S	6-0	175	Fr.	—	Madison, S.D.	Madison
38	Landin Jackson	S	6-2	190	Fr.	—	New Braunfels, Texas	New Braunfels
39	Beau Bakken	LB	6-4	215	R-Fr.	—	Garretson, S.D.	Hills-Beaver Creek (Minn.)
40	Gavin McLaren	TE/FB	6-2	250	Fr.	—	Atlantic, Iowa	Atlantic
40	Liam Shaw	DE	6-3	250	R-Fr.	—	Muskego, Wis.	Muskego
41	Max Pelham	P	6-1	195	Gr.	2L	Ankeny, Iowa	Ankeny/Minn. State, Mankato
41	Joel Sankoh	LB	6-0	185	Fr.	—	Waukee, Iowa	Dowling Catholic

PRESEASON ROSTER

2026 NUMERICAL PRESEASON ROSTER

No.	NAME	Pos	Ht	Wt	Yr	Exp	HOMETOWN	HIGH SCHOOL/ PREV. SCHOOL
42	Sawyer Josewski	TE	6-5	235	Fr.	—	Rogers, Minn.	Rogers
42	Brady Kurt	LB	6-2	190	R-Fr.	—	Independence, Iowa	Independence
43	Andrew Gustad	TE/FB	6-1	235	Sr.	2L	Volin, S.D.	Gayville-Volin
44	Casey Larson	LB	6-2	205	So.	1L	Woodinville, Wash.	Woodinville
45	Boden Schiller	LB	6-1	200	So.	1L	Volga, S.D.	Sioux Valley
46	Maverick LeBrun	DE	6-5	235	R-Fr.	—	Flandreau, S.D.	Dell Rapids St. Mary
47	Kytan Fyfe	LB	6-2	210	Sr.	2L	Grand Island, Neb.	Grand Island
48	Jack Nash	LB	6-1	185	So.	1L	Palmer, Alaska	Colony
49	Luke Krempges	DE	6-4	235	R-Fr.	1L	Sioux Falls, S.D.	Lincoln
49	Jozef Reisz	TE	6-3	235	R-Fr.	—	Woodbine, Iowa	Harlan
50	Kayden Oakland	DE	6-4	230	Fr.	—	Faribault, Minn.	Northfield
51	Logan Green	DT	6-4	290	Sr.	3L	Northboro, Iowa	Clarinda
52	Brody Targgart	DT	6-2	295	Jr.	TR	Ankeny, Iowa	Centennial/Iowa Western CC
53	Caden Holtz	OL	6-2	290	So.	1L	Waverly, Iowa	Waverly-Shell Rock
54	Brady Schroedermeier	LB/S	6-3	190	Fr.	—	Hurley, S.D.	Viborg-Hurley
54	Shane Willenbring	OL	6-4	305	So.	1L	La Crosse, Wis.	Aquinas
55	Shane Henderson	TE	6-6	235	R-Fr.	—	Mobridge, S.D.	Mobridge-Pollock
56	John Pica	OL	6-4	305	Sr.	1L	Dell Rapids, S.D.	DR St. Mary/Dakota Wesleyan
57	Sam Christensen	DT	6-2	250	R-Fr.	—	Rock Rapids, Iowa	Central Lyon
58	Jackson Kerstin	OL	6-4	285	Jr.	1L	Naperville, Ill.	Naperville North
59	Carson Strohbeen	LS	6-1	210	Jr.	—	Sioux City, Iowa	North
60	Connor Heiderman	DT	6-4	265	Fr.	—	Norfolk, Neb.	Battle Creek
61	Evan McCarty	OL	6-5	260	R-Fr.	—	Hamel, Minn.	Wayzata
62	Weston Rowe	OL	6-6	290	Fr.	—	Jackson, Minn.	Jackson County Central
63	Kyan Rauk	OL	6-8	300	So.	1L	Northfield, Minn.	Northfield
64	Thomas Dwyer	OL	6-6	285	R-Fr.	—	Oconomowoc, Wis.	Lakeside Lutheran
65	Braylin Dieken-Keahey	OL	6-3	280	Fr.	—	Ankeny, Iowa	Ankeny Centennial
66	Brock Osbahr	OL	6-2	295	R-Fr.	—	De Pere, Wis.	De Pere
67	Ian Mutchler	OL	6-4	300	Jr.	1L	Morton, Ill.	Morton
68	Cooper Starks	OL	6-5	330	Jr.	TR	Girard, Ill.	North Mac/Vanderbilt
69	Quinten Christensen	OL	6-5	300	Sr.	3L	Wessington Springs, S.D.	Wessington Springs
70	Lincoln Semchenko	OL	6-5	295	R-Fr.	—	Brandon, S.D.	Sioux Falls Christian
72	Noah Dietel	OL	6-8	305	Fr.	—	Darwin, Minn.	Litchfield
73	Grant Wilkinson	OL	6-9	305	Fr.	—	De Smet, S.D.	De Smet
74	JB Walters	OL	6-4	280	R-Fr.	—	Grand Forks, N.D.	Red River
75	Jae'Shaun Thomas	OL	6-4	285	So.	TR	Milwaukee, Wis.	Catholic Memorial/Minn.-Duluth
76	Kenyon BigBow	OL	6-5	310	Jr.	2L	Anadarko, Okla.	Anadarko
77	William Paepke	OL	6-5	315	Jr.	3L	Rapid City, S.D.	Central
78	Micah Hach	OL	6-4	295	R-Fr.	—	Watertown, S.D.	Watertown
80	Zac Van Meeteren	WR	6-6	215	R-Fr.	—	Hayti, S.D.	Hamlin
81	Ryan Harrington	K/P	6-3	175	So.	1L	Ankeny, Iowa	Ankeny
82	Coleman Kuntz	TE	6-3	240	Gr.	1L	Beaumont, Calif.	Etiwanda/Sacramento State
83	Brayden Hoben	TE	6-5	225	Fr.	—	Bondurant, Iowa	Grand View Christian
84	Teague Cantrall	TE	6-5	235	Fr.	—	Altoona, Iowa	Southeast Polk
85	David Joiner	WR	6-2	160	Fr.	—	Bettendorf, Iowa	Davenport North
86	Jovan Green Jr.	WR	6-2	190	Fr.	—	Dolton, Ill.	Brother Rice
87	Ben Brooks	TE	6-8	235	R-Fr.	—	Madison, S.D.	Madison
88	Greyton Gannon	TE	6-4	235	Sr.	3L	Eagle, Wis.	Mukwonago
89	Grant Kuhlmann	DE	6-6	250	Fr.	—	Lincoln, Neb.	Lincoln Lutheran
90	Danny Bradley	DE	6-4	260	R-Fr.	—	Windermere, Fla.	Windermere
91	Jace Sifore	DT	6-4	290	Sr.	1L	Howard, S.D.	Howard
93	Ashton Sayre	DT	6-4	285	Sr.	TR	Alexandria, Minn.	Alexandria/MSU, Moorhead
94	Cale Buntz	DE	6-5	215	Fr.	—	Platte City, Mo.	Platte County
95	Elias Janssen	DT	6-3	245	Fr.	—	Appleton, Wis.	Kimberly
96	Rhett Schaefer	DT	6-3	240	So.	—	Walcott, Iowa	Davenport Assumption
97	Blake Leiferman	DE	6-5	250	So.	1L	Kimball, S.D.	Kimball
98	Mac Muller	DT	6-1	270	So.	1L	Osage, Iowa	Osage
99	Dawson Ripperda	DE	6-4	255	Sr.	3L	Larchwood, Iowa	West Lyon/Northern Illinois

ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

McLaren, Gavin – 40
 McShane, Cullen – 5
 Mullens, Harrison – 9
 Muller, Mac – 98
 Mutchler, Ian – 67
 Myers, Josh – 34
 Nash, Jack – 48
 Noel, Jayden – 14
 Oakland, Kayden – 50
 O'Groske, Lofton – 1
 Ollman, Joe – 11
 Osbahr, Brock – 66
 Osgood, Reese – 14
 Paepke, William – 77
 Parker, Amaje – 2
 Pelham, Max – 41
 Pica, John – 56
 Rauk, Kyan – 63
 Reisz, Jozef – 49
 Rezac, Anthony – 5
 Rezac, Dom – 29
 Ripperda, Dawson – 99
 Rowe, Weston – 62
 Sankoh, Joel – 41
 St-Juste, Noah – 7
 Sayre, Ashton – 93
 Schaefer, Rhett – 96
 Schiller, Boden – 45
 Schroedermeier, Brady – 54
 Scott, Jay/Veon – 32
 Semchenko, Lincoln – 70
 Shaw, Liam – 40
 Sifore, Jace – 71
 Sitzman, Carter – 0
 Smith, Jack – 2
 Stanard, Max – 24
 Starks, Cooper – 68
 Strohbeen, Carson – 59
 Targgart, Brody – 52
 Tetzlaff, Bergan – 36
 Thomas, Jae'Shaun – 75
 Thompson, Noah – 27
 Thue, Jack – 17
 Uchtman, Alex – 20
 Van Meeteren, Zac – 80
 Van Tol, Chase – 28
 Veenhof, Shane – 37
 Walters, Dominick – 19
 Walters, JB – 74
 White, Emeir – 13
 Wilkinson, Grant – 73
 Willenbring, Shane – 54
 Williams, Amari – 32
 Woods, Jhace – 18

ROSTER BREAKDOWN

PLAYERS BY STATE/PROVINCE

SOUTH DAKOTA (33): Beau Bakken (Garretson); Brenden Begeman (Selby); Ben Brooks (Madison); Quinten Christensen (Wessington Springs); Brayden Delahoyde (Spearfish); Landon Dulaney (Brandon); Matt Goehring (Sioux Falls); Andrew Gustad (Volin); Mitchell Guthmiller (Volga); Micah Hach (Watertown); Shane Henderson (Mobridge); Jack Henry (Dell Rapids); Reis Kirschenman (Tea); Luke Krempges (Sioux Falls); Maverick LeBrun (Flandreau); Blake Leiferman (Kimball); Chase Mason (Hurley); Josh Myers (Sioux Falls); William Paepke (Rapid City); John Pica (Dell Rapids); Boden Schiller (Volga); Brady Schroedermeier (Hurley); Lincoln Semchenko (Brandon); Jace Sifore (Howard); Jack Smith (Sioux Falls); Bergan Tetzlaff (Brookings); Noah Thompson (Brandon); Jack Thue (Brandon); Zac Van Meeteren (Hayti); Chase Van Tol (Tea); Shane Veenhof (Madison); Grant Wilkinson (De Smet); Jhace Woods (Sioux Falls)

IOWA (23): Sam Christensen (Rock Rapids); Teague Cantrall (Altoona); Braylin Dieken-Keahey (Ankeny); Graham Eben (Rock Rapids); Graham Goering (Iowa City); Logan Green (Northboro); Ryan Harrington (Ankeny); Brayden Hoben (Bondurant); Caden Hotz (Waverly); David Joiner (Bettendorf); Jes Krcil (Carlisle); Brady Kurt (Independence); Gavin McLaren (Atlantic); Cullen McShane (Marquette); Harrison Mullens (Pella); Mac Muller (Osage); Max Pelham (Ankeny); Jozef Reisz (Woodbine); Dawson Ripperda (Larchwood); Joel Sankoh (Waukee); Rhett Schaefer (Walcott); Carson Strohbeen (Sioux City); Brody Targgart (Ankeny)

WISCONSIN (13): Michael "Tank" Farr (Racine); Thomas Dwyer (Oconomowoc); Greyton Gannon (Eagle); Elias Janssen (Appleton); Josiah Johnson (Milwaukee); Paul Kim (Janesville); Joe Ollman (Mequon); Brock Osbahr (De Pere); Reese Osgood (Franklin); Liam Shaw (Muskego); Jae'Shaun Thomas (Milwaukee); Dominick Walters (Franklin); Shane Willenbring (La Crosse)

MINNESOTA (11): Micah Bush (Hills); Noah Dietel (Darwin); Kaden Harney (Osseo); Jack Johnson (Blaine); Sawyer Josewski (Rogers); Evan McCarty (Hamel); Kayden Oakland (Faribault); Lofton O'Groske (Coon Rapids); Kyan Rauk (Northfield); Weston Rowe (Jackson); Ashton Sayre (Alexandria)

NEBRASKA (11): Tristan Alvano (Omaha); Barry Fries (Omaha); Kytan Fyfe (Grand Island); Tresten Hass (Seward); Connor Heiderman (Norfolk); Joe Kolega (Omaha); Grant Kuhlmann (Lincoln); Anthony Rezac (Omaha); Dom Rezac (Omaha); Carter Sitzman (Lincoln); Alex Uchtman (Elkhorn)

ILLINOIS (7): Myles Green (Homewood); Jovan Green Jr. (Dolton); Josh Holst (Marengo); Jackson Kerstin (Naperville); Ian Mutchler (Morton); Cooper Starks (Girard); Emeir White (Orland Park)

COLORADO (4): James Basinger (Littleton); Robert Hunter (Denver); Bryce Johnson (Parker); Dontay Johnson (Fort Collins)

MISSOURI (4): Cale Buntz (Platte City); Jayden Noel (O'Fallon); Jay'Veon Scott (St. Louis); Amari Williams (Florissant)

FLORIDA (3): Daniel Bradley (Windermere); Jamari Holliman (Miami); Noah St-Juste (Clearwater)

KANSAS (3): Sammy Dresie (Maize); Justin Lutz (Lawrence); Max Stanard (Manhattan)

TEXAS (3): Ife Current (Keenedale); Landin Jackson (New Braunfels); Ramon McKinney Jr. (Waxahachie)

CALIFORNIA (2): Coleman Kuntz (Beaumont); Noah Luginbill (Clovis)

ALASKA (1): Jack Nash (Palmer)

NORTH CAROLINA (1): Corey Blair Jr. (Kernersville)

NORTH DAKOTA (1): J.B. Walters (Grand Forks)

OKLAHOMA (1): Kenyon BigBow (Anadarko)

VIRGINIA (1): Amaje Parker (Charlottesville)

WASHINGTON (1): Casey Larson (Woodinville)

PLAYERS BY CLASS

SENIORS/GRADUATE STUDENTS (23): Quinten Christensen, Ife Current, Kytan Fyfe, Greyton Gannon, Matt Goehring, Graham Goering, Logan Green, Andrew Gustad, Bryce Johnson, Dontay Johnson, Coleman Kuntz, Chase Mason, Cullen McShane, Joe Ollman, Reese Osgood, Max Pelham, John Pica, Dom Rezac, Dawson Ripperda, Ashton Sayre, Jace Sifore, Carter Sitzman, Noah Thompson

JUNIORS (21): Tristan Alvano, Brenden Begeman, Kenyon BigBow, Jamari Holliman, Josh Holst, Jack Johnson, Jackson Kerstin, Paul Kim, Reis Kirschenman, Jes Krcil, Noah Luginbill, Ramon McKinney Jr., Ian Mutchler, Lofton O'Groske, William Paepke, Amaje Parker, Noah St-Juste, Cooper Starks, Carson Strohbeen, Brody Targgart, Chase Van Tol

SOPHOMORES (23): James Basinger, Brayden Delahoyde, Sammy Dresie, Graham Eben, Myles Green, Ryan Harrington, Jack Henry, Caden Hotz, Josiah Johnson, Casey Larson, Blake Leiferman, Justin Lutz, Mac Muller, Jack Nash, Kyan Rauk, Anthony Rezac, Rhett Schaefer, Boden Schiller, Jack Smith, Max Stanard, Jae'Shaun Thomas, Jack Thue, Shane Willenbring

REDSHIRT FRESHMEN (21): Beau Bakken, Corey Blair Jr., Danny Bradley, Ben Brooks, Sam Christensen, Landon Dulaney, Thomas Dwyer, Micah Hach, Shane Henderson, Joe Kolega, Luke Krempges, Brady Kurt, Maverick LeBrun, Evan McCarty, Josh Myers, Brock Osbahr, Jozef Reisz, Lincoln Semchenko, Liam Shaw, Zac Van Meeteren, J.B. Walters

INCOMING FRESHMEN (35): Cale Buntz, Micah Bush, Teague Cantrall, Braylin Dieken-Keahey, Noah Dietel, Michael "Tank" Farr, Barry Fries, Jovan Green Jr., Mitchell Guthmiller, Kaden Harney, Tresten Hass, Connor Heiderman, Brayden Hoben, Robert Hunter, Landin Jackson, Elias Janssen, David Joiner, Sawyer Josewski, Grant Kuhlmann, Gavin McLaren, Harrison Mullens, Jayden Noel, Kayden Oakland, Weston Rowe, Joel Sankoh, Brady Schroedermeier, Jay'Veon Scott, Bergan Tetzlaff, Alex Uchtman, Shane Veenhof, Dominick Walters, Amari Williams, Emeir White, Grant Wilkinson, Jhace Woods

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

• Tristan Alvano	al-VAH-no
• Beau Bakken	BOCK-en
• James Basinger	BAY-sing-er
• Brenden Begeman	BEG-ah-man
• Brayden Delahoyde	DELL-ah-hoid
• Noah Dietel	DEE-tul
• Sammy Dresie	DRESS-ee
• Graham Eben	EE-ben
• Barry Fries	frys
• Matt Goehring	GARE-ing
• Graham Goering	GORE-ing
• Andrew Gustad	GUSS-tad
• Micah Hach	hock
• Caden Hotz	hotes
• Sawyer Josewski	joe-ZOO-ski
• Joe Kolega	co-LEE-gah
• Jes Krcil	KERR-sill
• Luke Krempges	KREMP-geez (like McGee)
• Coleman Kuntz	COONTS
• Maverick LeBrun	lah-BROON
• Blake Leiferman	LIFE-er-man
• Noah Luginbill	LOO-gun-bill
• Justin Lutz	
• 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-zac
• Joseph Reisz	rise
• Dawson Ripperda	RIP-er-dah
• Joel Sankoh	SANE-co
• Ashton Sayre	SAY-er
• Noah St-Juste	Saint JOOST
• Max Stanard	STAN-ard
• Alex Uchtman	UCKT-man
• Bergan Tetzlaff	TETS-loff
• Jack Thue	THEW-ee
• Chase Van Tol	van TOLL



2025 SEASON REVIEW

2025 STATISTICS

2025 TEAM STATISTICS

	SDSU	OPP
SCORING	400	307
Points Per Game	28.6	21.9
Points off Turnovers	41	27
FIRST DOWNS	298	244
Rushing	138	97
Passing	140	120
Penalty	20	27
RUSHING YARDAGE	2,160	1,757
Yards gained rushing	2,561	2,058
Yards lost rushing	401	301
Rushing Attempts	574	463
Average Per Rush	3.8	3.8
Average Per Game	154.3	125.5
TDs Rushing	29	16
PASSING YARDAGE	3,156	2,714
Comp-Att-Int	248-405-12	248-405-15
Average Per Pass	7.8	6.7
Average Per Catch	12.7	10.9
Average Per Game	225.4	193.9
TDs Passing	24	19
TOTAL OFFENSE	5,316	4,471
Total Plays	979	868
Average Per Play	5.4	5.2
Average Per Game	379.7	319.4
KICK RETURNS	34-708	30-575
PUNT RETURNS	20-121	15-81
INTERCEPTION RETURNS	15-88	12-39
KICK RETURN AVERAGE	20.8	19.2
PUNT RETURN AVERAGE	6.1	5.4
INT RETURN AVERAGE	5.9	3.3
FUMBLES-LOST	18-7	13-8
PENALTIES-YARDS	86-724	70-558
Average Per Game	6.1-51.7	5.0-39.9
PUNTS-YARDS	50-2,215	66-2,730
Average Per Punt	44.3	41.4
Net punt average	39.5	37.4
KICKOFFS-YARDS	73-4,067	62-3,504
Average Per Kick	55.7	56.5
Net kick average	37.2	35.1
POSSESSION TIME/GAME	32:29	27:30
3RD-DOWN ATTEMPTS	79/194	56/177
3rd-Down Pct	40.7%	31.6%
4TH-DOWN ATTEMPTS	16/37	18/30
4th-Down Pct	43.2%	60.0%
SACKS BY-YARDS	29-183	31-209
MISC. YARDS	0	0
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED	53	38
FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS	11-17	14-19
PAT-ATTEMPTS	45-45	33-34
PAT Pct.	100.0%	97.1%
ON-SIDE KICKS	0-2	0-2
RED-ZONE SCORES	48-60	31-38
Red-Zone Pct	80.0%	81.6%
RED-ZONE TOUCHDOWNS	40-60	21-38
Red-Zone TD Pct	66.7%	55.3%
ATTENDANCE	127,321	78,683
Games/Avg Per Game	8/15,915	6/13,114
Neutral Site Games	—	0/0

2025 SCORES

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE	OVERALL	CONF	TIME	ATTEND
Aug. 30	#14/15 SACRAMENTO STATE	W, 20-3	1-0	0-0	3:10	19,163
Sept. 6	at #3/3 Montana State	[2 OT] W, 30-24	2-0	0-0	3:35	22,117
Sept. 13	DRAKE	W, 37-21	3-0	0-0	3:11	19,213
Sept. 27	MERCYHURST	W, 51-7	4-0	0-0	3:04	19,034
Oct. 4	*at #18/24 Youngstown State	W, 35-30	5-0	1-0	3:30	11,068
Oct. 11	*NORTHERN IOWA	W, 31-3	6-0	2-0	3:07	19,342
Oct. 18	*at Murray State	W, 35-14	7-0	3-0	3:15	6,746
Oct. 25	*#1/1 NORTH DAKOTA STATE	L, 7-38	7-1	3-1	3:15	19,477
Nov. 1	*INDIANA STATE	L, 12-24	7-2	3-2	3:00	15,842
Nov. 8	*at #22/25 South Dakota	L, 17-24	7-3	3-3	3:10	9,159
Nov. 15	*13/14 ILLINOIS STATE	L, 21-35	7-4	3-4	3:16	11,407
Nov. 22	*at #13/16 North Dakota	[OT] W, 34-31	8-4	4-4	3:22	11,396
Nov. 29	*#22 NEW HAMPSHIRE	W, 41-3	9-4	4-4	2:45	3,843
Dec. 6	*at #3/4 Montana	L, 29-50	9-5	4-4	3:23	18,197

* indicates Missouri Valley Football Conference game

^ Football Championship Subdivision playoff game

GAME SUPERLATIVES

TEAM GAME HIGHS

RUSHING ATTEMPTS: 56, vs. Sacramento State, 8-30-25
RUSHING YARDS: 240, vs. Sacramento State, 8-30-25
YARDS PER RUSH: 6.0, at South Dakota, 11-8-25
RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS: 4, vs. Drake, 9-13-25, and at Youngstown State, 10-4-25
PASS ATTEMPTS: 51, vs. Illinois State, 11-15-25
PASS COMPLETIONS: 32, vs. Illinois State, 11-15-25
YARDS PASSING: 356, at Montana, 12-6-25
YARDS PER PASS: 11.0, vs. New Hampshire, 11-29-25
PASSING TOUCHDOWNS: 4, vs. New Hampshire, 11-29-25
TOTAL PLAYS: 92, vs. Indiana State, 11-1-25
TOTAL OFFENSE: 469 yards, vs. Mercyhurst, 9-27-25, and at Murray State, 10-18-25

YARDS PER PLAY: 7.0, vs. New Hampshire, 11-29-25
POINTS: 51, vs. Mercyhurst, 9-27-25
FIRST DOWNS: 28, vs. Sacramento State, 8-30-25
SACKS BY: 4, vs. Drake, 9-13-25
PENALTIES: 10, at South Dakota, 11-8-25
PENALTY YARDS: 87, at South Dakota, 11-8-25
TURNOVERS BY: 3, three times (last: at North Dakota, 11-22-25)
TURNOVERS FORCED: 5, vs. Northern Iowa, 10-11-25
INTERCEPTIONS BY: 4, vs. Northern Iowa, 10-11-25, and at Murray State, 10-18-25
FUMBLE RECOVERIES: 2, at Montana State, 9-6-25
PUNTS: 7, at Montana State, 9-6-25
TIME OF POSSESSION: 41:12, vs. Indiana State, 11-1-25

INDIVIDUAL GAME HIGHS

RUSHING ATTEMPTS: 25, by Julius Loughridge, at Youngstown State, 10-4-25, and at Murray State, 10-18-25
RUSHING YARDS: 176, by Julius Loughridge, at Youngstown State, 10-4-25
RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS: 4, by Julius Loughridge, at Youngstown State, 10-4-25
LONG RUSH: 75 yards (for TD), by Jack Smith, at South Dakota, 11-8-25
PASS ATTEMPTS: 51, by Jack Henry, vs. Illinois State, 11-15-2025
PASS COMPLETIONS: 32, by Jack Henry, vs. Illinois State, 11-15-2025
YARDS PASSING: 356, by Chase Mason, at Montana, 12-6-25
TOUCHDOWN PASSES: 3, three times by Chase Mason (last: vs. New Hampshire, 11-29-25)
RECEPTIONS: 12, by Lofton O'Groske, at Montana State, 9-6-25
YARDS RECEIVING: 162, by Alex Bullock, at Youngstown State, 10-4-25
RECEIVING TOUCHDOWNS: 2, by Lofton O'Groske, at Montana State, 9-6-25, and by Jack Smith, at Murray State, 10-18-25
LONG RECEPTION: 95 yards (for TD), by Graham Goering, at Montana, 12-6-25 [school record]
TACKLES: 12, by Cullen McShane, at Montana State, 9-6-25, and at Youngstown State, 10-4-25

TACKLES FOR LOSS: 2.5, by Cullen McShane, vs. Drake, 9-13-25
SACKS: 2.0, by Joe Oilman, vs. Drake, 9-13-25, and by Chase Van Tol, vs. Northern Iowa, 10-11-25
INTERCEPTIONS: 2, by Jalen Lee, at Murray State, 10-18-25
LONG INTERCEPTION RETURN: 29 yards, by Chase Van Tol, vs. Northern Iowa, 10-11-25
PASS BREAKUPS: 3, by Aydan Dautermann, vs. Illinois State, 11-15-25
FIELD GOALS: 3, by Eli Stader, vs. Mercyhurst, 9-27-25
LONG FIELD GOAL: 46 yards, by Eli Stader, vs. Indiana State, 11-1-25
PUNTS: 7, by Max Pelham, at Montana State, 9-6-25
PUNTING AVERAGE (MIN. 3 PUNTS): 54.0 yards (6 punts), by Max Pelham, at Murray State, 10-18-25
LONG PUNT: 68 yards, by Max Pelham, at Murray State, 10-18-25
KICKOFF RETURNS: 5, by Jack Smith, vs. North Dakota State, 10-25-2025
KICK RETURN YARDS: 128, by Jack Smith, vs. Indiana State, 11-1-25
LONG KICK RETURN: 50 yards, by Jack Smith, vs. Indiana State, 11-1-25
PUNT RETURNS: 3, by Isaiah Garcia-Castaneda, at Montana State, 9-6-25, and by Myles Taylor, vs. Indiana State, 11-1-25
LONG PUNT RETURN: 24 yards, by Myles Taylor, at South Dakota, 11-8-25

2025 STATISTICS

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1ST	2ND	3RD	4TH	OT	TOT
South Dakota State	92	105	73	111	19	400
Opponents	100	92	32	73	10	307

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING	GP	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	YPC	TD	LG	YPG
Julius Loughridge	14	217	1,063	43	1,020	4.7	7	37	72.9
Josiah Johnson	8	78	325	5	320	4.1	6	16	40.0
James Basinger	14	80	330	22	308	3.9	5	20	22.0
Chase Mason	9	68	283	109	174	2.6	6	34	19.3
Corey Blair Jr.	6	20	102	6	96	4.8	1	42	16.0
Jack Smith	14	4	91	0	91	22.8	1	*75	6.5
Jack Henry	6	45	165	83	82	1.8	1	16	13.7
Lofton O'Groske	6	5	51	0	51	10.2	1	24	8.5
Luke Marble	6	22	85	55	30	1.4	0	17	5.0
Brenden Begeman	5	10	31	3	28	2.8	1	19	5.6
Andrew Gustad	14	5	14	0	14	2.8	0	4	1.0
Isaiah Garcia-Castaneda	14	1	8	0	8	8.0	0	8	0.6
Coleman Kuntz	6	1	1	0	1	1.0	0	1	0.2
Alex Bullock	14	6	12	19	-7	-1.2	0	7	-0.5
Max Pelham	14	2	0	31	-31	-15.5	0	0	-2.2
TEAM	14	10	0	25	-25	-2.5	0	0	-1.8
Total	14	574	2,561	401	2,160	3.8	29	75	154.3
Opponents	14	463	2,058	301	1,757	3.8	16	74	125.5

*denotes touchdown

PASSING	GP	EFFIC.	COMP-ATT-INT	PCT.	Yds	TD	LG	YPG
Chase Mason	9	158.2	146-225-4	64.9	2,005	15	*95	222.8
Jack Henry	6	106.8	59-107-6	55.1	605	5	49	100.8
Luke Marble	6	128.9	41-71-2	57.7	492	4	46	82.0
Max Pelham	14	335.2	1-1-0	100.0	28	0	28	2.0
Isaiah Garcia-Castaneda	14	318.4	1-1-0	100.0	26	0	26	1.9
Total	14	140.3	248-405-12	61.2	3,156	24	*95	225.4
Opponents	14	125.6	248-405-15	61.2	2,714	19	89	193.9

SCORING	TD	FG	KICK	PATs			DXP	SAF	PTS
				RUSH	Rcv	PASS			
Eli Stader	0	10-16	45-45	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	75
Julius Loughridge	7	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	42
Josiah Johnson	6	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	36
Chase Mason	6	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1-2	0	0	36
James Basinger	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	30
Alex Bullock	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	30
Lofton O'Groske	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	30
Jack Smith	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	30
Greyton Gannon	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0-0	0	0	20
Andrew Gustad	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	18
Brayden Delahoyde	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12
Grahm Goering	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12
Brenden Begeman	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Corey Blair Jr.	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Jack Henry	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1-2	0	0	6
Coleman Kuntz	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Ryan Harrington	0	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	3
John Pica	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0-0	0	0	2
TEAM	0	0-0	0-0	0-2	0	0-0	0	0	0
Total	53	11-17	45-45	0-2	2	2-4	0	0	400
Opponents	38	14-19	33-34	0-1	2	2-3	0	0	307

FIELD GOALS	FGM-FGA	Pct.	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	LG	Blk
Eli Stader	10-16	62.5	0-0	5-5	2-5	3-6	0-0	46	0
Ryan Harrington	1-1	100.0	0-0	0-0	1-1	0-0	0-0	39	0
Total	11-17	64.7	0-0	5-5	3-6	3-6	0-0	46	0
Opponents	14-19	73.7	0-0	4-4	6-7	4-7	0-1	46	2

TOP OFFENSIVE PERFORMANCES

100-YARD RUSHING GAMES (4)

Julius Loughridge • vs. Sacramento State, 8-30-25
 • 22 carries, 159 yards
 Julius Loughridge • at Youngstown State, 10-4-25
 • 25 carries, 176 yards, 4 TD
 Julius Loughridge • at North Dakota, 11-22-25
 • 24 carries, 112 yards
 Julius Loughridge • vs. New Hampshire, 11-29-25
 • 16 carries, 100 yards, 1 TD

100-YARD RECEIVING GAMES (6)

Lofton O'Groske • at Montana State, 9-13-25
 • 12 receptions, 133 yards, 2 TD
 Grahm Goering • vs. Mercyhurst, 9-27-25
 • 7 receptions, 101 yards
 Alex Bullock • at Youngstown State, 10-4-25
 • 10 receptions, 162 yards
 Alex Bullock • vs. Indiana State, 11-1-25
 • 7 receptions, 107 yards, 1 TD
 Alex Bullock • at Montana, 12-6-25
 • 6 receptions, 116 yards
 Grahm Goering • at Montana, 12-6-25
 • 4 receptions, 137 yards, 1 TD

300-YARD RECEIVING GAMES (2)

Chase Mason • vs. Mercyhurst, 9-27-25
 • 21-29-0, 321 yards, 3 TD
 Chase Mason • at Montana, 12-6-25
 • 19-36-2, 356 yards, 1 TD

FG SEQUENCE	SDSU	OPP
Sacramento State	(22), 37, 48, (28)	(36)
Montana State	(25), 36	45, (33)
Drake	38, (39)	(41), 44, (24)
Mercyhurst	(36), (25), (28)	-
Youngstown State	-	(29), 43
Northern Iowa	41, 45, (30)	36, (30)
Murray State	-	-
North Dakota State	-	(43)
Indiana State	(44), (46)	(46)
South Dakota	(40)	(34)
Illinois State	-	51
North Dakota	-	(20), (29), (40)
New Hampshire	-	(30)
Montana	-	(31)

Numbers in parentheses indicate field goal attempt was made

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RECEIVING	GP	No.	Yds	YPC	TD	LG	YPG
Alex Bullock	14	71	936	13.2	5	51	66.9
Graham Goering	14	43	656	15.3	2	*95	46.9
Jack Smith	14	33	396	12.0	4	46	28.3
Greyton Gannon	14	33	372	11.3	3	42	26.6
Lofton O'Groske	6	27	355	13.1	4	44	59.2
Isaiah Garcia-Castaneda	14	10	131	13.1	0	24	9.4
James Basinger	14	8	72	9.0	0	19	5.1
Coleman Kuntz	6	7	82	11.7	1	27	13.7
Sammy Dresie	11	5	61	12.2	0	29	5.5
Andrew Gustad	14	3	17	5.7	3	*11	1.2
Brayden Delahoyde	13	2	29	14.5	2	*25	2.2
Corey Blair Jr.	6	2	14	7.0	0	9	2.3
Koby Bretz	14	1	28	28.0	0	28	2.0
David Alpers	10	1	6	6.0	0	6	0.6
Julius Loughridge	14	1	2	2.0	0	2	0.1
Josiah Johnson	8	1	-1	-1.0	0	0	-0.1
Total	14	248	3,156	12.7	24	*95	225.4
Opponents	14	248	2,714	10.9	19	89	193.9

TOTAL OFFENSE	GP	PLAYS	RUSH	PASS	TOTAL	YPG
Chase Mason	9	293	174	2,005	2,179	242.1
Julius Loughridge	14	217	1,020	0	1,020	72.9
Jack Henry	6	152	82	605	687	114.5
Luke Marble	6	93	30	492	522	87.0
Josiah Johnson	8	78	320	0	320	40.0
James Basinger	14	80	308	0	308	22.0
Corey Blair Jr.	6	20	96	0	96	16.0
Jack Smith	14	4	91	0	91	6.5
Lofton O'Groske	6	5	51	0	51	8.5
Isaiah Garcia-Castaneda	14	2	8	26	34	2.4
Brenden Begeman	5	10	28	0	28	5.6
Andrew Gustad	14	5	14	0	14	1.0
Coleman Kuntz	6	1	1	0	1	0.2
Max Pelham	14	3	-31	28	-3	-0.2
Alex Bullock	14	6	-7	0	-7	-0.5
TEAM	14	0	-25	0	-25	-1.8
Total	14	979	2,160	3,156	5,316	379.7
Opponents	14	868	1,757	2,714	4,471	319.4

KICKOFF RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	LG
Jack Smith	14	363	25.9	0	50
Isaiah Garcia-Castaneda	6	148	24.7	0	36
Myles Green	4	92	23.0	0	34
Brayden Delahoyde	4	20	5.0	0	14
Brenden Begeman	2	50	25.0	0	29
Matt Goehring	2	21	10.5	0	16
David Alpers	1	14	14.0	0	14
Total	34	708	20.8	0	50
Opponents	30	575	19.2	1	*95

KICKOFFS	No.	Yds	Avg	TB	OB
Ryan Harrington	60	3,390	56.5	20	2
Eli Stader	13	677	52.1	3	0
Total	73	4,067	55.7	23	2
Opponents	62	3,504	56.5	18	5

PUNT RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	LG
Myles Taylor	12	106	8.8	0	24
Isaiah Garcia-Castaneda	7	15	2.1	0	20
Casey Larson	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total	20	121	6.1	0	24
Opponents	15	81	5.4	0	26

PUNTING	No.	Yds	Avg.	LONG	TB	FC	I20	50+	BLK
Max Pelham	42	1,981	47.2	68	8	14	14	18	0
Eli Stader	4	153	38.3	40	0	0	0	0	0
Luke Marble	2	81	40.5	47	0	0	2	0	0
TEAM	2	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Total	50	2,215	44.3	68	8	14	16	18	2
Opponents	66	2,730	41.4	71	7	19	16	11	1

INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	LG
Jalen Lee	3	0	0.0	0	0
Jayden Oliver	3	24	8.0	0	24
Isaiah Johnson	2	8	4.0	0	8
Chase Van Tol	1	29	29.0	0	29
Myles Taylor	1	27	27.0	0	27
Koby Bretz	1	0	0.0	0	0
Myles Green	1	0	0.0	0	0
Joe Ollman	1	0	0.0	0	0
Noah St-Juste	1	0	0.0	0	0
Noah Thompson	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total	15	88	5.9	0	29
Opponents	12	39	3.3	1	21

FUMBLE RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	LG
Logan Green	2	0	0.0	0	0
Dawson Ripperda	2	0	0.0	0	0
Isaiah Johnson	1	0	0.0	0	0
Reis Kirschenman	1	0	0.0	0	0
Joe Ollman	1	0	0.0	0	0
Chase Van Tol	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total	8	0	0.0	0	0
Opponents	7	2	0.3	1	*2

ALL-PURPOSE	GP	RUSH	REC	PR	KR	IR	TOTAL	YPG
Julius Loughridge	14	1,020	2	0	0	0	1,022	73.0
Alex Bullock	14	-7	936	0	0	0	929	66.4
Jack Smith	14	91	396	0	363	0	850	60.7
Graham Goering	14	0	656	0	0	0	656	46.9
Lofton O'Groske	6	51	355	0	0	0	406	67.7
James Basinger	14	308	72	0	0	0	380	27.1
Greyton Gannon	14	0	372	0	0	0	372	26.6
Josiah Johnson	8	320	-1	0	0	0	319	39.9
I. Garcia-Castaneda	14	8	131	15	148	0	302	21.6
Chase Mason	9	174	0	0	0	0	174	19.3
Myles Taylor	13	0	0	106	0	27	133	10.2
Corey Blair Jr.	6	96	14	0	0	0	110	18.3
Myles Green	13	0	0	0	92	0	92	7.1
Coleman Kuntz	6	1	82	0	0	0	83	13.8
Jack Henry	6	82	0	0	0	0	82	13.7
Brenden Begeman	5	28	0	0	50	0	78	15.6
Sammy Dresie	11	0	61	0	0	0	61	5.5
Brayden Delahoyde	13	0	29	0	20	0	49	3.8
Andrew Gustad	14	14	17	0	0	0	31	2.2
Luke Marble	6	30	0	0	0	0	30	5.0
Chase Van Tol	8	0	0	0	0	29	29	3.6
Koby Bretz	14	0	28	0	0	0	28	2.0
Jayden Oliver	13	9	9	9	9	24	24	1.8
Matt Goehring	14	0	0	0	21	0	21	1.5
David Alpers	10	0	6	0	14	0	20	2.0
Isaiah Johnson	14	0	0	0	0	8	8	0.6
Max Pelham	14	-31	0	0	0	0	-31	-2.2
TEAM	14	-25	0	0	0	0	-25	-1.8
Total	14	2,160	3,156	121	708	88	6,233	445.2
Opponents	14	1,757	2,714	81	575	39	5,166	369.0

Note: * denotes touchdown

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

		-----TACKLES-----				-SACKS-		--PASS DEF--		-FUMBLES-		BLKD	
No.	PLAYER	GP	SOLO	ASST	TOT	TFL-Yds	No.-Yds	INT-Yds	PBU	QBH	Rcv-Yds	FF	KICK
11	Joe Ollman	14	52	42	94	8.5-41	3.0-25	1-0	3	5	1-0	3	.
5	Cullen McShane	13	44	44	88	7.5-19	1.0-2	.	2	4	.	1	.
6	Jalen Lee	13	39	24	63	2.5-10	.	3-0	2	1	.	1	.
25	Koby Bretz	14	29	18	47	4.5-15	.	1-0	6	.	.	.	.
99	Dawson Ripperda	14	22	21	43	8.5-39	5.0-32	.	.	6	2-0	2	.
94	Kobe Clayborne	14	23	18	41	8.0-45	4.0-32	.	.	4	.	1	.
47	Kytan Fyfe	14	18	21	39	2.5-4	.	.	1	2	.	.	.
33	Bryce Johnson	14	18	21	39	2.0-6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
28	Chase Van Tol	8	32	6	38	4.0-18	4.0-18	1-29	.	.	1-0	.	.
0	Isaiah Johnson	14	18	21	39	2.0-6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
3	Dontay Johnson	13	19	18	37	0.5-1	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
16	Noah St-Juste	14	20	7	27	2.0-8	1.0-5	1-0	1	1	.	1	.
13	Aydan Dautermann	14	20	4	24	0.5-1	.	.	6	.	.	.	.
2	Myles Taylor	13	18	5	23	1.0-2	.	1-27	3	.	.	.	.
55	Aaron Wolfcale-Holsten	13	8	15	23	4.0-12	1.0-6	.	.	1	.	.	.
51	Logan Green	14	12	11	23	10.0-47	5.5-37	.	2	3	2-0	.	.
91	Jace Sifore	10	6	14	20	4.0-17	3.0-15	.	1	.	.	.	1
1	Jayden Oliver	13	12	6	18	.	.	3-24	.	.	.	.	.
9	Matt Goehring	14	10	6	16	1.5-7	1.0-6	.	1	.	.	.	.
27	Noah Thompson	14	10	5	15	.	.	1-0	1	.	.	.	.
97	Blake Leiferman	14	6	7	13	2.0-9	0.5-5	.	1	2	.	.	.
50	Nick Wells	13	5	7	12	1.0-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
30	Cody Cotton	14	4	6	10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
21	Myles Green	13	5	3	8	.	.	1-0	.	.	.	.	.
8	Reis Kirschenman	2	2	3	5	0.5-2	.	.	.	.	1-0	.	.
19	Jack Smith	14	4	1	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
45	Boden Schiller	10	4	1	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
98	Mac Muller	6	3	2	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
44	Casey Larson	12	2	2	4	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	1
93	Kevin Spelman	9	1	2	3	0.5-0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
95	Mason Brosseau	6	.	2	2	0.5-1	.	.	.	1	.	.	.
4	Andrew Price	6	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
41	Max Pelham	14	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
34	Jackson Powers	1	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
62	Kenyon BigBow	11	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
8	Sammy Dresie	11	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
38	Max Stanard	14	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
48	Jack Nash	5	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
96	Rhett Schaefer	4	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
92	Sam Watts	5	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
81	Ryan Harrington	13	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
49	Luke Krempges	6	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
26	Eli Stader	14	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Total		14	483	356	829	76-306	29-183	15-88	36	30	8-0	9	3
Opponents		14	525	482	1,007	79-338	31-209	12-39	41	28	7-2	8	2

TOP DEFENSIVE PERFORMANCES

DOUBLE-DIGIT TACKLES (5)

Cullen McShane • at Montana State, 9-6-25

• 12 tackles (10 solos, 2 assists)

Cullen McShane • at Youngstown State, 10-4-25

• 12 tackles (7 solos, 5 assists)

Cullen McShane • vs. North Dakota State, 10-25-25

• 11 tackles (5 solos, 6 assists)

Joe Ollman • vs. Illinois State, 11-15-25

• 11 tackles (5 solos, 6 assists)

Bryce Johnson • vs. Illinois State, 11-15-25

• 10 tackles (5 solos, 5 assists)

Bryce Johnson • vs. New Hampshire, 11-29-25

• 10 tackles (6 solos, 4 assists)

2025 STATISTICS

GAME-BY-GAME COMPARISON

OPPONENT	SCORE	----FIRST DOWNS----					--RUSHING--	--PASSING--	YARDS	-TOTAL OFFENSE-		RETURN Yds	TURNOVERS
		TOTAL	RUSH	PASS	PEN	NUMBER-YARDS	COMP-ATT-INT	PLAYS-YARDS					
Sacramento State.	20-3	28 / 7	17 / 1	8 / 4	3 / 2	56-240 / 24-24	17-23-0 / 11-27-1	190 / 112	79-430 / 51-136	41 / 46	2 / 2		
Montana State	30-24	16 / 17	8 / 11	6 / 5	2 / 1	40-123 / 42-210	17-25-0 / 19-29-0	174 / 139	65-297 / 71-349	44 / 62	2 / 2		
Drake	37-21	23 / 18	11 / 6	11 / 10	1 / 2	43-211 / 32-121	18-25-0 / 18-29-1	225 / 174	68-436 / 61-295	65 / 0	0 / 2		
Mercyhurst	51-7	26 / 9	7 / 2	18 / 7	1 / 0	37-126 / 20-41	24-32-0 / 13-20-2	343 / 113	69-469 / 40-154	110 / 118	0 / 2		
Youngstown State	35-30	20 / 25	1 / 7	7 / 14	2 / 4	40-211 / 29-156	14-30-1 / 29-44-0	189 / 275	70-400 / 73-431	15 / 61	1 / 1		
Northern Iowa	31-3	24 / 14	8 / 5	13 / 6	3 / 3	39-120 / 30-78	20-33-0 / 14-27-4	262 / 143	72-382 / 57-221	37 / 16	0 / 5		
Murray State	35-14	25 / 20	14 / 7	10 / 11	1 / 2	52-211 / 28-111	18-27-1 / 20-32-4	258 / 327	79-469 / 60-438	18 / 22	1 / 4		
North Dakota State	7-38	11 / 23	5 / 10	5 / 12	1 / 1	28-43 / 49-257	9-19-0 / 18-24-1	123 / 243	47-165 / 73-500	91 / 71	0 / 1		
Indiana State	12-24	26 / 9	15 / 2	11 / 6	0 / 1	50-162 / 20-40	24-42-2 / 15-25-0	279 / 188	92-441 / 45-228	160 / 95	3 / 0		
South Dakota	17-24	16 / 20	9 / 11	6 / 6	1 / 3	32-191 / 41-175	13-24-1 / 14-21-0	139 / 158	56-330 / 62-333	92 / 25	1 / 0		
Illinois State	21-35	22 / 20	5 / 10	15 / 9	2 / 1	38-66 / 39-134	32-51-2 / 17-33-0	254 / 141	89-320 / 72-275	24 / 58	3 / 1		
North Dakota	34-31	19 / 18	12 / 3	5 / 12	2 / 3	55-202 / 33-75	6-17-2 / 20-33-1	132 / 292	72-334 / 66-367	61 / 41	3 / 2		
New Hampshire	41-3	23 / 12	12 / 10	11 / 1	0 / 1	40-193 / 33-144	17-21-1 / 10-23-1	232 / 48	61-425 / 56-192	41 / 68	1 / 1		
Montana	29-50	19 / 32	4 / 12	14 / 17	1 / 3	24-61 / 43-191	19-36-2 / 30-38-0	356 / 361	60-147 / 81-552	118 / 14	2 / 0		
Totals	400-307	298/244	138/97	140/120	20/27	574-2,160/463-1,757	249-405-12/248-405-15	3,156/2,714	979-5,316/868-4,471	917/697	19/23		

MISCELLANEOUS GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

THIRD-DOWN CONVERSIONS

OPPONENT	OVERALL	1ST QTR	2ND QTR	3RD QTR	4TH QTR/OT
Sacramento State	5-15	3-5	0-3	1-3	1-4
Montana State	1-13	0-2	0-2	1-3	0-6/1-1
Drake	3-9	0-2	1-3	1-3	1-1
Mercyhurst	9-13	4-5	2-4	2-2	1-2
Youngstown State	6-14	0-3	3-5	1-1	2-5
Northern Iowa	5-14	3-4	0-2	0-4	2-4
Murray State	8-15	3-5	1-3	1-3	3-4
North Dakota State	3-11	0-2	1-4	1-2	1-3
Indiana State	10-19	2-4	2-5	0-2	6-8
South Dakota	5-13	1-2	3-5	1-4	0-2
Illinois State	4-19	0-3	2-6	2-6	0-4
North Dakota	5-14	0-2	1-4	2-4	1-3/0-0
New Hampshire	8-12	4-4	1-1	1-3	2-4
Montana	7-13	2-2	0-3	3-5	2-3
Totals	79-104	22-45	17-50	17-45	22-53/1-1
	40.7%	48.9%	34.0%	37.8%	40.0%/100.0%
Opponents	56-177	17-41	13-48	10-40	15-45/1-2
	31.6%	41.5%	27.1%	25.0%	33.3%/50.0%

TIME OF POSSESSION

OPPONENT	OVERALL	1ST QTR	2ND QTR	3RD QTR	4TH QTR
Sacramento State	41:06	11:04	9:28	8:15	12:19
Montana State	33:05	10:03	4:49	9:24	8:49
Drake	32:30	6:48	11:18	9:15	5:09
Mercyhurst	36:47	8:38	10:16	6:22	11:31
Youngstown State	29:31	6:14	7:28	6:59	8:50
Northern Iowa	31:59	8:47	5:37	8:43	8:52
Murray State	35:55	10:30	7:05	6:59	11:21
North Dakota State	21:59	3:00	4:54	6:47	7:18
Indiana State	41:12	10:08	12:00	8:37	10:27
South Dakota	27:24	4:05	8:45	8:47	5:47
Illinois State	31:04	4:22	8:19	10:45	7:38
North Dakota	35:57	8:04	10:38	9:01	8:14
New Hampshire	31:11	11:34	4:52	6:14	8:31
Montana	25:16	8:02	5:18	6:24	5:32
Totals	454:56	111:19	110:47	112:32	120:18
Avg.	32:30	7:57	7:55	8:02	8:36
Opponents	385:04	98:41	99:13	97:28	89:42
Avg.	27:30	7:03	7:05	6:58	6:24

FOURTH-DOWN CONVERSIONS

OPPONENT	OVERALL	1ST QTR	2ND QTR	3RD QTR	4TH QTR/OT
Sacramento State	2-3	1-1	1-1	0-0	0-1
Montana State	1-2	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-2/0-0
Drake	1-4	0-2	1-2	0-0	0-0
Mercyhurst	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1
Youngstown State	0-2	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0
Northern Iowa	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0
Murray State	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
North Dakota State	0-2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-2
Indiana State	0-5	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-2
South Dakota	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1
Illinois State	6-10	0-1	3-3	2-2	1-4
North Dakota	2-3	0-0	2-2	0-1	0-0/0-0
New Hampshire	3-3	0-0	0-0	1-1	2-2
Montana	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Totals	16-37	1-6	7-10	3-6	5-15
	43.2%	16.7%	70.0%	50.0%	33.3%
Opponents	18-30	6-7	6-9	2-4	4-9
	60.0%	85.7%	66.7%	50.0%	44.4%

PENALTIES

OPPONENT	SDSU	OPP
Sacramento State	5-50	9-66
Montana State	5-45	4-28
Drake	7-68	3-25
Mercyhurst	8-60	8-55
Youngstown State	7-43	7-60
Northern Iowa	8-85	5-49
Murray State	5-41	3-25
North Dakota State	4-23	6-55
Indiana State	4-41	2-10
South Dakota	10-87	6-45
Illinois State	6-36	3-35
North Dakota	6-60	4-40
New Hampshire	2-18	4-16
Montana	9-67	6-49
Totals	88-724	70-558

GAME-BY-GAME STARTERS

OFFENSE

Opponent	LT	LG	C	RG	RT	TE	WR	WR/TE	WR/TE/RB	QB	RB
Sacramento St.	Q. Christensen	Paepke	Willenbring	BigBow	Hagen	Gannon	Goering	O'Groske	Delahoyde (TE)	Mason	Loughridge
Montana State	Q. Christensen	Paepke	Willenbring	BigBow	Hagen	Gannon	Goering	O'Groske	Bullock (WR)	Mason	Loughridge
Drake	Q. Christensen	Paepke	Willenbring	BigBow	Hagen	Alpers	Goering	O'Groske	Delahoyde (TE)	Mason	Loughridge
Mercyhurst	Q. Christensen	Paepke	Willenbring	BigBow	Hagen	Gannon	Goering	O'Groske	Bullock (WR)	Mason	Loughridge
Youngstown St.	Q. Christensen	Paepke	Willenbring	BigBow	Hagen	Gannon	Goering	Bullock	Delahoyde (TE)	Mason	Loughridge
Northern Iowa	Q. Christensen	Paepke	Willenbring	BigBow	Hagen	Gustad	Smith	Bullock	Pica (TE)	Mason	Loughridge
Murray State	Q. Christensen	Paepke	Willenbring	BigBow	Hagen	Gannon	Goering	Bullock	Smith (WR)	Mason	Loughridge
N. Dakota State	Q. Christensen	Paepke	Willenbring	BigBow	Hagen	Gannon	Bullock	O'Groske	Kuntz (TE)	Marble	Loughridge
Indiana State	Q. Christensen	Paepke	Willenbring	BigBow	Hagen	Gannon	Goering	Bullock	Pica (TE)	Marble	Loughridge
South Dakota	Q. Christensen	Paepke	Willenbring	Adams	BigBow	Kuntz	Goering	Bullock	Garcia-Castaneda	Henry	Smith
Illinois State	Q. Christensen	Paepke	Willenbring	Adams	BigBow	Gannon	Goering	Bullock	Smith (WR)	Henry	Loughridge
North Dakota	Q. Christensen	Paepke	Adams	Willenbring	Pica	Gannon	Goering	Smith	Kuntz (TE)	Herny	Blair
New Hampshire	Q. Christensen	Paepke	Adams	Willenbring	Pica	Gannon	Goering	Bullock	Kuntz (TE)	Mason	Loughridge
Montana	Q. Christensen	Paepke	Adams	Willenbring	Hagen	Gannon	Goering	Bullock	Kuntz (TE)	Mason	Loughridge

DEFENSE

Opponent	DE	DT	DT	DE	WLB	MLB	SLB	CB	SS	FS	CB
Sacramento St.	Ripperda	Clayborne	L. Green	Kirschenman	McShane	Ollman	Van Tol	Taylor	D. Johnson	Lee	Oliver
Montana State	Ripperda	Clayborne	L. Green	Kirschenman	McShane	Ollman	Fyfe	Taylor	Bretz	Lee	Oliver
Drake	Ripperda	Clayborne	L. Green	Wells	McShane	Ollman	Van Tol	Taylor	Bretz	Lee	Oliver
Mercyhurst	Ripperda	Clayborne	L. Green	Wells	McShane	Ollman	Van Tol	Taylor	Bretz	Lee	I. Johnson
Youngstown St.	Ripperda	Clayborne	L. Green	Wells	McShane	Ollman	Van Tol	Taylor	Bretz	Lee	I. Johnson
Northern Iowa	Ripperda	Clayborne	L. Green	Wells	McShane	Ollman	Van Tol	Taylor	Bretz	Lee	I. Johnson
Murray State	Ripperda	Wolfcale-Holsten	L. Green	Clayborne	McShane	Ollman	Van Tol	Taylor	Bretz	Lee	I. Johnson
N. Dakota State	Ripperda	Wolfcale-Holsten	L. Green	Clayborne	McShane	Ollman	Van Tol	Taylor	Bretz	Lee	I. Johnson
Indiana State	Ripperda	Wolfcale-Holsten	L. Green	Clayborne	McShane	Ollman	Fyfe	Taylor	Bretz	D. Johnson	I. Johnson
South Dakota	Ripperda	Clayborne	L. Green	Wells	McShane	Ollman	Fyfe	Taylor	Bretz	Lee	I. Johnson
Illinois State	Ripperda	Sifore	L. Green	Clayborne	McShane	Ollman	Fyfe	Taylor	Bretz	Lee	I. Johnson
North Dakota	Ripperda	Sifore	L. Green	Clayborne	McShane	Ollman	Fyfe	Taylor	Bretz	Lee	Dautermann
New Hampshire	Ripperda	Sifore	L. Green	Clayborne	B. Johnson	Ollman	Fyfe	Dautermann	Bretz	Lee	I. Johnson
Montana	Ripperda	Sifore	L. Green	Clayborne	McShane	Ollman	St-Juste	Dautermann	Bretz	Lee	I. Johnson

RED-ZONE STATISTICS

SOUTH DAKOTA STATE

OPPONENT	TIMES IN RZ	SCORES	POINTS	TDs	FGM-FGA	TO/DOWNS
Sacramento State	6	4	20	2	2-3	1/0
Montana State	5	4	24	3	1-2	0/0
Drake	8	6	37	5	1-2	0/1
Mercyhurst	8	8	44	5	3-3	0/0
Youngstown State	4	4	28	4	0-0	0/0
Northern Iowa	6	3	18	2	1-3	0/0
Murray State	4	4	28	4	0-0	0/0
North Dakota State	1	1	7	1	0-0	0/0
Indiana State	1	0	0	0	0-0	0/1
South Dakota	0	0	0	0	0-0	0/0
Illinois State	5	3	21	3	0-0	0/2
North Dakota	4	3	21	3	0-0	0/1
New Hampshire	5	5	35	5	0-0	0/0
Montana	3	3	22	3	0-0	0/0
SDSU Totals	60	48	305	40	8-13	1/5

OPPONENTS

OPPONENT	TIMES IN RZ	SCORES	POINTS	TDs	FGM-FGA	TO/DOWNS
Sacramento State	1	1	3	0	1-1	0/0
Montana State	4	3	17	2	1-1	0/1
Drake	2	2	11	1	1-1	0/0
Mercyhurst	0	0	0	0	0-0	0/0
Youngstown State	3	3	16	2	1-1	0/0
Northern Iowa	3	1	3	0	1-2	1/0
Murray State	3	0	0	0	0-0	2/1
North Dakota State	3	3	21	3	0-0	0/0
Indiana State	1	1	7	1	0-0	0/0
South Dakota	3	3	17	2	1-1	0/0
Illinois State	4	4	28	4	0-0	0/0
North Dakota	4	4	21	2	2-2	0/0
New Hampshire	1	1	3	0	1-1	0/0
Montana	6	5	30	4	1-1	0/1
SDSU Totals	38	31	177	21	10-11	3/3

JACKRABBITS IN THE NCAA STATISTICS

TEAM (top 25)

- 7th in passes intercepted, 15
- 8th in third-down conversion percentage defense, .316
- 10th in turnovers gained, 23
- 11th in first downs offense, 298
- 19th in net punting, 39.48 yards/attempt
- 20th in rushing defense, 125.5 yards/game
- 23rd in punt return defense, 5.40 yards/attempt
- 24th in scoring defense, 21.9 points/game

INDIVIDUAL (top 30)

ALEX BULLOCK

- 26th in receiving yards, 936

LOGAN GREEN

- T-13th in fumble recoveries, 2

JULIUS LOUGHRIDGE

- 21st in rushing yards, 1,020

DAWSON RIPPERDA

- T-13th in fumble recoveries, 2

Note: Max Pelham would have ranked in top 30 for punting average (47.2 yards per attempt), but did not meet required average of 3.6 punts per game.

2025 MVFC STANDINGS AND TEAM STATS

SCORING OFFENSE

TEAM	G	Pts	Avg
North Dakota State	13	534	41.1
Youngstown State	13	476	36.6
Southern Illinois	12	437	36.4
North Dakota	14	461	32.9
Illinois State	17	523	30.8
South Dakota State	14	400	28.6
South Dakota	15	407	27.1
Indiana State	12	254	21.2
Murray State	12	228	19.0
Northern Iowa	12	207	17.3

SCORING DEFENSE

TEAM	G	Pts	Avg
North Dakota State	13	169	13.0
North Dakota	14	278	19.9
South Dakota State	14	307	21.9
Illinois State	17	437	25.7
South Dakota	15	395	26.3
Southern Illinois	12	320	26.7
Northern Iowa	12	321	26.8
Youngstown State	13	403	31.0
Murray State	12	463	38.6
Indiana State	12	475	39.6

TOTAL OFFENSE

TEAM	RUSH	PASS	TOTAL	Avg/G
Youngstown State	2,644	3,331	5,975	459.6
North Dakota State	2,764	3,104	5,868	451.4
Southern Illinois	2,487	2,874	5,361	446.8
Illinois State	2,887	3,748	6,635	390.3
North Dakota	2,728	2,694	5,422	387.3
South Dakota	2,835	3,879	5,714	380.9
South Dakota State	2,160	3,156	5,316	379.7
Murray State	1,611	2,518	4,129	344.1
Indiana State	1,651	2,218	3,869	322.4
Northern Iowa	1,521	2,251	3,772	314.3

TOTAL DEFENSE

TEAM	RUSH	PASS	TOTAL	Avg/G
North Dakota State	1,344	1,929	3,273	251.8
North Dakota	1,438	2,901	4,339	309.9
South Dakota State	1,757	2,714	4,471	319.4
South Dakota	2,271	3,078	5,349	356.6
Illinois State	2,221	4,172	6,393	376.1
Northern Iowa	2,111	2,440	4,551	379.3
Youngstown State	1,834	3,277	5,111	393.2
Southern Illinois	2,317	2,412	4,729	394.1
Murray State	3,065	2,723	5,788	482.3
Indiana State	2,902	3,071	5,973	497.8

RUSHING OFFENSE

TEAM	ATT	YARDS	TD	Avg/G
North Dakota State	533	2,764	43	212.6
Southern Illinois	417	2,487	31	207.3
Youngstown State	448	2,644	34	203.4
North Dakota	569	2,728	32	194.9
South Dakota	551	2,835	22	189.0
Illinois State	636	2,887	24	169.8
South Dakota State	574	2,160	29	154.3
Indiana State	405	1,651	14	137.6
Murray State	411	1,611	14	134.3
Northern Iowa	390	1,521	8	126.8

2025 MVFC STANDINGS						
SCHOOL	CONFERENCE	PF	PA	OVERALL	PF	PA
North Dakota State	8-0	306	116	12-1	534	169
South Dakota	6-2	214	213	10-5	407	395
Illinois State	5-3	243	212	12-5	523	437
Youngstown State	5-3	299	259	8-5	476	403
North Dakota	5-3	241	152	8-6	461	278
South Dakota State	4-4	192	199	9-5	400	307
Southern Illinois	4-4	275	242	7-5	437	320
Indiana State	1-7	155	301	3-9	254	475
Northern Iowa	1-7	136	242	3-9	207	321
Murray State	1-7	156	291	1-11	228	463

RUSHING DEFENSE

TEAM	ATT	YARDS	TD	Avg/G
North Dakota	495	1,438	12	102.7
North Dakota State	426	1,344	11	103.4
South Dakota State	463	1,757	16	125.5
Illinois State	569	2,221	26	130.7
Youngstown State	423	1,834	24	141.1
South Dakota	525	2,271	23	151.4
Northern Iowa	434	2,111	21	175.9
Southern Illinois	473	2,317	22	193.1
Indiana State	553	2,902	33	241.8
Murray State	543	3,065	35	255.4

PASSING OFFENSE

TEAM	COMP	YARDS	TD	Avg/G
Youngstown State	286	3,331	27	256.2
Southern Illinois	226	2,874	23	239.5
North Dakota State	187	3,104	20	238.8
South Dakota State	248	3,156	24	225.4
Illinois State	349	3,748	42	220.5
Murray State	242	2,518	13	209.8
North Dakota	234	2,694	26	192.4
South Dakota	215	2,879	26	191.9
Northern Iowa	207	2,251	16	187.6
Indiana State	180	2,218	18	184.8

PASSING DEFENSE

TEAM	COMP	YARDS	TD	Avg/G
North Dakota state	195	1,929	8	148.4
South Dakota State	248	2,714	19	193.9
Southern illinois	216	2,412	19	201.0
Northern Iowa	230	2,440	19	203.3
South Dakota	268	3,078	25	205.2
North Dakota	252	2,901	19	207.2
Murray State	202	2,723	24	226.9
Illinois State	346	4,172	28	245.4
Youngstown State	257	3,277	29	252.1
Indiana State	251	3,071	27	255.9

PENALTIES

TEAM	No.	Yds	Avg/G
Murray State	55	456	38.0
Indiana State	54	464	38.7
Illinois State	71	666	39.2
Southern Illinois	65	490	40.8
North Dakota	66	609	43.5
North Dakota State	67	580	44.6
South Dakota State	86	724	51.7
Youngstown State	81	713	54.9
South Dakota	99	870	58.0
Northern Iowa	75	746	62.2

THIRD-DOWN CONVERSIONS

TEAM	CONV	ATT	Pct
Southern Illinois	75	148	.507
Youngstown State	75	158	.475
North Dakota State	69	147	.469
Illinois State	97	222	.437
South Dakota	72	173	.416
South Dakota State	79	194	.407
Northern Iowa	62	159	.390
North Dakota	76	195	.390
Murray State	51	154	.331
Indiana State	44	156	.282

OPPONENT THIRD-DOWN CONVERSIONS

TEAM	CONV	ATT	Pct
North Dakota	60	198	.303
North Dakota State	52	169	.308
South Dakota State	56	177	.316
Illinois State	87	224	.388
Youngstown State	61	156	.391
South Dakota	82	187	.439
Southern Illinois	70	154	.455
Northern Iowa	69	150	.460
Indiana State	86	173	.497
Murray State	80	147	.544

TURNOVER MARGIN

TEAM	FUM G/L	INT G/L	MARGIN	Avg/G
North Dakota State	9/5	19/5	+18	+1.38
Youngstown State	7/5	12/3	+11	+0.85
North Dakota	10/8	17/12	+7	+0.50
Southern Illinois	7/8	12/5	+6	+0.50
Illinois State	7/7	19/13	+6	+0.35
South Dakota State	8/7	15/12	+4	+0.29
South Dakota	3/4	12/5	+4	+0.27
Indiana State	7/5	7/11	-2	-0.17
Northern Iowa	5/5	4/13	-9	-0.75
Murray State	6/6	7/16	-9	0.75

FUM G/L – Fumbles Gained/Lost
INT G/L – Interceptions Gained/Lost