



2026 JACKRABBIT FOOTBALL

SOUTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY

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AUG. 29 GAME NOTES



STETSON HATTERS

2025 RECORD: 3-9 overall (2-6 in Pioneer Football League)

HEAD COACH: Mike Jasper (second season)

ALMA MATER: Bethel University (Tenn.)

RECORD AT STETSON: 3-9

CAREER RECORD: 47-29 (eighth season as collegiate head coach)

STETSON (0-0)

at #3/3 SOUTH DAKOTA STATE (0-0)

6 p.m. Saturday • Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium; Brookings, S.D.

Season Opener // Precision Ag Bowl

SERIES NOTE

- First Meeting

MEDIA INFORMATION

• Game will be televised on Midco Sports, KELOLAND TV and ESPN+ with the broadcast team of Tyler Merriam (play-by-play), Kurtiss Riggs (color analyst) and Kelsey Dennehy (sideline reporter)

• Radio pre-game show begins at 4 p.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



SOUTH DAKOTA STATE JACKRABBITS

2025 RECORD: 9-5 overall (4-4 in Missouri Valley Football Conference)

HEAD COACH: Dan Jackson (second season)

ALMA MATER: Nebraska-Omaha, 2008

RECORD AT SDSU: 9-5

CAREER RECORD: Same

2026 SCHEDULE

AUGUST

29 STETSON [Precision Ag Bowl] 6 p.m.

SEPTEMBER

5 at Northwestern (Ill.) 7 p.m.

12 NEW HAVEN [Beef Bowl/Jacks in Black] 6 p.m.

19 *YOUNGSTOWN STATE [Dairy Drive] 6 p.m.

26 EASTERN ILLINOIS [Hall of Fame Game] 6 p.m.

OCTOBER

3 *at Illinois State 6 p.m.

17 *at North Dakota 1 p.m.

24 *MURRAY STATE [Hobo Day] 2 p.m.

31 *SOUTH DAKOTA [Interstate Series] TBA

NOVEMBER

7 *at Northern Iowa 1 p.m.

14 *at Southern Illinois 1 p.m.

21 *INDIANA STATE [Military Apprec./Senior Day] 2 p.m.

28 FCS Playoffs begin (if qualified)

* Missouri Valley Football Conference game | All times Central

TALE OF THE TAPE — 2025 STATS COMPARISON

STETSON

18.8

34.8

161.0

169.3

150.8

10.5

218.9

311.8

388.3

18.5

6.1

9-81

16-9

70-599

30:49

55-171 (32%)

21-40 (53%)

24-32 (75%, 21 TD)

41-46 (89%, 34 TD)

CATEGORY

Points Per Game

Points Allowed Per Game

Rushing Yardage Per Game

Rush Yardage Allowed/Game

Passing Yardage Per Game

Average Per Catch

Pass Yardage Allowed/Game

Total Offense Per Game

Total Offense Allowed/Game

Kick Return Average

Punt Return Average

Interception Returns

Fumbles-Lost

Penalties-Yards

Time of Possession/Game

Third-Down Conversions

Fourth-Down Conversions

Red-Zone Offense

Red-Zone Defense

SOUTH DAKOTA STATE

28.6

21.9

154.3

125.5

225.4

12.7

193.9

379.9

319.4

20.8

6.1

15-88

18-7

86-724

32:29

79-194 (41%)

16-37 (43%)

49-60 (82%, 41 TD)

31-38 (82%, 21 TD)

2025 SCHEDULE AND RESULTS

AUGUST

30 SACRAMENTO STATE W, 20-3

SEPTEMBER

6 at Montana State [2 OT] W, 30-24

13 DRAKE W, 37-21

27 MERCYHURST W, 51-7

OCTOBER

4 *at Youngstown State W, 35-30

11 *NORTHERN IOWA W, 31-3

18 *at Murray State W, 35-14

25 *NORTH DAKOTA STATE L, 7-38

NOVEMBER

1 *INDIANA STATE L, 12-24

8 *at South Dakota L, 17-24

15 *ILLINOIS STATE L, 21-35

22 *at North Dakota [OT] W, 34-31

29 ^NEW HAMPSHIRE W, 41-3

DECEMBER

6 ^at Montana L, 29-50

* Missouri Valley Football Conference game

^ Football Championship Subdivision playoff game

SEASON OPENERS IN FCS ERA

2004: UC Davis 52, SDSU 0
 2005: *SDSU 42, Wisconsin-La Crosse 13
 2006: *Wisconsin-La Crosse 17, SDSU 3
 2007: Western Illinois 29, SDSU 26 [4 OT]
 2008: Iowa State 44, SDSU 17
 2009: *SDSU 44, Georgia Southern 6
 2010: Delaware 26, SDSU 3
 2011: *SDSU 29, Southern Utah 28
 2012: Kansas 31, SDSU 17
 2013: *SDSU 55, Butler 14
 2014: Missouri 38, SDSU 18
 2015: SDSU 41, Kansas 38
 2016: Texas Christian 59, SDSU 41
 2017: *SDSU 51, Duquesne 13
 2018: *SDSU 45, Montana State 14
 2019: Minnesota 28, SDSU 21
 2020-21: SDSU 24, Northern Iowa 20
 2021: SDSU 42, Colorado State 23
 2022: Iowa 7, SDSU 3
 2023: *SDSU 45, Western Oregon 7
 2024: Oklahoma State 44, SDSU 20
 2025: *SDSU 20, Sacramento State 3
 *denotes home game

Jackrabbits open 2026 slate at home against Stetson

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August 26, 2026

BROOKINGS, S.D. — A South Dakota State football team that enters the 2026 season with high expectations kicks off the campaign at home Saturday night with a nonconference matchup against Stetson.

Start time before an anticipated sellout crowd is slated for 6 p.m. at Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium. The game will be televised on Midco Sports, Sioux Falls-based KELOLAND and ESPN+.

SDSU, under the leadership of second-year head coach Dan Jackson, is ranked third in both major Football Championship Subdivision preseason polls conducted by Stats Perform (media) and the American Football Coaches Association. The Jackrabbits posted a 9-5 overall record a season ago, including a 4-4 mark in the Missouri Valley Football Conference, en route to the program's 14th consecutive appearance in the FCS playoffs.

Stetson, meanwhile, is coming a 3-9 season in 2025 that included a 2-6 ledger in the Pioneer Football League under first-year head coach Mike Jasper. The Hatters will be in search of their first winning season since 2019.

THE SERIES: Saturday's game will mark the first-ever meeting between Stetson and South Dakota State on the gridiron.

The Jackrabbits have played three other current members of the Pioneer League in their Division I history and have gone undefeated in eight matchups.

- vs. Butler 2-0 2013: W, 51-14; 2022: W, 45-17
- vs. Drake 5-0 2016: W, 56-28; 2017: W, 51-10; 2019: W, 38-10; *2023: W, 70-7; 2025: W, 37-21
- vs. Valparaiso 1-0 2005: W, 37-21

* 2023 game against Drake played at Target Field in Minneapolis

FOR OPENERS: In the Football Championship Subdivision era (since 2004), the Jackrabbits have compiled an 11-11 record in season-opening games, with seven of the losses against Football Bowl Subdivision teams.

In the 22 previous seasons, the Jackrabbits opened with a home game nine times and posted an 8-1 record. SDSU most recently opened a season at home in 2025 and posted a 20-3 victory over Sacramento State.

SDSU has won 15 consecutive home openers, including all 10 played at Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium. The last Jackrabbit setback in a home opener was a 24-14 defeat at the hands of Illinois State in 2010.

RANKINGS STREAK: The South Dakota State football team begins the 2026 season in a familiar spot with a high ranking in the Stats Perform FCS Preseason Poll. Holding the third spot in the preseason poll for the second year in a row, the Jackrabbits have now appeared in the top 25 of 190 consecutive Stats Perform polls dating back to October 2012.

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

CAPTAINS: Leading the Jackrabbit football team are five 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.

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

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
Totals	167-69	103-39
Overall Totals	193-87	115-45

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 193-87 record (.689 winning percentage).

In the decade of the 2020s, SDSU has put together a 69-15 record, which is good for an .821 winning percentage.

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

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

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

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

MVFC HISTORY: The 2025 season marked South Dakota State's 18th as a member of the Missouri Valley Football Conference. Since joining the league in 2008, SDSU is the only program in that span to not have a losing season in conference play.

The Jackrabbits hold a 103-39 record (.725 winning percentage) in MVFC games and have won six or more league games 10 times. SDSU has claimed five league titles (2016, 2020-21, 2022, 2023, 2024) in the past 10 seasons.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

QUICK FACTS

SDSU INFORMATION

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

ADMINISTRATION

PRESIDENT: Dr. Barry H. Dunn
ALMA MATER: South Dakota State, 1975
ATHLETICS DIRECTOR: Justin Sell
ALMA MATER: Bowling Green (Ohio), 1991
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 **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 BigBow, OL; Quinten Christensen, OL; Greyton Gannon, TE; Graham 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.

PRESEASON ALL-AMERICANS: Led by first-team selection Quinten Christensen on the offensive line, six South Dakota State football players were recognized Monday 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 is one of 30 players who has been 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 enters 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.

The Walter Payton Award celebrates its 40th anniversary this season. Former Jack-rabbit 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.

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	UCTK-man
Chase Van Tol	van TOLL

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.

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.

MR. EFFICIENCY: South Dakota State tight end/fullback Andrew Gustad produced every time was called during the 2025 season.

A senior from Volin, South Dakota, Gustad either gained a first down or scored a touchdown on all eight of his offensive touches last season. 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 — 4 yards in the 2025 season opener against Sacramento State, 11 yards Oct. 11 versus Northern Iowa and 2 yards in a first-round playoff victory over New Hampshire on Nov. 29.

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

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

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

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

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

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.

DANA J. DYKHUSE STADIUM: Jackrabbit football moved into a new home in September of 2016 with the completion of Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium.

The stadium, which was constructed in phases on the site of SDSU's previous home field, Coughlin-Alumni Stadium, seats 19,340 spectators and cost \$65 million to build.

Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium is being funded through private gifts and long-term revenue streams, including concessions and suite, loge box and ticket sales. Bonds are financing nearly two-thirds of the project's construction, with the remaining dollars coming from private support. Lead gifts totaling \$12.5 million from former Jackrabbit football player and Sioux Falls banker Dana Dykhouse and philanthropist T. Denny Sanford were announced in October 2013.

The stadium officially opened Sept. 8, 2016, featuring a concert by country music stars Luke Bryan, Little Big Town and Lee Brice as part of the Jacks Bash opening weekend. The first football game was two days later, on Sept. 10, when the Jacks defeated Drake, 56-28.

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
Totals	66-10

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

SDSU has gone on to post a 66-10 record at Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium during its 10 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.

A new artificial turf surface was installed this past spring in preparation for the 2026 season. In addition, SDSU is on track to host the 1-millionth fan for Jackrabbit football games played at Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium in the Sept. 12 game versus New Haven.

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 overtime period to give SDSU a 30-24 lead. The Jackrabbit defense then stopped Montana State on a fourth-down play inside the SDSU 5-yard line to hand the Bobcats their only loss to an FCS opponent before going on to win the national championship.

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

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

JACKS IN THE PROS: Nearing the start of the 2026 National Football League season right around the corner, more than a dozen former South Dakota State stand-outs have been 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 409 receptions for 4,676 yards and 35 touchdowns in eight 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..

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 113 receptions, 1,551 receiving yards and 15 touchdowns through three professional seasons.

Linebacker Christian Rozeboom earned a Super Bowl ring with the Los Angeles Rams during the 2021 season and is now entering his second season with the Carolina Panthers. 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 in helping lead Carolina to a playoff berth.

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 over his two seasons.

Two other members of the Jackrabbits' back-to-back national championship teams are current members of the New Orleans Saints. Linebacker Isaiah Stalbird is in his third year with the Saints while cornerback Dalys Beanum is in his second season in the organization. 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.

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

Beanum spent his first professional season on the Saints' practice squad.

Other former Jackrabbit standouts with previous professional experience who are in training camps this fall include quarterback Chris Oladokun (Kansas City), running back Pierre Strong Jr. (Green Bay) and running back Amar Johnson (Los Angeles Chargers).

Recent Jackrabbit additions to the professional ranks are offensive lineman Sam Hagen (Houston), quarterback Mark Gronowski (Miami) and offensive lineman Evan Beerntsen (Baltimore). Both Gronowski (Iowa) and Beerntsen (Northwestern) played their final collegiate seasons elsewhere in 2025 after previously earning All-America honors at SDSU and playing key roles on SDSU's back-to-back national championship teams in 2022 and 2023.

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 6 p.m. Mondays at Cubby's Sports Bar and Grill in downtown Brookings. Hosted by Tyler Merriam, the show airs along the Jackrabbit Sports Network, including flagship station WNAX 570 AM, and can be heard through the Jackrabbit app and online at GoJacks.com.

In addition to radio, broadcasts also will be available for free live viewing on SDSU Athletics' Facebook and YouTube accounts (@GoJacksSDSU), as well as Midco Sports Plus. Re-broadcasts are scheduled to air on Midco Sports linear channels Wednesdays at 6 p.m. and Fridays at 5 p.m..

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

A LOOK AHEAD: The Jackrabbits will go on the road for their lone game against a Football Bowl Subdivision opponent this season as they make their way to Evanston, Illinois, for a Sept. 5 contest at Northwestern of the Big Ten Conference. Kickoff is set for 7 p.m. at Northwestern Medicine Field at Martin Stadium.

FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP SUBDIVISION POLLS

STATS PERFORM FCS POLL — PRESEASON

PL.	SCHOOL	2025 RECORD	POINTS	PR
1.	Montana State [57]	14-2	1,425	1
2.	Montana	13-2	1,328	3
3.	South Dakota State	9-5	1,266	13
4.	Illinois State	12-5	1,231	2
5.	Tarleton State	12-2	1,100	6
6.	UC Davis	9-4	1,063	8
7.	Rhode Island	11-3	1,048	11
8.	Villanova	12-3	1,008	18
9.	Youngstown State	8-5	946	18
10.	North Dakota	8-6	945	14
11.	Lehigh	12-1	826	10
12.	South Dakota	10-5	783	9
13.	Stephen F. Austin	11-3	773	7
14.	Tennessee Tech	11-2	594	16
15.	Abilene Christian	9-5	579	12
16.	Southern Illinois	7-5	509	25
17.	Austin Peay	7-5	440	NR
18.	Yale	9-3	418	15
19.	Southeastern Louisiana	9-4	392	19
20.	Lamar	8-5	380	24
21.	Mercer	11-3	306	17
22.	Monmouth (N.J.)	9-3	200	22
23.	UT Martin	6-6	144	NR
24.	South Carolina State	10-3	107	21
25.	Northern Arizona	7-5	103	NR

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

Teams receiving votes: Idaho State, 100; Western Carolina, 75; Harvard, 72; New Hampshire, 61; Alabama State, 59; Jackson State, 48; Southern Utah, 27; Prairie View A&M, 25; West Georgia, 25; UT-Rio Grande Valley, 20; Richmond, 15; East Tennessee State, 12; Elon, 11; Southeast Missouri State, 10; William & Mary, 9; Delaware State, 7; Drake, 7; Furman, 6.

AFCA FCS POLL — PRESEASON

PL.	SCHOOL	2025 RECORD	POINTS	PR
1.	Montana State [25]	14-2	649	1
2.	Montana	13-2	605	3
3.	South Dakota State [1]	9-5	591	14
4.	Illinois State	12-5	1,231	2
5.	Tarleton State	12-2	1,100	6
6.	UC Davis	9-4	1,063	8
7.	Villanova	12-3	1,008	18
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MISSOURI VALLEY FOOTBALL CONFERENCE

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

* FCS playoff qualifier | & no longer a member of the MVFC

UPCOMING GAMES

Thursday, Aug. 27

Mercyhurst at Youngstown State, 5 p.m.
Southern Illinois at West Florida, 6 p.m.
Eastern Illinois at Murray State, 6 p.m.
Long Island at North Dakota, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 29

Central Connecticut State at South Dakota, 1 p.m.
Southeast Missouri State at Indiana State, 5 p.m.
Stetson at South Dakota State, 6 p.m.
St. Francis (Ill.) at Illinois State, 6 p.m.
All times Central

2026 MVFC PRESEASON POLL

1.	North 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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OFFENSE

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

Returning starters indicated in CAPS

DEFENSE

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

SPECIAL TEAMS

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



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2026 Football Roster

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

Head Coach: Dan Jackson

SEASON PREVIEW

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.

SEASON PREVIEW

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.



Greyton 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.

SEASON PREVIEW

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, as could Tetzlaff.

"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 Emeir 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.

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 #22/25South 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 Grahm 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 Ollman, vs. Drake, 9-13-25, and by Chase Van Tol, vs. Northern Iowa, 10-11-25

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

				----- PATs -----					
SCORING	TD	FG	Kick	RUSH	Rcv	PASS	DXP	SAF	PTS
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

2025 STATISTICS

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RECEIVING								PUNTING										
	GP	No.	Yds	YPC	TD	LG	YPG	No.	Yds	Avg.	LONG	TB	FC	I20	50+	BLK		
Alex Bullock	14	71	936	13.2	5	51	66.9	Max Pelham	42	1,981	47.2	68	8	14	14	18	0	
Grahm Goering	14	43	656	15.3	2	*95	46.9	Eli Stader	4	153	38.3	40	0	0	0	0	0	
Jack Smith	14	33	396	12.0	4	46	28.3	Luke Marble	2	81	40.5	47	0	0	2	0	0	
Greyton Gannon	14	33	372	11.3	3	42	26.6	TEAM	2	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	2	
Lofton O'Groske	6	27	355	13.1	4	44	59.2	Total	50	2,215	44.3	68	8	14	16	18	2	
Isaiah Garcia-Castaneda	14	10	131	13.1	0	24	9.4	Opponents	66	2,730	41.4	71	7	19	16	11	1	
James Basinger	14	8	72	9.0	0	19	5.1	INTERCEPTIONS						No.	Yds	Avg	TD	LG
Coleman Kuntz	6	7	82	11.7	1	27	13.7	Jalen Lee	3	0	0.0	0	0					
Sammy Dresie	11	5	61	12.2	0	29	5.5	Jayden Oliver	3	24	8.0	0	24					
Andrew Gustad	14	3	17	5.7	3	*11	1.2	Isaiah Johnson	2	8	4.0	0	8					
Brayden Delahoyde	13	2	29	14.5	2	*25	2.2	Chase Van Tol	1	29	29.0	0	29					
Corey Blair Jr.	6	2	14	7.0	0	9	2.3	Myles Taylor	1	27	27.0	0	27					
Koby Bretz	14	1	28	28.0	0	28	2.0	Koby Bretz	1	0	0.0	0	0					
David Alpers	10	1	6	6.0	0	6	0.6	Myles Green	1	0	0.0	0	0					
Julius Loughridge	14	1	2	2.0	0	2	0.1	Joe Ollman	1	0	0.0	0	0					
Josiah Johnson	8	1	-1	-1.0	0	0	-0.1	Noah St-Juste	1	0	0.0	0	0					
Total	14	248	3,156	12.7	24	*95	225.4	Noah Thompson	1	0	0.0	0	0					
Opponents	14	248	2,714	10.9	19	89	193.9	Total	15	88	5.9	0	29					
TOTAL OFFENSE								Opponents	12	39	3.3	1	21					
	GP	PLAYS	RUSH	PASS	TOTAL	YPG		FUMBLE RETURNS						No.	Yds	Avg	TD	LG
Chase Mason	9	293	174	2,005	2,179	242.1		Logan Green	2	0	0.0	0	0					
Julius Loughridge	14	217	1,020	0	1,020	72.9		Dawson Ripperda	2	0	0.0	0	0					
Jack Henry	6	152	82	605	687	114.5		Isaiah Johnson	1	0	0.0	0	0					
Luke Marble	6	93	30	492	522	87.0		Reis Kirschenman	1	0	0.0	0	0					
Josiah Johnson	8	78	320	0	320	40.0		Joe Ollman	1	0	0.0	0	0					
James Basinger	14	80	308	0	308	22.0		Chase Van Tol	1	0	0.0	0	0					
Corey Blair Jr.	6	20	96	0	96	16.0		Total	8	0	0.0	0	0					
Jack Smith	14	4	91	0	91	6.5		Opponents	7	2	0.3	1	*2					
Lofton O'Groske	6	5	51	0	51	8.5		ALL-PURPOSE										
Isaiah Garcia-Castaneda	14	2	8	26	34	2.4			GP	RUSH	REC	PR	KR	IR	TOTAL	YPG		
Brenden Begeman	5	10	28	0	28	5.6		Julius Loughridge	14	1,020	2	0	0	0	1,022	73.0		
Andrew Gustad	14	5	14	0	14	1.0		Alex Bullock	14	-7	936	0	0	0	929	66.4		
Coleman Kuntz	6	1	1	0	1	0.2		Jack Smith	14	91	396	0	363	0	850	60.7		
Max Pelham	14	3	-31	28	-3	-0.2		Grahm Goering	14	0	656	0	0	0	656	46.9		
Alex Bullock	14	6	-7	0	-7	-0.5		Lofton O'Groske	6	51	355	0	0	0	406	67.7		
TEAM	14	0	-25	0	-25	-1.8		James Basinger	14	308	72	0	0	0	380	27.1		
Total	14	979	2,160	3,156	5,316	379.7		Greyton Gannon	14	0	372	0	0	0	372	26.6		
Opponents	14	868	1,757	2,714	4,471	319.4		Josiah Johnson	8	320	-1	0	0	0	319	39.9		
KICKOFF RETURNS								I. Garcia-Castaneda	14	8	131	15	148	0	302	21.6		
	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	LG			Chase Mason	9	174	0	0	0	0	174	19.3		
Jack Smith	14	363	25.9	0	50			Myles Taylor	13	0	0	106	0	27	133	10.2		
Isaiah Garcia-Castaneda	6	148	24.7	0	36			Corey Blair Jr.	6	96	14	0	0	0	110	18.3		
Myles Green	4	92	23.0	0	34			Myles Green	13	0	0	0	92	0	92	7.1		
Brayden Delahoyde	4	20	5.0	0	14			Coleman Kuntz	6	1	82	0	0	0	83	13.8		
Brenden Begeman	2	50	25.0	0	29			Jack Henry	6	82	0	0	0	0	82	13.7		
Matt Goehring	2	21	10.5	0	16			Brenden Begeman	5	28	0	0	50	0	78	15.6		
David Alpers	1	14	14.0	0	14			Sammy Dresie	11	0	61	0	0	0	61	5.5		
Total	34	708	20.8	0	50			Brayden Delahoyde	13	0	29	0	20	0	49	3.8		
Opponents	30	575	19.2	1	*95			Andrew Gustad	14	14	17	0	0	0	31	2.2		
KICKOFFS								Luke Marble	6	30	0	0	0	0	30	5.0		
	No.	Yds	Avg	TB	OB			Chase Van Tol	8	0	0	0	0	29	29	3.6		
Ryan Harrington	60	3,390	56.5	20	2			Koby Bretz	14	0	28	0	0	0	28	2.0		
Eli Stader	13	677	52.1	3	0			Jayden Oliver	13	9	9	9	9	24	24	1.8		
Total	73	4,067	55.7	23	2			Matt Goehring	14	0	0	0	21	0	21	1.5		
Opponents	62	3,504	56.5	18	5			David Alpers	10	0	6	0	14	0	20	2.0		
PUNT RETURNS								Isaiah Johnson	14	0	0	0	0	8	8	0.6		
	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	LG			Max Pelham	14	-31	0	0	0	0	-31	-2.2		
Myles Taylor	12	106	8.8	0	24			TEAM	14	-25	0	0	0	0	-25	-1.8		
Isaiah Garcia-Castaneda	7	15	2.1	0	20			Total	14	2,160	3,156	121	708	88	6,233	445.2		
Casey Larson	1	0	0.0	0	0			Opponents	14	1,757	2,714	81	575	39	5,166	369.0		
Total	20	121	6.1	0	24													
Opponents	15	81	5.4	0	26													

Note: * denotes touchdown

2025 STATISTICS

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

No.	PLAYER	TACKLES				TFL-Yds	SACKS		PASS DEF			FUMBLES		BLKD
		GP	SOLO	ASST	TOT		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	20	17	37	.	.	2-8	5	.	1-0	.	.	
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 Wolcale-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 AWARDS

ALL-AMERICA AWARDS

American Football Coaches Association FCS All-America First Team

• Max Pelham-P

American Football Coaches Association FCS All-America Second Team

• Kobe Clayborne-DL

Associated Press FCS All-America First Team

• Quinten Christensen-OL

Associated Press FCS All-America Honorable Mention

• Kobe Clayborne-DL

• Greyton Gannon-TE

• Max Pelham-P

FCS Football Central All-America Third Team

• Quinten Christensen-OL

Stats Perform FCS All-America Second Team

• Quinten Christensen-OL

Stats Perform FCS All-America Third Team

• Kobe Clayborne-DL

FCS Football Central Freshman All-America Team

• Shane Willenbring-OL

Stats Perform FCS Freshman All-America Team

• Shane Willenbring-OL

ALL-MVFC AWARDS

MVFC Scholar-Athlete of the Year

• Kobe Clayborne

All-MVFC First Team

• Quinten Christensen-OL

• Greyton Gannon-TE

• Kobe Clayborne-DL

• Max Pelham-P

All-MVFC Second Team

• Jalen Lee-DB

• Cullen McShane-LB

All-MVFC Honorable Mention

• Alex Bullock-WR

• Sam Hagen-OL

• Kaydon Olivia-LS

• Joe Ollman-LB

MVFC All-Newcomer Team

• Alex Bullock-WR

• Julius Loughridge-RB

• Shane Willenbring-OL

MVFC PLAYER OF THE WEEK AWARDS

Defensive Player of the Week

• Jalen Lee (Oct. 18, 2025)

Special Teams Player of the Week

• Max Pelham (Oct. 4, 2025)

Offensive Lineman of the Week

• Shane Willenbring (Oct. 4, 2025)

Newcomer of the Week

• Julius Loughridge (Aug. 30, 2025)

• James Basinger (Sept. 27, 2025)

• Alex Bullock (Oct. 4, 2025)

2025 STATISTICS

GAME-BY-GAME COMPARISON

OPPONENT	SCORE	----FIRST DOWNS----					NUMBER-YARDS	COMP-ATT-INT	YARDS	PLAYS-YARDS	RETURN YDS	TURNOVERS
		TOTAL	RUSH	PASS	PEN							
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

2025 STATISTICS

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)	Herry	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.

CAREER HIGHS — OFFENSE

QUARTERBACKS



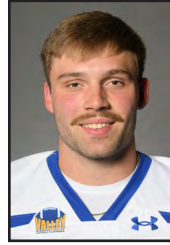
16-JACK HENRY

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



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: 9, vs. New Hampshire, 11-29-2025
 Rushing Yards: 50, vs. Drake, 9-13-2025
 Long Rush: 42 yards, vs. Drake, 9-13-2025
 Rushing Touchdowns: 1, vs. Drake, 9-13-2025
 Receptions: 1, vs. Drake, 9-13-2025, and
 Receiving Yards: 5, vs. Drake, 9-13-2025
 Long Reception: 5 yards, vs. Drake, 9-13-2025



7-CHASE MASON

6-4, 240, Grad.

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

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Completions: 21, vs. Mercyhurst, 9-27-2025
 Passing Attempts: 36, at Montana, 12-6-2025
 Passing Yards: 356, at Montana, 12-6-2025
 Long Pass:* 95 yards (for TD), to Grahm Goering, at Montana, 12-6-2025
 Touchdown Passes: 3, three times (last: vs. New Hampshire, 11-29-2025)
 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, at Montana, 12-6-2025

* school record



22-JOSIAH JOHNSON

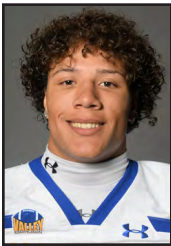
6-0, 215, So.

Milwaukee, Wisconsin • Milwaukee Academy of Science

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Rushing Attempts: 19, at North Dakota, 11-22-2025
 Rushing Yards: 76, at North Dakota, 11-22-2025
 Long Rush: 16 yards, at Montana, 12-6-2025
 Rushing Touchdowns: 3, at North Dakota, 11-22-2025
 Receptions: 1, vs. Illinois State, 11-15-2025

WIDE RECEIVERS



RUNNING BACKS

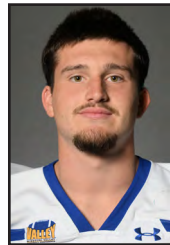
23-JAMES BASINGER

5-10, 205, So.

Littleton, Colorado • Columbine H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Rushing Attempts: 15, vs. Mercyhurst, 9-27-2025
 Rushing Yards: 57, vs. Indiana State, 11-1-2025
 Long Rush: 20 yards, vs. Illinois State, 11-15-2025
 Rushing Touchdowns: 2, vs. Mercyhurst, 9-27-2025
 Receptions: 3, vs. Mercyhurst, 9-27-2025
 Receiving Yards: 32, vs. Mercyhurst, 9-27-2025
 Long Reception: 19 yards, vs. North Dakota State, 10-25-2025
 All-Purpose Yards: 85, vs. Mercyhurst, 9-27-2025



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

CAREER HIGHS — OFFENSE

WIDE RECEIVERS (cont.)



12-GRAHM GOERING

6-2, 205, Grad.

Iowa City, Iowa • Iowa City West H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Receptions: 7, vs. Mercyhurst, 9-27-2025
 Receiving Yards: 137, at Montana, 12-6-2025
 Long Reception: *95 yards (for TD), at Montana, 12-6-2025
 Receiving Touchdowns: 1, six times (last: at Montana, 12-6-2025)
 Kickoff Returns: 1, vs. Western Oregon, 8-31-2023, and vs. Villanova, 12-9-2023
 Long Kickoff Return: 30 yards, vs. Western Oregon, 8-31-2023



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



2-JACK SMITH

6-0, 195, So.

Sioux Falls, South Dakota • Lincoln H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Receptions: 6, at South Dakota, 11-8-2025, and vs. Illinois State, 11-15-2025
 Receiving Yards: 91, at Murray State, 10-18-2025
 Long Reception: 46 yards (for TD), at Murray State, 10-18-2025
 Receiving Touchdowns: 2, at Murray State, 10-18-2025
 Rushing Attempts: 3, at South Dakota, 11-8-2025
 Rushing Yards: 82, at South Dakota, 11-8-2025
 Long Rush: 75 yards (for TD), at South Dakota, 11-8-2025
 Kickoff Returns: 5, vs. North Dakota State, 10-25-2025
 Kickoff Return Yards: 128, vs. Indiana State, 11-1-2025
 Long Kickoff Return: 50 yards, vs. Indiana State, 11-1-2025
 All-Purpose Yards: 197, at South Dakota, 11-8-2025

TIGHT ENDS



10-BRAYDEN DELAHOYDE

6-5, 245, So.

Spearfish, South Dakota • Spearfish H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Receptions: 1, at Montana State, 9-6-2025, and vs. Illinois State, 11-15-2025
 Receiving Yards: 25, at Montana State, 9-6-2025
 Long Reception: 25 yards (for TD), at Montana State, 9-6-2025
 Receiving Touchdowns: 1, at Montana State, 9-6-2025, and vs. Illinois State, 11-15-2025
 Kickoff Returns: 2, vs. Drake, 9-13-2025
 Kickoff Return Yards: 14, vs. Drake, 9-13-2025
 Long Kickoff Return: 14 yards, vs. Drake, 9-13-2025



88-GREYTON GANNON

6-4, 235, Sr.

Eagle, Wisconsin • Mukwonago H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Receptions: 9, vs. Illinois State, 11-15-2025
 Receiving Yards: 63, vs. Illinois State, 11-15-2025
 Long Reception: 42 yards (for TD), at North Dakota, 11-22-2025
 Receiving Touchdowns: 1, four times (last: at North Dakota, 11-22-2025)



43-ANDREW GUSTAD

6-1, 250, Grad.

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

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Receptions: 1, three times in 2025 (last: vs. New Hampshire, 11-29-2025)
 Receiving Yards: 11 yards, vs. Northern Iowa, 10-11-2025
 Long Reception: 11 yards (for TD), vs. Northern Iowa, 10-11-2025
 Receiving Touchdowns: 1, three times in 2025 (last: vs. New Hampshire, 11-29-2025)
 Rushing Attempts: 3, at Youngstown State, 10-4-2025
 Rushing Yards: 7, at Youngstown State, 10-4-2025
 Long Rush: 4 yards, vs. Northern Iowa, 10-11-2025



82-COLEMAN KUNTZ

6-3, 245, Sr.

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

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Receptions: 3, vs. New Hampshire, 11-29-2025
 Receiving Yards: 40, vs. New Hampshire, 11-29-2025
 Long Reception: 27 yards, vs. Illinois State, 11-15-2025
 Receiving Touchdowns: 1, vs. New Hampshire, 11-29-2025

CAREER HIGHS — SPECIALISTS/DEFENSE

SPECIALISTS



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



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

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Solo Tackles: 2, vs. Mercyhurst, 9-27-2025
Assisted Tackles: 3, at South Dakota, 11-8-2025
Total Tackles: 3, at South Dakota, 11-8-2025
Tackles for Loss: 1.0, at Youngstown State, 10-4-2025
Sacks: 0.5, at South Dakota, 11-8-2025
Pass Breakups: 1, at Murray State, 10-18-2025



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: 68 yards, at Murray State, 10-18-2025
Pass Attempts: 1, vs. Indiana State, 11-1-2025
Completions: 1, vs. Indiana State, 11-1-2025
Passing Yards: 28, vs. Indiana State, 11-1-2025
Long Pass: 28 yards, to Koby Bretz, vs. Indiana State, 11-1-2025



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

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Solo Tackles: 6, at Montana, 12-6-2025
Assisted Tackles: 3, three times (last: at Montana, 12-6-2025)
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)

DEFENSIVE ENDS



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

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Solo Tackles: 2, at North Dakota, 11-9-2024
Assisted Tackles: 2, vs. Sacramento State, 8-30-2025
Total Tackles: 3, vs. Sacramento State, 8-30-2025
Tackles for Loss: 1.0, five times (last: at North Dakota State, 12-21-2024)
Sacks: 1.0, at North Dakota, 11-9-2024, and vs. Montana, 12-7-2024
Fumble Recoveries: 1, vs. Sacramento State, 8-30-2025



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

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Solo Tackles: 2, five times (last: at Montana, 12-6-2025)
Assisted Tackles: 2, vs. Incarnate Word, 9-7-2024, and at South Dakota, 11-8-2025
Total Tackles: 3, four times (last: at Montana, 12-6-2025)
Tackles for Loss: 2.0, three times (last: at Montana, 12-6-2025)
Sacks: 1.5, at Montana State, 9-6-2025
Forced Fumbles: 1, vs. Northern Iowa, 10-14-2023
Fumble Recoveries: 1, at Youngstown State, 10-5-2025, and at North Dakota, 11-22-2025
Pass Breakups: 1, vs. Illinois State, 11-15-2025, and vs. New Hampshire, 11-29-2025



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

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Solo Tackles: 1, vs. Mercyhurst, 9-27-2025
Assisted Tackles: N/A
Total Tackles: 1, vs. Mercyhurst, 9-27-2025



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

CAREER HIGHS — DEFENSE

DEFENSIVE TACKLES (cont.)



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

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Solo Tackles: N/A
 Assisted Tackles: 1, vs. Mercyhurst, 9-27-2025
 Total Tackles: 1, vs. Mercyhurst, 9-27-2025



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

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Solo Tackles: 2, vs. Illinois State, 11-15-2025
 Assisted Tackles: 4, at North Dakota, 11-22-2025
 Total Tackles: 4, at North Dakota, 11-22-2025, and vs. New Hampshire, 11-29-2025
 Tackles For Loss: 1.5, at South Dakota, 11-8-2025
 Sacks: 1.0, three times (last: vs. Illinois State, 11-15-2025)
 Blocked Kicks: 1, vs. Illinois State, 11-15-2025

LINEBACKERS



47-KYTAN FYFE
6-2, 210, Sr.
Grand Island, Nebraska • Grand Island H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

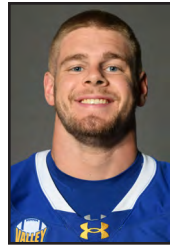
Solo Tackles: 4, at South Dakota, 11-8-2025
 Assisted Tackles: 6, vs. Illinois State, 11-15-2025
 Total Tackles: 8, vs. Illinois State, 11-15-2025
 Tackles for Loss: 1.0, vs. Indiana State, 11-1-2025, and at South Dakota, 11-8-2025
 Forced Fumbles: 1, vs. Youngstown State, 10-12-2024
 Pass Breakups: 1, vs. Sacramento State, 8-30-2025



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

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

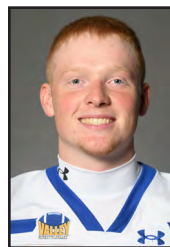
Solo Tackles: 3, vs. New Hampshire, 11-29-2025
 Assisted Tackles: 2, vs. Illinois State, 11-15-2025, and vs. New Hampshire, 11-29-2025
 Total Tackles: 5, vs. New Hampshire, 11-29-2025
 Tackles for Loss: 1.0, at Montana State, 9-6-2025
 Sacks: 1.0, at Montana State, 9-6-2025
 Pass Breakups: 1, vs. New 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



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
 Total Tackles: 10, vs. Illinois State, 11-15-2025, and vs. New Hampshire, 11-29, 2025
 Tackles for Loss: 0.5, at North Dakota, 11-22-2025, and at Montana, 12-6-2025
 Pass Breakups: 1, vs. Murray State, 11-2-2024
 Kickoff Returns: 2, at Missouri State, 11-23-2024
 Kickoff Return Yards: 16, at Missouri State, 11-23-2024
 Long Kickoff Return: 10 yards, at Missouri State, 11-23-2024



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: 1, vs. Mercyhurst, 9-27-2025, and at North Dakota, 11-22-2025
 Total Tackles: 2, vs. Mercyhurst, 9-27-2025
 Pass Breakups: 1, vs. Mercyhurst, 9-27-2025
 Blocked Kicks: 1, at Montana State, 9-6-2025



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: 7, at South Dakota, 11-8-2025
 Total Tackles: 12, at Montana State, 9-6-2025, and at Youngstown State, 10-4-2025
 Tackles for Loss: 2.5, vs. Drake, 9-13-2025
 Sacks: 1.0, at Murray State, 10-18-2025
 Pass Breakups: 1, four times (last: vs. Northern Iowa, 10-11-2025)
 Forced Fumbles: 1, at Illinois State, 10-7-2023, and vs. Northern Iowa, 10-11-2025
 Blocked Kicks: 1, at Northern Iowa, 10-5-2024



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

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Solo Tackles: 1, vs. Drake, 9-13-2025
 Assisted Tackles: N/A
 Total Tackles: 1, vs. Drake, 9-13-2025
 Tackles for Loss: N/A

CAREER HIGHS — DEFENSE

LINEBACKERS (cont.)



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
Pass Breakups: 1, three times (last: vs. New Hampshire, 11-29-2025)



45-BODEN SCHILLER

6-1, 210, So.

Volga, South Dakota • Sioux Valley H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Solo Tackles: 1, four times in 2025 (last: vs. New Hampshire, 11-29-2025)
Assisted Tackles: 1, vs. Illinois State, 11-15-2025
Total Tackles: 2, vs. Illinois State, 11-15-2025



28-CHASE VAN TOL

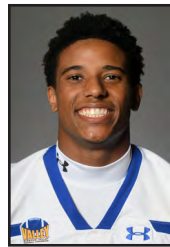
6-1, 210, Jr.

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: 2, four times (last: vs. Southern Illinois, 11-16-2024)
Total Tackles: 9, vs. Youngstown State, 10-12-2024
Tackles for Loss: 2.0, vs. Youngstown State, 10-12-2024, and vs. Northern Iowa, 10-11-2025
Sacks: 2.0, vs. Northern Iowa, 10-11-2025
Forced Fumbles: 1, at North Dakota, 11-9-2024
Fumble Recoveries: 1, at Montana State, 9-6-2025
Interceptions: 1, vs. Northern Iowa, 10-11-2025

CORNERBACKS



21-MYLES GREEN

6-0, 185, So.

Homewood, Illinois • Homewood-Flossmoor H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Solo Tackles: 2, vs. Drake, 9-13-2025, and vs. Mercyhurst, 9-27-2025
Assisted Tackles: 1, three times (last: vs. Northern Iowa, 10-11-2025)
Total Tackles: 3, vs. Drake, 9-13-2025, and vs. Mercyhurst, 9-27-2025
Interceptions: 1, vs. Northern Iowa, 10-11-2025
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



7-NOAH ST-JUSTE

5-10, 180, Jr.

Montreal, Quebec • Clearwater Academy International (Fla.)

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Solo Tackles: 5, at Youngstown State, 10-4-2025
Assisted Tackles: 2, at Montana, 12-6-2025
Total Tackles: 5, at Youngstown State, 10-4-2025
Tackles for Loss: 1.0, vs. Mercyhurst, 9-27-2025, and at Youngstown State, 10-4-2025
Sacks: 1.0, vs. Mercyhurst, 9-27-2025
Interceptions: 1, at North Dakota, 11-22-2025
Forced Fumbles: 1, at Montana State, 9-6-2025

SAFETIES



3-DONTAY JOHNSON

6-2, 190, Sr.

Fort Collins, Colorado • Colorado Early College

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Solo Tackles: 5, at Montana, 12-6-2025
Assisted Tackles: 5, vs. New Hampshire, 11-29-2025
Total Tackles: 7, at Montana, 12-6-2025
Tackles for Loss: 1.0, vs. UC Davis, 9-10-2022
Pass Breakups: 1, four times (last: vs. Mercyhurst, 9-27-2025)

CAREER HIGHS — DEFENSE

SAFETIES (cont.)



24-MAX STANARD

5-11, 205, So.

Manhattan, Kansas • Manhattan H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

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

Assisted Tackles: N/A

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



27-NOAH THOMPSON

6-0, 185, Sr.

Brandon, South Dakota • Brandon Valley H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Solo Tackles: 3, vs. Western Oregon, 8-31-2023, and vs. Northern Iowa, 10-11-2025

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

Total Tackles: 3, three times (last: at Murray State, 10-18-2025)

Interceptions: 1, vs. Drake, 9-13-2025

Pass Breakups: 1, vs. Murray State, 11-2-2024, and vs. Drake, 9-13-2025

Note: Returned blocked punt 49 yards for touchdown at Northern Iowa, 10-5-2024