



2026 JACKRABBIT FOOTBALL

SOUTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY

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SEPT. 26 GAME NOTES



EASTERN ILLINOIS PANTHERS

2026 RECORD: 1-3 (0-0 in Ohio Valley Conference)

HEAD COACH: Chirs Wilkerson

ALMA MATER: Eastern Illinois, 1995

RECORD AT EASTERN ILLINOIS: 17-33 (fifth season)

CAREER RECORD: 68-60 (13 seasons as a collegiate head coach)

EASTERN ILLINOIS (1-3) at #2/2 SOUTH DAKOTA STATE (3-1) Hall of Fame Game • 6 p.m. Saturday (SDSU Family Weekend) Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium; Brookings, S.D.

SERIES NOTE

- Second Meeting (SDSU leads series, 1-0)
- The Jackrabbits posted a 58-10 home victory over Eastern Illinois on Nov. 24, 2012, in the first round of the Football Championship Subdivision playoffs

MEDIA INFORMATION

- Game will be televised on Midco Sports and ESPN+ with the broadcast team of Tyler Merriam (play-by-play) and Kurtiss Riggs (color analyst)
- 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
- Radio team of Scotty Kwas (play-by-play), Al Bahe (color analyst) and Brent Bowen (studio host) will call the action



SOUTH DAKOTA STATE JACKRABBITS

2026 RECORD: 3-1 overall (1-0 in Missouri Valley Football Conference)

HEAD COACH: Dan Jackson (second season)

ALMA MATER: Nebraska-Omaha, 2008

RECORD AT SDSU: 12-6

CAREER RECORD: Same

2026 SCHEDULE

AUGUST

29 STETSON [Precision Ag Bowl] W, 70-7

SEPTEMBER

5 at Northwestern (Ill.) L, 18-34

12 NEW HAVEN [Beef Bowl/Jacks in Black] W, 57-14

19 *YOUNGSTOWN STATE [Dairy Drive] W, 27-20

26 EASTERN ILLINOIS [Hall of Fame Game] 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 — 2026 STATS COMPARISON

EASTERN ILLINOIS	CATEGORY	SOUTH DAKOTA STATE
20.8	Points Per Game	43.0
41.0	Points Allowed Per Game	18.8
142.0	Rushing Yardage Per Game	276.0
161.0	Rush Yardage Allowed/Game	134.8
140.8	Passing Yardage Per Game	232.3
10.8	Average Per Catch	17.2
304.8	Pass Yardage Allowed/Game	202.0
290.0	Total Offense Per Game	508.3
465.8	Total Offense Allowed/Game	336.8
24.4	Kick Return Average	22.7
12.0	Punt Return Average	30.5
3-52	Interception Returns	1-9
3-1	Fumbles-Lost	5-2
29-269	Penalties-Yards	26-209
28:10	Time of Possession/Game	32:10
20-54 (37%)	Third-Down Conversions	19-52 (37%)
2-2 (100%)	Fourth-Down Conversions	8-8 (100%)
10-12 (83%, 9 TD)	Red-Zone Offense	16-21 (76%, 9 TD)
17-20 (85%, 16 TD)	Red-Zone Defense	11-13 (85%, 7 TD)

200-YARD RUSHERS

295	Zach Zenner	• vs. Eastern Illinois, 11-24-2012
295	Zach Zenner	• at North Dakota, 9-7-2013
259	Cory Koenig	• vs. Cal Poly, 10-20-2007
253	Pierre Strong, Jr.	• vs. South Dakota, 11-17-2018
252	Zach Zenner	• at Montana State, 11-29-2014
249	Zach Zenner	• at Northern Arizona, 11-30-2013
238	Josiah Johnson	• vs. Youngstown State, 9-19-2026
237	Zach Zenner	• at Indiana State, 9-22-2012
229	Pierre Strong, Jr.	• vs. Southern Illinois, 10-5-2019
220	Brady Mengarelli	• vs. Southern Illinois, 10-7-2017
217	Isaiah Davis	• vs. UC Davis, 11-27-2021
209	Zach Zenner	• vs. Wisconsin-Oshkosh, 9-20-2014
205	Kyle Minett	• vs. Missouri State, 11-1-2008
204	Anthony Watson	• vs. Georgia Southern, 10-29-2005
202	Zach Zenner	• at Nebraska, 9-21-2013

Note: Only 200-yard performances in FCS era of Jackrabbit football (since 2004) listed

2026 AWARD WINNERS

CONFERENCE AWARDS

MVFC OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

- Josiah Johnson (Sept. 19)

MVFC OFFENSIVE LINEMAN OF THE WEEK

- Quinten Christensen (Aug. 29)

MVFC DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

- Chase Van Tol (Aug. 29)

NATIONAL AWARDS

STATS PERFORM NATIONAL OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

- Josiah Johnson (Sept. 19)

Jackrabbits close homestand with Eastern Illinois

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Sept. 23, 2026

BROOKINGS, S.D. — The South Dakota State football team steps out of conference play one final time to close out a three-game homestand with a matchup Saturday against Eastern Illinois.

Kickoff for the annual Hall of Fame Game is set for 6 p.m. Central Time at Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium. The game, which is part of SDSU Family Weekend activities, will be televised on Midco Sports and the ESPN+ streaming platform.

South Dakota State enters the week with a 3-1 overall record after opening Missouri Valley Football Conference action with a 27-20 victory over ninth-ranked Youngstown State in a battle between top-10 squads. The Jackrabbits remain in the No. 2 spot in the Stats Perform media poll and moved up a spot to second in the Football Championship Subdivision poll conducted by the American Football Coaches Association this week.

Eastern Illinois, meanwhile, has played one of the toughest schedules in the FCS so far this season, holding a 1-3 overall record. The Panthers could be considered an honorary member of the Missouri Valley Football Conference this season as SDSU will be the fourth different MVFC squad they have faced in 2026. EIU opened the campaign with a 28-14 victory at Murray State before dropping games to Indiana State (L, 35-42) and Illinois State (L, 13-39) the last two weeks.

The Panthers' other nonconference loss was a 59-7 setback at Minnesota on Sept. 3.

THE SERIES: Saturday's game will mark only the second-ever meeting between South Dakota State and Eastern Illinois on the gridiron.

The only previous matchup came in the opening round of the 2012 FCS playoffs, when the Jackrabbits used a potent rushing attack to record a 58-10 victory in what would be the lone postseason game played at SDSU's Coughlin-Alumni Stadium.

Zach Zenner turned in a record-setting performance with 295 rushing yards and scored three touchdowns. His backup, Reggie Gandy, added 151 yards and two scores.

HOME OPENER SUCCESS CONTINUES: By posting a 70-7 victory over Stetson on Aug. 29, SDSU has now won 16 consecutive home openers, including all 11 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 began the 2026 season in a familiar spot with a high ranking in the Stats Perform FCS Preseason Poll. After holding either the second or third spot in the first five polls of 2026, the Jacks have now appeared in the top 25 of 194 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.

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

Preseason	3rd	Sept. 14	2nd
Aug. 31	2nd	Sept. 21	2nd
Sept. 7	2nd		

CAPTAINS: Leading the Jackrabbit football team are six captains:

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

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

YEAR-BY-YEAR IN FCS

GREAT WEST FOOTBALL CONFERENCE

YEAR	OVERALL	CONF
2004	6-5	2-3
2005	6-5	3-2
2006	7-4	3-1
2007	7-4	4-0
Totals	26-18	12-6

MISSOURI VALLEY FOOTBALL CONF.

YEAR	OVERALL	CONF
2008	7-5	6-2
2009	8-4	7-1
2010	5-6	4-4
2011	5-6	4-4
2012	9-4	6-2
2013	9-5	5-3
2014	9-5	5-3
2015	8-4	5-3
2016	9-4	7-1
2017	11-3	6-2
2018	10-3	6-2
2019	8-5	5-3
2020-21	8-2	5-1
2021	11-4	5-3
2022	14-1	8-0
2023	15-0	8-0
2024	12-3	7-1
2025	9-5	4-4
2026	3-1	1-0
Totals	170-70	104-39
Overall Totals	196-88	116-45

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 196-88 record (.690 winning percentage).

In the decade of the 2020s, SDSU has put together a 72-16 record, which is good for an .818 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 104-39 record (.727 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.

Despite all their success in league play, the Jackrabbits have had mixed results in MVFC openers, turning in a 12-7 mark in their initial league game over the past 19 seasons. However, the Jackrabbits have won eight league openers in a row, including their back-to-back one-score wins against Youngstown State (35-30 and 27-20) to begin MVFC play in 2025 and 2026.

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

WR: Grahm Goering, Lofton O'Groske

OL: Quinten Christensen, Shane Willenbring

DL: Logan Green, Reis Kirschenman, Dawson Ripperda, Jace Sifore, Carter Sitzman

LB: Cullen McShane, Chase Van Tol

P: Max Pelham

RB: Ramon McKinney Jr.

TE: Greyton Gannon, Coleman Kuntz

DB: Ife Current, Noah St-Juste

RS/APB: Jack Smith

QUICK FACTS

SDSU INFORMATION

LOCATION: Brookings, S.D.
ENROLLMENT: 11,901 (fall 2026)
COLORS: Yellow and Blue
NICKNAME: Jackrabbits
AFFILIATION: NCAA Division I Football Championship Subdivision
CONFERENCE: Missouri Valley Football Conference
STADIUM: Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium (19,340 capacity - AstroTurf surface)

ADMINISTRATION

PRESIDENT: Dr. Barry H. Dunn
ALMA MATER: South Dakota State, 1975
ATHLETICS DIRECTOR: Justin Sell
ALMA MATER: Bowling Green (Ohio), 1991
DEPUTY AD: Austin Hieb
SENIOR ASSOCIATE AD—STUDENT-ATHLETE EXPERIENCE/
SENIOR WOMAN ADMINISTRATOR: Holly Van Vlymen
FACULTY ATHLETICS REPRESENTATIVE: Rocky Dailey

2025 RECAP

OVERALL RECORD: 9-5
CONFERENCE RECORD: 4-4 (tied for sixth place in Missouri Valley Football Conference)
POSTSEASON: Football Championship Subdivision second round (14th consecutive playoff appearance)
HOME RECORD: 5-3
AWAY RECORD: 4-2
FINAL RANKINGS: 13th (Stats Perform media)/14th (AFCA FCS Coaches)

TEAM INFORMATION

LETTERMEN RETURNING: 48	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 on the 2026 Stats Perform Football Championship Subdivision Preseason All-America Team.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Currently sidelined by an injury suffered late in the first half last week against Youngstown State, Mason has completed 49-of-89 passes (55.1 percent) for 834 yards with four touchdowns and one interception through four games. His 23 completions and 48 pass attempts Sept. 5 at Northwestern were both single-game career highs, while his three touchdown passes Sept. 12 against New Haven marked the fourth time in his career he has pulled off that trifecta, tying a single-game career best.

Mason finished the game against New Haven by completing his final eight attempts in a 12-for-18 passing performance. All eight of those completions covered at least 11 yards and resulted in first downs, including all three of his touchdowns.

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

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

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
Graham 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

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

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

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

After not factoring in any statistics in limited action in the Aug. 29 opener against Stetson, McShane has tallied 10 tackles and a team-best two sacks over the last three games. He registered a season-high four tackles, including a sack, in the Sept. 5 game at Northwestern, and recorded his second sack as part of a three-tackle performance last week against Youngstown State.

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

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

In the Aug. 29 opener against Stetson, Pelham's second punt of the night was a career-long 69-yarder. In four games so far this season, he has punted a total of 12 times for an average of 47.8 yards. Four of his punts have traveled 50 or more yards and six have pinned the opposition inside its own 20-yard line.

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

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

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

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

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

Johnson's performance against Youngstown State vaulted him into the top 10 among Football Championship Subdivision running backs in three different categories so far this season. Heading into this weekend's matchup against Eastern Illinois, Johnson ranks sixth in total rushing yards (428), seventh in rushing yards per game (107.0) and ninth in rushing touchdowns (5).

2026 TEAM SEASON HIGHS

RUSHING ATTEMPTS: 46, vs. New Haven, 9-12-26
RUSHING YARDS: 393, vs. Stetson, 8-29-26
YARDS PER RUSH: 8.7, vs. Stetson, 8-29-26
RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS: 7, vs. Stetson, 8-29-26
PASS ATTEMPTS: 48, at Northwestern, 9-5-26
PASS COMPLETIONS: 23, at Northwestern, 9-5-26
YARDS PASSING: 285, at Northwestern, 9-5-26
YARDS PER PASS: 21.4, vs. Stetson, 8-29-26
PASSING TOUCHDOWNS: 3, vs. New Haven, 9-12-26
TOTAL PLAYS: 88, at Northwestern, 9-5-26
TOTAL OFFENSE: 628, vs. Stetson, 8-29-26
YARDS PER PLAY: 11.2, vs. Stetson, 8-29-26
POINTS: 70, vs. Stetson, 8-29-26
FIRST DOWNS: 27, at Northwestern, 9-5-26
SACKS BY: 3, vs. Stetson, 8-29-26
PENALTIES: 8, vs. Youngstown State, 9-19-26
PENALTY YARDS: 80, vs. Youngstown State, 9-19-26
TURNOVERS BY: 1, three times (last: vs. Youngstown State, 9-19-26)
TURNOVERS FORCED: 2, vs. Stetson, 8-29-26, and vs. New Haven, 9-12-26
INTERCEPTIONS BY: 1, vs. Youngstown State, 9-19-26
FUMBLE RECOVERIES: 2, vs. Stetson, 8-29-26, and vs. New Haven, 9-12-26
PUNTS: 5, vs. New Haven, 9-12-26
TIME OF POSSESSION: 34:08, at Northwestern, 9-5-26

BIG PLAYS

OFFENSE (20 or more yards)

PLAYER	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL
Graham Goering	2	2	1	—	5
James Basinger (2)	2	—	1	1	4
Josiah Johnson (1)	3	1	—	—	4
Lofton O'Groske	1	2	—	—	3
Jack Smith (1)	2	—	—	1	3
Greyton Gannon (2)	2	—	—	—	2
Ramon McKinney Jr. (2)	2	—	—	—	2
Corey Blair Jr. (1)	—	—	—	1	1
Sammy Dresie	1	—	—	—	1
Landon Dulaney (1)	—	—	—	1	1
Coleman Kuntz (1)	1	—	—	—	1
Josh Myers (1)	1	—	—	—	1
Team Totals (12)	17	5	2	4	28

RETURNS (30 or more yards)

PLAYER	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL
Alex Uchtman (1)	1	—	2	3
Ramon McKinney Jr.	—	1	—	1
Team Totals (1)	1	1	2	4

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

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

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

The long offensive scoring plays against Stetson included:

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

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

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

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

In four games this season, the Jackrabbits have a total of 28 plays of 20-plus yards, plus four returns of 30 or more yards.

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

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

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

GOERING HITS HIS STRIDE: Early in the 2026 season, Jackrabbit wide receiver Graham Goering has picked up where he left off in 2025.

Granted a sixth season of eligibility, Goering currently leads the Jackrabbits with 15 receptions and 283 receiving yards through the first four games of 2026, including recording a career-high nine receptions for 117 yards Sept. 5 at Northwestern. His two catches last week against Youngstown State went for 19 and 10 yards, respectively.

Over his last seven games, dating back to the 2025 regular season finale at North Dakota, Goering has caught 27 passes for 523 yards and two touchdowns. His 23-yard touchdown in overtime last Nov. 22 at North Dakota sent the Jackrabbits to the playoffs. He then opened postseason play with six catches for 75 yards against New Hampshire, followed by four receptions for a career-best 137 yards at Montana that included a school-record 95-yard touchdown catch and run in the opening quarter.

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

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

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

HOLST AT THE HELM: With Chase Mason currently sidelined by injury, junior transfer Josh Holst is expected to make his first start at quarterback for the Jackrabbits this Saturday against Eastern Illinois.

2026 INDIVIDUAL SEASON HIGHS

RUSHING ATTEMPTS: 30, by Josiah Johnson, vs. Youngstown State, 9-19-26

RUSHING YARDS: 238, by Josiah Johnson, vs. Youngstown State, 9-19-26

RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS: 2, four times by three different backs (twice by Josiah Johnson — vs. Stetson, 8-29-26, and vs. Youngstown State, 9-19-26)

LONG RUSH: 55 yards (for TD), by James Basinger, vs. New Haven, 9-12-26

PASS ATTEMPTS: 48, by Chase Mason, at Northwestern, 9-5-26

PASS COMPLETIONS: 23, by Chase Mason, at Northwestern, 9-5-26

YARDS PASSING: 285, by Chase Mason, at Northwestern, 9-5-26

TOUCHDOWN PASSES: 3, by Chase Mason, vs. New Haven, 9-12-26

RECEPTIONS: 9, by Grahm Goering, at Northwestern, 9-5-26

YARDS RECEIVING: 117, by Grahm Goering, at Northwestern, 9-5-26

RECEIVING TOUCHDOWNS: 2, by Greyton Gannon, vs. New Haven, 9-12-26

LONG RECEPTION: 78 yards (for TD), by Landon Dulaney (from Josh Holst), vs. Stetson, 8-29-26

TACKLES: 9, by Chase Van Tol, at Northwestern, 9-5-26

TACKLES FOR LOSS: 2.0, by Carter Sitzman, vs. Stetson, 8-29-26

SACKS: 1.0, by five different players (twice by Cullen McShane — at Northwestern, 9-5-26, and vs. Youngstown State, 9-19-26)

INTERCEPTIONS: 1, by Joe Ollman, vs. Youngstown State, 9-19-26

LONG INTERCEPTION RETURN: 9 yards, by Joe Ollman, vs. Youngstown State, 9-19-26

PASS BREAKUPS: 1, by several players

FIELD GOALS: 4, by Tristan Alvano, at Northwestern, 9-5-26

LONG FIELD GOAL: 43 yards, by Tristan Alvano, vs. Youngstown State, 9-19-26

PUNTS: 5, by Max Pelham, vs. New Haven, 9-12-26

PUNTING AVERAGE (MIN. 3 PUNTS): 50.0 yards (5 punts), by Max Pelham, vs. New Haven, 9-12-26

LONG PUNT: 69 yards, by Max Pelham, vs. Stetson, 8-29-26

KICKOFF RETURNS: 2, by Ramon McKinney Jr., at Northwestern, 9-5-26, and by Alex Uchtman, vs. New Haven, 9-12-26

KICK RETURN YARDS: 63, by Alex Uchtman, vs. New Haven, 9-12-26

LONG KICK RETURN: 50 yards, by Alex Uchtman, vs. New Haven, 9-12-26

PUNT RETURNS: 3, by Alex Uchtman, vs. New Haven, 9-12-26

PUNT RETURN YARDS: 65, by Alex Uchtman, vs. Stetson, 8-29-26

LONG PUNT RETURN: 65 yards (for TD), by Alex Uchtman, vs. Stetson, 8-29-26

Holst has appeared in three games this season and has completed 4-of-12 passes for 94 yards and a touchdown. His first pass as a Jackrabbit resulted in a 78-yard touchdown to Landon Dulaney in the Aug. 29 season opener against Stetson and ranks as the team's longest offensive play so far this season.

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

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

100-YARD TANDEM: For the first time since the Jackrabbits' national championship season in 2023, two South Dakota State backs topped the 100-yard mark for rushing in the same game when James Basinger (110) and Corey Blair Jr. (107) accomplished the feat Aug. 29 versus Stetson. Both needed only eight carries to reach the century mark.

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

Overall, the Jackrabbits have had two or more 100-yard rushers in the same game 13 times in the Division I era (since 2004), of which four of the performances have taken place in Football Championship Subdivision playoff games (*). A full listing follows:

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

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

For the season, the Jackrabbits have rushed for 1,104 yards and passed for another 929. SDSU is currently tied for the FCS lead with 102 first downs gained and stands fourth in total offense with an average of 508.3 yards per game, including a No. 3 showing in team rushing at 276.0 yards per contest.

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

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

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

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

DANA J. DYKHOUSE STADIUM RECORDS

YEAR-BY-YEAR RECORDS

2016	6-1
2017	7-1
2018	7-0
2019	5-3
2020-21	5-0
2021	5-2
2022	9-0
2023	9-0
2024	8-0
2025	5-3
2026	3-0
Totals	69-10

ATTENDANCE TOP 10

Oct. 25, 2025 • vs. North Dakota State	19,477
Nov. 4, 2023 • vs. North Dakota State	19,431
Sept. 14, 2024 • vs. Augustana	19,376
Oct. 26, 2019 • vs. North Dakota State	19,371
Oct. 14, 2023 • vs. Northern Iowa	19,357
Oct. 26, 2024 • vs. South Dakota	19,351
Oct. 11, 2025 • vs. Northern Iowa	19,342
Oct. 8, 2022 • vs. South Dakota	19,332
Sept. 9, 2023 • vs. Montana State	19,332
Oct. 12, 2024 • vs. Youngstown State	19,331

LONGEST DRIVES

BY PLAYS

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

BY YARDS

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

BY TIME OF POSSESSION

- 6:12, Q1 at Northwestern, 9-5-2026
- Field Goal (12 plays, 77 yards, 6:12 TOP)
- 6:12, Q1 at New Haven, 9-12-2026
- Field Goal (15 plays, 67 yards, 6:12 TOP)

OPENING DRIVES BY HALF

OPPONENT	1ST-O	1ST-D	2ND-O	2ND-D
Stetson	TD	Punt	TD	Punt
Northwestern	Punt	TD	FG	Punt
New Haven	FG	Downs	TD	Punt
Youngstown State	TD	Punt	TD	Punt

SECOND-QUARTER DOMINATION: South Dakota State reeled off 33 points in the second quarter of its Sept. 12 Beef Bowl victory over New Haven, continuing an early trend of carrying the momentum into halftime. SDSU's second-quarter outburst last week marked the most points in any quarter by a Jackrabbit team since a 35-point second quarter in an Oct. 2, 2021, home game against Dixie State (now known as Utah Tech).

Through four games, the Jackrabbits have outscored their opponents by a 70-13 margin in the second quarter.

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

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

Since the start of the 2023 season, 15 games have been sellouts, including each of the first two home games in 2026. The attendance surge started when 19,332 fans came out for the for Sept. 9, 2023, showdown against Montana State. The crowd played a big role in the game, helping factor in nine false-start penalties by Montana State, including six in the final quarter.

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

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

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

Following suit, the first five home games of the 2025 season were announced as sellouts, with 19,163 fans filling the stadium for the Aug. 30 opener against Sacramento State. That came two nights after a crowd of about 22,000 attended the Jacks Bash 3 concert featuring country music stars Ty Myers, Thomas Rhett and Blake Shelton.

A stadium-record crowd of 19,477 filed into the stadium for the Oct. 25 Dakota Marker matchup against North Dakota State in a game that pitted the two top-ranked teams in the FCS. That helped SDSU attain an average attendance of 16,278 in 2025.

During the Sept. 12 game against New Haven, the 1-millionth fan for Jackrabbit football games played at Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium came through the turnstiles. SDSU has averaged 12,977 fans for the 79 Jackrabbit football games played at the venue.

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

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

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

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

SDSU has gone on to post a 69-10 record (.873 winning percentage) at Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium during its 11 seasons of operation, including a 17-1 mark in FCS playoff games.

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. Dykhous Stadium)
2018:	SDSU 54, Indiana State 51 [OT] (Oct. 6, 2018, at Dana J. Dykhous Stadium)
2021:	Southern Illinois 42, SDSU 41 [OT] (Oct. 9, 2021, at Dana J. Dykhous Stadium)
2024:	SDSU 20, South Dakota 17 [OT] (Oct. 26, 2024, at Dana J. Dykhous Stadium)
2025:	SDSU 30, Montana State 24 [2 OT] (Sept. 6, 2025, at Bozeman, Mont.)
2025:	SDSU 34, North Dakota 31 [OT] (Nov. 22, 2025, at Grand Forks, N.D.)

Overall, SDSU is 8-6 in overtime games

The 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. Dykhous 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. Dykhous 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.

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

The first SDSU victory in an extra session came in a Sept. 6 matchup at Montana State. After both teams scored touchdowns in the first overtime, Jackrabbit tight end Brayden Delahoyde hauled in a 25-yard touchdown on the first play of the second extra session to give SDSU a 30-24 lead.

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

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

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

JACKS IN THE PROS: Nearing the start of the 2026 National Football League season, more than a dozen former South Dakota State standouts were in National Football League training camps this summer, continuing the Jackrabbits' long tradition of developing players into pro prospects.

Headlining the list are a pair of tight ends — Dallas Goedert of the Philadelphia Eagles and Tucker Kraft of the Green Bay Packers.

After being selected in the second round of the 2018 NFL Draft, Goedert has gone on to record 414 receptions for 4,757 yards and 37 touchdowns in nine seasons. He won a Super Bowl ring with the Eagles during the 2024 season and followed that in 2025 with career highs of 60 receptions and 11 touchdowns while tallying 591 receiving yards.

Goedert got off to a strong start to the 2026 season by catching four passes for 77 yards, including touchdowns of 17 and 43 yards in the Eagles' victory over Washington on Sept. 13, but was injured a week later after catching one pass (4 yards) at Tennessee.

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 118 receptions, 1,631 receiving yards and 15 touchdowns in four professional seasons.

In two games thus far during the 2026 season, Kraft has five catches for 80 yards, but has yet to catch a touchdown pass.

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

Another member of the Jackrabbits' back-to-back national championship teams in the NFL is linebacker Isaiah Stalbird, who is in his third year with the New Orleans Saints.

POINTS OFF TURNOVERS

OPPONENT	TAKEAWAYS	POINTS
Stetson	2	14
Northwestern	0	0
New Haven	2	14
Youngstown State	1	3
Season Totals	5	31

Stalbird is coming off a 2025 season in which he recorded 25 total tackles while serving in a reserve role at linebacker and as a key contributor on special teams. He registered three stops in the Saints' Sept. 13 season opener at Detroit, then added one tackle a week later in a win over the Baltimore Ravens.

Earning an roster spot out of training camp for the first time was offensive lineman Sam Hagen, who is in his rookie season with the Houston Texans.

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

More recent Jackrabbit additions to the professional ranks were 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 return to Missouri Valley Football Conference action with another battle between highly ranked opponents as SDSU travels to Illinois State on Oct. 3. Kickoff is set for 6 p.m. Central Time at Hancock Stadium in Normal, Illinois.

FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP SUBDIVISION POLLS

STATS PERFORM FCS POLL — SEPT. 21

PL.	SCHOOL	2025 RECORD	POINTS	PR
1.	Montana State [46]	4-0	1,414	1
2.	South Dakota State [10]	3-1	1,363	2
3.	Illinois State [1]	4-0	1,261	5
4.	Tarleton State	4-0	1,254	4
5.	Montana	3-1	1,204	3
6.	Lehigh	4-0	1,042	7
7.	North Dakota	3-1	1,041	6
8.	South Dakota	3-1	987	10
9.	Stephen F. Austin	4-0	965	12
10.	UC Davis	3-1	919	11
11.	Youngstown State	2-2	853	9
12.	Tennessee Tech	3-0	842	13
13.	Austin Peay	3-1	769	T14
14.	Idaho State	3-0	671	15
15.	Lamar	2-1	627	T14
16.	South Carolina State	4-0	550	18
17.	Yale	1-0	448	19
18.	Northern Arizona	3-1	437	20
19.	Rhode Island	2-2	390	8
20.	West Florida	2-1	260	17
21.	Harvard	1-0	248	25
22.	Campbell	3-1	195	NR
23.	Villanova	2-2	169	22
24.	Southern Illinois	2-2	116	24
25.	Mercer	2-2	102	23

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

Teams receiving votes: Alabama State, 72; Jackson State, 60; Colgate, 48; Richmond, 44; Elon, 35; Stony Brook, 29; Furman, 19; William & Mary, 16; Southeastern Louisiana, 14; Incarnate Word, 14; Houston Christian, 9; Monmouth (N.J.), 9; Morgan State, 5; Southeast Missouri State, 4.

AFCA FCS POLL — SEPT. 21

PL.	SCHOOL	2026 RECORD	POINTS	PR
1.	Montana State [25]	4-0	649	1
2.	South Dakota State	3-1	598	3
3.	Tarleton State	4-0	566	5
4.	Illinois State (1)	4-0	561	4
	Montana	3-1	561	2
6.	Stephen F. Austin	4-0	480	8
7.	Lehigh	4-0	461	7
8.	North Dakota	3-1	459	6
9.	UC Davis	3-1	439	11
10.	Tennessee Tech	3-0	415	10
11.	Austin Peay	3-1	378	14
12.	South Dakota	3-1	366	12
13.	Youngstown State	2-2	363	9
14.	South Carolina State	4-0	303	16
15.	Lamar	2-1	296	15
16.	Idaho State	3-0	273	18
17.	Northern Arizona	3-1	228	19
18.	Yale	1-0	188	20
19.	Richmond	3-1	104	NR
20.	West Florida	2-1	97	17
21.	Rhode Island	2-2	93	13
22.	Villanova	2-2	85	23
23.	Mercer	2-2	71	22
	Colgate	3-1	71	NR
25.	Harvard	1-0	50	NR

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

Teams receiving votes: **Southern Illinois**, 45; Campbell, 41; Jackson State, 39; Elon, 38; Furman, 37; Alabama State, 14; Prairie View, 12; Stony Brook, 12; Bryant, 7; Central Connecticut State, 6; Dartmouth, 6; Incarnate Word, 6; William & Mary, 6; Abilene Christian, 5; Monmouth (N.J.), 5; Southeastern Louisiana, 4; Southeast Missouri State, 3; UT Rio Grande Valley, 3; Robert Morris (Pa.), 2; San Diego, 2; Chattanooga, 1; St. Thomas (Minn.), 1.

MISSOURI VALLEY FOOTBALL CONFERENCE

2026 MVFC STANDINGS

SCHOOL	CONFERENCE	PF	PA	OVERALL	PF	PA
South Dakota State	1-0	27	20	3-1	172	75
Illinois State	0-0	0	0	4-0	194	47
North Dakota	0-0	0	0	3-1	158	104
South Dakota	0-0	0	0	3-1	162	104
Indiana State	0-0	0	0	2-2	121	118
Southern Illinois	0-0	0	0	2-2	97	120
Northern Iowa	0-0	0	0	1-3	80	103
Murray State	0-0	0	0	1-3	55	143
Youngstown State	0-1	20	27	2-2	146	95

RECENT SCORES AND UPCOMING GAMES

Saturday, Sept. 19

Indiana State 39, Valparaiso 16
 Illinois 48, Southern Illinois 10
 Illinois State 49, Eastern Illinois 13
 Iowa 55, Northern Iowa 0
 *South Dakota State 27, Youngstown State 20
 Oklahoma State 59, Murray State 0
 Nebraska 34, North Dakota 7
 Boise State 38, South Dakota 24

Saturday, Sept. 26

*North Dakota at Indiana State, noon
 *South Dakota at Youngstown State, 1 p.m.
 *Illinois State at Northern Iowa, 4 p.m.
 *Southern Illinois at Murray State, 6 p.m.
 Eastern Illinois at South Dakota State, 6 p.m.
 * denotes MVFC game | All times Central

2026 MVFC PRESEASON POLL

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



DEPTH CHART VS. EASTERN ILLINOIS

OFFENSE

LT	69	QUINTEN CHRISTENSEN, 6-5, 310, Sr., Wessington Springs, S.D.
	63	Kyan Rauk, 6-8, 305, So., Northfield, Minn.
LG	77	WILLIAM PAEPKE, 6-5, 300, Jr., Rapid City, S.D.
	78	Micah Hach, 6-4, 310, R-Fr., Watertown, S.D.
C	54	SHANE WILLENBRING, 6-4, 305, So., La Crosse, Wis.
	53	Caden Hotz, 6-2, 295, So., Waverly, Iowa
RG	58	Jackson Kerstin, 6-4, 295, Jr., Naperville, Ill.
	68	Cooper Starks, 6-5, 330, Jr., Girard, Ill.
RT or	56	John Pica, 6-4, 310, Sr., Dell Rapids, S.D.
	76	KENYON BIGBOW, 6-5, 300, Jr., Anadarko, Okla.
	63	Kyan Rauk, 6-8, 305, So., Northfield, Minn.
TE and/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	11	Josh Holst, 6-4, 210, Jr., Marengo, Ill.
	16	Jack Henry, 6-2, 215, So., Dell Rapids, S.D.
RB	22	Josiah Johnson, 6-0, 215, So., Milwaukee, Wis.
	4	Corey Blair Jr., 6-3, 210, R-Fr., Kenersville, N.C.

Returning starters indicated in CAPS

DEFENSE

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

SPECIAL TEAMS

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



South Dakota State University

JACKRABBITS

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.	40	Liam Shaw	DE	6-3	255	R-Fr.	Muskego, Wis.
0	Carter Sitzman	DE	6-4	275	Sr.	Lincoln, Neb.	41	Max Pelham	P	6-1	205	Gr.	Ankeny, Iowa
1	Ife Current	S	6-2	195	Sr.	Kennedale, Texas	41	Joel Sankoh	LB	6-0	190	Fr.	Waukeke, Iowa
1	Lofton O'Groske	WR	6-2	215	Jr.	Coon Rapids, Minn.	42	Sawyer Josewski	TE	6-5	240	Fr.	Rogers, Minn.
2	Amaje Parker	S	6-0	195	Jr.	Charlottesville, Va.	42	Brady Kurt	LB	6-2	210	R-Fr.	Independence, Iowa
2	Jack Smith	WR	6-0	195	So.	Sioux Falls, S.D.	43	Andrew Gustad	TE	6-1	250	Gr.	Volin, S.D.
3	Dontay Johnson	S	6-2	190	Sr.	Fort Collins, Colo.	44	Casey Larson	LB	6-2	215	So.	Woodinville, Wash.
3	Joe Kolega	WR	5-11	195	R-Fr.	Omaha, Neb.	45	Boden Schiller	LB	6-1	210	So.	Volga, S.D.
4	Corey Blair Jr.	RB	6-3	210	R-Fr.	Kernersville, N.C.	46	Maverick LeBrun	DE	6-5	235	R-Fr.	Flandreau, S.D.
4	Michael "Tank" Farr	S	5-11	200	Fr.	Racine, Wis.	47	Kytan Fyfe	LB	6-2	210	Sr.	Grand Island, Neb.
5	Cullen McShane	LB	6-2	225	Sr.	Marquette, Iowa	48	Jack Nash	LB	6-1	200	So.	Palmer, Alaska
5	Anthony Rezac	QB	6-3	205	So.	Omaha, Neb.	49	Luke Krempges	DE	6-4	255	R-Fr.	Sioux Falls, S.D.
6	Paul Kim	CB	5-11	190	Jr.	Janesville, Wis.	49	Jozef Reisz	TE	6-3	240	R-Fr.	Woodbine, Iowa
6	Ramon McKinney Jr.	RB	5-10	190	Jr.	Waxahachie, Texas	50	Kayden Oakland	DE	6-5	230	Fr.	Faribault, Minn.
7	Chase Mason	QB	6-4	240	Gr.	Hurley, S.D.	51	Logan Green	DT	6-4	300	Sr.	Northboro, Iowa
7	Noah St-Juste	CB	5-10	180	Jr.	Montreal, Quebec	52	Brody Targgart	DT	6-2	275	Jr.	Ankeny, Iowa
8	Sammy Dresie	WR	6-2	205	So.	Maize, Kan.	53	Caden Hotz	OL	6-2	290	So.	Waverly, Iowa
8	Reis Kirschenman	DE	6-4	255	Jr.	Tea, S.D.	54	Brady Schroedermeier	LB	6-3	195	Fr.	Hurley, S.D.
9	Matt Goehring	LB	6-1	225	Sr.	Sioux Falls, S.D.	54	Shane Willenbring	OL	6-4	305	So.	La Crosse, Wis.
9	Harrison Mullens	WR	6-1	180	Fr.	Pella, Iowa	55	Shane Henderson	OL	6-6	270	R-Fr.	Mobridge, S.D.
10	Brayden Delahoyde	TE	6-5	245	So.	Spearfish, S.D.	56	John Pica	OL	6-4	310	Sr.	Dell Rapids, S.D.
11	Josh Holst	QB	6-4	210	Jr.	Marengo, Ill.	57	Sam Christensen	DT	6-2	250	R-Fr.	Rock Rapids, Iowa
11	Joe Ollman	LB	6-1	230	Sr.	Mequon, Wis.	58	Jackson Kerstin	OL	6-4	295	Jr.	Naperville, Ill.
12	Grahm Goering	WR	6-2	205	Gr.	Iowa City, Iowa	59	Carson Strohbeen	LS	6-1	215	Jr.	Sioux City, Iowa
13	Tresten Hass	QB	6-3	210	Fr.	Seward, Neb.	60	Connor Heiderman	DT	6-4	280	Fr.	Norfolk, Neb.
13	Emeir White	CB	5-11	185	Fr.	Orland Park, Ill.	61	Evan McCarty	TE	6-5	280	R-Fr.	Hamel, Minn.
14	Jayden Noel	CB	6-1	205	Fr.	O'Fallon, Mo.	62	Weston Rowe	OL	6-6	300	Fr.	Jackson, Minn.
14	Reese Osgood	WR	5-11	185	Sr.	Franklin, Wis.	63	Kyan Rauk	OL	6-8	305	So.	Northfield, Minn.
15	Kaden Harney	QB	6-3	195	Fr.	Osseo, Minn.	64	Thomas Dwyer	OL	6-6	300	R-Fr.	Oconomowoc, Wis.
15	Jamari Holliman	CB	6-0	195	Jr.	Miami, Fla.	65	Braylin Dieken Keahey	OL	6-3	295	Fr.	Ankeny, Iowa
16	Jack Henry	QB	6-2	215	So.	Dell Rapids, S.D.	66	Brock Osbahr	OL	6-2	295	R-Fr.	De Pere, Wis.
16	Noah Luginbill	S	6-0	190	Jr.	Clovis, Calif.	67	Ian Mutchler	OL	6-4	295	Jr.	Morton, Ill.
17	Micah Bush	S	6-1	195	Fr.	Hills, Minn.	68	Cooper Starks	OL	6-5	330	Jr.	Girard, Ill.
17	Jack Thue	QB	6-2	205	So.	Brandon, S.D.	69	Quinten Christensen	OL	6-5	310	Sr.	Wessington Springs, S.D.
18	Jes Krcil	LB	6-1	235	Jr.	Carlisle, Iowa	70	Lincoln Semchenko	OL	6-5	295	R-Fr.	Brandon, S.D.
18	Jhace Woods	WR	6-2	200	Fr.	Sioux Falls, S.D.	72	Noah Dietel	OL	6-8	300	Fr.	Darwin, Minn.
19	Landon Tate	WR	5-10	180	Fr.	Elkhorn, Neb.	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	Head Coach: Dan Jackson						



DAN JACKSON

Head Coach • Second Season • 12-6 Overall Record
Alma Mater: Nebraska-Omaha, 2008

Dan Jackson was named the 22nd head football coach in South Dakota State history on Dec. 31, 2024. His hiring marked a return to the Jackrabbit program which he previously was associated with as both a student-athlete and assistant coach.

"South Dakota State is a special place and it's just so comforting to be back. I cannot wait to begin this journey and make this university and this football program even more special than it already is," Jackson said during his introductory press conference. "I'm ready. I'm prepared. I have seen and experienced so many different things throughout my career that I have no doubt that we're going to take this football program to new heights."

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

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

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

An Omaha native, Jackson began his association with SDSU football as a player from 2003-05. He joined the Jackrabbits' coaching staff as a graduate assistant in 2012, when SDSU began its current streak of 13 consecutive appearances in the Football Championship Subdivision playoffs. He was elevated to cornerbacks coach in 2014 and also served as recruiting coordinator, special teams coordinator and assistant head coach under John Stiegelmeier before moving on to Northern Illinois following the 2019 season.

Jackson coached two seasons at Northern Illinois, then was hired at Vanderbilt, where he coached defensive backs during the 2022 and 2023 seasons. In 2024, Jackson became a defensive coordinator for the first time when he joined the coaching staff at Idaho under former Jackrabbit colleague Jason Eck. He also coached the linebackers for a Vandals squad that advanced to the quarterfinals of the FCS playoffs. Jackson had been tabbed to become defensive coordinator at New Mexico under Eck before deciding to return to South Dakota State.

"There's a new landscape in college football and those things can change, and morph and move, but our standards will not change," Jackson said. "Our goal will always be to win a national championship. Our goal will always be to be the best football program in the country. We will evolve and we will grow and we will thrive in the new landscape of college football."

Joining Jackson in Brookings is his wife, Missy.

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

"(Dan Jackson) will represent the core values of not only the Athletic Department, but this university, that guide us daily. I want to stress that the football program at SDSU is moving forward. We will continue to have the success on and off the field we have come to appreciate. Our next chapter is just unfolding and I am extremely excited." — SDSU President Barry Dunn

"We've spent years building success on the fields, we've spent years building success in the classroom and we've spent years working to fill this building and the stands. We know who we are and we're really proud of the impact that we have on this university. But what we needed was a leader that understood this, could embrace it, but who also could help us navigate all the challenges we are facing in college athletics moving forward." — SDSU Director of Athletics Justin Sell

"Dan Jackson is a passionate leader who cares for the individuals in the program. He is positive, he is a tremendous recruiter and he is a true Jackrabbit. He will give SDSU his best." — John Stiegelmeier, former SDSU head coach (1997-2022)

"Knowing how special and personal it is to coach at your alma mater, I'm thrilled for Dan to have the opportunity to return to Brookings. His energy, positivity and coaching experience will be tremendous assets as he begins building on Coach Stiegelmeier's championship legacy. I cannot wait to see what's ahead for Jackrabbit Football." — Clark Lea, Vanderbilt head coach

"From the time I first worked with Dan Jackson in 2016, I knew he would be a head coach. Dan did an outstanding job leading our defense last year. His ability to connect with people of all backgrounds, his work ethic and his energy make him ready for this opportunity." — Jason Eck, New Mexico head coach

"I am extremely excited for Dan and Missy for the opportunity presented to them at South Dakota State. Dan has a passion for coaching, he is extremely organized and thorough, and always saw the big picture even as an assistant. It is professionally fulfilling to witness Dan Jackson rise to become the head coach at his alma mater. Dan Loves SDSU with all of his heart and will do an excellent job keeping the championship standards. I wish him all the best." — Thomas Hammock, former Northern Illinois head coach and current running backs coach for the Seattle Seahawks

LAST MEETING VERSUS EASTERN ILLINOIS

#19 SDSU 58, #25 EASTERN ILLINOIS 10

Nov. 24, 2012 • Coughlin-Alumni Stadium (Att.: 4,367)

Walter Payton Award candidate Zach Zenner rushed for a school-record 295 yards and three touchdowns, pacing 19th-ranked South Dakota State to a 58-10 victory over No. 25 Eastern Illinois in opening-round action of the Football Championship Subdivision playoffs at Coughlin-Alumni Stadium.

In recording their first-ever playoff victory, the Jackrabbits improved to 9-3 overall. Eastern Illinois, the champion of the Ohio Valley Conference, ended its season 7-5 overall.

After being forced to punt on their first three drives, the Jackrabbits cracked the scoring column late in the first quarter as Zenner broke through the defense for a 68-yard touchdown run.

Moments later, Winston Wright intercepted a Jimmy Garoppolo pass and returned the ball 20 yards to the EIU 22. Justin Syrovatka connected on a 22-yard field goal to push the Jackrabbit lead to 10-0 with 2:25 to go in the opening quarter.

The Panthers moved the ball deep into Jackrabbit territory on a drive that bridged the end of the first quarter and the beginning of the second. The 13-play, 66-yard drive stalled at the 2-yard line and EIU had to settle for a 19-yard field goal by Cameron Berra.

From there it was all Jackrabbits, who made it scores in six consecutive drives by scoring on all four second-quarter possessions. Zenner scored on runs of 4 and 7 yards before Syrovatka kicked a 29-yard field goal with a minute remaining to push the SDSU lead to 27-3.

The Jackrabbit special teams unit got in the act seconds later as Andrew Brown blocked an Eastern Illinois punt that eventually led to SDSU taking over at the Panther 3-yard line with nine seconds remaining. A delay of game penalty pushed the Jackrabbits back to the 8, but Austin Sumner connected with Cam Jones in the back of the end zone on the final play of the half to increase the Jackrabbit lead to 34-3.

Zenner rushed 24 times for 246 yards in the first half and the Jackrabbits continued to churn out yards on the ground in the second half.

Syrovatka's third field goal of the day, a 28-yarder, accounted for the only points of the third quarter.

The landslide continued in the final quarter with SDSU scoring touchdowns on three consecutive possessions. Reserve running back Reginald Gandy scored on runs of 1 and 12 yards and Jones added a 5-yard run.

Eastern Illinois' lone touchdown came with 10:39 to play as Jake Walker scored on a 4-yard run.

As a team, the Jackrabbits ran for 434 yards on 53 attempts — an average of 8.2 yards per carry. Zenner's 295 yards came on 33 carries. Gandy also finished with a career high, rushing 16 times for 151 yards.

Sumner finished the afternoon 13-of-28 passing for 146 yards and a touchdown. Aaron Rollin led SDSU receivers with five catches for 44 yards.

Overall, SDSU held a 580-366 advantage in total offense.

Garoppolo ended the afternoon 25-of-41 passing for 221 yards. Fellow Walter Payton Award candidate Erik Lora led all players with 12 receptions for 133 yards. Walker finished the day with 125 yards rushing on 23 carries.

Senior defensive lineman Andy Mink recorded a game-high eight tackles and forced a fumble to lead the Jackrabbit defense.



Zach Zenner rushed for a school-record 295 yards and scored three touchdowns as South Dakota State defeated Eastern Illinois, 58-10, in the Jackrabbits' first-ever home playoff game, which was played Nov. 24, 2012, at Coughlin-Alumni Stadium.

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Eastern Illinois (7-5)	0	3	0	7	10
South Dakota State (9-3)	10	24	3	21	58

SCORING SUMMARY

1st	4:27	SDSU	— Zach Zenner 68 yd run (Justin Syrovatka kick)
	2:25	SDSU	— Syrovatka 22 yd field goal
2nd	14:04	EIU	— Cameron Berra 19 yd field goal
	9:39	SDSU	— Zenner 4 yd run (Syrovatka kick)
	5:35	SDSU	— Zenner 7 yd run (Syrovatka kick)
	1:00	SDSU	— Syrovatka 29 yd field goal
	00:00	SDSU	— Cam Jones 8 yd pass from Austin Sumner (Syrovatka kick)
3rd	4:40	SDSU	— Syrovatka 28 yd field goal
4th	13:12	SDSU	— Reggie Gandy 1 yd run (Syrovatka kick)
	10:39	EIU	— Jake Walker 4 yd run (Berra kick)
	7:11	SDSU	— Jones 5 yd run (Syrovatka kick)
	3:54	SDSU	— Gandy 12 yd run (Syrovatka kick)

TEAM STATISTICS	EIU	SDSU
FIRST DOWNS	17	29
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	32-145	53-434
PASSING YDS (NET)	221	146
Passes Att-Comp-Int	41-25-1	28-13-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	73-366	81-580
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	1-45
Punt Returns-Yards	1-3	3-35
Kickoff Returns-Yards	7-167	1-11
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	1-20
Punts (Number-Avg)	9-38.2	4-37.8
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	0-0
Penalties-Yards	9-100	4-20
Possession Time	22:57	37:03
Third-Down Conversions	5 of 16	8 of 15
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 1	0 of 0
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	2-4	9-9
Sacks By: Number-Yards	1-10	2-13

RUSHING LEADERS: EIU - Jake Walker 23-125; Erik Lora 1-14. SDSU - Zach Zenner 33-295; Reggie Gandy 16-151. **PASSING LEADERS:** EIU - Jimmy Garoppolo 25-41-1 221. SDSU - Austin Sumner 13-28-0 146. **RECEIVING LEADERS:** EIU - Erik Lora 12-133; Chris Wright 4-54; Chavar Watkins 4-33. SDSU - Aaron Rollin 5-44; Tyrel Kool 3-25; Brandon Hubert 2-23. **INTERCEPTIONS:** EIU - none. SDSU - Winston Wright 1-20. **SACKS:** EIU - Pat Wertz 1.0-10. SDSU - David Hettiger 1.0-7; Chase Douglas 1.0-6. **TACKLE LEADERS (UA-A-TOT):** EIU - Artavious Dowdell 7-0-7; Pete Houlihan 7-0-7; Greg Mahan 4-3-7. SDSU - Andy Mink 6-2-8; T.J. Lally 6-1-7; Ross Shafrath 5-2-7.

VERSUS RANKED OPPONENTS

Since moving to the Football Championship Subdivision at the start of the 2004 season, the Jackrabbits have compiled a 78-58 record versus ranked opponents.

Following is a year-by-year look at games against ranked opponents:

2004 0-3 record

- at #13 Cal Poly (L, 7-14)
- at #24 Montana State (L, 24-27)
- at #1 Georgia Southern (L, 7-63)

2005 0-5 record

- at #3 Montana (L, 0-7)
- #12 Cal Poly (L, 16-24)
- at #16 Texas State (L, 12-42)
- #19 Georgia Southern (L, 42-55)
- at #20 North Dakota State (L, 17-41)

2006 3-3 record

- at #6 Montana (L, 7-36)
- at #12 Northern Iowa (L, 17-27)
- at #16 McNeese State (W, 20-17)
- at #4 Cal Poly (W, 29-28)
- #16 UC Davis (W, 22-21)
- at #4 North Dakota State (L, 28-41)

2007 2-2 record

- at #6 Youngstown State (L, 17-23)
- #5 Northern Iowa (L, 17-31)
- #19 Cal Poly (W, 48-35)
- #1 North Dakota State (W, 29-24)

2008 3-4 record

- #14 Youngstown State (W, 40-7)
- #15 Western Illinois (W, 24-22)
- #8 Northern Iowa (L, 20-34)
- #4 McNeese State (L, 44-46 – 3OT)
- #3 Cal Poly (L, 28-42)
- #9 Southern Illinois (L, 35-38)
- at #24 North Dakota State (W, 25-24)

2009 1-3 record

- at #17 Cal Poly (L, 14-21)
- vs. #6 Northern Iowa (W, 24-14)
- vs. #3 Southern Illinois (L, 15-34)
- ^at #1 Montana (L, 48-61)

2010 2-3 record

- at #16 Delaware (L, 3-26)
- at #15 Northern Iowa (L, 14-24)
- vs. #20 Western Illinois (W, 33-29)
- at #15 Southern Illinois (W, 31-10)
- at #20 North Dakota State (L, 24-31)

2011 0-3 record

- vs. #23 Indiana State (L, 28-38)
- vs. #2 Northern Iowa (L, 14-31)
- vs. #3/5 North Dakota State (L, 14-38)

2012 3-2 record

- at #22/25 Indiana State (W, 24-10)
- vs. #21/22 Youngstown St. (W, 41-28)
- at #1/1 North Dakota State (L, 17-20)
- ^vs. #25 Eastern Illinois (W, 58-10)
- ^at #1/1 North Dakota State (L, 3-28)

2013 3-2 record

- vs. #1/1 North Dakota State (L, 0-20)
- vs. #17/18 Northern Iowa (W, 37-34 – 2 OT)
- at #15/18 Youngstown St. (W, 42-13)
- ^at #8/9 Northern Arizona (W, 26-7)
- ^at #3/3 Eastern Washington (L, 17-41)

2014 3-4 record

- at #22/22 Illinois State (L, 10-45)
- at #20/21 Northern Iowa (W, 31-28)
- vs. #16/17 Youngstown State (L, 27-30)
- at #1/1 North Dakota State (L, 17-37)
- at #17/19 Indiana State (W, 32-17)
- ^at #17/17 Montana State (W, 47-40)
- at #2/3 North Dakota State (L, 24-27)

2015 3-3 record

- vs. #2/3 North Dakota State (L, 7-28)
- vs. #19/21 Indiana State (W, 24-7)
- at #11/12 Youngstown State (W, 38-8)
- vs. #22/25 Northern Iowa (L, 7-10)
- vs. #2/2 Illinois State (W, 25-20)
- ^at #16/17 Montana (L, 17-24)

2016 4-1 record

- vs. #8/8 Western Illinois (W, 52-14)
- at #1/1 North Dakota State (W, 19-17)
- vs. #12/13 Youngstown State (W, 24-10)
- ^vs. #9/10 Villanova (W, 10-7)
- ^at #3/3 North Dakota State (L, 10-36)

2017 6-2 record

- at #5/6 Youngstown State (L, 7-19)
- at #12/14 Western Illinois (W, 52-48)
- vs. #2/2 North Dakota State (W, 33-21)
- vs. #17/20 Illinois State (W, 27-24 – OT)
- at #15/16 South Dakota (W, 31-28)
- ^vs. #20/21 Northern Iowa (W, 37-22)
- ^vs. #20/21 New Hampshire (W, 56-14)
- ^at #1/1 James Madison (L, 16-51)

2018 2-3 record

- at #1/1 North Dakota State (L, 17-21)
- at #25 Northern Iowa (L, 9-24)
- at #9/11 Illinois State (W, 38-28)
- ^at #2/2 Kennesaw State (W, 27-17)
- ^at #1/1 North Dakota State (L, 21-44)

2019 2-3 record

- at #17/19 Youngstown State (W, 38-28)
- vs. #1/1 North Dakota State (L, 16-23)
- vs. #11/12 Illinois State (L, 18-27)
- vs. #4/5 Northern Iowa (W, 38-7)
- ^vs. #6/6 Northern Iowa (L, 10-13)

2020-21 5-2 record

- at #3 Northern Iowa (W, 24-20)
- at #14 North Dakota (L, 17-28)
- at #5/5 Southern Illinois (W, 44-3)
- at #2/3 North Dakota State (W, 27-17)
- ^vs. #14/14 Southern Illinois (W, 31-26)
- ^vs. #5/5 Delaware (W, 33-3)
- ^vs. #4/4 Sam Houston (L, 21-23)

2021 4-4 record

- vs. #7/8 Southern Illinois (L, 41-42 – OT)
- vs. #20/24 Northern Iowa (L, 17-26)
- vs. #2/2 North Dakota State (W, 27-19)
- at #17/19 South Dakota (L, 20-23)
- ^vs. #14/16 UC Davis (W, 56-24)
- ^at #8/12 Sacramento State (W, 24-19)
- ^vs. #6/7 Villanova (W, 35-21)
- ^at #7/9 Montana State (L, 17-31)

2022 8-0 record

- vs. #25 UC Davis (W, 24-22)
- at #4/6 Missouri State (W, 28-14)
- at #1/1 North Dakota State (W, 23-21)
- at #20 North Dakota (W, 49-35)
- ^vs. #23 Delaware (W, 42-6)
- ^vs. #6/7 Holy Cross (W, 42-21)
- ^vs. #3/3 Montana State (W, 39-18)
- ^vs. #4/4 North Dakota State (W, 45-24)

2023 11-0 record

- vs. #3/3 Montana State (W, 20-16)
- vs. #11/12 North Dakota (W, 42-21)
- at #22 Illinois State (W, 40-21)
- at #12/12 Southern Illinois (W, 17-10)
- at #4/9 South Dakota (W, 37-3)
- vs. #10/11 North Dakota St. (W, 33-16)
- at #22 Youngstown State (W, 34-0)
- ^vs. #17/20 Mercer (W, 41-0)
- ^vs. #6/9 Villanova (W, 23-12)
- ^vs. #9/15 Albany (W, 59-0)
- ^vs. #2/2 Montana (W, 23-3)

2024 7-2 record

- vs. #11/12 Incarnate Word (W, 45-24)
 - at #18 Northern Iowa (W, 41-3)
 - at #2/2 North Dakota State (L, 9-13)
 - vs. #4/4 South Dakota (W, 20-17 – OT)
 - at #21/23 North Dakota, (W, 38-7)
 - at #18 Missouri State (W, 45-9)
 - ^vs. #13/13 Montana (W, 35-18)
 - ^vs. #6/6 Incarnate Word (W, 55-14)
 - ^at #3/4 North Dakota State (L, 21-28)
- ^denotes FCS playoff game

2025 5-4 record

- vs. #14/15 Sacramento State (W, 20-3)
- at #3/3 Montana State (W, 30-24 – 2 OT)
- at #18/24 Youngstown State (W, 35-30)
- vs. #1/1 North Dakota State (L, 7-38)
- at #22/25 South Dakota (L, 17-24)
- vs. #13/14 Illinois State (L, 21-35)
- at #13/16 North Dakota (W, 34-31 – OT)
- ^vs. #22 New Hampshire (W, 41-3)
- at #3/4 Montana (L, 29-50)

2026 1-0 record

- vs. #9/9 Youngstown State (W, 27-20)

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Team Statistics	SDS	OPP
SCORING	172	75
Points Per Game	43.00	18.75
FIRST DOWNS	102	64
Rushing	57	24
Passing	38	36
Penalty	7	4
RUSHING YARDAGE	1104	539
Yards gained	1147	617
Yards lost	43	78
Attempts	176	122
Avg Per Attempt	6.3	4.4
Avg Per Game	276.0	134.8
TDs Rushing	15	5
PASSING YARDAGE	929	808
Att-Comp-Int	102-54-1	116-71-1
Avg Per Attempt	9.11	6.97
Avg Per Catch	17.20	11.38
Avg Per Game	232.25	202.00
TDs Passing	5	4
TOTAL OFFENSE	2033	1347
Total Plays	278	238
Avg Per Play	7.3	5.7
Avg Per Game	508.3	336.8
KICK RETURNS: #-YARDS	9-204	8-109
PUNT RETURNS: #-YARDS	4-122	2-9
INT RETURNS: #-YARDS	1-9	1-4
KICK RETURN AVERAGE	22.67	13.63
PUNT RETURN AVERAGE	30.50	4.50
INT RETURN AVERAGE	9.00	4.00
FUMBLES-LOST	5-2	4-4
PENALTIES-YARDS	26-209	24-190
Avg Per Game	52.25	47.50
PUNTS-YARDS	12-574	24-883
Avg Per Punt	47.83	36.79
Net Punt Avg	43.75	30.04
KICKOFFS-YARDS	33-2083	17-1010
Avg Per Kick	63.12	59.41
Net Kick Avg	47.70	37.12
TIME OF POSSESSION	02:08:39	01:51:21
Per Game	32:10	27:50
3RD-DOWN CONVERSIONS	19-52	18-52
3rd-Down Pct	36.54 %	34.62 %
4TH-DOWN CONVERSIONS	8-8	1-5
4th-Down Pct	100.00 %	20.00 %
SACKS BY-YARDS	7-34	4-23
MISC YARDS	0	0
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED	21	9
FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS	8-10	4-4
ON-SIDE KICKS	0-0	0-1
RED-ZONE SCORES	16-21	11-13
RED-ZONE TOUCHDOWNS	9-21	7-13
PAT-ATTEMPTS	20-20	9-9
ATTENDANCE	56,746	9,574
Dates-Avg Per Date	3-18,915	1-9,574
Neutral Site #-Avg	-	0-0

Conf	Date	Opponent	WL	Score	Record	Time	Attend
	08/29/2026	STETSON	W	70-7	1-0 , 0-0	02:56	19,192
	09/05/2026	at Northwestern	L	18-34	1-1 , 0-0	03:22	9,574
	09/12/2026	NEW HAVEN	W	57-14	2-1 , 0-0	03:19	19,013
*	09/19/2026	YOUNGSTOWN ST.	W	27-20	3-1 , 1-0	03:09	18,541

* = Conference game

Score by Quarters	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
South Dakota St.	31	70	58	13	172
Opponents	7	13	21	34	75

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#	Rushing	GP	ATT	GAIN	LOSS	NET	AVG	TD	LG	AVG/G
22	Johnson, Josiah	4	70	430	2	428	6.1	5	39	107.00
23	Basinger, James	4	15	198	3	195	13.0	3	55	48.75
	Blair, Corey	4	29	194	0	194	6.7	2	52	48.50
6	McKinney Jr., Ramon	3	11	104	0	104	9.5	2	27	34.67
7	Mason, Chase	4	24	112	25	87	3.6	2	18	21.75
34	Myers, Josh	2	7	41	1	40	5.7	1	27	20.00
32	Scott, Jay'Veon	1	7	27	0	27	3.9	0	6	27.00
	Rezac, Dominic	4	3	15	0	15	5.0	0	6	3.75
43	Gustad, Andrew	4	1	7	0	7	7.0	0	7	1.75
11	Holst, Josh	3	4	16	9	7	1.8	0	7	2.33
16	Henry, Jack	2	1	2	0	2	2.0	0	2	1.00
1	O'Groske, Lofton	3	1	1	0	1	1.0	0	1	0.33
58	Kerstin, Jackson	4	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.00
	Team	4	3	0	3	-3	-1.0	0	0	-0.75
	Total	4	176	1147	43	1104	6.3	15	55	276.00
	Opponents	4	122	617	78	539	4.4	5	80	134.75

#	Passing	GP	Rating	COMP-ATT-INT	PCT	YDS	TD	LG	AVG/G
7	Mason, Chase	4	146.36	49-89-1	55.06 %	834	4	73	208.50
11	Holst, Josh	3	126.63	4-12-0	33.33 %	94	1	78	31.33
16	Henry, Jack	2	108.40	1-1-0	100.00 %	1	0	1	0.50
	Total	4	143.66	54-102-1	52.94 %	929	5	78	232.25
	Opponents	4	129.37	71-116-1	61.21 %	808	4	71	202.00

#	Receiving	GP	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	AVG/G
12	Goering, Graham	4	15	283	18.87	0	43	70.75
2	Smith, Jack	4	13	231	17.77	1	73	57.75
1	O'Groske, Lofton	3	11	154	14.00	0	34	51.33
0	Dulaney, Landon	2	3	102	34.00	1	78	51.00
88	Gannon, Greyton	4	5	81	16.20	2	29	20.25
82	Kuntz, Coleman	4	3	38	12.67	1	25	9.50
8	Dresie, Sammy	4	1	20	20.00	0	20	5.00
10	Delahoyde, Brayden	4	1	19	19.00	0	19	4.75
87	Brooks, Ben	3	1	1	1.00	0	1	0.33
	Blair, Corey	4	1	0	0.00	0	0	0.00
3	Kolega, Joe	3	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00
	Total	4	54	929	17.20	5	78	232.25
	Opponents	4	71	808	11.38	4	71	202.00

#	Punt Returns	NO	YRDS	AVG	TD	LG
20	Uchtman, Alex	4	122	30.50	1	65
	Total	4	122	30.50	1	65
	Opponents	2	9	4.50	0	5

#	Interceptions	NO	YRDS	AVG	TD	LG
11	Ollman, Joe	1	9	9.00	0	9
	Total	1	9	9.00	0	9
	Opponents	1	4	4.00	0	4

#	Kick Returns	NO	YRDS	AVG	TD	LG
6	McKinney Jr., Ramon	4	112	28.00	0	46
20	Uchtman, Alex	2	63	31.50	0	50
2	Smith, Jack	1	16	16.00	0	16
10	Delahoyde, Brayden	2	13	6.50	0	8
	Total	9	204	22.67	0	50
	Opponents	8	109	13.63	0	19

#	Fumble Returns	NO	YRDS	AVG	TD	LG
No data to report.						

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#	Scoring	TD	FG	PAT					SAF	PTS
				KICK	RUSH	RCV	PASS	DXP		
30	Alvano, Tristan	—	8	20-20	—	—	—	—	—	44
22	Johnson, Josiah	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	30
23	Basinger, James	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	18
	Blair, Corey	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	12
88	Gannon, Greyton	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	12
7	Mason, Chase	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	12
6	McKinney Jr., Ramon	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	12
0	Dulaney, Landon	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6
82	Kuntz, Coleman	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6
34	Myers, Josh	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6
2	Smith, Jack	1	—	—	—	—	0-1	—	—	6
20	Uchtman, Alex	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6
0	Sitzman, Carter	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2
	Total	21	8	20-20	—	—	0-1	—	1	172
	Opponents	9	4	9-9	—	—	—	—	—	75

#	Field Goals	FGM-FGA	PCT	I20	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	LG	BLK
30	Alvano, Tristan	8-10	80.00 %	0-0	4-4	3-4	1-2	0-0	43	0
	Total	8-10	80.00 %	0-0	4-4	3-4	1-2	0-0	43	0
	Opponents	4-4	100.00 %	0-0	0-0	4-4	0-0	0-0	39	0

FG Sequence	South Dakota St.	Opponents
Stetson	-	-
Northwestern	(21),(33),(27),(26),38	(36),(38)
New Haven	(31),(36)	-
Youngstown St.	(27),(43),49	(39),(34)

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made.

#	Total Offense	G	Plays	Rush	Pass	Total	AVG/G
7	Mason, Chase	4	113	87	834	921	230.25
22	Johnson, Josiah	4	70	428	0	428	107.00
23	Basinger, James	4	15	195	0	195	48.75
	Blair, Corey	4	29	194	0	194	48.50
6	McKinney Jr., Ramon	3	11	104	0	104	34.67
11	Holst, Josh	3	16	7	94	101	33.67
34	Myers, Josh	2	7	40	0	40	20.00
32	Scott, Jay'Veon	1	7	27	0	27	27.00
	Rezac, Dominic	4	3	15	0	15	3.75
43	Gustad, Andrew	4	1	7	0	7	1.75
16	Henry, Jack	2	2	2	1	3	1.50
1	O'Groske, Lofton	3	1	1	0	1	0.33
	Team	4	3	-3	0	-3	-0.75
	Total	4	278	1104	929	2033	508.25
	Opponents	4	238	539	808	1347	336.75

#	Punting	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TB	FC	I20	50+	BLK
41	Pelham, Max	12	574	47.83	69	2	4	6	4	0
	Total	12	574	47.83	69	2	4	6	4	0
	Opponents	24	883	36.79	54	2	6	4	3	0

#	Kickoffs	NO	YDS	AVG	TB	OB
81	Harrington, Ryan	33	2083	63.1	16	2
	Total	33	2083	63.1	16	2
	Opponents	17	1010	59.4	7	0

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#	All Purpose	G	RUSH	RCV	PR	KR	IR	Total	AVG/G
22	Johnson, Josiah	4	428	0	0	0	0	428	107.00
12	Goering, Graham	4	0	283	0	0	0	283	70.75
2	Smith, Jack	4	0	231	0	16	0	247	61.75
6	McKinney Jr., Ramon	3	104	0	0	112	0	216	72.00
23	Basinger, James	4	195	0	0	0	0	195	48.75
	Blair, Corey	4	194	0	0	0	0	194	48.50
20	Uchtman, Alex	4	0	0	122	63	0	185	46.25
1	O'Groske, Lofton	3	1	154	0	0	0	155	51.67
0	Dulaney, Landon	2	0	102	0	0	0	102	51.00
7	Mason, Chase	4	87	0	0	0	0	87	21.75
88	Gannon, Greyton	4	0	81	0	0	0	81	20.25
34	Myers, Josh	2	40	0	0	0	0	40	20.00
82	Kuntz, Coleman	4	0	38	0	0	0	38	9.50
10	Delahoyde, Brayden	4	0	19	0	13	0	32	8.00
32	Scott, Jay'Veon	1	27	0	0	0	0	27	27.00
8	Dresie, Sammy	4	0	20	0	0	0	20	5.00
	Rezac, Dominic	4	15	0	0	0	0	15	3.75
11	Ollman, Joe	4	0	0	0	0	9	9	2.25
43	Gustad, Andrew	4	7	0	0	0	0	7	1.75
11	Holst, Josh	3	7	0	0	0	0	7	2.33
16	Henry, Jack	2	2	0	0	0	0	2	1.00
87	Brooks, Ben	3	0	1	0	0	0	1	0.33
	Team	4	-3	0	0	0	0	-3	-0.75
	Total	4	1104	929	122	204	9	2368	592.00
	Opponents	4	539	808	9	109	4	1469	367.25

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#	Defensive Leaders	GP	Tackles				Sacks NO-YDS	Pass Defense			Fumbles		Blocked	
			Solo	ASST	TOT	TFL-YDS		INT-YDS	BU	QBH	RCV-YDS	FF	KICK	SAF
18	Krcil, Jes	4	11	8	19.0	2.5-4	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
3	Johnson, Dontay	4	10	8	18.0	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
4	Farr, Michael	4	10	4	14.0	—	—	—	3	—	1-0	—	—	—
28	Van Tol, Chase	3	9	5	14.0	1.0-1	—	—	2	—	2-0	—	—	—
21	Green, Myles	4	9	3	12.0	1.0-6	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
5	McShane, Cullen	4	4	6	10.0	2.0-9	2.0-9	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
27	Thompson, Noah	3	5	5	10.0	1.5-1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1	Current, Ife	4	5	4	9.0	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
24	Stanard, Max	4	2	6	8.0	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—
7	St-Juste, Noah	4	6	2	8.0	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
33	Johnson, Bryce	4	4	3	7.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
49	Krempges, Luke	4	3	4	7.0	0.5-2	0.5-2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
0	Sitzman, Carter	4	3	4	7.0	3.0-18	1.0-6	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
9	Goehring, Matt	3	3	3	6.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
6	Kim, Paul	4	4	2	6.0	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—
11	Ollman, Joe	4	3	3	6.0	—	—	1-9	—	—	—	—	—	—
2	Parker, Amaje	4	3	3	6.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
15	Holliman, Jamari	4	4	1	5.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
8	Kirschenman, Reis	4	1	4	5.0	1.5-4	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
97	Leiferman, Blake	4	4	1	5.0	1.0-7	1.0-7	—	—	—	1-0	—	—	—
16	Luginbill, Noah	2	—	5	5.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
40	Shaw, Liam	2	2	3	5.0	1.0-5	1.0-5	—	—	2	—	—	—	—
26	Fries, Barry	2	2	2	4.0	1.0-1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
51	Green, Logan	4	1	3	4.0	1.5-4	1.0-3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
38	Jackson, Landin	4	1	3	4.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
99	Ripperda, Dawson	4	3	1	4.0	2.0-11	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
46	LeBrun, Maverick	4	1	2	3.0	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
48	Nash, Jack	2	1	2	3.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
50	Oakland, Kayden	3	1	2	3.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
91	Sifore, Jace	4	1	2	3.0	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—
39	Bakken, Beau	4	2	—	2.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
90	Bradley, Daniel	1	2	—	2.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
57	Christensen, Sam	2	1	1	2.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
47	Fyfe, Kytan	4	—	2	2.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
44	Larson, Casey	2	—	2	2.0	0.5-2	0.5-2	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
94	Sayre, Ashton	2	1	1	2.0	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
96	Schaefer, Rhett	4	1	1	2.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
52	Targgart, Brody	4	—	2	2.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
80	Van Meeteren, Zac	3	1	1	2.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
13	White, Emeir	3	1	1	2.0	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
93	Buntz, Cale	1	1	—	1.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
17	Bush, Micah	1	1	—	1.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
98	Muller, Mac	1	—	1	1.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2	Smith, Jack	4	1	—	1.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
30	Alvano, Tristan	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
23	Basinger, James	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
4	Blair, Corey	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
0	Dulaney, Landon	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
88	Gannon, Greyton	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
22	Johnson, Josiah	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
82	Kuntz, Coleman	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
7	Mason, Chase	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
6	McKinney Jr., Ramon	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
34	Myers, Josh	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
36	Tetzlaff, Bergan	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
20	Uchtman, Alex	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total		4	128	116	244.0	20.0-75	7.0-34	1-9	19	5	4-0	4	—	1
Opponents		4	146	126	272.0	7.0-29	4.0-23	1-4	17	6	2-0	3	—	—

CAREER HIGHS — OFFENSE

QUARTERBACKS



16-JACK HENRY

6-2, 215, So.

Dell Rapids, South Dakota • Dell Rapids H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Completions: 32, vs. Illinois State, 11-15-2025
 Passing Attempts: 51, vs. Illinois State, 11-15-2025
 Passing Yards: 254, vs. Illinois State, 11-15-2025
 Long Pass: 49 yards, to Alex Bullock, at North Dakota, 11-22-2025
 Touchdown Passes: 2, at North Dakota, 11-15-2025
 Interceptions: 2, vs. Illinois State, 11-15-2025, and at North Dakota, 11-15-2025
 Rushing Attempts: 18, vs. Illinois State, 11-15-2025
 Rushing Yards: 41, vs. Illinois State, 11-15-2025
 Long Rush: 16 yards, vs. Illinois State, 11-15-2025
 Rushing Touchdowns: 1, vs. Illinois State, 11-15-2025
 Total Offense: 295 yards, vs. Illinois State, 11-15-2025



11-JOSH HOLST

6-4, 210, Jr.

Marengo, Illinois • Marengo Community H.S./
 Northern Illinois

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Completions: 3, vs. Youngstown State, 9-19-2026
 Passing Attempts: 8, vs. Youngstown State, 9-19-2026
 Passing Yards: 78, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026
 Long Pass: 78 yards (for TD), to Landon Dulaney, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026
 Touchdown Passes: 1, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026
 Rushing Attempts: 3, vs. New Haven, 9-12-2026
 Rushing Yards: 6, vs. Youngstown State, 9-19-2026
 Long Rush: 7 yards, vs. New Haven, 9-12-2026
 Total Offense: 78 yards, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026



7-CHASE MASON

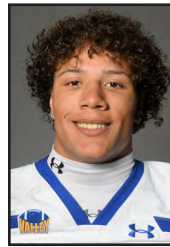
6-4, 240, Grad.

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

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Completions: 23, at Northwestern, 9-5-2026
 Passing Attempts: 48, at Northwestern, 9-5-2026
 Passing Yards: 356, at Montana, 12-6-2025
 Long Pass:* 95 yards (for TD), to Grahm Goering, at Montana, 12-6-2025
 Touchdown Passes: 3, four times (last: vs. New Haven, 9-12-2026)
 Interceptions: 2, at Montana, 12-6-2025
 Rushing Attempts: 18, vs. Sacramento State, 8-30-2025
 Rushing Yards: 161, vs. Youngstown State, 10-12-2024
 Long Rush: 69 yards (for TD), vs. Drake, 9-16-2023, and vs. Youngstown State, 10-12-2024
 Rushing Touchdowns: 2, three times (last: at Montana, 12-6-2025)
 Total Offense: 366 yards, at Montana, 12-6-2025
 * school record

RUNNING BACKS



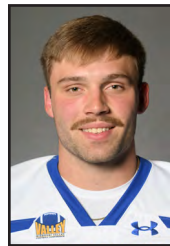
23-JAMES BASINGER

5-10, 205, So.

Littleton, Colorado • Columbine H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Rushing Attempts: 15, vs. Mercyhurst, 9-27-2025
 Rushing Yards: 110, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026
 Long Rush: 55 yards (for TD), vs. New Haven, 9-12-2026
 Rushing Touchdowns: 2, vs. Mercyhurst, 9-27-2025, and vs. New Haven, 9-12-2026
 Receptions: 3, vs. Mercyhurst, 9-27-2025
 Receiving Yards: 32, vs. Mercyhurst, 9-27-2025
 Long Reception: 19 yards, vs. North Dakota State, 10-25-2025
 All-Purpose Yards: 110, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026



24-BRENDEN BEGEMAN

6-2, 215, Jr.

Selby, South Dakota • Selby Area H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Rushing Attempts: 10, vs. Southern Illinois, 11-16-2024
 Rushing Yards: 37, vs. Southern Illinois, 11-16-2024
 Long Rush: 19 yards, vs. Mercyhurst, 9-27-2025
 Rushing Touchdowns: 1, vs. Incarnate Word, 12-14-2024, and vs. Mercyhurst, 9-27-2025
 Kickoff Returns: 1, two times (last: vs. Drake, 9-13-2025)
 Kickoff Return Yards: 29, vs. Drake, 9-13-2025
 Long Kickoff Return: 29 yards, vs. Drake, 9-13-2025



4-COREY BLAIR, Jr.

6-3, 210, R-Fr.

Kernersville, North Carolina • East Forsyth H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Rushing Attempts: 10, vs. New Haven, 9-12-2026
 Rushing Yards: 107, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026
 Long Rush: 52 yards (for TD), vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026
 Rushing Touchdowns: 2, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026
 Receptions: 1, vs. Drake, 9-13-2025, and at Northwestern, 9-5-2026
 Receiving Yards: 5, vs. Drake, 9-13-2025
 Long Reception: 5 yards, vs. Drake, 9-13-2025
 All-Purpose Yards: 107, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026



22-JOSIAH JOHNSON

6-0, 215, So.

Milwaukee, Wisconsin • Milwaukee Academy of Science

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Rushing Attempts: 30, vs. Youngstown State, 9-19-2026
 Rushing Yards: 238, vs. Youngstown State, 9-19-2026
 Long Rush: 39 yards, vs. Youngstown State, 9-19-2026
 Rushing Touchdowns: 3, at North Dakota, 11-22-2025
 Receptions: 1, vs. Illinois State, 11-15-2025

CAREER HIGHS — OFFENSE

RUNNING BACKS (cont.)



6-RAMON McKINNEY JR.

5-10, 190, Jr.

**Waxahachie, Texas • Waxahachie H.S./
Northeastern State (Okla.)**

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

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



34-JOSH MYERS

6-0, 195, R-Fr.

Sioux Falls, South Dakota • Lincoln H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

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



29-DOM REZAC

6-1, 195, Grad.

Omaha, Nebraska • Westside H.S./Vanderbilt

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

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



32-JAY'VEON SCOTT

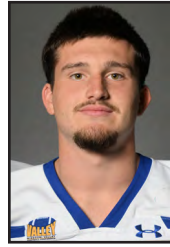
6-3, 210, Fr.

St. Louis, Missouri • Lift For Life Academy

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Rushing Attempts: 7, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026
Rushing Yards: 27, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026
Long Rush: 6 yards, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026
Rushing Touchdowns: N/A

WIDE RECEIVERS



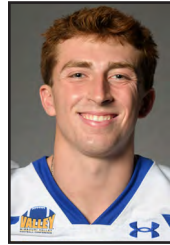
8-SAMMY DRESIE

6-2, 205, So.

Maize, Kansas • Maize South H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Receptions: 2, vs. Indiana State, 11-1-2025
Receiving Yards: 29, vs. Mercyhurst, 9-27-2025
Long Reception: 29 yards, vs. Mercyhurst, 9-27-2025
Receiving Touchdowns: N/A



0-LANDON DULANEY

6-2, 210, R-Fr.

Brandon, South Dakota • Brandon Valley H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

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



12-GRAHM GOERING

6-2, 205, Grad.

Iowa City, Iowa • Iowa City West H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Receptions: 9, at Northwestern, 9-5-2026
Receiving Yards: 137, at Montana, 12-6-2025
Long Reception: *95 yards (for TD), at Montana, 12-6-2025
Receiving Touchdowns: 1, six times (last: at Montana,
12-6-2025)
Kickoff Returns: 1, vs. Western Oregon, 8-31-2023, and
vs. Villanova, 12-9-2023
Long Kickoff Return: 30 yards, vs. Western Oregon,
8-31-2023



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

CAREER HIGHS — OFFENSE/SPECIALISTS

WIDE RECEIVERS (cont.)



2-JACK SMITH

6-0, 195, So.

Sioux Falls, South Dakota • Lincoln H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Receptions: 6, at South Dakota, 11-8-2025, and vs. Illinois State, 11-15-2025

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

Long Reception: 73 yards (for TD), vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026

Receiving Touchdowns: 2, at Murray State, 10-18-2025

Rushing Attempts: 3, at South Dakota, 11-8-2025

Rushing Yards: 82, at South Dakota, 11-8-2025

Long Rush: 75 yards (for TD), at South Dakota, 11-8-2025

Kickoff Returns: 5, vs. North Dakota State, 10-25-2025

Kickoff Return Yards: 128, vs. Indiana State, 11-1-2025

Long Kickoff Return: 50 yards, vs. Indiana State, 11-1-2025

All-Purpose Yards: 197, at South Dakota, 11-8-2025



88-GREYTON GANNON

6-4, 235, Sr.

Eagle, Wisconsin • Mukwonago H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

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

Receiving Yards: 65, vs. New Haven, 9-12-2026

Long Reception: 42 yards (for TD), at North Dakota, 11-22-2025

Receiving Touchdowns: 2, vs. New Haven, 9-12-2026



43-ANDREW GUSTAD

6-1, 250, Grad.

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

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

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

Receiving Yards: 11 yards, vs. Northern Iowa, 10-11-2025

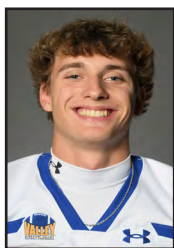
Long Reception: 11 yards (for TD), vs. Northern Iowa, 10-11-2025

Receiving Touchdowns: 1, three times in 2025 (last: vs. New Hampshire, 11-29-2025)

Rushing Attempts: 3, at Youngstown State, 10-4-2025

Rushing Yards: 7, at Youngstown State, 10-4-2025, and vs. Youngstown State, 11-19-2026

Long Rush: 7 yards, vs. Youngstown State, 11-19-2026



20-ALEX UCHTMAN

6-1, 195, Fr.

Elkhorn, Nebraska • Elkhorn North H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Receptions: N/A

Punt Returns: 3, vs. New Haven, 9-12-2026

Punt Return Yards: 65, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026

Long Punt Return: 65 yards (for TD), vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026

Kickoff Returns: 2, vs. New Haven, 9-12-2026

Kickoff Return Yards: 63, vs. New Haven, 9-12-2026

Long Kickoff Return: 50 yards, vs. New Haven, 9-12-2026

All-Purpose Yards: 120, vs. New Haven, 9-12-2026



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, and vs. New Haven, 9-12-2026

TIGHT ENDS



87-BEN BROOKS

6-8, 245, R-Fr.

Madison, South Dakota • Madison H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Receptions: 1, vs. New Haven, 9-12-2026

Receiving Yards: 1, vs. New Haven, 9-12-2026

Long Reception: 1, vs. New Haven, 9-12-2026



10-BRAYDEN DELAHOYDE

6-5, 245, So.

Spearfish, South Dakota • Spearfish H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Receptions: 1, three times (last: vs. New Haven, 9-12-2026)

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

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

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

Kickoff Returns: 2, vs. Drake, 9-13-2025

Kickoff Return Yards: 14, vs. Drake, 9-13-2025

Long Kickoff Return: 14 yards, vs. Drake, 9-13-2025



SPECIALISTS

30-TRISTAN ALVANO

6-3, 205, Jr.

Omaha, Nebraska • Westside H.S./Nebraska

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Extra Points Made: 10, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026

Extra Point Attempts: 10, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026

Field Goals Made: 4, at Northwestern, 9-5-2026

Field Goal Attempts: 5, at Northwestern, 9-5-2026

Long Field Goal: 43 yards, vs. Youngstown State, 9-19-2026

Total Points: 13, vs. New Haven, 9-12-2026

CAREER HIGHS — SPECIALISTS/DEFENSE

SPECIALISTS (cont.)



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



49-LUKE KREMPGES

6-4, 255, R-Fr.

Sioux Falls, South Dakota • Lincoln H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Solo Tackles: 2, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026

Assisted Tackles: 3, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026

Total Tackles: 5, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026

Tackles for Loss: 0.5, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2025

Sacks: 0.5, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2025



41-MAX PELHAM

6-1, 205, Grad.

Ankeny, Iowa • Ankeny H.S./MSU, Mankato

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Punts: 7, at Montana State, 9-6-2025

Punt Average (Min. 3 Punts): 54.0 yards, at Murray State, 10-18-2025

Punts Inside 20: 4, at North Dakota, 11-22-2025

Long Punt: 69 yards, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026

Pass Attempts: 1, vs. Indiana State, 11-1-2025

Completions: 1, vs. Indiana State, 11-1-2025

Passing Yards: 28, vs. Indiana State, 11-1-2025

Long Pass: 28 yards, to Koby Bretz, vs. Indiana State, 11-1-2025



46-MAVERICK LeBRUN

6-5, 255, R-Fr.

Flandreau, South Dakota • Dell Rapids St. Mary H.S.

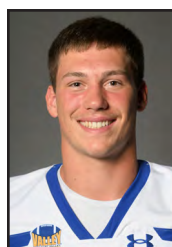
SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Solo Tackles: 1, vs. New Haven, 9-12-2026

Assisted Tackles: 1, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2025, and vs. New Haven, 9-12-2026

Total Tackles: 2, vs. New Haven, 9-12-2026

Pass Breakups: 1, vs. New Haven, 9-12-2026



97-BLAKE LEIFERMAN

6-5, 265, So.

Kimball, South Dakota • Kimball H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Solo Tackles: 2, vs. Mercyhurst, 9-27-2025, and vs. Youngstown State, 9-19-2026

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

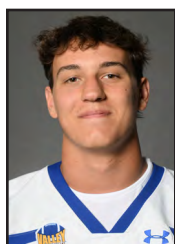
Total Tackles: 3, at South Dakota, 11-8-2025

Tackles for Loss: 1.0, at Youngstown State, 10-4-2025, and at Northwestern, 9-5-2026

Sacks: 1.0, at Northwestern, 9-5-2026

Fumble Recoveries: 1, vs. New Haven, 9-12-2026

Pass Breakups: 1, at Murray State, 10-18-2025



DEFENSIVE ENDS

93-CALE BUNTZ

6-5, 230, Fr.

Platte City, Missouri • Platte County H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Solo Tackles: 1, vs. New Haven, 9-12-2026

Assisted Tackles: N/A

Total Tackles: 1, vs. New Haven, 9-12-2026

Tackles for Loss: N/A



8-REIS KIRSCHENMAN

6-4, 255, Jr.

Tea, South Dakota • Tea Area H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Solo Tackles: 2, at North Dakota, 11-9-2024

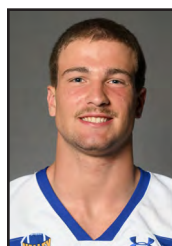
Assisted Tackles: 2, three times (last: vs. New Haven, 9-12-2026)

Total Tackles: 3, vs. Sacramento State, 8-30-2025

Tackles for Loss: 1.0, six times (last: vs. Youngstown State, 9-19-2026)

Sacks: 1.0, at North Dakota, 11-9-2024, and vs. Montana, 12-7-2024

Fumble Recoveries: 1, vs. Sacramento State, 8-30-2025



50-KAYDEN OAKLAND

6-5, 230, Fr.

Faribault, Minnesota • Northfield H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Solo Tackles: 1, vs. New Haven, 9-12-2026

Assisted Tackles: 2, vs. New Haven, 9-12-2026

Total Tackles: 3, vs. New Haven, 9-12-2026

Tackles for Loss: N/A

CAREER HIGHS — DEFENSE

DEFENSIVE ENDS (cont.)



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)

Pass Breakups: 1, vs. New Haven, 9-12-2026



57-SAM CHRISTENSEN

6-2, 250, R-Fr.

Rock Rapids, Iowa • Central Lyon H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Solo Tackles: 1, vs. New Haven, 9-12-2026

Assisted Tackles: 1, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026

Total Tackles: 1, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026, and vs. New Haven, 9-12-2026



51-LOGAN GREEN

6-4, 300, Sr.

Northboro, Iowa • Clarinda H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Solo Tackles: 2, five times (last: at Montana, 12-6-2025)

Assisted Tackles: 2, vs. Incarnate Word, 9-7-2024, and at South Dakota, 11-8-2025

Total Tackles: 3, four times (last: at Montana, 12-6-2025)
Tackles for Loss: 2.0, three times (last: at Montana, 12-6-2025)

Sacks: 1.5, at Montana State, 9-6-2025

Forced Fumbles: 1, vs. Northern Iowa, 10-14-2023

Fumble Recoveries: 1, at Youngstown State, 10-5-2025, and at North Dakota, 11-22-2025

Pass Breakups: 1, vs. Illinois State, 11-15-2025, and vs. New Hampshire, 11-29-2025



40 LIAM SHAW

6-3, 255, R-Fr.

Muskego, Wisconsin • Muskego H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Solo Tackles: 2, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026

Assisted Tackles: 3, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026

Total Tackles: 5, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026

Tackles for Loss: 1.0, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026

Sacks: 1.0, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026



0-CARTER SITZMAN

6-4, 275, Sr.

Lincoln, Nebraska • Lincoln Christian H.S./ Wayne State (Neb.)

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Solo Tackles: 2, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026

Assisted Tackles: 2, at Northwestern, 9-5-2026, and vs. New Haven, 9-12-2026

Total Tackles: 3, vs. New Haven, 9-12-2026

Tackles for Loss: 2.0 vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026

Sacks: 1.0, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026

Safeties: 1, vs. New Haven, 9-12-2026

Forced Fumbles: 1, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026



98-MAC MULLER

6-1, 290, So.

Osage, Iowa • Osage H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Solo Tackles: 1, three times (last: vs. Mercyhurst, 9-27-25)

Assisted Tackles: 2, vs. Mercyhurst, 9-27-2025

Total Tackles: 3, vs. Mercyhurst, 9-27-2025

Tackles for Loss: N/A



94-ASHTON SAYRE

6-4, 285, Sr.

Alexandria, Minnesota • Alexandria Area H.S./

Minnesota State, Moorhead

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Solo Tackles: 1, vs. New Haven, 9-12-2026

Assisted Tackles: 1, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026

Total Tackles: 1, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026, and vs. New Haven, 9-12-2026

Pass Breakups: 1, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026



DEFENSIVE TACKLES

90-DANIEL BRADLEY

6-4, 285, R-Fr.

Windermere, Florida • Windermere H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Solo Tackles: 2, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026

Assisted Tackles: N/A

Total Tackles: 2, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026

CAREER HIGHS — DEFENSE

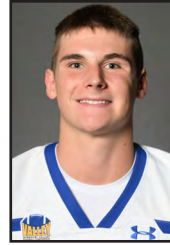
DEFENSIVE ENDS (cont.)



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

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

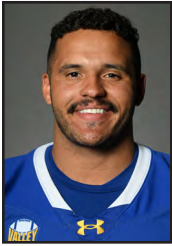
Solo Tackles: 1, at Northwestern, 9-5-2026
 Assisted Tackles: 1, vs. Mercyhurst, 9-27-2025, and vs. New Haven, 9-12-2026
 Total Tackles: 1, three times (last: vs. New Haven, 9-12-2026)



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

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

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



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

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

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



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



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

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Assisted Tackles: 1, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026, and vs. Youngstown State, 9-19-2026
 Total Tackles: 1, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026, and vs. Youngstown State, 9-19-2026



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

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

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



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

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Solo/Assisted Tackles: N/A
 Total Tackles: N/A
 Pass Breakups: 1, vs. Youngstown State, 9-12-2026



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

LINEBACKERS



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

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Solo Tackles: 1, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026, and vs. New Haven, 9-12-2026
 Assisted Tackles: N/A
 Total Tackles: 1, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026, and vs. New Haven, 9-12-2026

CAREER HIGHS — DEFENSE

LINEBACKERS (cont.)



18-JES KRCIL

6-1, 220, Jr.

Carlisle, Iowa • Carlisle H.S./Wayne State (Neb.)

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Solo Tackles: 5, vs. Youngstown State, 9-19-2026
Assisted Tackles: 3, at Northwestern, 9-5-2026
Total Tackles: 7, at Northwestern, 9-5-2026, and vs. Youngstown State, 9-19-2026
Tackles for Loss: 1.0, at Northwestern, 9-5-2026, and vs. New Haven, 9-12-2026



11-JOE OLLMAN

6-1, 230, Sr.

Mequon, Wisconsin • Homestead H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Solo Tackles: 7, at Montana State, 9-6-2025
Assisted Tackles: 6, vs. Illinois State, 11-15-2025
Total Tackles: 11, vs. Illinois State, 11-15-2025
Tackles for Loss: 2.0, vs. Drake, 9-13-2025
Sacks: 2.0, vs. Drake, 9-13-2025
Forced Fumbles: 1, four times (last: at Murray State, 10-18-2025)
Fumble Recoveries: 1, vs. Northern Iowa, 10-11-2025
Interceptions: 1, at Murray State, 10-18-2025, and vs. Youngstown State, 9-19-2026
Pass Breakups: 1, three times (last: vs. New Hampshire, 11-29-2025)



44-CASEY LARSON

6-2, 215, So.

Woodinville, Washington • Woodinville H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

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



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



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, three times (last: vs. Youngstown State, 9-19-2026)
Pass Breakups: 1, four times (last: vs. Northern Iowa, 10-11-2025)
Forced Fumbles: 1, at Illinois State, 10-7-2023, and vs. Northern Iowa, 10-11-2025
Blocked Kicks: 1, at Northern Iowa, 10-5-2024



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: 3, at Northwestern, 9-5-2026
Total Tackles: 9, vs. Youngstown State, 10-12-2024, and at Northwestern, 9-5-2026
Tackles for Loss: 2.0, vs. Youngstown State, 10-12-2024, and vs. Northern Iowa, 10-11-2025
Sacks: 2.0, vs. Northern Iowa, 10-11-2025
Forced Fumbles: 1, at North Dakota, 11-9-2024
Fumble Recoveries: 2, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026
Interceptions: 1, vs. Northern Iowa, 10-11-2025
Pass Breakups: 1, three times (last: at Northwestern, 9-5-2026)



48-JACK NASH

6-1, 200, So.

Palmer, Alaska • Colony H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

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



CORNERBACKS

1-IFE CURRENT

6-2, 195, Sr.

Kennedale, Texas • Kennedale H.S./Nebraska-Kearney

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Solo Tackles: 3, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026
Assisted Tackles: 3, at Northwestern, 9-5-2026
Total Tackles: 4, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026, and at Northwestern, 9-5-2026
Pass Breakups: 1, vs. New Haven, 9-12-2026

CAREER HIGHS — DEFENSE

CORNERBACKS (cont.)



21-MYLES GREEN

6-0, 185, So.

Homewood, Illinois • Homewood-Flossmoor H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Solo Tackles: 4, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026
Assisted Tackles: 2, at Northwestern, 9-5-2026
Total Tackles: 5, at Northwestern, 9-5-2026
Tackles for Loss: 1.0, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026
Interceptions: 1, vs. Northern Iowa, 10-11-2025
Forced Fumbles: 1, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026
Kick Returns: 2, at Montana, 12-6-2025
Kickoff Return Yards: 60, at Montana, 12-6-2025
Long Kickoff Return: 34 yards, at Montana, 12-6-2025



13-EMEIR WHITE

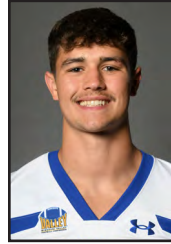
5-11, 185, Fr

Orland Park, Illinois • Brother Rice H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Solo Tackles: 1, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026
Assisted Tackles: 1, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026
Total Tackles: 2, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026
Pass Breakups: 1, vs. New Haven, 9-12-2026

SAFETIES



17-MICAH BUSH

6-1, 195, Fr.

Hills, Minnesota • Hills-Beaver Creek H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

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



4-MICHAEL "TANK" FARR

5-11, 200, Fr.

Racine, Wisconsin • J.I. Case H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Solo Tackles: 5, at Northwestern, 9-5-2026
Assisted Tackles: 2, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026
Total Tackles: 6, at Northwestern, 9-5-2026
Fumble Recoveries: 1, vs. New Haven, 9-12-2026
Pass Breakups: 1, three times (last: vs. Youngstown State, 9-19-2026)



38-LANDIN JACKSON

6-2, 190, Fr.

New Braunfels, Texas • New Braunfels H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Solo Tackles: N/A
Assisted Tackles: 2, vs. New Haven, 9-12-2026
Total Tackles: 2, vs. New Haven, 9-12-2026
Tackles for Loss: N/A



6-PAUL KIM

5-11, 190, Jr.

Janesville, Wisconsin • Janesville Parker H.S./Wisconsin-Whitewater

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Solo Tackles: 4, vs. Youngstown State, 9-19-2026
Assisted Tackles: 1, vs. New Haven, 9-12-2026, and vs. Youngstown State, 9-19-2026
Total Tackles: 5, vs. Youngstown State, 9-19-2026
Pass Breakups: 1, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026, and vs. New Haven, 9-12-2026



7-NOAH ST-JUSTE

5-10, 180, Jr.

Montreal, Quebec • Clearwater Academy International (Fla.)

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Solo Tackles: 5, at Youngstown State, 10-4-2025
Assisted Tackles: 2, at Montana, 12-6-2025
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
Pass Breakups: 1, vs. North Dakota State, 10-25-2025, and at Northwestern, 9-5-2026
Forced Fumbles: 1, at Montana State, 9-6-2025



3-DONTAY JOHNSON

6-2, 190, Sr.

Fort Collins, Colorado • Colorado Early College

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Solo Tackles: 7, vs. Youngstown State, 9-19-2026
Assisted Tackles: 5, vs. New Hampshire, 11-29-2025, and at Northwestern, 9-5-2026
Total Tackles: 8, vs. Youngstown State, 9-19-2026
Tackles for Loss: 1.0, vs. UC Davis, 9-10-2022
Pass Breakups: 1, five times (last: at Northwestern, 9-5-2026)

CAREER HIGHS — DEFENSE

SAFETIES (cont.)



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

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Solo Tackles: N/A
Assisted Tackles: 4, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026
Total Tackles: 4, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026



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

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Solo Tackles: 1, three times (last: vs. New Haven, 9-12-2026)
Assisted Tackles: 5, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026
Total Tackles: 6, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026
Forced Fumbles: 1, vs. New Haven, 9-12-2026
Pass Breakups: 1, at Northwestern, 9-5-2026



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

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Solo Tackles: 1, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026, and vs. Youngstown State, 9-19-2026
Assisted Tackles: 1, three times (last: vs. Youngstown State, 9-19-2026)
Total Tackles: 2, vs. Youngstown State, 9-19-2026
Forced Fumbles: 1, vs. New Haven, 9-12-2026



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

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Solo Tackles: 4, vs. Youngstown State, 9-19-2026
Assisted Tackles: 2, three times (last: vs. Youngstown State, 9-19-2026)
Total Tackles: 6, vs. Youngstown State, 9-19-2026
Tackles for Loss: 1.5, vs. Youngstown State, 9-19-2026
Interceptions: 1, vs. Drake, 9-13-2025
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