



2026 JACKRABBIT FOOTBALL

SOUTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY

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SEPT. 5 GAME NOTES



NORTHWESTERN WILDCATS

2025 RECORD: 7-6 overall (4-5 in Big Ten Conference)

HEAD COACH: David Braun
(second season)

ALMA MATER: Winona State,
2007

RECORD AT NORTHWESTERN: 19-19

CAREER RECORD: Same (three seasons)

#2/2 [FCS] SOUTH DAKOTA STATE (1-0) at NORTHWESTERN (0-0)

7 p.m. Saturday

Northwestern Medicine Field at Martin Stadium; Evanston, Ill.

SERIES NOTE

- First Meeting

MEDIA INFORMATION

• Game will be televised on Big Ten Network with the broadcast team of Lisa Byington (play-by-play), Tanner Morgan (color analyst) and Natalie Kerwin (sideline reporter)

• Radio pre-game show begins at 5 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 Tyler Merriam (play-by-play), Al Bahe (color analyst) and Scotty Kwas (sideline reporter) will call the action



SOUTH DAKOTA STATE JACKRABBITS

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

HEAD COACH: Dan Jackson
(second season)

ALMA MATER: Nebraska-Omaha,
2008

RECORD AT SDSU: 10-5

CAREER RECORD: Same

2026 SCHEDULE

AUGUST

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

SEPTEMBER

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

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

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

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

OCTOBER

3 *at Illinois State 6 p.m.

17 *at North Dakota 1 p.m.

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

31 *SOUTH DAKOTA [Interstate Series] TBA

NOVEMBER

7 *at Northern Iowa 1 p.m.

14 *at Southern Illinois 1 p.m.

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

28 FCS Playoffs begin (if qualified)

* Missouri Valley Football Conference game | All times Central

TALE OF THE TAPE — 2025 STATS COMPARISON

NORTHWESTERN	CATEGORY	SOUTH DAKOTA STATE
23.4	Points Per Game	28.6
19.9	Points Allowed Per Game	21.9
160.2	Rushing Yardage Per Game	154.3
136.2	Rush Yardage Allowed/Game	125.5
185.9	Passing Yardage Per Game	225.4
10.8	Average Per Catch	12.7
193.5	Pass Yardage Allowed/Game	193.9
346.1	Total Offense Per Game	379.9
329.8	Total Offense Allowed/Game	319.4
20.6	Kick Return Average	20.8
1.8	Punt Return Average	6.1
9-101	Interception Returns	15-88
18-8	Fumbles-Lost	18-7
55-440	Penalties-Yards	86-724
32:18	Time of Possession/Game	32:29
75-173 (43%)	Third-Down Conversions	79-194 (41%)
17-29 (59%)	Fourth-Down Conversions	16-37 (43%)
48 attempts, 22 TDs	Red-Zone Offense	49-60 (82%, 41 TD)
39 attempts, 24 TDs	Red-Zone Defense	31-38 (82%, 21 TD)

2025 SCHEDULE AND RESULTS

AUGUST

30 SACRAMENTO STATE W, 20-3

SEPTEMBER

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

13 DRAKE W, 37-21

27 MERCYHURST W, 51-7

OCTOBER

4 *at Youngstown State W, 35-30

11 *NORTHERN IOWA W, 31-3

18 *at Murray State W, 35-14

25 *NORTH DAKOTA STATE L, 7-38

NOVEMBER

1 *INDIANA STATE L, 12-24

8 *at South Dakota L, 17-24

15 *ILLINOIS STATE L, 21-35

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

29 ^NEW HAMPSHIRE W, 41-3

DECEMBER

6 ^at Montana L, 29-50

* Missouri Valley Football Conference game

^ Football Championship Subdivision playoff game

GAMES VERSUS FBS OPPONENTS

2008: Iowa State 44, SDSU 17

2009: Minnesota 16, SDSU 13

2010: Nebraska 17, SDSU 3

2011: Illinois 56, SDSU 3

2012: Kansas 31, SDSU 17

2013: Nebraska 59, SDSU 20

2014: Missouri 38, SDSU 18

2015: SDSU 41, Kansas 38

2016: Texas Christian 59, SDSU 41

2019: Minnesota 28, SDSU 21

2021: SDSU 42, Colorado State 23

2022: Iowa 7, SDSU 3

2024: Oklahoma State 44, SDSU 20
The Jackrabbits are 2-11 in FBS games overall

Jackrabbits face first road test of season at Northwestern

Athletic Communications Contact: Jason Hove

Sept. 2, 2026

BROOKINGS, S.D. — Coming off a strong showing at home in its season opener last week, the South Dakota State football team takes to the road for the first time in 2026 with a matchup at Northwestern of the Big Ten Conference.

Kickoff is scheduled for 7 p.m. at Northwestern Medical Stadium Field at Martin Stadium on the Lake Michigan lakefront in Evanston, Illinois. The game will be televised on the Big Ten Network with radio coverage along the Jackrabbit Sports Network.

SDSU, which defeated Stetson, 70-7 on Aug. 29, is ranked second in both major Football Championship Subdivision polls conducted this week by Stats Perform (media) and the American Football Coaches Association. The Jackrabbits posted a 9-5 overall record a season ago, including a 4-4 mark in the Missouri Valley Football Conference, en route to the program's 14th consecutive appearance in the FCS playoffs.

Northwestern, meanwhile, will be playing its 2026 season opener. The Wildcats posted a 7-6 overall record in 2025 that included a 4-5 mark in the Big Ten and concluded with a 34-7 victory over Central Michigan in the GameAbove Sports Bowl.

PLAYING UP: Saturday night's game will mark the first-ever meeting in football between Northwestern and South Dakota State.

Since moving to the Football Championship Subdivision in 2004, the Jackrabbits have played up against a Football Bowl Subdivision opponent 13 times and compiled a 2-11 record, notching wins at Kansas (41-38) in 2015 and Colorado State (42-23) in 2021.

Although SDSU has yet to defeat a Big Ten opponent in the current configuration of college football, the Jackrabbits do own one victory over a Big Ten foe in the program's history. In 1935, South Dakota State knocked off Wisconsin, 13-6.

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 the third spot in the preseason poll for the second year in a row, the Jackrabbits moved up to No. 2 in this week's rankings and have now appeared in the top 25 of 191 consecutive Stats Perform polls dating back to October 2012.

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

CAPTAINS: Leading the Jackrabbit football team are six captains:

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

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

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

Since joining the Division I ranks in 2004, the Jackrabbits have compiled a 194-87 record (.690 winning percentage).

In the decade of the 2020s, SDSU has put together a 70-15 record, which is good for an .824 winning percentage.

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	1-0	0-0
Totals	168-69	103-39
Overall Totals	194-87	115-45

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

QB: Chase Mason

RB: Ramon McKinney Jr.

WR: Grahm Goering, Lofton O'Groske

TE: Greyton Gannon, Coleman Kuntz

OL: Quinten Christensen, Shane Willenbring

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

LB: Cullen McShane, Chase Van Tol

DB: Ife Current, Noah St-Juste

P: Max Pelham

RS/APB: Jack Smith

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.

QUICK FACTS

SDSU INFORMATION

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

ADMINISTRATION

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

2025 RECAP

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

TEAM INFORMATION

LETTERMEN RETURNING: 48 **LETTERMEN LOST:** 24
• Offense: 24 • Offense: 9
• Defense: 22 • Defense: 13
• Special Teams: 2 • Special Teams: 2
STARTERS RETURNING: 15
• Offense: 8 • Defense: 6 • Special Teams: 1
OFFENSIVE STARTERS RETURNING (8): Kenyon BigBow, OL; Quinten Christensen, OL; Greyton Gannon, TE; Graham Goering, WR; Chase Mason, QB; Lofton O'Groske, WR; William Paepke, OL; Shane Willenbring, OL.
DEFENSIVE STARTERS RETURNING (6): Logan Green, DT; Reis Kirschenman, DE; Cullen McShane, LB; Joe Ollman, LB; Dawson Ripperda, DE; Chase Van Tol, LB.
SPECIAL TEAMS STARTERS RETURNING (1): Max Pelham, P.
OTHER RETURNING LETTERMEN (33): James Basinger, RB; Brenden Begeman, RB; Corey Blair Jr., RB; Brayden Delahoyde, TE; Sammy Dresie, WR; Kytan Fyfe, LB; Matt Goehring, LB; Myles Green, CB; Andrew Gustad, TE; Ryan Harrington, K; Jack Henry, QB; Jamari Holliman, CB; Caden Hotz, OL; Bryce Johnson, LB; Dontay Johnson, S; Josiah Johnson, RB; Jackson Kerstin, OL; Luke Krempges, DE; Coleman Kuntz, TE; Casey Larson, LB; Blake Leiferman, DE; Mac Muller, DT; Ian Mutchler, OL; Jack Nash, LB; Reese Osgood, WR; John Pica, OL/TE; Kyan Ruak, OL; Boden Schiller, LB; Jace Sifore, DT; Jack Smith, WR; Noah St-Juste, DB/LB; Max Stanard, S; Noah Thompson, S.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Mason completed 5-of-10 passes for 157 yards and a touchdown while only playing in the first half of the Jackrabbits' season-opening win over Stetson.

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

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

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

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

He did not factor into any statistics in limited action in the Jackrabbits' Aug. 29 opener against Stetson.

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.

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

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

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 punted twice for a 55-yard average. His second punt of the night was a career-long 69-yarder.

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.

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK: South Dakota State's Chase Van Tol was honored Tuesday as Missouri Valley Football Conference Defensive Player of the Week and Quinten Christensen added the league's Offensive Lineman of the Week award following their efforts in the Jackrabbits' season-opening, 70-7 home victory over Stetson.

A junior linebacker from Tea, Van Tol made the most of his limited snap count in the Aug. 29 contest, highlighted by recovering a pair of first-half fumbles. He also recorded two solo tackles, including a tackle for loss, and broke up a pass as the Jackrabbits' built a 42-0 lead at halftime.

Van Tol became the first Jackrabbit with two fumble recoveries in the same game since linebacker R.C. Kilgore in a 2013 matchup at Nebraska.

Christensen graded at 95 percent with 8.5 knockdowns in 37 offensive plays for a South Dakota State unit that rolled up 42 points and 315 yards of total offense in the first half alone. A senior left tackle from Wessington Springs, Christensen did not allow any pressures or sacks as the Jackrabbits went on to average 11.2 yards per offensive play in the game.

A FAMILIAR FACE: Former Jackrabbit wide receiver Griffin Wilde will line up across from several former teammates in Saturday's game.

Wilde spent his first two collegiate seasons at South Dakota State, where he combined for 90 receptions, 1,546 receiving yards and 18 touchdowns. As a freshman in 2023, he was part of a deep receiving corps for a Jackrabbit squad that won its second consecutive FCS national title and finished the year with 20 catches for 399 yards and six touchdowns. He was honored that season as a member of the Missouri Valley Football Conference All-Newcomer Team.

In 2024, Wilde emerged as SDSU's top receiver and recorded team highs of 70 catches, 1,147 yards and 12 scores en route to second-team all-MVFC honors.

Last year at Northwestern, Wilde was the team leader with 71 receptions, 880 receiving yards and eight touchdowns. He was named the GameAbove Sports Bowl MVP after hauling in 10 catches for 97 yards with two scores.

A Sioux Falls native, Wilde's head coach at Jefferson High School in Sioux Falls was current SDSU tight ends coach Vince Benedetto.

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.

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	1-0
Totals	67-10

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

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.

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).

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

A senior from Volin, South Dakota, Gustad either gained a first down or scored a touchdown on all eight of his offensive touches last season. He picked up a first down on all five of his short-yardage rushing attempts for a total of 14 yards and scored touchdowns on each of his three receptions — 4 yards in the 2025 season opener against Sacramento State, 11 yards Oct. 11 versus Northern Iowa and 2 yards in a first-round playoff victory over New Hampshire on Nov. 29.

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.

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

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

Overall, SDSU is 8-6 in overtime games

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

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

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

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

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

DANA J. DYKHHOUSE STADIUM: Jackrabbit football moved into a new home in September of 2016 with the completion of Dana J. Dykhhouse 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. Dykhhouse 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 Dykhhouse and philanthropist T. Denny Sanford were announced in October 2013.

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

SDSU has gone on to post a 66-10 record at Dana J. Dykhhouse Stadium during its 10 seasons of operation, including a 17-1 mark in FCS playoff games.

The Jacks put together a 33-game home winning streak (including playoff games) that started with a 27-19 victory over North Dakota State on Nov. 6, 2021, and ended with a loss to the rival Bison on Oct. 25, 2025.

In 2024, the Jacks completed their fifth undefeated season while playing at Dana J. Dykhhouse 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. Dykhhouse Stadium was designed by Kansas City-based Crawford Architects, with the construction firm JE Dunn serving as the project manager at risk and Henry Carlson Company of Sioux Falls serving as general contractor.

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

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

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

In SDSU's second overtime contest, wide receiver Graham 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.

2026 TEAM SEASON HIGHS

RUSHING ATTEMPTS: 45, vs. Stetson, 8-29-26
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: 11, vs. Stetson, 8-29-26
PASS COMPLETIONS: 6, vs. Stetson, 8-29-26
YARDS PASSING: 235, vs. Stetson, 8-29-26
YARDS PER PASS: 21.4, vs. Stetson, 8-29-26
PASSING TOUCHDOWNS: 2, vs. Stetson, 8-29-26
TOTAL PLAYS: 56, vs. Stetson, 8-29-26
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: 25, vs. Stetson, 8-29-26
SACKS BY: 3, vs. Stetson, 8-29-26
PENALTIES: 5, vs. Stetson, 8-29-26
PENALTY YARDS: 39 vs. Stetson, 8-29-26
TURNOVERS BY: N/A
TURNOVERS FORCED: 2, vs. Stetson, 8-29-26
INTERCEPTIONS BY: N/A
FUMBLE RECOVERIES: 2, vs. Stetson, 8-29-26
PUNTS: 2, vs. Stetson, 8-29-26
TIME OF POSSESSION: 29:26, vs. Stetson, 8-29-26

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

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

After being selected in the second round of the 2018 NFL Draft, Goedert has gone on to record 409 receptions for 4,676 yards and 35 touchdowns in eight seasons. He won a Super Bowl ring with the Eagles during the 2024 season and followed that in 2025 with career highs of 60 receptions and 11 touchdowns while tallying 591 receiving yards..

Kraft put together a breakthrough second season with the Packers in 2024 and was on a pace to exceed that output with 32 receptions, 489 yards and six touchdowns before suffering a season-ending injury midway through the 2025 campaign. A third-round draft choice of Green Bay in 2023, Kraft has career totals of 113 receptions, 1,551 receiving yards and 15 touchdowns through three professional seasons.

Linebacker Christian Rozeboom earned a Super Bowl ring with the Los Angeles Rams during the 2021 season and is now entering his second season with the Carolina Panthers. Rozeboom has notched back-to-back 100-tackle seasons, registering 135 stops with the Rams in 2024 and a team-best 122 tackles last season in helping lead Carolina to a playoff berth.

SDSU had two players selected in the NFL Draft in 2024 when Mason McCormick was taken in the fourth round by Pittsburgh and Isaiah Davis was a fifth-round pick of the New York Jets. McCormick has settled into a starting role at offensive guard with the Steelers, while Davis has seen spot duty for the Jets as a running back and kick returner over his two seasons.

Two other members of the Jackrabbits' back-to-back national championship teams are current members of the New Orleans Saints. Linebacker Isaiah Stalbird is in his third year with the Saints while cornerback Dalys Beanum is in his second season in the organization. Stalbird is coming off a 2025 season in which he recorded 25 total tackles while serving in a reserve role at linebacker and as a key contributor on special teams.

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

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

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

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

Langer who played football at SDSU from 1967-69 and also was an All-American in baseball, played center on every offensive down during the Miami Dolphins' perfect season in 1972. He was a first-team All-Pro four times and was selected to play in six Pro Bowl games. He played in three Super Bowl games with the Dolphins from 1970-79 before finishing his career with the Minnesota Vikings from 1980-81. Langer passed away in September 2019.

Vinatieri wrapped up his playing career after becoming the NFL's all-time scoring leader in 2018 as a member of the Indianapolis Colts. Over Vinatieri's 24 seasons from 1996-2019, his totals include NFL bests of 599-of-715 on field goal attempts, 83.8 percent, and 2,673 career points. He also ranks second in career extra points with 874.

In all, Vinatieri set 15 NFL records, including 21 100-point seasons.

LONGEST DRIVES

By PLAYS

11, Q2 vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026

- Touchdown (11 plays, 92 yards, 5:24 TOP)

By YARDS

92, Q2 vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026

- Touchdown (11 plays, 92 yards, 5:24 TOP)

By TIME OF POSSESSION

5:24, Q2 vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026

- Touchdown (11 plays, 92 yards, 5:24 TOP)

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 Brookings to open a three-game home-stand Sept. 12 against New Haven. The remainder of the September slate consists of the Missouri Valley Football Conference opener against Youngstown State Sept. 19 and a non-league matchup versus Eastern Illinois on Sept. 26.

All three games are set for 6 p.m. kickoffs at Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium.

FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP SUBDIVISION POLLS

STATS PERFORM FCS POLL — AUG. 31

PL.	SCHOOL	2025 RECORD	POINTS	PR
1.	Montana State [26]	1-0	1,425	1
2.	South Dakota State	1-0	1,333	3
3.	Montana	1-0	1,303	2
4.	Illinois State	1-0	1,228	4
5.	Tarleton State	1-0	1,163	5
6.	Rhode Island	1-0	1,070	7
7.	UC Davis	1-0	1,006	6
8.	North Dakota	1-0	1,004	10
9.	Youngstown State	1-0	981	8
10.	Lehigh	1-0	927	11
11.	South Dakota	1-0	860	12
12.	Tennessee Tech	1-0	810	14
13.	Stephen F. Austin	1-0	806	13
14.	Lamar	1-0	626	20
15.	Austin Peay	1-0	574	17
16.	Yale	0-0	415	18
17.	William & Mary	1-0	408	NR
18.	Villanova	0-1	406	8
19.	Mercer	1-0	381	21
20.	Abilene Christian	0-1	282	15
21.	South Carolina State	1-0	247	24
22.	Northern Arizona	1-0	217	25
23.	Idaho State	1-0	184	NR
24.	Western Carolina	1-0	165	NR
25.	West Florida	1-0	110	NR

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

Teams receiving votes: **Southern Illinois**, 99; Alabama State, 64; Harvard, 64; Central Arkansas, 60; Southern Utah, 46; UTRGV, 32; Houston Christian, 28; Cal Poly, 27; Delaware State, 24; Jackson State, 21; Elon, 19; Southeast Missouri State, 19; Southeastern Louisiana, 19; Richmond, 18; Monmouth, 16; Chattanooga, 8; UAlbany, 6; Prairie View A&M, 4; UT Martin, 2.

AFCA FCS POLL — AUG. 31

PL.	SCHOOL	2026 RECORD	POINTS	PR
1.	Montana State [26]	1-0	650	1
2.	South Dakota State	1-0	604	3
3.	Montana	1-0	599	2
4.	Illinois State	1-0	563	4
5.	Tarleton State	1-0	554	5
6.	UC Davis	1-0	493	6
7.	Youngstown State	1-0	466	9
8.	Rhode Island	1-0	463	8
9.	North Dakota	1-0	421	10
10.	Lehigh	1-0	382	11
11.	Stephen F. Austin	1-0	374	13
12.	South Dakota	1-0	354	12
13.	Tennessee Tech	1-0	330	15
14.	Austin Peay	1-0	284	18
15.	Mercer	1-0	267	17
16.	Lamar	1-0	230	21
17.	Villanova	0-1	185	7
18.	Yale	0-0	158	19
19.	William & Mary	1-0	137	NR
20.	Northern Arizona	1-0	120	24
21.	Abilene Christian	0-1	118	14
22.	South Carolina State	1-0	87	25
23.	Richmond	1-0	71	NR
24.	Central Arkansas	1-0	63	NR
25.	Southern Illinois	0-1	231	16

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

Teams receiving votes: Western Carolina, 47; UT Martin, 31; Idaho State, 29; Wofford, 29; Southeast Missouri State, 24; Alabama State, 22; Maine, 20; Southeastern Louisiana, 20; Monmouth (N.J.), 17; Furman, 16; Harvard, 16; Prairie View A&M, 14; Southern Utah, 14; Chattanooga, 13; UT-Rio Grande Valley, 13; West Florida, 13; Cal Poly, 11; Elon, 11; Houston Christian, 10; Incarnate Word, 10; Delaware State, 9; Dartmouth, 8; Idaho, 7; Jackson State, 7; Campbell, 6; East Tennessee State, 3.

MISSOURI VALLEY FOOTBALL CONFERENCE

2026 MVFC STANDINGS

SCHOOL	CONFERENCE	PF	PA	OVERALL	PF	PA
Illinois State	0-0	0	0	1-0	76	0
South Dakota State	0-0	0	0	1-0	70	7
South Dakota	0-0	0	0	1-0	59	20
Youngstown State	0-0	0	0	1-0	43	10
North Dakota	0-0	0	0	1-0	42	21
Northern Iowa	0-0	0	0	0-0	0	0
Southern Illinois	0-0	0	0	0-1	31	34
Indiana State	0-0	0	0	0-1	21	23
Murray State	0-0	0	0	0-1	14	28

UPCOMING GAMES

Thursday, Sept. 3	Saturday, Sept. 5 (cont.)
Southern Illinois at Samford, 6 p.m.	Northern Iowa at Eastern Washington, 6 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 4	Illinois State at Western Illinois, 6 p.m.
Indiana State at Purdue, 6 p.m.	Murray State at Middle Tennessee, 6 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 5	South Dakota State at Northwestern (Ill.), 7 p.m.
Youngstown State at Kentucky, 1 p.m.	South Dakota at Northern Colorado, 7 p.m.
St. Thomas at North Dakota, 3 p.m.	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. NORTHWESTERN

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.
TE or	88	GREYTON GANNON, 6-4, 235, Sr., Eagle, Wis.
	82	Coleman Kuntz, 6-3, 245, Sr., Beaumont, Calif.
	10	Brayden Delahoyde, 6-5, 245, So., Spearfish, S.D.
	87	Ben Brooks, 6-8, 245, R-Fr., Madison, S.D.
WR	12	GRAHM GOERING, 6-2, 205, Grad., Iowa City, Iowa
	0	Landon Dulaney, 6-2, 210, R-Fr., Brandon, S.D.
WR	2	Jack Smith, 6-0, 195, So., Sioux Falls, S.D.
	3	Joe Kolega, 5-11, 195, R-Fr., Omaha, Neb.
WR	1	LOFTON O'GROSKE, 6-2, 215, Jr., Coon Rapids, Minn.
	8	Sammy Dresie, 6-2, 205, So., Maize, Kan.
QB	7	CHASE MASON, 6-4, 240, Grad., Hurley, S.D.
	11	Josh Holst, 6-4, 210, Jr., Marengo, Ill.
	16	Jack Henry, 6-2, 215, So., Dell Rapids, S.D.
RB or	4	Corey Blair Jr., 6-3, 210, R-Fr., Kernersville, N.C.
	22	Josiah Johnson, 6-0, 215, So., Milwaukee, Wis.

Returning starters indicated in CAPS

DEFENSE

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

SPECIAL TEAMS

PK	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.		6	Ramon McKinney Jr., 5-10, 190, Jr., Waxahachie, Texas
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		21	Myles Green, 6-0, 185, So., Homewood, Ill.
Long Snaps	59	Carson Strohbeen, 6-1, 215, Jr., Sioux City, Iowa			
	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.	Kenersville, 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 Strohsbeen	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 • 10-5 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

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Team Statistics	SDS	OPP
SCORING	70	7
Points Per Game	70.00	7.00
FIRST DOWNS	25	15
Rushing	19	8
Passing	6	6
Penalty	0	1
RUSHING YARDAGE	393	108
Yards gained	404	140
Yards lost	11	32
Attempts	45	34
Avg Per Attempt	8.7	3.2
Avg Per Game	393.0	108.0
TDs Rushing	7	1
PASSING YARDAGE	235	157
Att-Comp-Int	11-6-0	32-21-0
Avg Per Attempt	21.36	4.91
Avg Per Catch	39.17	7.48
Avg Per Game	235.00	157.00
TDs Passing	2	0
TOTAL OFFENSE	628	265
Total Plays	56	66
Avg Per Play	11.2	4.0
Avg Per Game	628.0	265.0
KICK RETURNS: #-YARDS	2-54	3-42
PUNT RETURNS: #-YARDS	1-65	0-0
INT RETURNS: #-YARDS	0-0	0-0
KICK RETURN AVERAGE	27.00	14.00
PUNT RETURN AVERAGE	65.00	0.00
INT RETURN AVERAGE	0.00	0.00
FUMBLES-LOST	1-0	2-2
PENALTIES-YARDS	5-39	2-10
Avg Per Game	39.00	10.00
PUNTS-YARDS	2-110	7-273
Avg Per Punt	55.00	39.00
Net Punt Avg	45.00	29.71
KICKOFFS-YARDS	11-710	2-106
Avg Per Kick	64.55	53.00
Net Kick Avg	44.82	26.00
TIME OF POSSESSION	00:29:26	00:30:34
Per Game	29:26	30:34
3RD-DOWN CONVERSIONS	5-8	4-14
3rd-Down Pct	62.50 %	28.57 %
4TH-DOWN CONVERSIONS	0-0	0-2
4th-Down Pct	0.00 %	0.00 %
SACKS BY-YARDS	3-15	0-0
MISC YARDS	0	0
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED	10	1
FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS	0-0	0-0
ON-SIDE KICKS	0-0	0-0
RED-ZONE SCORES	4-5	1-3
RED-ZONE TOUCHDOWNS	4-5	1-3
PAT-ATTEMPTS	10-10	1-1
ATTENDANCE	19,192	0
Dates-Avg Per Date	1-19,192	0-0
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

* = Conference game

Score by Quarters	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
South Dakota St.	21	21	28	0	70
Opponents	0	0	7	0	7

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#	Rushing	GP	ATT	GAIN	LOSS	NET	AVG	TD	LG	AVG/G
23	Basinger, James	1	8	110	0	110	13.8	1	48	110.00
	Blair, Corey	1	8	107	0	107	13.4	2	52	107.00
22	Johnson, Josiah	1	10	63	0	63	6.3	2	20	63.00
6	McKinney Jr., Ramon	1	6	53	0	53	8.8	1	27	53.00
34	Myers, Josh	1	1	27	0	27	27.0	1	27	27.00
32	Scott, Jay'Veon	1	7	27	0	27	3.9	0	6	27.00
	Rezac, Dominic	1	3	15	0	15	5.0	0	6	15.00
16	Henry, Jack	1	1	2	0	2	2.0	0	2	2.00
7	Mason, Chase	1	1	0	11	-11	-11.0	0	0	-11.00
	Total	1	45	404	11	393	8.7	7	52	393.00
	Opponents	1	34	140	32	108	3.2	1	24	108.00

#	Passing	GP	Rating	COMP-ATT-INT	PCT	YDS	TD	LG	AVG/G
7	Mason, Chase	1	214.88	5-10-0	50.00 %	157	1	73	157.00
11	Holst, Josh	1	1085.20	1-1-0	100.00 %	78	1	78	78.00
	Total	1	294.00	6-11-0	54.55 %	235	2	78	235.00
	Opponents	1	106.84	21-32-0	65.63 %	157	0	31	157.00

#	Receiving	GP	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	AVG/G
0	Dulaney, Landon	1	2	89	44.50	1	78	89.00
2	Smith, Jack	1	2	86	43.00	1	73	86.00
12	Goering, Graham	1	2	60	30.00	0	35	60.00
8	Dresie, Sammy	1	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00
	Total	1	6	235	39.17	2	78	235.00
	Opponents	1	21	157	7.48	0	31	157.00

#	Punt Returns	NO	YRDS	AVG	TD	LG
20	Uchtman, Alex	1	65	65.00	1	65
	Total	1	65	65.00	1	65
	Opponents	0	0	NaN	0	0

#	Interceptions	NO	YRDS	AVG	TD	LG
No data to report.						

#	Kick Returns	NO	YRDS	AVG	TD	LG
6	McKinney Jr., Ramon	1	46	46.00	0	46
10	Delahoyde, Brayden	1	8	8.00	0	8
	Total	2	54	27.00	0	46
	Opponents	3	42	14.00	0	16

#	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		
	Blair, Corey	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	12
22	Johnson, Josiah	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	12
30	Alvano, Tristan	—	—	10-10	—	—	—	—	—	10
23	Basinger, James	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6
0	Dulaney, Landon	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6
6	McKinney Jr., Ramon	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6
34	Myers, Josh	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6
2	Smith, Jack	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6
20	Uchtman, Alex	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6
Total		10	—	10-10	—	—	—	—	—	70
Opponents		1	—	1-1	—	—	—	—	—	7

#	Field Goals	FGM-FGA	PCT	I20	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	LG	BLK
Total		0-0	0.00 %	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0
Opponents		0-0	0.00 %	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0

FG Sequence	South Dakota St.	Opponents
Stetson	-	-

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made.

#	Total Offense	G	Plays	Rush	Pass	Total	AVG/G
7	Mason, Chase	1	11	-11	157	146	146.00
23	Basinger, James	1	8	110	0	110	110.00
	Blair, Corey	1	8	107	0	107	107.00
11	Holst, Josh	1	1	0	78	78	78.00
22	Johnson, Josiah	1	10	63	0	63	63.00
6	McKinney Jr., Ramon	1	6	53	0	53	53.00
34	Myers, Josh	1	1	27	0	27	27.00
32	Scott, Jay'Veon	1	7	27	0	27	27.00
	Rezac, Dominic	1	3	15	0	15	15.00
16	Henry, Jack	1	1	2	0	2	2.00
Total		1	56	393	235	628	628.00
Opponents		1	66	108	157	265	265.00

#	Punting	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TB	FC	I20	50+	BLK
41	Pelham, Max	2	110	55.00	69	1	0	1	1	0
Total		2	110	55.00	69	1	0	1	1	0
Opponents		7	273	39.00	53	0	3	1	1	0

#	Kickoffs	NO	YDS	AVG	TB	OB
81	Harrington, Ryan	11	710	64.5	7	1
Total		11	710	64.5	7	1
Opponents		2	106	53.0	0	0

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#	All Purpose	G	RUSH	RCV	PR	KR	IR	Total	AVG/G
23	Basinger, James	1	110	0	0	0	0	110	110.00
	Blair, Corey	1	107	0	0	0	0	107	107.00
6	McKinney Jr., Ramon	1	53	0	0	46	0	99	99.00
0	Dulaney, Landon	1	0	89	0	0	0	89	89.00
2	Smith, Jack	1	0	86	0	0	0	86	86.00
20	Uchtman, Alex	1	0	0	65	0	0	65	65.00
22	Johnson, Josiah	1	63	0	0	0	0	63	63.00
12	Goering, Graham	1	0	60	0	0	0	60	60.00
34	Myers, Josh	1	27	0	0	0	0	27	27.00
32	Scott, Jay'Veon	1	27	0	0	0	0	27	27.00
	Rezac, Dominic	1	15	0	0	0	0	15	15.00
10	Delahoyde, Brayden	1	0	0	0	8	0	8	8.00
16	Henry, Jack	1	2	0	0	0	0	2	2.00
7	Mason, Chase	1	-11	0	0	0	0	-11	-11.00
	Total	1	393	235	65	54	0	747	747.00
	Opponents	1	108	157	0	42	0	307	307.00

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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
24	Stanard, Max	1	1	5	6.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
9	Goehring, Matt	1	2	3	5.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
49	Krempges, Luke	1	2	3	5.0	0.5-2	0.5-2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
40	Shaw, Liam	1	2	3	5.0	1.0-5	1.0-5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1	Current, Ife	1	3	1	4.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
4	Farr, Michael	1	2	2	4.0	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
21	Green, Myles	1	4	—	4.0	1.0-6	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
33	Johnson, Bryce	1	3	1	4.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
16	Luginbill, Noah	1	—	4	4.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
26	Fries, Barry	1	2	1	3.0	1.0-1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
90	Bradley, Daniel	1	2	—	2.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
47	Fyfe, Kytan	1	—	2	2.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15	Holliman, Jamari	1	1	1	2.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
44	Larson, Casey	1	—	2	2.0	0.5-2	0.5-2	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
97	Leiferman, Blake	1	1	1	2.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
48	Nash, Jack	1	—	2	2.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
0	Sitzman, Carter	1	2	—	2.0	2.0-15	1.0-6	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
27	Thompson, Noah	1	—	2	2.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
28	Van Tol, Chase	1	2	—	2.0	1.0-1	—	—	1	—	2-0	—	—	—
13	White, Emeir	1	1	1	2.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
39	Bakken, Beau	1	1	—	1.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
57	Christensen, Sam	1	—	1	1.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
51	Green, Logan	1	—	1	1.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
38	Jackson, Landin	1	1	—	1.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
3	Johnson, Dontay	1	—	1	1.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
18	Krcil, Jes	1	—	1	1.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
46	LeBrun, Maverick	1	—	1	1.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2	Parker, Amaje	1	1	—	1.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
94	Sayre, Ashton	1	—	1	1.0	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
91	Sifore, Jace	1	—	1	1.0	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
7	St-Juste, Noah	1	1	—	1.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
52	Targgart, Brody	1	—	1	1.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
30	Alvano, Tristan	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
23	Basinger, James	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
4	Blair, Corey	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
0	Dulaney, Landon	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
22	Johnson, Josiah	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
6	Kim, Paul	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
7	Mason, Chase	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
6	McKinney Jr., Ramon	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
34	Myers, Josh	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2	Smith, Jack	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
20	Uchtman, Alex	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
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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: 1, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026
 Passing Attempts: 1, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026
 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
 Total Offense: 78 yards, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026



7-CHASE MASON

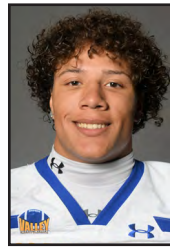
6-4, 240, Grad.

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

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Completions: 21, vs. Mercyhurst, 9-27-2025
 Passing Attempts: 36, at Montana, 12-6-2025
 Passing Yards: 356, at Montana, 12-6-2025
 Long Pass:* 95 yards (for TD), to Grahm Goering, at Montana, 12-6-2025
 Touchdown Passes: 3, three times (last: vs. New Hampshire, 11-29-2025)
 Interceptions: 2, at Montana, 12-6-2025
 Rushing Attempts: 18, vs. Sacramento State, 8-30-2025
 Rushing Yards: 161, vs. Youngstown State, 10-12-2024
 Long Rush: 69 yards (for TD), vs. Drake, 9-16-2023, and vs. Youngstown State, 10-12-2024
 Rushing Touchdowns: 2, three times (last: at Montana, 12-6-2025)
 Total Offense: 366, at Montana, 12-6-2025
 * school record

RUNNING BACKS



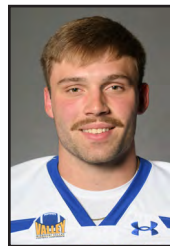
23-JAMES BASINGER

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: 48 yards, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026
 Rushing Touchdowns: 2, vs. Mercyhurst, 9-27-2025
 Receptions: 3, vs. Mercyhurst, 9-27-2025
 Receiving Yards: 32, vs. Mercyhurst, 9-27-2025
 Long Reception: 19 yards, vs. North Dakota State, 10-25-2025
 All-Purpose Yards: 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



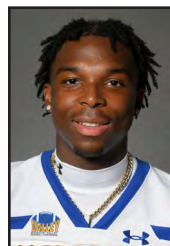
4-COREY BLAIR, Jr.

6-3, 210, R-Fr.

Kernersville, North Carolina • East Forsyth H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Rushing Attempts: 9, vs. New Hampshire, 11-29-2025
 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
 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: 19, at North Dakota, 11-22-2025
 Rushing Yards: 76, at North Dakota, 11-22-2025
 Long Rush: 20 yards (for TD), vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026
 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
 Kickoff Returns: 1, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026
 Kickoff Return Yards: 46, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026
 Long Kickoff Return: 46 yards, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026
 All-Purpose Yards: 99, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026



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. TD, 8-29-2026



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

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

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



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

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Rushing Attempts: 1 vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026
 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



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



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

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

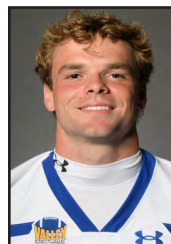
Rushing Attempts: 3, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026
 Rushing Yards: 15, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026
 Long Rush: 6 yards, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026
 Rushing Touchdowns: N/A



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



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

WIDE RECEIVERS



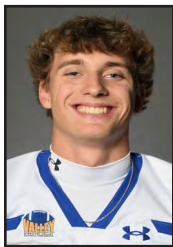
8-SAMMY DRESIE
6-2, 205, So.
Maize, Kansas • Maize South H.S.

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

CAREER HIGHS — OFFENSE/SPECIALISTS

WIDE RECEIVERS (cont.)



20-ALEX UCHTMAN

6-1, 195, Fr.

Elkhorn, Nebraska • Elkhorn North H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Receptions: N/A

Punt Returns: 1, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026

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

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



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

TIGHT ENDS



10-BRAYDEN DELAHOYDE

6-5, 245, So.

Spearfish, South Dakota • Spearfish H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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: 110, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026

Field Goals Made: N/A

Field Goal Attempts: N/A

Long Field Goal: N/A

Total Points: 10, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026



88-GREYTON GANNON

6-4, 235, Sr.

Eagle, Wisconsin • Mukwonago H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

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

Receiving Yards: 63, vs. Illinois State, 11-15-2025

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

Receiving Touchdowns: 1, four times (last: at North Dakota, 11-22-2025)



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



43-ANDREW GUSTAD

6-1, 250, Grad.

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

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

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

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

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

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

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

Rushing Yards: 7, at Youngstown State, 10-4-2025

Long Rush: 4 yards, vs. Northern Iowa, 10-11-2025



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

CAREER HIGHS — DEFENSE

DEFENSIVE ENDS



8-REIS KIRSCHENMAN

6-4, 255, Jr.

Tea, South Dakota • Tea Area H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

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

Assisted Tackles: 2, vs. Sacramento State, 8-30-2025

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

Tackles for Loss: 1.0, five times (last: at North Dakota State, 12-21-2024)

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

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



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)



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



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



46-MAVERICK LEBRUN

6-5, 255, R-Fr.

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

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Solo Tackles: N/A

Assisted Tackles: 1, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2025

Total Tackles: 1, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2025



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: N/A

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

Tackles for Loss: 1.0, at Youngstown State, 10-4-2025

Sacks: 0.5, at South Dakota, 11-8-2025

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



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 TACKLES (cont.)



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

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Solo Tackles: N/A
 Assisted Tackles: 1, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026
 Total Tackles: 1, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026
 Tackles for Loss: N/A



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

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

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



98-MAC MULLER
6-1, 290, So.
Osage, Iowa • Osage H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Solo Tackles: 1, three times (last: vs. Mercyhurst, 9-27-25)
 Assisted Tackles: 2, vs. Mercyhurst, 9-27-2025
 Total Tackles: 3, vs. Mercyhurst, 9-27-2025
 Tackles for Loss: N/A



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

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

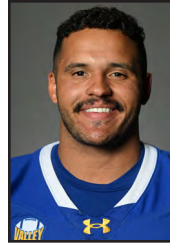
Solo Tackles: N/A
 Assisted Tackles: 1, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026
 Total Tackles: 1, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026
 Pass Breakups: 1, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026



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

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

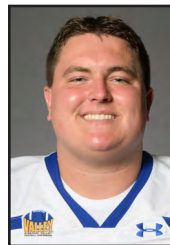
Solo Tackles: N/A
 Assisted Tackles: 1, vs. Mercyhurst, 9-27-2025
 Total Tackles: 1, vs. Mercyhurst, 9-27-2025



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

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

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



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

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Solo Tackles: N/A
 Assisted Tackles: 1, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026
 Total Tackles: 1, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026

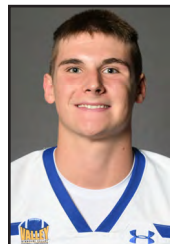
LINEBACKERS



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

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

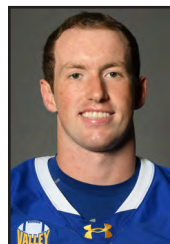
Solo Tackles: 1, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026
 Assisted Tackles: N/A
 Total Tackles: 1, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026



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
 Total Tackles: 3, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026
 Tackles for Loss: 1.0, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026



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

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

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

CAREER HIGHS — DEFENSE

LINEBACKERS (cont.)



9-MATT GOEHRING

6-1, 225, Sr.

**Sioux Falls, South Dakota • Roosevelt H.S./
Univ. of Sioux Falls**

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Solo Tackles: 3, vs. New Hampshire, 11-29-2025

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

Total Tackles: 5, vs. New Hampshire, 11-29-2025, and vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026

Tackles for Loss: 1.0, at Montana State, 9-6-2025

Sacks: 1.0, at Montana State, 9-6-2025

Pass Breakups: 1, vs. New Hampshire, 11-29-2025

Kickoff Returns: 1, vs. Illinois State, 11-15-2025, and at North Dakota, 11-22-2025

Long Kickoff Return: 16 yards, vs. Illinois State, 11-15-2025



5-CULLEN McSHANE

6-2, 225, Sr.

Marquette, Iowa • MFL MarMac H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Solo Tackles: 10, at Montana State, 9-6-2025

Assisted Tackles: 7, at South Dakota, 11-8-2025

Total Tackles: 12, at Montana State, 9-6-2025, and at Youngstown State, 10-4-2025

Tackles for Loss: 2.5, vs. Drake, 9-13-2025

Sacks: 1.0, at Murray State, 10-18-2025

Pass Breakups: 1, four times (last: vs. Northern Iowa, 10-11-2025)

Forced Fumbles: 1, at Illinois State, 10-7-2023, and vs. Northern Iowa, 10-11-2025

Blocked Kicks: 1, at Northern Iowa, 10-5-2024



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



48-JACK NASH

6-1, 200, So.

Palmer, Alaska • Colony H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Solo Tackles: 1, vs. Drake, 9-13-2025

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

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

Tackles for Loss: N/A



11-JOE OLLMAN

6-1, 230, Sr.

Mequon, Wisconsin • Homestead H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Solo Tackles: 7, at Montana State, 9-6-2025

Assisted Tackles: 6, vs. Illinois State, 11-15-2025

Total Tackles: 11, vs. Illinois State, 11-15-2025

Tackles for Loss: 2.0, vs. Drake, 9-13-2025

Sacks: 2.0, vs. Drake, 9-13-2025

Forced Fumbles: 1, four times (last: at Murray State, 10-18-2025)

Fumble Recoveries: 1, vs. Northern Iowa, 10-11-2025

Interceptions: 1, at Murray State, 10-18-2025

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



18-JES KRCIL

6-1, 220, Jr.

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

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Solo Tackles: N/A

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

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



44-CASEY LARSON

6-2, 215, So.

Woodinville, Washington • Woodinville H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

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

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

Total Tackles: 2, vs. Mercyhurst, 9-27-2025, and vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026

Tackles for Loss: 0.5, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026

Sacks: 0.5, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026

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

CAREER HIGHS — DEFENSE

LINEBACKERS (cont.)



28-CHASE VAN TOL

6-1, 210, Jr.

Tea, South Dakota • Tea Area H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Solo Tackles: 8, vs. Youngstown State, 10-12-2024, and at Youngstown State, 10-4-2025

Assisted Tackles: 2, four times (last: vs. Southern Illinois, 11-16-2024)

Total Tackles: 9, vs. Youngstown State, 10-12-2024

Tackles for Loss: 2.0, vs. Youngstown State, 10-12-2024, and vs. Northern Iowa, 10-11-2025

Sacks: 2.0, vs. Northern Iowa, 10-11-2025

Forced Fumbles: 1, at North Dakota, 11-9-2024

Fumble Recoveries: 2, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026

Interceptions: 1, vs. Northern Iowa, 10-11-2025

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

Total Tackles: 4, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026



21-MYLES GREEN

6-0, 185, So.

**Homewood, Illinois • Homewood-Flossmoor
H.S.**

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Solo Tackles: 4, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026

Assisted Tackles: 1, three times (last: vs. Northern Iowa, 10-11-2025)

Total Tackles: 4, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026

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



15-JAMARI HOLLIMAN

6-0, 195, Jr.

**Miami, Florida • Miami Norland H.S./
Florida International**

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



7-NOAH ST-JUSTE

5-10, 180, Jr.

**Montreal, Quebec • Clearwater Academy Inter-
national (Fla.)**

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Solo Tackles: 5, at Youngstown State, 10-4-2025

Assisted Tackles: 2, at Montana, 12-6-2025

Total Tackles: 5, at Youngstown State, 10-4-2025

Tackles for Loss: 1.0, vs. Mercyhurst, 9-27-2025, and at Youngstown State, 10-4-2025

Sacks: 1.0, vs. Mercyhurst, 9-27-2025

Interceptions: 1, at North Dakota, 11-22-2025

Forced Fumbles: 1, at Montana State, 9-6-2025



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

Tackles for Loss: N/A

SAFETIES



4-MICHAEL "TANK" FARR

5-11, 200, Fr.

Racine, Wisconsin • J.I. Case H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

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

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

Total Tackles: 4, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026

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



3-DONTAY JOHNSON

6-2, 190, Sr.

**Fort Collins, Colorado •
Colorado Early College**

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Solo Tackles: 5, at Montana, 12-6-2025

Assisted Tackles: 5, vs. New Hampshire, 11-29-2025

Total Tackles: 7, at Montana, 12-6-2025

Tackles for Loss: 1.0, vs. UC Davis, 9-10-2022

Pass Breakups: 1, four times (last: vs. Mercyhurst, 9-27-2025)

CAREER HIGHS — DEFENSE

SAFETIES (cont.)



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



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
Assisted Tackles: N/A
Total Tackles: 1, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026



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

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Solo Tackles: 1, vs. Mercyhurst, 9-27-2025, and vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026
Assisted Tackles: 5, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026
Total Tackles: 6, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026



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

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Solo Tackles: 3, vs. Western Oregon, 8-31-2023, and vs. Northern Iowa, 10-11-2025
Assisted Tackles: 2, vs. Indiana State, 11-1-2025, and vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026
Total Tackles: 3, three times (last: at Murray State, 10-18-2025)
Interceptions: 1, vs. Drake, 9-13-2025
Pass Breakups: 1, vs. Murray State, 11-2-2024, and vs. Drake, 9-13-2025
Note: Returned blocked punt 49 yards for touchdown at Northern Iowa, 10-5-2024