



2026 JACKRABBIT FOOTBALL

SOUTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY

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OCT. 3 GAME NOTES



ILLINOIS STATE REDBIRDS

2026 RECORD: 4-1 overall (0-1 in Missouri Valley Football Conference)

HEAD COACH: Brock Spack

ALMA MATER: Purdue, 1984

RECORD AT ILLINOIS STATE: 127-80 (18th season)

CAREER RECORD: Same

#2/2 SOUTH DAKOTA STATE (4-1, 1-0 MVFC) at #10/11 ILLINOIS STATE (4-1, 0-1 MVFC)

6 p.m. Saturday

Hancock Stadium; Normal, Illinois

SERIES NOTE

- 14th Meeting (SDSU leads series, 7-6)
- Illinois State recorded a 35-21 victory at Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium on Nov. 15, 2025, in the teams' most recent matchup

MEDIA INFORMATION

- Game will be televised exclusively on ESPN+ with the broadcast team of Kurt Pegler (play-by-play), Clay Harbor (color analyst) and Matt Sosler (sidelines)
- Radio pre-game show begins at 4 p.m. Central on the Jackrabbit Sports Network, which includes flagship station WNAX 570 AM-Yankton and the following affiliates:
 - KJJQ 910 AM-Brookings • KXLG 100.3 FM-Milbank • KORN 1490 AM/101.3 FM-Mitchell • KELO 1320 AM/KELQ 107.9 FM-Sioux Falls • KCCR 1240 AM/98.9 FM-Pierre • KIMM 106.7 FM/1150 AM-Rapid City • KLOH 1050 AM/94.1 FM Pipestone, Minn. • KXLG 99.1 FM-Watertown • KWYR 93.7 FM-Winner
- Radio team of Tyler Merriam (play-by-play), Al Bahe (color analyst) and Scotty Kwas (sidelines) will call the action



SOUTH DAKOTA STATE JACKRABBITS

2026 RECORD: 4-1 overall (1-0 in Missouri Valley Football Conference)

HEAD COACH: Dan Jackson (second season)

ALMA MATER: Nebraska-Omaha, 2008

RECORD AT SDSU: 13-6

CAREER RECORD: Same

2026 SCHEDULE

AUGUST

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

SEPTEMBER

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

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

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

26 EASTERN ILLINOIS [Hall of Fame Game] W, 42-7

OCTOBER

3 *at Illinois State 6 p.m.

17 *at North Dakota 1 p.m.

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

31 *SOUTH DAKOTA [Interstate Series] TBA

NOVEMBER

7 *at Northern Iowa 1 p.m.

14 *at Southern Illinois 1 p.m.

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

28 FCS Playoffs begin (if qualified)

* Missouri Valley Football Conference game | All times Central

TALE OF THE TAPE — 2026 STATS COMPARISON

ILLINOIS STATE	CATEGORY	SOUTH DAKOTA STATE
43.0	Points Per Game	42.8
15.0	Points Allowed Per Game	16.4
207.4	Rushing Yardage Per Game	302.4
88.6	Rush Yardage Allowed/Game	122.4
240.8	Passing Yardage Per Game	223.6
10.7	Average Per Catch	16.9
186.4	Pass Yardage Allowed/Game	186.2
448.2	Total Offense Per Game	526.0
275.0	Total Offense Allowed/Game	308.6
24.5	Kick Return Average	22.7
16.2	Punt Return Average	19.9
4-86	Interception Returns	1-9
5-2	Fumbles-Lost	6-2
38-359	Penalties-Yards	30-249
31:20	Time of Possession/Game	32:09
40-64 (63%)	Third-Down Conversions	25-66 (38%)
5-7 (71%)	Fourth-Down Conversions	10-12 (83%)
24-29 (83%, 22 TD)	Red-Zone Offense	18-26 (69%, 11 TD)
8-13 (62%, 6 TD)	Red-Zone Defense	12-14 (86%, 8 TD)

SERIES SCORES

2008: South Dakota State 52, Illinois State 21
(Nov. 8, 2008, at Coughlin-Alumni Stadium)

2009: South Dakota State 38, Illinois State 17
(Sept. 26, 2009, at Normal, Ill.)

2010: Illinois State 24, South Dakota State 14
(Sept. 18, 2010, at Coughlin-Alumni Stadium)

2011: Illinois State 20, South Dakota State 13
(Sept. 24, 2011, at Normal, Ill.)

2014: Illinois State 45, South Dakota State 10
(Oct. 4, 2014, at Normal, Ill.)

2015: South Dakota State 25, Illinois State 20
(Nov. 7, 2015, at Coughlin-Alumni Stadium)

2016: Illinois State 38, South Dakota State 21
(Oct. 29, 2016, at Normal, Ill.)

2017: South Dakota State 27, Illinois State 24 [OT]
(Nov. 11, 2017, at Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium)

2018: South Dakota State 38, Illinois State 28
(Oct. 27, 2018, at Normal, Ill.)

2019: Illinois State 27, South Dakota State 18
(Nov. 9, 2019, at Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium)

2022: South Dakota State 31, Illinois State 7
(Nov. 12, 2021, at Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium)

2023: South Dakota State 40, Illinois State 21
(Oct. 7, 2023, at Normal, Ill.)

2025: Illinois State 35, South Dakota State 21
(Nov. 15, 2025, at Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium)

Jackrabbits head to Illinois State for key league matchup

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Sept. 30, 2026

BROOKINGS, S.D. — The South Dakota State football team returns to Missouri Valley Football Conference action by facing a highly ranked opponent for the second time in as many league games this season, traveling Saturday for a matchup at Illinois State.

Kickoff is set for 6 p.m. at Hancock Stadium in Normal, Illinois. The game will be televised exclusively on the ESPN+ streaming platform.

The Jackrabbits, who are ranked second among Football Championship Subdivision teams in both the Stats Perform media poll and by the American Football Coaches Association, enter the matchup with a 4-1 overall record and a 1-0 mark in the MVFC. SDSU, which defeated then-No. 9 Youngstown State, 27-20, in the league opener Sept. 19, closed out nonconference play with a 42-7 home victory over Eastern Illinois last week.

Illinois State, meanwhile, dropped in the FCS rankings after suffering a 28-21 upset loss at Northern Iowa in the teams' league opener last week. The Redbirds, who also are 4-1 overall, check in at No. 10 in the media poll and 11th in the coaches' rankings this week.

THE SERIES: Saturday's game marks the 14th meeting on the gridiron between SDSU and Illinois State, a series that dates back to when the Jackrabbits joined the Missouri Valley Football Conference at the start of the 2008 season. SDSU holds a 7-6 lead in the series, with the longest winning streak by either program consisting of three games by Illinois State from 2010-14.

The Jackrabbits have been victorious in each of their last two trips to Hancock Stadium, notching a 38-28 victory in 2018, followed by a 40-21 road win during the 2023 series. Conversely, Illinois State has been the victor in two of its last three visits to SDSU's Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium, including posting a 35-21 win in the most recent matchup on Nov. 15, 2025.

In last year's meeting, Illinois State capitalized on a number of early Jackrabbit mistakes to race out to a 35-0 lead in the first 20 minutes of the contest. Quarterback Tommy Rittenhouse tossed three touchdown passes to Daniel Sobkowicz and ran for another score to lead the Redbirds.

RANKINGS STREAK: The South Dakota State football team began the 2026 season in a familiar spot with a high ranking in the Stats Perform FCS Preseason Poll. After holding either the second or third spot in the first six polls of 2026, the Jacks have now appeared in the top 25 of 195 consecutive Stats Perform polls dating back to October 2012.

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

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

Preseason	3rd	Sept. 14	2nd
Aug. 31	2nd	Sept. 21	2nd
Sept. 7	2nd	Sept. 28	2nd

CAPTAINS: Leading the Jackrabbit football team are six captains:

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

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

YEAR-BY-YEAR IN FCS

GREAT WEST FOOTBALL CONFERENCE

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

MISSOURI VALLEY FOOTBALL CONF.

YEAR	OVERALL	CONF
2008	7-5	6-2
2009	8-4	7-1
2010	5-6	4-4
2011	5-6	4-4
2012	9-4	6-2
2013	9-5	5-3
2014	9-5	5-3
2015	8-4	5-3
2016	9-4	7-1
2017	11-3	6-2
2018	10-3	6-2
2019	8-5	5-3
2020-21	8-2	5-1
2021	11-4	5-3
2022	14-1	8-0
2023	15-0	8-0
2024	12-3	7-1
2025	9-5	4-4
2026	4-1	1-0
Totals	171-70	104-39
Overall Totals	197-88	116-45

2026 AWARD WINNERS

CONFERENCE AWARDS

MVFC OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

- Josiah Johnson (Sept. 19)

MVFC OFFENSIVE LINEMAN OF THE WEEK

- Quinten Christensen (Aug. 29)

MVFC DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

- Chase Van Tol (Aug. 29)

NATIONAL AWARDS

STATS PERFORM NATIONAL OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

- Josiah Johnson (Sept. 19)

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 197-88 record (.691 winning percentage).

In the decade of the 2020s, SDSU has put together a 73-16 record, which is good for an .820 winning percentage.

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

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

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

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

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

The Jackrabbits hold a 104-39 record (.727 winning percentage) in MVFC games and have won six or more league games 10 times. SDSU has claimed five league titles (2016, 2020-21, 2022, 2023, 2024) in the past 10 seasons.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

QB: Chase Mason

WR: Grahm Goering, Lofton O'Groske

OL: Quinten Christensen, Shane Willenbring

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

LB: Cullen McShane, Chase Van Tol

P: Max Pelham

RB: Ramon McKinney Jr.

TE: Greyton Gannon, Coleman Kuntz

DB: Ife Current, Noah St-Juste

RS/APB: Jack Smith

QUICK FACTS

SDSU INFORMATION

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

ADMINISTRATION

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

2025 RECAP

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

TEAM INFORMATION

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

STARTERS RETURNING: 15
• Offense: 8 • Defense: 6 • Special Teams: 1

OFFENSIVE STARTERS RETURNING (8): Kenyon BigBow, OL; Quinten Christensen, OL; Greyton Gannon, TE; Graham Goering, WR; Chase Mason, QB; Lofton O'Groske, WR; William Paepke, OL; Shane Willenbring, OL.

DEFENSIVE STARTERS RETURNING (6): Logan Green, DT; Reis Kirschenman, DE; Cullen McShane, LB; Joe Ollman, LB; Dawson Ripperda, DE; Chase Van Tol, LB.

SPECIAL TEAMS STARTERS RETURNING (1): Max Pelham, P.

OTHER RETURNING LETTERMEN (33): James Basinger, RB; Brenden Begeman, RB; Corey Blair Jr., RB; Brayden Delahoyde, TE; Sammy Dresie, WR; Kytan Fyfe, LB; Matt Goehring, LB; Myles Green, CB; Andrew Gustad, TE; Ryan Harrington, K; Jack Henry, QB; Jamari Holliman, CB; Caden Hotz, OL; Bryce Johnson, LB; Dontay Johnson, S; Josiah Johnson, RB; Jackson Kerstin, OL; Luke Krempges, DE; Coleman Kuntz, TE; Casey Larson, LB; Blake Leiferman, DE; Mac Muller, DT; Ian Mutchler, OL; Jack Nash, LB; Reese Osgood, WR; John Pica, OL/TE; Kyan Ruak, OL; Boden Schiller, LB; Jace Sifore, DT; Jack Smith, WR; Noah St-Juste, DB/LB; Max Stanard, S; Noah Thompson, S.

PRESEASON ALL-AMERICANS: Led by first-team selection Quinten Christensen on the offensive line, six South Dakota State football players were recognized on the 2026 Stats Perform Football Championship Subdivision Preseason All-America Team.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Currently sidelined by an injury suffered late in the first half against Youngstown State on Sept. 19, Mason has completed 49-of-89 passes (55.1 percent) for 834 yards with four touchdowns and one interception through four games. His 23 completions and 48 pass attempts Sept. 5 at Northwestern were both single-game career highs, while his three touchdown passes Sept. 12 against New Haven marked the fourth time in his career he has pulled off that trifecta, tying a single-game career best.

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

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

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

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

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

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

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

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

After not factoring in any statistics in limited action in the Aug. 29 opener against Stetson, McShane has tallied 14 tackles and a team-best two sacks over the last four games. He registered a season-high four tackles, including a sack, in the Sept. 5 game at Northwestern, and recorded his second sack as part of a three-tackle performance Sept. 19 against Youngstown State.

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

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

In the Aug. 29 opener against Stetson, Pelham's second punt of the night was a career-long 69-yarder. In five games so far this season, he has punted a total of 14 times for an average of 47.4 yards. Five of his punts have traveled 50 or more yards and six have pinned the opposition inside its own 20-yard line.

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

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

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

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

Prior to his Sept. 19 outburst, Johnson's previous single-game career high for rushing yards was 79 yards in the Sept. 5 loss at Northwestern. His outing marked the 15th time a Jackrabbit running back topped the 200-yard mark in a Division I game and only the sixth time against a league opponent.

Johnson's performance against Youngstown State vaulted him into the top 10 among Football Championship Subdivision running backs in three different categories so far this season. After rushing for 121 yards and two more touchdowns last week against Eastern Illinois, he heads into this weekend's matchup against Illinois State ranked fifth in rushing touchdowns (7), seventh in total rushing yards (549) and ninth in rushing yards per game (109.8).

2026 TEAM SEASON HIGHS

RUSHING ATTEMPTS: 46, vs. New Haven, 9-12-26
RUSHING YARDS: 408, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-26-26
YARDS PER RUSH: 9.1, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-26-26
RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS: 7, vs. Stetson, 8-29-26
PASS ATTEMPTS: 48, at Northwestern, 9-5-26
PASS COMPLETIONS: 23, at Northwestern, 9-5-26
YARDS PASSING: 285, at Northwestern, 9-5-26
YARDS PER PASS: 21.4, vs. Stetson, 8-29-26
PASSING TOUCHDOWNS: 3, vs. New Haven, 9-12-26
TOTAL PLAYS: 88, at Northwestern, 9-5-26
TOTAL OFFENSE: 628, vs. Stetson, 8-29-26
YARDS PER PLAY: 11.2, vs. Stetson, 8-29-26
POINTS: 70, vs. Stetson, 8-29-26
FIRST DOWNS: 27, at Northwestern, 9-5-26
SACKS BY: 3, vs. Stetson, 8-29-26
PENALTIES: 8, vs. Youngstown State, 9-19-26
PENALTY YARDS: 80, vs. Youngstown State, 9-19-26
TURNOVERS BY: 1, four times (last: vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-26-26)
TURNOVERS FORCED: 2, three times (last: vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-26-26)
INTERCEPTIONS BY: 1, vs. Youngstown State, 9-19-26
FUMBLE RECOVERIES: 2, three times (last: vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-26-26)
PUNTS: 5, vs. New Haven, 9-12-26
TIME OF POSSESSION: 34:08, at Northwestern, 9-5-26

BIG PLAYS

OFFENSE (20 or more yards)

PLAYER	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL
James Basinger (4)	2	1	2	1	6
Josiah Johnson (2)	4	1	—	1	6
Grahm Goering	2	2	1	—	5
Coleman Kuntz (1)	3	1	—	—	4
Jack Smith (1)	3	—	—	1	4
Lofton O'Groske	1	2	—	—	3
Corey Blair Jr. (2)	—	—	—	2	2
Greyton Gannon (2)	2	—	—	—	2
Ramon McKinney Jr. (2)	2	—	—	—	2
Sammy Dresie	1	—	—	—	1
Landon Dulaney (1)	—	—	—	1	1
Josh Myers (1)	1	—	—	—	1
Team Totals (16)	21	7	3	4	37

RETURNS (30 or more yards)

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

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

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

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

The long offensive scoring plays against Stetson included:

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

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

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

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

In four games this season, the Jackrabbits have a total of 37 plays of 20-plus yards, plus four returns of 30 or more yards. SDSU tallied nine chunk plays last week versus Eastern Illinois, including touchdown runs of 39 and 48 yards by Basinger, as well as respective rushing touchdowns measuring 61 and 55 yards in the second half by Blair and Johnson.

GROUND AND POUND: South Dakota State enters this week's matchup against Illinois State leading the Football Championship Subdivision in both rushing offense and total offense.

After topping the 400-yard mark for rushing in a game for the first time in two seasons with 408 yards Sept. 26 against Eastern Illinois, the Jackrabbits are now averaging a subdivision-best 302.4 yards per game on the ground. SDSU has used a committee of running backs to get to that mark, led by Josiah Johnson's 549 rushing yards (109.8 yards per game).

Reserve running back James Basinger is averaging 13.0 yards per carry, gaining 311 yards on only 24 carries, while Corey Blair Jr. has picked up 274 yards. As a team, the Jackrabbits have averaged 6.8 yards per rushing attempt thus far in 2026.

Through five games, the Jackrabbits also are averaging an FCS-best 526 yards of total offense per game and rank third in scoring offense at 42.8 points per game. In addition, SDSU leads the FCS with 128 first downs on offense, an average of 25.6 per contest.

BALANCE ON OFFENSE: South Dakota State achieved a exact 50-50 split between rushing and passing in its Sept. 12 matchup against New Haven. The Jackrabbits rushed and passed for 256 yards each for a total of 512 yards. SDSU ran 68 offensive plays — 46 rushing and 22 passing — and held the ball for 33 minutes and 43 seconds. For the season, the Jackrabbits have rushed for 1,512 yards and passed for another 1,118.

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.

2026 INDIVIDUAL SEASON HIGHS

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

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

RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS: 2, six times by three different backs (three times by Josiah Johnson — last: vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-26-26)

LONG RUSH: 61 yards (for TD), by Corey Blair Jr., vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-26-26

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PASS BREAKUPS: 2, by Paul Kim, vs. EIU, 9-26-26

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

HOLST AT THE HELM: With Chase Mason currently sidelined by injury, junior transfer Josh Holst is expected to make his second start at quarterback for SDSU this week.

Holst made his first start as a Jackrabbit Sept. 26 against Eastern Illinois, completing 11-of-22 passes for 176 yards and a touchdown in a 42-7 SDSU victory. Overall, Holst has played in four games and completed 15-of-34 passes (44.1 percent) for 270 yards and two touchdowns. His first pass as a Jackrabbit resulted in a 78-yard touchdown to Landon Dulaney in the Aug. 29 season opener against Stetson and ranks as the team's longest offensive play so far this season.

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

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

GOERING HITS HIS STRIDE: In the first half of the 2026 season, Jackrabbit wide receiver Grahm Goering has picked up where he left off in 2025.

Granted a sixth season of eligibility, Goering currently leads the Jackrabbits with 16 receptions and 293 receiving yards through the first five games of 2026, including recording a career-high nine receptions for 117 yards Sept. 5 at Northwestern. His lone catch last week against Eastern Illinois covered 10 yards.

Over his last eight games, dating back to the 2025 regular season finale at North Dakota, Goering has caught 28 passes for 533 yards and two touchdowns. His 23-yard touchdown in overtime last Nov. 22 at North Dakota sent the Jackrabbits to the playoffs. He then opened postseason play with six catches for 75 yards against New Hampshire, followed by four receptions for a career-best 137 yards at Montana that included a school-record 95-yard touchdown catch and run in the opening quarter.

For his career, Goering has tallied 97 catches for 1,480 yards and seven touchdowns.

100-YARD TANDEM: For the second time this season, two South Dakota State backs topped the 100-yard mark for rushing in the same game during the Jackrabbits' 42-7 victory over Eastern Illinois on Sept. 26. In that contest, Josiah Johnson carried 14 times for 121 yards, while James Basinger racked up 116 yards on only nine carries.

Basinger (110 yards) also was part of a 100-yard tandem in the Aug. 29 season opener versus Stetson. Corey Blair Jr. (107) was the other Jackrabbit to reach the century mark, with both needed only eight carries to reach the 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 14 times in the Division I era (since 2004), of which four of the performances have taken place in Football Championship Subdivision playoff games (*). A full listing follows:

- Oct. 22, 2005 vs. Missouri-Rolla: Cory Koenig (184), Trevor Hohn (161), Anthony Watson (117);
- Nov. 4, 2006 vs. William Penn: Anthony Watson (159), Trevor Hohn (105);
- *Nov. 24, 2012 vs. Eastern Illinois: Zach Zenner (295), Reggie Gandy (151);
- Nov. 12, 2016 vs. South Dakota: Brady Mengarelli (161), Isaac Wallace (102);
- Sept. 14, 2019 vs. Drake: Pierre Strong Jr. (129), C.J. Wilson (117);
- March 6, 2021 vs. Western Illinois: Mark Gronowski (120), Isaiah Davis (118);
- March 20, 2021 at Southern Illinois: Isaiah Davis (150), Mark Gronowski (103);
- Sept. 11, 2021 vs. Lindenwood: Pierre Strong Jr. (110), Amar Johnson (105);
- *Nov. 27, 2021 vs. UC Davis: Isaiah Davis (217), Pierre Strong Jr. (185);
- *Jan. 8, 2023 vs. North Dakota State: Amar Johnson (126), Isaiah Davis (103);
- Oct. 7, 2023 at Illinois State: Isaiah Davis (197), Amar Johnson (107);
- *Dec. 2, 2023 vs. Mercer: Isaiah Davis (117), Amar Johnson (107);
- Aug. 29, 2026 vs. Stetson: James Basinger (110), Corey Blair Jr. (107).
- Sept. 26, 2026 vs. Eastern Illinois: Josiah Johnson (121), James Basinger (116).

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	4-0
Totals	70-10

ATTENDANCE TOP 10

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

LONGEST DRIVES

By PLAYS

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

By YARDS

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

By TIME OF POSSESSION

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

OPENING DRIVES BY HALF

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

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

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

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

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

For the season, 45 defenders have registered at least one stop.

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

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

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

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

Through five games, the Jackrabbits have outscored their opponents by a 77-20 margin in the second quarter.

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

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

Since the start of the 2023 season, 16 games have been sellouts, including three of the first four home games in 2026. The attendance surge started when 19,332 fans came out for the for Sept. 9, 2023, showdown against Montana State. The crowd played a big role in the game, helping factor in nine false-start penalties by Montana State, including six in the final quarter.

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

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

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

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

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

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

During the Sept. 12 game against New Haven, the 1-millionth fan for Jackrabbit football games played at Dana J. Dykhhouse Stadium came through the turnstiles. SDSU has averaged 13,043 fans for the 80 Jackrabbit football games played at the venue.

DANA J. DYKHOUSE STADIUM: Jackrabbit football moved into a new home in September of 2016 with the completion of Dana J. 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 70-10 record (.875 winning percentage) at Dana J. Dykhhouse Stadium during its 11 seasons of operation, including a 17-1 mark in FCS playoff games.

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

In 2024, the Jacks completed their fifth undefeated season while playing at Dana J. 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.

New artificial turf was installed this past spring in preparation for the 2026 season.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SDSU'S 2026 RECORD WHEN ...

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

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

Kraft put together a breakthrough second season with the Packers in 2024 and was on a pace to exceed that output with 32 receptions, 489 yards and six touchdowns before suffering a season-ending injury midway through the 2025 campaign. A third-round draft choice of Green Bay in 2023, Kraft has career totals of 122 receptions, 1,657 receiving yards and 15 touchdowns in four professional seasons.

In two games thus far during the 2026 season, Kraft has nine catches for 106 yards, but has yet to catch a touchdown pass..

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

Rozeboom was credited with his first three tackles of the season Sept. 27 versus Minnesota.

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

Another member of the Jackrabbits' back-to-back national championship teams in the NFL is linebacker Isaiah Stalbird, who is in his third year with the New Orleans Saints. Stalbird is coming off a 2025 season in which he recorded 25 total tackles while serving in a reserve role at linebacker and as a key contributor on special teams. He registered three stops in the Saints' Sept. 13 season opener at Detroit, then added one tackle a week later in a win over the Baltimore Ravens.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

DAN JACKSON SHOW: The Dan Jackson Show airs throughout the 2026 season.

The weekly, hour-long show originates in front of a live audience at 6 p.m. Mondays at Cubby's Sports Bar and Grill in downtown Brookings. Hosted by Tyler Merriam, the show airs along the Jackrabbit Sports Network, including flagship station WNAX 570 AM, and can be heard through the Jackrabbit app and online at GoJacks.com.

POINTS OFF TURNOVERS

OPPONENT	TAKEAWAYS	POINTS
Stetson	2	14
Northwestern	0	0
New Haven	2	14
Youngstown State	1	3
Eastern Illinois	2	7
Season Totals	7	38

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

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

A LOOK AHEAD: The Jackrabbits will have their lone bye week of the 2026 regular season before resuming Missouri Valley Football Conference action with potentially another top-10 battle Oct. 17 at North Dakota. Kickoff is slated for 1 p.m. at the Alerus Center in Grand Forks, North Dakota.

FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP SUBDIVISION POLLS

STATS PERFORM FCS POLL — SEPT. 28

PL.	SCHOOL	2025 RECORD	POINTS	PR
1.	Montana State [49]	5-0	1,417	1
2.	South Dakota State [8]	4-1	1,365	2
3.	Montana	4-1	1,284	5
4.	Tarleton State	4-0	1,273	4
5.	North Dakota	4-1	1,105	7
6.	Lehigh	5-0	1,093	6
7.	Stephen F. Austin	5-0	1,078	9
8.	Youngstown State	3-2	1,035	11
9.	Tennessee Tech	4-0	950	12
10.	Illinois State	4-1	905	3
11.	Austin Peay	4-1	876	13
12.	Idaho State	4-0	777	14
13.	South Dakota	3-2	756	8
14.	Lamar	3-1	702	15
15.	South Carolina State	5-0	637	16
16.	UC Davis	3-2	558	10
17.	West Florida	3-1	409	20
18.	Campbell	4-1	385	22
19.	Northern Arizona	3-2	371	18
20.	Harvard	2-0	305	21
21.	Southern Illinois	3-2	249	24
22.	Colgate	4-1	222	NR
23.	Mercer	3-2	147	25
24.	Richmond	4-1	134	NR
25.	Jackson State	4-0	103	NR

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

Teams receiving votes: Alabama State, 88; Elon, 78; Stony Brook, 45; Yale, 42; Southeastern Louisiana, 38; **Northern Iowa, 29**; Monmouth (N.J.), 24; Rhode Island, 10; Villanova, 6; Morgan State, 5; William & Mary, 5; Cornell, 2.

AFCA FCS POLL — SEPT. 28

PL.	SCHOOL	2026 RECORD	POINTS	PR
1.	Montana State [25]	5-0	625	1
2.	South Dakota State	4-1	590	2
3.	Tarleton State	4-0	568	3
4.	Montana	4-1	550	T4
5.	Stephen F. Austin	5-0	521	6
6.	Lehigh	5-0	484	7
7.	North Dakota	4-1	467	8
8.	Tennessee Tech	4-0	429	10
9.	Austin Peay	4-1	420	11
10.	Youngstown State	3-2	386	13
11.	Illinois State	4-1	370	T4
12.	South Carolina State	5-0	329	14
13.	Lamar	3-1	322	15
14.	Idaho State	4-0	311	16
15.	UC Davis	3-2	236	9
16.	South Dakota	3-2	223	12
17.	Richmond	4-1	196	19
18.	West Florida	3-1	193	20
19.	Northern Arizona	3-2	175	17
20.	Colgate	4-1	155	T23
21.	Mercer	3-2	117	T23
22.	Harvard	2-0	82	25
23.	Jackson State	4-0	72	NR
24.	Campbell	4-1	71	NR
25.	Southern Illinois	3-2	57	NR

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

Teams receiving votes: Elon, 55; Yale, 22; Alabama State, 19; Prairie View A&M, 17; Southeastern Louisiana, 14; UT Rio Grande Valley, 7; Furman, 6; Monmouth (N.J.), 6; Chattanooga, 5; Stony Brook, 5; Cal Poly, 4; Dartmouth, 4; St. Thomas (Minn.), 4; Delaware State, 3; Villanova, 2; Bryant, 1; **Northern Iowa, 1**; Incarnate Word, 1.

MISSOURI VALLEY FOOTBALL CONFERENCE

2026 MVFC STANDINGS

SCHOOL	CONFERENCE	PF	PA	OVERALL	PF	PA
North Dakota	1-0	42	35	4-1	200	139
South Dakota State	1-0	27	20	4-1	214	82
Southern Illinois	1-0	46	6	3-2	143	126
Northern Iowa	1-0	28	21	2-3	108	124
Youngstown State	1-1	67	55	3-2	193	123
Illinois State	0-1	21	28	4-1	215	75
South Dakota	0-1	28	47	3-2	190	151
Indiana State	0-1	35	42	2-3	156	160
Murray State	0-1	6	46	1-4	61	189

RECENT SCORES AND UPCOMING GAMES

Saturday, Sept. 26

*North Dakota 42, Indiana State 35
 *Youngstown State 47, South Dakota 28
 *Northern Iowa 28, Illinois State 21
 *Southern Illinois 46, Murray State 6
 South Dakota State 42, Eastern Illinois 7

Saturday, Oct. 3

*Murray State at North Dakota, 1 p.m.
 *Indiana State at South Dakota, 2 p.m.
 *Youngstown State at Southern Illinois, 4 p.m.
 *South Dakota State at Illinois State, 6 p.m.
 * denotes MVFC game | All times Central

2026 MVFC PRESEASON POLL

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



DEPTH CHART VS. ILLINOIS STATE

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	56	John Pica, 6-4, 310, Sr., Dell Rapids, S.D.
	76	KENYON BIGBOW, 6-5, 300, Jr., Anadarko, Okla.
or	63	Kyan Rauk, 6-8, 305, So., Northfield, Minn.
TE and/or	88	GREYTON GANNON, 6-4, 235, Sr., Eagle, Wis.
	82	Coleman Kuntz, 6-3, 245, Sr., Beaumont, Calif.
	10	Brayden Delahoyde, 6-5, 245, So., Spearfish, S.D.
	87	Ben Brooks, 6-8, 245, R-Fr., Madison, S.D.
WR	12	GRAHM GOERING, 6-2, 205, Grad., Iowa City, Iowa
	0	Landon Dulaney, 6-2, 210, R-Fr., Brandon, S.D.
WR	2	Jack Smith, 6-0, 195, So., Sioux Falls, S.D.
	3	Joe Kolega, 5-11, 195, R-Fr., Omaha, Neb.
WR	1	LOFTON O'GROSKE, 6-2, 215, Jr., Coon Rapids, Minn.
	8	Sammy Dresie, 6-2, 205, So., Maize, Kan.
QB	11	Josh Holst, 6-4, 210, Jr., Marengo, Ill.
	16	Jack Henry, 6-2, 215, So., Dell Rapids, S.D.
RB	22	Josiah Johnson, 6-0, 215, So., Milwaukee, Wis.
	4	Corey Blair Jr., 6-3, 210, R-Fr., Kernersville, N.C.
or	23	James Basinger, 5-10, 205, So., Littleton, Colo.

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
or	36	Bergan Tetzlaff, 6-5, 270, Fr., Brookings, S.D.
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	7	Noah St-Juste, 5-10, 180, Jr., Montreal, Quebec
	1	Ife Current, 6-2, 195, Sr., Kennedale, Texas
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.
	27	Noah Thompson, 6-0, 185, Sr., Brandon, S.D.
or	24	Max Stanard, 5-11, 205, So., Manhattan, Kan.
CB or	6	Paul Kim, 5-11, 190, Jr., Janesville, Wis.
	21	Myles Green, 6-0, 185, So., Homewood, Ill.

SPECIAL TEAMS

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



South Dakota State University

JACKRABBITS

2026 Football Roster

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



DAN JACKSON

**Head Coach • Second Season • 13-6 Overall Record
Alma Mater: Nebraska-Omaha, 2008**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Joining Jackson in Brookings is his wife, Missy.

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

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

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

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

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

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

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

LAST MEETING VERSUS ILLINOIS STATE

#13/14 ILLINOIS STATE 35, #15/16 SOUTH DAKOTA STATE 21

Nov. 15, 2025 • Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium (Att.: 11,407)

Illinois State took advantage of a rash of South Dakota State miscues in the first quarter, blitzing the Jackrabbits with a 28-point opening stanza en route to a 35-21 victory Saturday afternoon at Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium.

The Redbirds, ranked 13th in the Football Championship Subdivision coaches' poll and 14th in the Stats Perform media poll, ran their winning streak to four games to improve to 8-3 overall and 5-2 in the Missouri Valley Football Conference. SDSU dropped its fourth consecutive game to fall to 7-4 overall and 3-4 in league play.

Illinois State scored touchdowns on each of its first three possessions, including putting together an eight-play, 62-yard scoring drive after receiving the opening kickoff. The drive was aided by a Jackrabbit personal foul penalty before Daniel Sobkowicz caught a 10-yard touchdown pass from Tommy Rittenhouse a minute and 55 seconds into the contest.

The Redbird lead quickly grew to 14-0 a minute later when SDSU quarterback Jack Henry's attempt of a screen pass deep in his own territory was picked off at the 5-yard line by Patrick Bauer and returned for a score.

Things went from bad to worse for the Jackrabbits when the ensuing kickoff was mishandled and Illinois State recovered at the SDSU 28. Rittenhouse later connected on a 2-yard touchdown pass to Sobkowicz giving the Redbirds a 21-0 lead less than five minutes into the game.

Another unforced mistake on special teams set up Illinois State for its fourth touchdown of the opening quarter. A snap back to SDSU punter Max Pelham was fumbled, with the Redbirds taking over at the Jackrabbit 25. Rittenhouse then finished off the drive with a 2-yard touchdown run.

The Redbirds upped their lead to 35-0 with 10:15 remaining in the first half when Sobkowicz became Illinois State's all-time leader in receiving touchdowns with his third of the game and 33rd of his career. This one, on a slant route, covered nine yards and completed a nine-play, 63-yard drive.

SDSU didn't pick up a first down until the first play of the game's next drive on a 27-yard pass from Henry to tight end Coleman Kuntz. That play helped spark a Jackrabbit offense that dominated the statistical categories the remainder of the game as Henry finished off a 10-play, 75 drive with a 14-yard touchdown run.

The Jackrabbits cut the margin to 35-13 with their longest drive of the season in a two-minute situation to close out the first half. SDSU converted twice on fourth-down plays in covering 96 yards in 15 plays. First, Henry found Jack Smith for a 15-yard pass play on fourth-and-6 before throwing a 4-yard touchdown pass to Brayden Delahoyde on fourth-and-goal. The two-point attempt failed.

In the third quarter, the SDSU defense limited Illinois State to one first down and the Jackrabbit offense bridged a 16-play, 80-yard drive between the final two quarters before Josiah Johnson scored from two yards out on the second play of the fourth quarter. The Jackrabbits converted on the two-point play this time on a pass play from Henry to Greyton Gannon.

The SDSU defense continued to rise to the occasion in the fourth quarter and the Jackrabbit offense continued to put pressure on Illinois State. However, each of the next three SDSU drives ended by turning the ball over on downs in Redbird territory.

Rittenhouse ended the afternoon 17-of-32 passing for 141 yards, with Sobkowicz recording five catches for 55 yards, including his three scores. Victor Dawson paced the Redbird rushing attack with 98 yards on 20 carries.

Henry completed 32-of-51 passes for 254 yards and also was the Jackrabbits' leading rusher with 41 yards on 18 carries. SDSU finished with a 320-275 advantage in total offense.



Tight end Greyton Gannon tallied career highs of nine catches and 63 receiving yards in a losing effort against Illinois State.

Alex Bullock caught nine passes for 68 yards, sharing game-high honors with Gannon, who recorded 63 yards on a career-best nine receptions.

Tye Niekamp led all players with 16 tackles for Illinois State. Dexter Niekamp notched two of the Redbirds' five sacks.

For SDSU, linebackers Joe Ollman and Bryce Johnson each posted career highs with 11 and 10 tackles, respectively. Fellow linebacker Kytan Fyfe also registered a career-best eight stops.

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Illinois State (8-3, 5-2)	28	7	0	0	35
South Dakota State (7-4, 3-4)	0	13	0	8	21

SCORING SUMMARY

1st	13:05	ILS - Daniel Sobkowicz 10 yd pass from Tommy Rittenhouse (Matt Maldonado kick)
1st	12:03	ILS - Patrick Bauer 5 yd interception return (Maldonado kick)
1st	10:29	ILS - Sobkowicz 2 yd pass from Rittenhouse (Maldonado kick)
1st	6:26	ILS - Rittenhouse 2 yd run (Maldonado kick)
2nd	10:15	ILS - Sobkowicz 9 yd pass from Rittenhouse (Maldonado kick)
2nd	5:03	SDSU - Jack Henry 14 yd run (Eli Stader kick)
2nd	00:25	SDSU - Brayden Delahoyde 4 yd pass from Henry (pass failed)
4th	14:37	SDSU - Josiah Johnson 2 yd run (Greyton Gannon pass from Henry)

TEAM STATISTICS	ILS	SDSU
FIRST DOWNS	20	22
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	39-134	38-66
PASSING YDS (NET)	141	254
Passes Att-Comp-Int	33-17-0	51-32-2
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	72-275	89-320
Punt Returns-Yards	2-3	2-(-2)
Kickoff Returns-Yards	2-40	3-26
Interception Returns-Yards	2-15-1	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	6-43.3	4-38.2
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	4-1
Penalties-Yards	3-35	6-36
Possession Time	28:56	31:04
Third-Down Conversions	5 of 15	4 of 19
Fourth-Down Conversions	2 of 2	6 of 10
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	4-4	3-5
Sacks By: Number-Yards	5-27	1-6

RUSHING LEADERS: ILS - Victor Dawson 20-98; Seth Glatz 7-32; Tommy Rittenhouse 7-6; Daniel Sobkowicz 1-4. SDSU - Jack Henry 18-41; James Basinger 6-27; Josiah Johnson 8-25; Julius Loughridge 4-3. **PASSING LEADERS:** ILS - Tommy Rittenhouse 17-32-0 141; Daniel Sobkowicz 0-1-0 0. SDSU - Jack Henry 32-51-2 254. **RECEIVING LEADERS:** ILS - Daniel Sobkowicz 5-55; Dylan Lord 4-26; Luke Mailander 2-16; Javon Charles 2-15. SDSU - Alex Bullock 9-68; Greyton Gannon 9-63; Jack Smith 6-40; Graham Goering 3-42; Coleman Kuntz 2-33; James Basinger 1-5; Brayden Delahoyde 1-4; Josiah Johnson 1-(-1). **INTERCEPTIONS:** ILS - Dexter Niekamp 1-10; Patrick Bauer 1-5. SDSU - none. **SACKS:** ILS - Dexter Niekamp 2-0-16; Garret Steffen 1-0-7; Solomon Oduma 1-0-3; Christian Lorenzo 1-0-1. SDSU - Jace Sifore 1-0-6. **TACKLE LEADERS (UA-A-TOT):** ILS - Tye Niekamp 9-7-16; Doreon Dubose 7-4-11; Mason Kaplan 4-3-7; Jake Anderson 2-5-7; SDSU - Joe Ollman 5-6-11; Bryce Johnson 5-5-10; Kytan Fyfe 2-6-8; Jalen Lee 3-4-7; Koby Bretz 3-3-6.

VERSUS RANKED OPPONENTS

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

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

2004 0-3 record

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

2005 0-5 record

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

2006 3-3 record

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

2007 2-2 record

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

2008 3-4 record

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

2009 1-3 record

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

2010 2-3 record

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

2011 0-3 record

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

2012 3-2 record

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

2013 3-2 record

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

2014 3-4 record

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

2015 3-3 record

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

2016 4-1 record

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

2017 6-2 record

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

2018 2-3 record

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

2019 2-3 record

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

2020-21 5-2 record

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

2021 4-4 record

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

2022 8-0 record

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

2023 11-0 record

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

2024 7-2 record

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

2025 5-4 record

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

2026 1-0 record

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



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Team Results

	Date	Opponent		Score	Att.
	08/29/2026	Stetson	W	70-7	19192
	09/05/2026	at Northwestern	L	18-34	9574
	09/12/2026	New Haven	W	57-14	19013
*	09/19/2026	Youngstown St.	W	27-20	18541
	09/26/2026	Eastern Ill.	W	42-7	18264

Rushing

Player	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Josiah Johnson	5	84	551	2	549	6.5	7	55	109.8
James Basinger	5	24	316	5	311	13.0	5	55	62.2
Corey Blair	5	35	275	1	274	7.8	3	61	54.8
Ramon McKinney Jr.	3	11	104	0	104	9.5	2	27	34.7
Chase Mason	4	24	112	25	87	3.6	2	18	21.8
Jay'Veon Scott	2	11	56	0	56	5.1	0	17	28.0
Josh Myers	3	9	52	1	51	5.7	1	27	17.0
Jack Henry	3	7	41	0	41	5.9	0	13	13.7
Dominic Rezac	5	3	15	0	15	5.0	0	6	3.0
Josh Holst	4	6	31	16	15	2.5	0	15	3.8
Andrew Gustad	5	1	7	0	7	7.0	0	7	1.4
Lofton O'Groske	4	2	6	0	6	3.0	0	5	1.5
Team	5	4	0	4	-4	-1.0	0	0	-0.8
Total	5	221	1566	54	1512	6.8	20	61	302.4
Opponents	5	158	718	106	612	3.9	6	80	122.4

Passing

Player	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
Chase Mason	4	146.4	49-89-1	55.1	834	4	73	208.5
Josh Holst	4	130.2	15-34-0	44.1	270	2	78	67.5
Jack Henry	3	39.2	2-3-1	66.7	14	0	13	4.7
Total	5	139.5	66-126-2	52.4	1118	6	78	223.6
Opponents	5	124.4	81-137-1	59.1	931	4	71	186.2

Receiving

Player	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Grahm Goering	5	16	293	18.3	0	43	58.6
Jack Smith	5	15	257	17.1	1	73	51.4
Lofton O'Groske	4	12	163	13.6	0	34	40.8
Coleman Kuntz	5	7	119	17.0	1	31	23.8
Greyton Gannon	5	5	81	16.2	2	29	16.2
Landon Dulaney	3	3	102	34.0	1	78	34.0
Corey Blair	5	2	7	3.5	0	7	1.4
Ben Brooks	4	2	17	8.5	1	16	4.3
Sammy Dresie	5	1	20	20.0	0	20	4.0
Brayden Delahoyde	5	1	19	19.0	0	19	3.8
Josiah Johnson	5	1	27	27.0	0	27	5.4
Joe Kolega	4	1	13	13.0	0	13	3.3
Total	5	66	1118	16.9	6	78	223.6
Opponents	5	81	931	11.5	4	71	186.2

Game Records

Record	Overall	Home	Away	Neutral
ALL GAMES	4-1	4-0	0-1	0-0
CONFERENCE	1-0	1-0	0-0	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	3-1	3-0	0-1	0-0

Team Statistics

	SDSU	OPP
First Downs	128	74
Rushing	73	26
Passing	47	43
Penalty	8	5
Rushing Yardage	1512	612
Rushing attempts	221	158
Average per rush	6.8	3.9
Average per game	302.4	122.4
TDs Rushing	20	6
Passing Yardage	1118	931
Comp-Att-Int	66-126-2	81-137-1
Average per pass	8.9	6.8
Average per catch	16.9	11.5
Average per game	223.6	186.2
TDs Passing	6	4
Total offense	2630	1543
Average per play	7.6	5.2
Average per game	526.0	308.6
Kick returns: #-Yards	9-204	10-132
Punt returns: #-Yards	7-139	3-27
Int returns: #-Yards	1-9	2-4
Fumbles-Lost	6-2	6-6
Penalties-Yards	31-249	28-232
Punts-Avg	14-47.4	32-37.7
Time of possession / game	32:09	27:51
3rd-down conversion	25/66	24/68
4th-down conversion	10/12	2/7
PAT-attempts	(26-26) 100%	(10-10) 100%
2-point conversion-attempts	(0-1) 0%	(0-0) 0%

Interceptions

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Joe Ollman	1	9	9.0	0	9
Total	1	9	9.0	0	9
Opponents	2	4	2.0	0	4



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Field Goals

Player	fg	pct.	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	lg	blk
Tristan Alvano	8-11	72.7	0-0	4-4	3-4	1-3	0-0	43	0
Opponents	4-4	100.0	0-0	0-0	4-4	0-0	0-0	39	0

Scoring

Player	td	fg	PAT				dxd	saf	pts
			kick	rush	rcv	pass			
Tristan Alvano	-	8-11	26-26	-	-	-	-	-	50
Josiah Johnson	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	42
James Basinger	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30
Corey Blair	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
Chase Mason	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Greyton Gannon	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Ramon McKinney Jr.	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Coleman Kuntz	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Jack Smith	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Ben Brooks	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Landon Dulaney	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Josh Myers	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Alex Uchtman	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Carter Sitzman	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2
Total	27	8-11	26-26	0	0	0	0	1	214
Opponents	10	4-4	10-10	0	0	0	0	0	82

Score by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	TOT
South Dakota St.	38	77	79	20	0	214
Opponents	7	20	21	34	0	82

Punting

Player	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+	blk
Max Pelham	14	663	47.4	69	2	5	6	5	0
Total	14	663	47.4	69	2	5	6	5	0
Opponents	32	1207	37.7	54	2	7	4	4	0

Punt Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Alex Uchtman	6	139	23.2	1	65
Jack Smith	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total	7	139	19.9	1	65
Opponents	3	27	9.0	0	18

Kick Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Ramon McKinney Jr.	4	112	28.0	0	46
Brayden Delahoyde	2	13	6.5	0	8
Alex Uchtman	2	63	31.5	0	50
Jack Smith	1	16	16.0	0	16
Total	9	204	22.7	0	50
Opponents	10	132	13.2	0	19

All Purpose

Player	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g
Josiah Johnson	5	549	27	0	0	0	576	115.2
James Basinger	5	311	0	0	0	0	311	62.2
Graham Goering	5	0	293	0	0	0	293	58.6
Corey Blair	5	274	7	0	0	0	281	56.2
Jack Smith	5	0	257	0	16	0	273	54.6
Ramon McKinney Jr.	3	104	0	0	112	0	216	72.0
Alex Uchtman	5	0	0	139	63	0	202	40.4
Lofton O'Groske	4	6	163	0	0	0	169	42.3
Coleman Kuntz	5	0	119	0	0	0	119	23.8
Landon Dulaney	3	0	102	0	0	0	102	34.0
Chase Mason	4	87	0	0	0	0	87	21.8
Greyton Gannon	5	0	81	0	0	0	81	16.2
Jay'Veon Scott	2	56	0	0	0	0	56	28.0
Josh Myers	3	51	0	0	0	0	51	17.0
Jack Henry	3	41	0	0	0	0	41	13.7
Brayden Delahoyde	5	0	19	0	13	0	32	6.4
Sammy Dresie	5	0	20	0	0	0	20	4.0
Ben Brooks	4	0	17	0	0	0	17	4.3
Dominic Rezac	5	15	0	0	0	0	15	3.0
Josh Holst	4	15	0	0	0	0	15	3.8
Joe Kolega	4	0	13	0	0	0	13	3.3
Joe Ollman	5	0	0	0	0	9	9	1.8
Andrew Gustad	5	7	0	0	0	0	7	1.4
Total	5	1512	1118	139	204	9	2982	596.4
Opponents	5	612	931	27	132	4	1706	341.2

Total Offense

Player	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
Chase Mason	4	113	87	834	921	230.3
Josiah Johnson	5	84	549	0	549	109.8
James Basinger	5	24	311	0	311	62.2
Josh Holst	4	40	15	270	285	71.3
Corey Blair	5	35	274	0	274	54.8
Ramon McKinney Jr.	3	11	104	0	104	34.7
Jay'Veon Scott	2	11	56	0	56	28.0
Jack Henry	3	10	41	14	55	18.3
Josh Myers	3	9	51	0	51	17.0
Dominic Rezac	5	3	15	0	15	3.0
Andrew Gustad	5	1	7	0	7	1.4
Lofton O'Groske	4	2	6	0	6	1.5
Total	5	347	1512	1118	2630	526.0
Opponents	5	295	612	931	1543	308.6



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Team Defense

##	Player	gp	Tackles				Sacks	Pass defense			Fumbles		blkd	
			ua	a	tot	tfl/yds		int-yds	brup	qbh	fr-yds	ff	kick	saf
18	Jes Krcil	5	17	14	31	3.5-5	.	.	2	1	.	.	.	.
3	Dontay Johnson	5	11	10	21	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
28	Chase Van Tol	4	10	6	16	1-1	.	.	3	.	2-0	.	.	.
4	Michael Farr	5	11	5	16	1-2	.	.	3	.	1-0	.	.	.
5	Cullen McShane	5	7	7	14	2-9	2-9	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
21	Myles Green	5	9	3	12	1-6	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
27	Noah Thompson	4	6	5	11	1.5-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
11	Joe Ollman	5	5	5	10	.	.	1-9	1	.	.	.	.	.
33	Bryce Johnson	5	5	5	10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
24	Max Stanard	5	4	6	10	.	.	.	1	.	.	1	.	.
97	Blake Leiferman	5	4	6	10	1-7	1-7	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.
49	Luke Krempges	5	4	6	10	2-5	0.5-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1	Ife Current	5	5	4	9	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.
7	Noah St-Juste	5	6	3	9	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.
0	Carter Sitzman	5	3	5	8	3-18	1-6	.	.	.	.	1	.	1
2	Amaje Parker	5	3	5	8	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
9	Matt Goehring	4	4	3	7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
99	Dawson Ripperda	5	5	2	7	2-11	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
6	Paul Kim	5	5	2	7	.	.	.	4	.	.	.	.	.
8	Reis Kirschenman	5	1	5	6	1.5-4	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
40	Liam Shaw	3	3	3	6	1-5	1-5	.	.	2	.	.	.	.
16	Noah Luginbill	3	1	5	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
15	Jamari Holliman	5	4	1	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
46	Maverick LeBrun	5	2	3	5	1.5-16	1-16	.	1	.	.	1	.	.
51	Logan Green	5	1	3	4	1.5-4	1-3	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
91	Jace Sifore	5	2	2	4	.	.	.	2	1	.	.	.	.
39	Beau Bakken	5	3	1	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
38	Landin Jackson	5	1	3	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
26	Barry Fries	3	2	2	4	1-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
48	Jack Nash	2	1	2	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
80	Zac Van Meeteren	4	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
36	Bergan Tetzlaff	4	2	1	3	1-6	1-6	.	1	.	1-10	.	.	.
13	Emeir White	4	1	2	3	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
50	Kayden Oakland	3	1	2	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
47	Kytan Fyfe	5	.	2	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
94	Ashton Sayre	3	1	1	2	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
96	Rhett Schaefer	5	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
90	Daniel Bradley	1	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
57	Sam Christensen	3	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
44	Casey Larson	2	.	2	2	0.5-2	0.5-2	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
52	Brody Targgart	5	.	2	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
2	Jack Smith	5	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
45	Boden Schiller	1	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
98	Mac Muller	2	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
93	Cale Buntz	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
17	Micah Bush	2	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
35	Mitchell Guthmiller	2	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
54	Brady Schroedermeier	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.
Totals		5	159	150	309	26-103	9-56	1-9	27	7	6-10	6	0	1
Opponents		5	183	154	337	9-32	4-23	2-4	20	7	2-0	3	0	0

GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

GAME-BY-GAME COMPARISON

OPPONENT	SCORE	----FIRST DOWNS----				--RUSHING--	--PASSING--	YARDS	-TOTAL OFFENSE-	RETURN Yds	TURNOVERS
		TOTAL	RUSH	PASS	PEN	NUMBER-YARDS	COMP-ATT-INT		PLAYS-YARDS		
Stetson	70-7	25 / 15	19 / 8	6 / 6	0 / 1	45-393 / 34-108	6-11-0 / 21-32-0	235 / 157	56-628 / 66-265	119 / 42	0 / 2
Northwestern (Ill.)	18-34	27 / 19	11 / 7	14 / 12	2 / 0	40-147 / 31-224	23-48-1 / 14-24-0	285 / 273	88-432 / 55-497	49 / 40	1 / 0
New Haven	57-14	24 / 10	12 / 5	11 / 5	1 / 0	46-256 / 34-150	13-22-0 / 9-25-0	256 / 86	68-512 / 59-236	137 / 21	1 / 2
Youngstown State	27-20	26 / 20	15 / 4	7 / 13	4 / 3	45-308 / 23-57	12-21-0 / 27-35-1	153 / 292	66-461 / 58-349	30 / 19	1 / 1
Eastern Illinois	42-7	26 / 10	16 / 2	9 / 7	1 / 1	45-408 / 36-73	12-24-1 / 10-21-0	189 / 123	69-597 / 57-196	27 / 41	1 / 2
Illinois State											
North Dakota											
Murray State											
South Dakota											
Northern Iowa											
Southern Illinois											
Indiana State											
Totals	214-82	128 / 74	73 / 26	47 / 43	8 / 5	221-1,512 / 158-612	66-126-2 / 81-137-1	1,118 / 931	347-2,630 / 295-1,543	362 / 163	4 / 7

MISCELLANEOUS GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

THIRD-DOWN CONVERSIONS

OPPONENT	OVERALL	1ST QTR	2ND QTR	3RD QTR	4TH QTR/OT
Stetson	5-8	2-3	1-1	2-2	0-2
Northwestern	8-20	2-4	0-3	2-4	4-8
New Haven	2-12	2-5	0-2	0-3	0-2
Youngstown State	4-12	3-3	1-3	0-3	0-3
Eastern Illinois	6-14	2-4	2-4	0-2	2-4
Illinois State					
North Dakota					
Murray State					
South Dakota					
Northern Iowa					
Southern Illinois					
Indiana State					
Totals	25-66	11-19	4-13	4-15	6-19
	37.9%	57.9%	30.8%	26.7%	31.6%
Opponents	24-68	4-14	4-17	5-17	11-20
	35.3%	28.6%	23.5%	29.4%	55.0%

TIME OF POSSESSION

OPPONENT	OVERALL	1ST QTR	2ND QTR	3RD QTR	4TH QTR
Stetson	29:26	9:15	6:08	6:51	7:12
Northwestern	34:08	5:39	10:31	8:20	9:38
New Haven	33:43	6:18	13:24	6:43	7:18
Youngstown State	31:22	10:42	5:29	8:46	6:25
Eastern Illinois	32:04	8:58	7:15	5:24	10:27
Illinois State					
North Dakota					
Murray State					
South Dakota					
Northern Iowa					
Southern Illinois					
Indiana State					
Totals	160:43	40:52	42:47	36:04	41:00
Avg.	32:09	8:10	8:33	7:13	8:12
Opponents	139:17	34:08	32:13	38:56	34:00
Avg.	27:51	6:50	6:27	7:47	6:48

FOURTH-DOWN CONVERSIONS

OPPONENT	OVERALL	1ST QTR	2ND QTR	3RD QTR	4TH QTR/OT
Stetson	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Northwestern	3-3	0-0	0-0	1-1	2-2
New Haven	3-3	2-2	1-1	0-0	0-0
Youngstown State	2-2	0-0	0-0	2-2	0-0
Eastern Illinois	2-4	0-1	0-1	1-1	1-1
Illinois State					
North Dakota					
Murray State					
South Dakota					
Northern Iowa					
Southern Illinois					
Indiana State					
Totals	10-12	2-3	1-2	4-4	3-3
	83.3%	66.7%	50.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Opponents	2-7	0-1	2-3	0-1	0-2
	28.6%	0.0%	66.7%	0.0%	0.0%

PENALTIES

OPPONENT	SDSU	OPP
Stetson	5-39	2-10
Northwestern	6-45	9-61
New Haven	8-45	4-26
Youngstown State	8-80	9-93
Eastern Illinois	4-40	4-42
Illinois State		
North Dakota		
Murray State		
South Dakota		
Northern Iowa		
Southern Illinois		
Indiana State		
Totals	31-249	28-232

JACKRABBIT SCORING DRIVES

vs. STETSON

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

Note: SDSU also returned punt 65 yards for touchdown

AT NORTHWESTERN

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

vs. NEW HAVEN

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

vs. YOUNGSTOWN STATE

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

vs. EASTERN ILLINOIS

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

SCORING DRIVE SUMMARY

TYPE OF SCORING DRIVE

Touchdowns.....	26
Field Goals.....	8

By NUMBER OF PLAYS

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

By YARDS

0-9.....	1
10-19.....	2
20-29.....	3
30-39.....	2
40-49.....	2
50-59.....	6
60-69.....	5
70-79.....	8
80-89.....	2
90-99.....	3

By TIME

Less than 1:00.....	11
1:00-1:59.....	2
2:00-2:59.....	5
3:00-3:59.....	6
4:00-4:59.....	4
5:00-5:59.....	2
6:00-6:59.....	4

TOUCHDOWNS BY YARDAGE

0-9.....	5
10-19.....	5
20-29.....	8
30-39.....	1
40-49.....	1
50-59.....	3
60-69.....	1
70-79.....	2

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: 11, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-26-2026
 Passing Attempts: 22, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-26-2026
 Passing Yards: 176, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-26-2026
 Long Pass: 78 yards (for TD), to Landon Dulaney, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026
 Touchdown Passes: 1, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026, and vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-26-2026
 Rushing Attempts: 3, vs. New Haven, 9-12-2026
 Rushing Yards: 8, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-26-2026
 Long Rush: 15 yards, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-26-2026
 Total Offense: 191 yards, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-26-2026



7-CHASE MASON

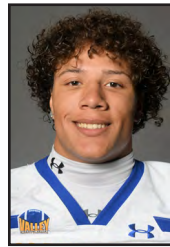
6-4, 240, Grad.

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

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

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

RUNNING BACKS



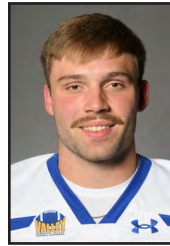
23-JAMES BASINGER

5-10, 205, So.

Littleton, Colorado • Columbine H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Rushing Attempts: 15, vs. Mercyhurst, 9-27-2025
 Rushing Yards: 116, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-26-2026
 Long Rush: 55 yards (for TD), vs. New Haven, 9-12-2026
 Rushing Touchdowns: 2, three times (last: vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-26-2026)
 Receptions: 3, vs. Mercyhurst, 9-27-2025
 Receiving Yards: 32, vs. Mercyhurst, 9-27-2025
 Long Reception: 19 yards, vs. North Dakota State, 10-25-2025
 All-Purpose Yards: 110, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026



24-BRENDEN BEGEMAN

6-2, 215, Jr.

Selby, South Dakota • Selby Area H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

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



4-COREY BLAIR, Jr.

6-3, 210, R-Fr.

Kernersville, North Carolina • East Forsyth H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Rushing Attempts: 10, vs. New Haven, 9-12-2026
 Rushing Yards: 107, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026
 Long Rush: 61 yards (for TD), vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-26-2026
 Rushing Touchdowns: 2, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026
 Receptions: 1, three times (last: vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-26-2026)
 Long Reception: 7 yards, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-26-2026
 All-Purpose Yards: 107, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026



22-JOSIAH JOHNSON

6-0, 215, So.

Milwaukee, Wisconsin • Milwaukee Academy of Science

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Rushing Attempts: 30, vs. Youngstown State, 9-19-2026
 Rushing Yards: 238, vs. Youngstown State, 9-19-2026
 Long Rush: 39 yards, vs. Youngstown State, 9-19-2026
 Rushing Touchdowns: 3, at North Dakota, 11-22-2025
 Receptions: 1, vs. Illinois State, 11-15-2025, and vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-26-2026
 Long Reception: 27 yards, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-26-2026

CAREER HIGHS — OFFENSE

RUNNING BACKS (cont.)



6-RAMON McKINNEY JR.

5-10, 190, Jr.

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

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

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



34-JOSH MYERS

6-0, 195, R-Fr.

Sioux Falls, South Dakota • Lincoln H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

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



29-DOM REZAC

6-1, 195, Grad.

Omaha, Nebraska • Westside H.S./Vanderbilt

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

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



32-JAY'VEON SCOTT

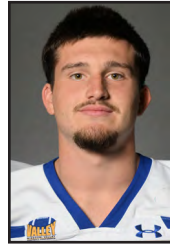
6-3, 210, Fr.

St. Louis, Missouri • Lift For Life Academy

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Rushing Attempts: 7, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026
Rushing Yards: 29, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-26-2026
Long Rush: 17 yards, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-26-2026
Rushing Touchdowns: N/A

WIDE RECEIVERS



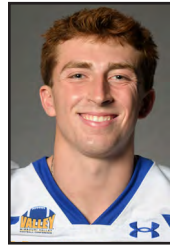
8-SAMMY DRESIE

6-2, 205, So.

Maize, Kansas • Maize South H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

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



0-LANDON DULANEY

6-2, 210, R-Fr.

Brandon, South Dakota • Brandon Valley H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

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



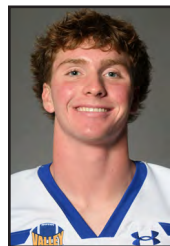
12-GRAHM GOERING

6-2, 205, Grad.

Iowa City, Iowa • Iowa City West H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Receptions: 9, at Northwestern, 9-5-2026
Receiving Yards: 137, at Montana, 12-6-2025
Long Reception: *95 yards (for TD), at Montana, 12-6-2025
Receiving Touchdowns: 1, 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



3-JOE KOLEGA

5-11, 195, R-Fr.

Omaha, Nebraska • Skutt Catholic H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Receptions: 1, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-26-2026
Receiving Yards: 13, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-26-2026
Long Reception: 13 yards, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-26-2026
Receiving Touchdowns: N/A



1-LOFTON O'GROSKE

6-2, 215, Jr.

Coon Rapids, Minnesota • Coon Rapids H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Receptions: 12, at Montana State, 9-6-2025
Receiving Yards: 133, at Montana State, 9-6-2025
Long Reception: 44 yards, vs. Sacramento State, 8-30-2025
Receiving Touchdowns: 2, at Montana State, 9-6-2025
Rushing Attempts: 3, vs. Sacramento State, 8-30-2025
Rushing Yards: 31, vs. Sacramento State, 8-30-2025
Long Rush: 24 yards, vs. Sacramento State, 8-30-2025
Rushing Touchdowns: 1, vs. Sacramento State, 8-30-2025
All-Purpose Yards: 133, at Montana State, 9-6-2025

CAREER HIGHS — OFFENSE/SPECIALISTS

WIDE RECEIVERS (cont.)



2-JACK SMITH

6-0, 195, So.

Sioux Falls, South Dakota • Lincoln H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

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

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

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

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

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

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

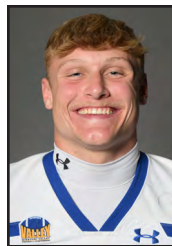
Long Rush: 75 yards (for TD), at South Dakota, 11-8-2025

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

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

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

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



10-BRAYDEN DELAHOYDE

6-5, 245, So.

Spearfish, South Dakota • Spearfish H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

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

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

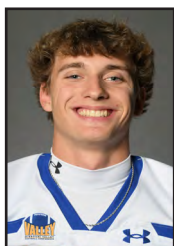
Long Reception: 25 yards (for TD), at Montana State, 9-6-2025

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

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

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

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



20-ALEX UCHTMAN

6-1, 195, Fr.

Elkhorn, Nebraska • Elkhorn North H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Receptions: N/A

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



88-GREYTON GANNON

6-4, 235, Sr.

Eagle, Wisconsin • Mukwonago H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

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

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

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

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



43-ANDREW GUSTAD

6-1, 250, Grad.

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

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

TIGHT ENDS



87-BEN BROOKS

6-8, 245, R-Fr.

Madison, South Dakota • Madison H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Receptions: 1, vs. New Haven, 9-12-2026, and vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-26-2026

Receiving Yards: 16, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-26-2026

Long Reception: 16 yards (for TD), vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-26-2026

Receiving Touchdowns: 1, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-26-2026



82-COLEMAN KUNTZ

6-3, 245, Sr.

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

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Receptions: 4, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-26-2026

Receiving Yards: 81, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-26-2026

Long Reception: 31 yards, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-26-2026

Receiving Touchdowns: 1, vs. New Hampshire, 11-29-2025, and vs. New Haven, 9-12-2026

CAREER HIGHS — SPECIALISTS/DEFENSE

SPECIALISTS



30-TRISTAN ALVANO
6-3, 205, Jr.
Omaha, Nebraska • Westside H.S./Nebraska

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Extra Points Made: 10, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026
Extra Point Attempts: 10, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026
Field Goals Made: 4, at Northwestern, 9-5-2026
Field Goal Attempts: 5, at Northwestern, 9-5-2026
Long Field Goal: 43 yards, vs. Youngstown State, 9-19-2026
Total Points: 13, vs. New Haven, 9-12-2026



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

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Solo Tackles: 2, at North Dakota, 11-9-2024
Assisted Tackles: 2, three times (last: vs. New Haven, 9-12-2026)
Total Tackles: 3, vs. Sacramento State, 8-30-2025
Tackles for Loss: 1.0, six times (last: vs. Youngstown State, 9-19-2026)
Sacks: 1.0, at North Dakota, 11-9-2024, and vs. Montana, 12-7-2024
Fumble Recoveries: 1, vs. Sacramento State, 8-30-2025



81-RYAN HARRINGTON
6-3, 185, So.
Ankeny, Iowa • Ankeny H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Field Goals Made: 1, vs. Drake, 9-13-2025
Field Goal Attempts: 1, vs. Drake, 9-13-2025
Long Field Goal: 39 yards, vs. Drake, 9-13-2025
Total Points: 3, vs. Drake, 9-13-2025



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

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Solo Tackles: 2, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026
Assisted Tackles: 3, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026
Total Tackles: 5, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026
Tackles for Loss: 1.5, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-26-2026
Sacks: 0.5, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2025



41-MAX PELHAM
6-1, 205, Grad.
Ankeny, Iowa • Ankeny H.S./MSU, Mankato

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Punts: 7, at Montana State, 9-6-2025
Punt Average (Min. 3 Punts): 54.0 yards, at Murray State, 10-18-2025
Punts Inside 20: 4, at North Dakota, 11-22-2025
Long Punt: 69 yards, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026
Pass Attempts: 1, vs. Indiana State, 11-1-2025
Completions: 1, vs. Indiana State, 11-1-2025
Passing Yards: 28, vs. Indiana State, 11-1-2025
Long Pass: 28 yards, to Koby Bretz, vs. Indiana State, 11-1-2025



46-MAVERICK LeBRUN
6-5, 255, R-Fr.
Flandreau, South Dakota • Dell Rapids St. Mary H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Solo Tackles: 1, vs. New Haven, 9-12-2026, and vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-26-2026
Assisted Tackles: 1, three times (last: vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-26-2026)
Total Tackles: 2, vs. New Haven, 9-12-2026, and vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-26-2026
Tackles for Loss: 1.0, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-26-2026
Sacks: 1.0, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-26-2026
Forced Fumbles: 1, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-26-2026
Pass Breakups: 1, vs. New Haven, 9-12-2026

DEFENSIVE ENDS



93-CALE BUNTZ
6-5, 230, Fr.
Platte City, Missouri • Platte County H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

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



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

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Solo Tackles: 2, vs. Mercyhurst, 9-27-2025, and vs. Youngstown State, 9-19-2026
Assisted Tackles: 5, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-26-2026
Total Tackles: 5, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-26-2026
Tackles for Loss: 1.0, at Youngstown State, 10-4-2025, and at Northwestern, 9-5-2026
Sacks: 1.0, at Northwestern, 9-5-2026
Fumble Recoveries: 1, vs. New Haven, 9-12-2026
Pass Breakups: 1, at Murray State, 10-18-2025

CAREER HIGHS — DEFENSE

DEFENSIVE ENDS (cont.)



50-KAYDEN OAKLAND

6-5, 230, Fr.

Faribault, Minnesota • Northfield H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Solo Tackles: 1, vs. New Haven, 9-12-2026
Assisted Tackles: 2, vs. New Haven, 9-12-2026
Total Tackles: 3, vs. New Haven, 9-12-2026
Tackles for Loss: N/A



99-DAWSON RIPPERDA

6-4, 260, Sr.

Larchwood, Iowa • West Lyon H.S./ Northern Illinois

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Solo Tackles: 6, at Montana, 12-6-2025
Assisted Tackles: 3, three times (last: at Montana, 12-6-2025)
Total Tackles: 9, at Montana, 12-6-2025
Tackles for Loss: 2.0, at Montana, 12-6-2025
Sacks: 1.5, vs. Augustana, 9-14-2024
Forced Fumbles: 1, at Youngstown State, 10-4-2025, and at North Dakota, 11-22-2025
Fumble Recoveries: 1, three times (last: vs. Drake, 9-13-2025)
Pass Breakups: 1, vs. New Haven, 9-12-2026



40-LIAM SHAW

6-3, 255, R-Fr.

Muskego, Wisconsin • Muskego H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Solo Tackles: 2, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026
Assisted Tackles: 3, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026
Total Tackles: 5, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026
Tackles for Loss: 1.0, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026
Sacks: 1.0, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026



0-CARTER SITZMAN

6-4, 275, Sr.

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

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Solo Tackles: 2, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026
Assisted Tackles: 2, at Northwestern, 9-5-2026, and vs. New Haven, 9-12-2026
Total Tackles: 3, vs. New Haven, 9-12-2026
Tackles for Loss: 2.0 vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026
Sacks: 1.0, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026
Safeties: 1, vs. New Haven, 9-12-2026
Forced Fumbles: 1, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026

DEFENSIVE TACKLES



90-DANIEL BRADLEY

6-4, 285, R-Fr.

Windermere, Florida • Windermere H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Solo Tackles: 2, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026
Assisted Tackles: N/A
Total Tackles: 2, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026



57-SAM CHRISTENSEN

6-2, 250, R-Fr.

Rock Rapids, Iowa • Central Lyon H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

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



51-LOGAN GREEN

6-4, 300, Sr.

Northboro, Iowa • Clarinda H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Solo Tackles: 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

CAREER HIGHS — DEFENSE

DEFENSIVE TACKLES (cont.)



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

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

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



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

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Solo Tackles: 2, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-26-2026
 Assisted Tackles: 1, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-26-2026
 Total Tackles: 3, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-26-2026
 Tackles for Loss: 1.0, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-26-2026
 Sacks: 1.0, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-26-2026
 Fumble Recoveries: 1, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-26-2026
 Pass Breakups: 1, vs. Youngstown State, 9-129-2026



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

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

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



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

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

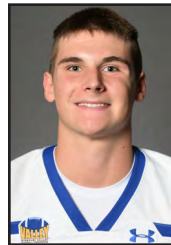
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 Assisted Tackles: 1, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-26-2026
 Total Tackles: 2, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-26-2026



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

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

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



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

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

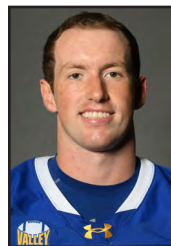
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 Assisted Tackles: 1, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026, and vs. New Haven, 9-12-2026
 Total Tackles: 3, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026
 Tackles for Loss: 1.0, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026



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

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

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



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

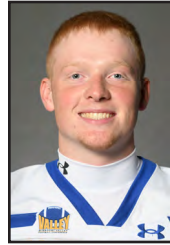
Tackles for Loss: 1.0, at Montana State, 9-6-2025

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



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



5-CULLEN McSHANE

6-2, 225, Sr.

Marquette, Iowa • MFL MarMac H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

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

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

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

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

Sacks: 1.0, three times (last: vs. Youngstown State, 9-19-2026)

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

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

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



35-MITCHELL GUTHMILLER

6-4, 210, Fr.

Volga, South Dakota • Sioux Valley H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Solo Tackles: N/A

Assisted Tackles: 1, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-26-2026

Total Tackles: 1, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-26-2026

Tackles for Loss: N/A



33-BRYCE JOHNSON

6-3, 220, Sr.

Parker, Colorado • Lutheran H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Solo Tackles: 6, vs. New Hampshire, 11-29-2025

Assisted Tackles: 5, vs. Illinois State, 11-15-2025

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

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

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



11-JOE OLLMAN

6-1, 230, Sr.

Mequon, Wisconsin • Homestead H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Interceptions: 1, at Murray State, 10-18-2025, and vs. Youngstown State, 9-19-2026

Pass Breakups: 1, four times (last: vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-26-2026)



18-JES KRCIL

6-1, 220, Jr.

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

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Solo Tackles: 6, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-26-2026

Assisted Tackles: 6, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-26-2026

Total Tackles: 12, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-26-2026

Tackles for Loss: 1.0, three times (last: vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-26-2026)

Pass Breakups: 2, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-26-2026

CAREER HIGHS — DEFENSE

LINEBACKERS (cont.)



45-BODEN SCHILLER

6-1, 210, So.

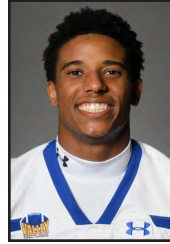
Volga, South Dakota • Sioux Valley H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Solo Tackles: 1, four times (last: vs. New Hampshire, 11-29-2025)

Assisted Tackles: 1, vs. Illinois State, 11-15-2025, and vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-26-2026

Total Tackles: 2, vs. Illinois State, 11-15-2025



21-MYLES GREEN

6-0, 185, So.

Homewood, Illinois • Homewood-Flossmoor H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

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

Assisted Tackles: 2, at Northwestern, 9-5-2026

Total Tackles: 5, at Northwestern, 9-5-2026

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

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

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

Kick Returns: 2, at Montana, 12-6-2025

Kickoff Return Yards: 60, at Montana, 12-6-2025

Long Kickoff Return: 34 yards, at Montana, 12-6-2025



54-BRADY SCHROEDERMEIER

6-3, 195, Fr.

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

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Solo/Assisted Tackles: N/A

Total Tackles: N/A

Tackles for Loss: N/A

Fumble Recoveries: 1, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-26-2026



15-JAMARI HOLLIMAN

6-0, 195, Jr.

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

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

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

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

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



28-CHASE VAN TOL

6-1, 210, Jr.

Tea, South Dakota • Tea Area H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

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

Assisted Tackles: 3, at Northwestern, 9-5-2026

Total Tackles: 9, vs. Youngstown State, 10-12-2024, and at Northwestern, 9-5-2026

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

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

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

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

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

Pass Breakups: 1, four times (last: vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-26-2026)



6-PAUL KIM

5-11, 190, Jr.

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

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Solo Tackles: 4, vs. Youngstown State, 9-19-2026

Assisted Tackles: 1, vs. New Haven, 9-12-2026, and vs. Youngstown State, 9-19-2026

Total Tackles: 5, vs. Youngstown State, 9-19-2026

Pass Breakups: 2, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-26-2026



CORNERBACKS

1-IFE CURRENT

6-2, 195, Sr.

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

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

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

Assisted Tackles: 3, at Northwestern, 9-5-2026

Total Tackles: 4, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026, and at Northwestern, 9-5-2026

Pass Breakups: 1, vs. New Haven, 9-12-2026, and vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-26-2026



7-NOAH ST-JUSTE

5-10, 180, Jr.

Montreal, Quebec • Clearwater Academy International (Fla.)

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

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

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

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

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

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

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

Pass Breakups: 1, vs. North Dakota State, 10-25-2025, and at Northwestern, 9-5-2026

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

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CORNERBACKS (cont.)



13-EMEIR WHITE

5-11, 185, Fr

Orland Park, Illinois • Brother Rice H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

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

Assisted Tackles: 1, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026, and vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-26-2026

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

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

SAFETIES



17-MICAH BUSH

6-1, 195, Fr.

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

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

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

Assisted Tackles: N/A

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

Tackles for Loss: N/A



16-NOAH LUGINBILL

6-0, 190, Jr.

Clovis, California • Clovis H.S./Saddleback College

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Solo Tackles: 1, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-26-2026

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

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

Forced Fumbles: 1, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-26-2026



2-AMAJE PARKER

6-0, 195, Jr.

Charlottesville, Virginia • Albermarle H.S./ Virginia Military Institute

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Solo Tackles: 1, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026, and vs.

Youngstown State, 9-19-2026

Assisted Tackles: 2, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-26-2026

Total Tackles: 2, vs. Youngstown State, 9-19-2026, and vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-26-2026

Forced Fumbles: 1, vs. New Haven, 9-12-2026



4-MICHAEL "TANK" FARR

5-11, 200, Fr.

Racine, Wisconsin • J.I. Case H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Solo Tackles: 5, at Northwestern, 9-5-2026

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

Total Tackles: 6, at Northwestern, 9-5-2026

Tackles for Loss: 1.0, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-26-2026

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

Pass Breakups: 1, three times (last: vs. Youngstown State, 9-19-2026)



24-MAX STANARD

5-11, 205, So.

Manhattan, Kansas • Manhattan H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Solo Tackles: 2, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-26-2026

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

Total Tackles: 6, vs. Stetson, 8-29-2026

Forced Fumbles: 1, vs. New Haven, 9-12-2026

Pass Breakups: 1, at Northwestern, 9-5-2026



38-LANDIN JACKSON

6-2, 190, Fr.

New Braunfels, Texas • New Braunfels H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Solo Tackles: N/A

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

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

Tackles for Loss: N/A



27-NOAH THOMPSON

6-0, 185, Sr.

Brandon, South Dakota • Brandon Valley H.S.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Solo Tackles: 4, vs. Youngstown State, 9-19-2026

Assisted Tackles: 2, three times (last: vs. Youngstown State, 9-19-2026)

Total Tackles: 6, vs. Youngstown State, 9-19-2026

Tackles for Loss: 1.5, vs. Youngstown State, 9-19-2026

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

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

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



3-DONTAY JOHNSON

6-2, 190, Sr.

Fort Collins, Colorado •

Colorado Early College

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Solo Tackles: 7, vs. Youngstown State, 9-19-2026

Assisted Tackles: 5, vs. New Hampshire, 11-29-2025, and at Northwestern, 9-5-2026

Total Tackles: 8, vs. Youngstown State, 9-19-2026

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

Pass Breakups: 1, five times (last: at Northwestern, 9-5-2026)