



# UNIVERSITY OF SIOUX FALLS FOOTBALL

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## Cougars History

First game: .....1902 vs. USD  
Last Postseason Appearance.....2016 (NCAA DII Playoffs --  
Harding 27 USF 24 OT, 11/21/15, Bob Young Field.)  
First Year of Football .....1902  
All-Time Record (Years) .....428-406-20 (98th)  
Number of Conference Championships (Last) .....20 (2016)  
Number of National Championships (Last).....4 (2009)  
All-Americans.....114  
Player of the Year Award recipients.....5  
All-Conference Selections.....314  
Highest NCAA DII Rankings...#4 AFCA Coaches Poll, 2016 week  
12 rankings



VS.



**#7/9 Sioux Falls (2-0, 2-0 NSIC)**

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**U-Mary (0-2, 0-2 NSIC)**

MDU Resources Community Bowl, Bismarck, N.D.

1 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 16

Series Record - USF leads U-Mary, 7-4

Live Radio - KWSN 1230, 98.1 with play-by-play announcer Tom Frederick and color analyst Tim Hiatt  
Video -- <https://portal.stretchinternet.com/siouxfalls>  
Live Stats -- <http://www.sidearmstats.com/mary/football/>  
[www.usfcougars.com](http://www.usfcougars.com)

**Rankings:** USF, #7 in AFCA and #8 in D2Football.com

## #7/8 USF FB Team visits U-Mary Saturday

SIOUX FALLS -- The #7/8 University of Sioux Falls Football Team (2-0, 2-0 NSIC), which leads NCAA DII in rushing defense and sacks, will travel to University of Mary (0-2, 0-2 NSIC) Saturday at 1 p.m. for a match up at the MDU Resources Community Bowl in Bismarck, N.D., with a team that builds its offensive scheme on running and specifically a triple option look.

The Cougars, which opened the season with two wins, has moved up from a national preseason rank of #17 to top-10 spots in both national polls. USF is ranked seventh in the most recent AFCA Coaches DII Poll and eighth in the D2Football.com Poll. USF has been ranked in 38 straight polls in both AFCA and D2Football.com.

### Breakdown

Led by its defense and an offense improving week-by-week, USF has opened 2-0 with a 63-14 point differential in wins over previously #10 Minnesota Duluth (26-7) and Northern State (37-7). In week one, the Cougars, aided by a defensive score by Derek Landis and a punt return TD from Jason Towns, defeated defending North Division champ Minnesota Duluth, 26-7, snapping the Bulldogs 22-game home winning streak. NSIC Defensive Player of the Week Dennis Gardeck had

## 2017 Schedule

Aug. 31	at Minnesota Duluth	W, 26-7
Sept. 9	NORTHERN STATE	W, 37-7
Sept. 16	@ U-Mary	1 p.m.
Oct. 3	MINNESOTA CROOKSTON (USF Hall of Fame game)	6 p.m.
Sept. 30	@ Southwest Minnesota State	5 p.m.
Oct. 10	WINONA STATE (HOMECOMING)	6 p.m.
Oct. 12	@ Wayne State	7 p.m.
Oct. 21	@ Concordia-St. Paul	Noon
Oct. 28	AUGUSTANA (KEY TO THE CITY)	Noon
Nov. 4	@ Upper Iowa	11 a.m.
Nov. 11	MINNESOTA STATE (SENIOR DAY)	Noon

## Where to Watch/Listen

The radio broadcast will be on KWSN 1230 AM, 98.1 FM with veteran play-by-play announcer Tom Frederick, who is in his 20th year with the Cougars. Tim Hiatt is in his 17th year as the analyst on the USF game broadcasts. The Jon Anderson Pre-game Show airs 30 minutes prior to kickoff. Join Tom and Tim after the game for a wrap-up and interviews. Live stats are available at usfcougars.com with each game webcast through the NSIC's partnership with Stretch Internet. All USF games are available for live streaming at [portal.stretchinternet.com/siouxfalls](http://portal.stretchinternet.com/siouxfalls).



five sacks to lead a USF defense that recorded a program D2 best eight sacks, 14 tackles for loss and held UMD to -19 yards rushing on 30 carries. In a 37-7 win over Northern State last Saturday, Max Mickey rushed 24 times for a career-high 217 yards and two TDs, including an 87-yard run. The defense held NSU to two net yards rushing on 30 attempts and 191 total yards. Meanwhile the USF offense rolled up 415 yards in total offense, including 246 rushing.

U-Mary has opened the season 0-2 with a 35-7 setback Minnesota State, 35-7, and Wayne State, 48-10. The Marauders rushed for 196 yards and had 286 total yards but allowed 420 yards of total offense to MSU in falling, 35-7. U-Mary scored first against the Mavericks but then allowed 35 straight points. In the setback at Wayne State, U-Mary fell behind 28-3 at halftime. Overall the Marauders were outgained 458-to-356 yards in total offense. U-Mary had 312 rushing yards on 59 attempts but just 44 yards throwing.

Something has to obviously give in this week's match up as USF, the league's top ranked defense (200.5 yards per game) and top unit in stopping the rush (-8.5 yards per game), meets the number two ranked rushing team in the NSIC. Mary is averaged 254.0 yards rushing per game or 4.3 yards per game.

### Series Notes -- USF holds a 7-4 lead

The Cougars and the University of Mary met 11 times since 1988 with the Cougars owning a 7-4 series record. The Cougars and Marauders have met twice, including a 55-7 USF win two years ago at Bob Young Field. In 2013, the Cougars dropped a 17-10 decision to U-Mary in Bismarck, N.D. USF has outscored the Marauders 299-223 in the 11 contests. USF took the first two games against U-Mary in 1988 (37-13) and 1989 (28-17) before the Marauders evened the series by defeating the Cougars in 1990 (17-6) and 1991 (35-21). They handed USF its only loss in 1995 by defeating the Cougars 42-17 in the second round of the NAIA playoffs. The Cougars returned the favor in 1996 as USF's Kurtiss Riggs, who is a member of the USF Athletic Hall of Fame, led the Cougars to a 56-19 win in the first round of the NAIA playoffs. USF went onto capture the school's first national title. USF and U-Mary met three more times in the NAIA playoffs with the Cougars winning by a combined 13 points, including 29-25 in 1998, 27-21 in 2001 and 13-10 in 2002.

### Mickey records 15th 100-yard rushing game

Eight-time All-American Max Mickey is off to a fast start with 331 yards on 61 carries and three TDs after two games. The senior from Holden, Mo., who ranks third in the country in yardage (331) and seventh in rushing yards per game (165.5). In a 37-7 win over Northern State at Bob Young Field, Mickey set a career-best with 217 rushing yards on 24 carries with two TDs. for his 15th career 100-yard rushing game and second over 200 yards. He ranks fourth all-time at USF in 100-yard rush games. Among Mickey's two scoring runs vs NSU was a career-best 87 yard gallop in the first half for a 17-0 lead. The NSIC Preseason South Offensive Player of the Year now has 3,114 career rushing yards (8th all-time at USF) and 35 career rushing TDs (8th all-time at USF). He now needs two rushing yards to move into seventh on USF career chart and ahead of Terry Austin, 1992-95, who had 3,115 rushing yards on 488 carries. Mickey is just 24 yards away from sixth all-time in rushing at USF, a spot held by Ryan Lowmiller, 2006-09, who had 3,137 yards on 557 carries. Mickey also had 3,490 all-purpose yards with 38 total TDs. With one more TD, Mickey will tie Kalen DeBoer, 1993-96, with 39 career TDs, for 10th on USF's scoring list. Mickey has 44 career receptions for 327 yards and three TDs.

### Rushing, Career

Name	Yards	Attempts	Avg.	TD
1. David Ruter, 1995-'98	4,783	677	7.06	73
2. Mike Dvoracek, 2003-'06	4,658	866	5.37	59
3. Nick Kortan, 1999-2002	4,331	762	5.68	45

## Jon Anderson -- Head Coach -- Sioux Falls



### Jon Anderson

Sioux Falls  
1st Year  
Buena Vista. 2002  
Overall Record 11-34  
At USF -- 2-0  
NSIC -- 2-0  
Home -- 1-0  
Away -- 1-0



## Quick Glance at USF

Location.....	Sioux Falls, S.D.
Founded.....	1883
Enrollment.....	1,500
Nickname.....	Cougars
Colors.....	Purple and White
Affiliation.....	NCAA Division II
Conference.....	Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference
President.....	Dr. Brett Bradfield
Director of Athletics.....	Josh Snyder
Stadium (capacity).....	Bob Young Field (5,000)

### Record -- Year-by-Year -- NCAA DII

<b>2017 Record.....</b>	<b>2-0</b>
2016 Record.....	12-1
2015 Record.....	9-3
2014 Record.....	11-1
2013 Record.....	6-5
2012 Record.....	9-2
2011 Record.....	5-4

### Assistant Coaches

Defensive Coordinator.....	Nick Benedetto (Sioux Falls, 2009)
Offensive Coordinator.....	Jim Chapin ..... (Michigan, 2009)
Special Teams Coordinator/LB Coach.....	Adam Breske (Northern Colorado, 2005)
Offensive Line/Recruiting Coor.....	Dane Wardenburg (Northwest Mo. State 2011)
Defensive Line Coach.....	Marcus Hall-Oliver Minnesota State, 2014)
Kickers/Punters.....	Al Hansen (Sioux Falls, 1987)
Defensive Line.....	Marcus Hall-Oliver ..... (Minnesota State, 2014)
Wide Receivers Coach.....	Matt Kloss (Minnesota, 2012)
Running Backs Coach.....	B.J. Farrell-Johnson (Rhode Island 2005)
Defensive Line Coach.....	Jordan Pierce (West Virginia State '16)
Defensive Backs Coach.....	Taylor James

5. Jim Pehringer, 1987-90	3,454	847	4.1	47
4. Luke Papilion (2013-)	3,383	515	6.6	44
6. Ryan Lowmiller, 2006-09	3,137	557	5.6	49
7. Terry Austin, 1992-95	3,115	488	6.4	41
<b>8. Max Mickey, 2014-</b>	<b>3,114</b>	<b>490</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>35</b>

### Butler surpasses 200 career tackles

With seven tackles in the opener against Minnesota Duluth and three more against NSU, senior captain Josh Butler has surpassed 200 tackles in his ca-

reer. He has 205 career stops with 130 solo stops and 21 passes defended. Butler has recorded two interceptions in his career and also has a sack.

### **Gardeck named Defensive NSIC POW**

USF linebacker Dennis Gardeck was named the NSIC Defensive Player of the Week on Sept. 4 after setting a USF D2 mark of five sacks while registering his 10th career double digit tackles game with 10. He had five tackles for a loss, fumble recovery and a forced fumble.

### **Anderson records first win as head coach at USF**

With a 26-7 victory over then #10 Minnesota-Duluth on Aug. 31 in Duluth, Minn, USF Football gave head coach Jon Anderson his first career win in his first game leading the program. With a 37-7 win over in-state rival Northern State on Sept. 9 at Bob Young Field, Anderson also claimed his first home win as head coach, moving to 2-0 in his USF career. He returned to USF in December to take over the program. Anderson was an assistant coach, including serving as defensive coordinator, from 2002-2012.

### **USF leads nation in rushing D, sacks; Gardeck individual sacks leader nationally**

USF is ranked first in NCAA DII in three team and individual statistical categories (team sacks, rushing defense, individual sacks), according to national stats released on Sunday. The Cougars rank in the top 20 in 22 statistical categories and top-10 in 16 categories. In the opening two weeks, the Cougars recorded a school record 16 sacks with eight against both Minnesota-Duluth and Northern State. Senior linebacker Dennis Gardeck has an NCAA DII-best seven sacks, including a DII program mark of five against UMD in week one. In addition, the Cougars have limited two opponents to a total of -17 rushing yards or a DII-best -8.5 net rushing yards per game. The USF defense, directed by defensive coordinator Nick Benedetto, ranks second nationally in tackles for loss with 12.5 per game and sit second in total defense (200.5 yards per game), turnover margin (3.0 per game), fumbles recovered (5), turnovers gained (9), and defensive TDs (2). The Cougars sit fifth in scoring defense (7.0 ppg) and seventh in interceptions (2.0 per game). Additionally, USF is 12th in first downs defense (23), 13th in third down conversions defense (22 percent) and 17th in team passing efficiency defense (91.07). Gardeck, a senior from Lake in the Hills, Ill., also ranks second nationally with 3.5 tackles for loss. Senior Derek Landis of Lakewood, Colo., is 10th in sacks at 1.5 sacks per game with senior linebacker Michael Atonio of Kodiak, Alaska, 27th at 1.0 per game. The offense, directed by offensive coordinator Jim Chapin, also has a pair of players ranked in the top 20 nationally. Kicker Stuart Vanden Heuvel, a senior from Watertown, Wis., is 11th with 1.5 field goals per game. Vanden Heuvel is 3-of-4 on field goals with all three over 40 yards. He had a career-best 50 yard field goal against NSU.

All-American running back Max Mickey of Holden, Mo., ranks third in rushing yards with 331 and seventh in yards per game at 165.5. Mickey, who has 3,114 career rushing yards, sits 15th in rushing TDs with three and 20th in totals TDs with three.

### **USF Defense has recorded more sacks than allowed points**

USF's defense is off to a fast start with a nation-best 16 sacks through two games. The Cougars have recorded eight sacks in both season-opening wins. In fact, USF has more sacks (16) than points allowed. In addition, the Cougars have more sacks than rushing yards allowed. To this point, USF has limited UMD to a -19 net rushing yards on 30



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### **How USF and U-Mary match up (totals with league rank)**

USF	2017 Totals/Averages	Mary
31.5 (8th)	Scoring	8.5 (16th)
7.0 (1st)	Scoring Defense	41.5 (15th)
176.5 (6th)	Rush Yards	254.0 (2nd)
128.5 (15th)	Pass Yards	67.0 (16th)
305.0 (12th)	Total Yards	321.0 (11th)
103.7 (10th)	Pass Efficiency	76.3 (16th)
200.5 (1st)	Total Defense	439.0 (14th)
-8.5 (1st)	Rushing Defense	218.0 (14th)
209.0 (7th)	Pass Defense	221.0 (10th)
34.3 (6th)	Net Punting	32.6 (11th)
11.7 (5th)	Punt Returns	4.0 (12th)
14.0 (13th)	Kickoff Returns	13.0 (14th)
16 (1st)	Sacks	4 (9th)
3 (7th)	Sacks Allowed	0 (1st)

carries and Northern State to two rushing yards on 30 carries. Doing math shows that USF has allowed a -17 net rushing yards or a DII-best -8.5 yards per game.

### **Coaching record in first games at USF**

Coach Jon Anderson has become the ninth coach to record a win in the opening game as USF coach. Overall, USF coaches have gone 9-10-2 when coaching their first games at the school. Here is a list.

- 1919 – T.R. Johnson, L, 19-9, Dakota Wesleyan
- 1924 – Frank McCormick, W, 32-0, Southern State
- 1928 – Francis Olson, W, 7-0, Northern State
- 1935 – Walter Hargesheimer, W, 12-7, Fort Dodge JC
- 1937 – Ben Mankowski, L, 18-0, Morningside
- 1946 – Ben Nelson, L, 13-0, Southern State
- 1947 – Bill Mauzy, L, 20-0, General Beadle
- 1948 – Bill Wilkinson, T, 0-0, General Beadle
- 1949 – Philip Tinsworth, W, 26-12, General Beadle
- 1956 – Jack LaSalle, L, 27-0, Yankton College
- 1958 – Don Ewen, T, 6-6, SD Tech
- 1962 – Richard Sterup, L, 28-13, Bethel
- 1969 – Jim Ricketts, L, 36-12, Southwest State
- 1971 – Al Molde, L, 34-0 Dakota Wesleyan
- 1973 – Gary Hoffman, L, 7-3, USD-Springfield
- 1976 – Roger Thomas, L, 13-7, Dakota Wesleyan
- 1978 – David Schroeder, L, 22-0, SD Tech
- 1983 – Bob Young, L, 31-0, Bemidji State
- 2005 – Kalen DeBoer, W, 14-7, Concordia, Neb.
- 2010 – Jed Stugart, W, 41-24, Northwestern, Iowa
- 2017 – Jon Anderson, W, 26-7, Minnesota Duluth

### **Cougars have scored 36 TDs on D/ST in DII era**

Through two games, the Cougars have registered three defensive or special teams TDs in 2017 which pushes their total to 36 during the DII era. Among those scores are 25 on defense and 11 by special teams. The latest TD was senior safety Jeff Harman's 35-yard interception for

a score against NSU. In the opener against UMD, the Cougars had a 17-yard fumble recovery for a TD by Derek Landis and a 41-yard punt return for a TD by Jason Towns. The Cougars pushed their total of 35 touchdowns by special teams or defense during the DII era (since 2011). USF has scored 24 defensive TDs since 2011 and 11 special teams TDs.

### **Fieber settling in at quarterback for USF**

Ian Fieber, a junior quarterback, won the starting role this fall and is starting to settle in at the position. He has completed 27-of-50 passes for 54 percent. He has thrown for 242 yards with a TD. He is averaging 121.0 yards per game.

### **Holmes, Smith and Maxwell leading receiving corps**

Through two games, junior wide out Anthony Holmes of Des Moines, Iowa leads USF in receiving with seven catches for 69 yards, including a long of 20 yards. Freshman Ty Smith of Sioux Falls has five catches for 65 yards, including a 35-yard TD against NSU. Smith made an acrobatic catch to haul in the 35-yard TD strike from Fieber, which closed the first quarter in USF's win. Michael Maxwell of Richmond, Texas, has five receptions for 37 yards, including a 25-yarder against NSU.

### **Atonio, Campiotti off to solid starts on D**

Seniors Michael Atonio of Kodiak, Alaska, and Kyle Campiotti of Livermore, Calif., are off to solid starts for USF. Campiotti, who was all-league a year ago, had 77 career tackles, including 10 stops this season. He has made three TFLs with a sack, pass breakup and pass defended. For his career, Campiotti has 4.5 TFLs, five passes defended and two sacks with one interception. Atonio has made an impact with 12 tackles, including nine solo stops. He has 3.5 tackles for loss, two sacks, forced fumble and fumble recovery. After sitting out a year ago, Atonio now has 25 career tackles, including 18 solo stops in playing six games.

### **Scoring streak hits 141 games**

Since moving to DII in 2011, the Cougars have scored 2,541 points in 70 games or 37 ppg. USF has scored in 141 games dating to a 55-0 loss to Carroll College in the final game of the 2005 season. USF had a DII-best 73 points vs. Minnesota State-Moorhead (Sept. 27) in 2014. The previous high was in 2011 when the Cougars defeated the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology, 71-0.

### **Cougars own 47-10 record in NSIC games**

USF is 47-10 in NSIC games and 54-16 in all DII games since the transition in 2011. USF's clinched a 23rd straight winning season in 2015, a streak which is unmatched in D2 and the fifth-longest streak across all divisions. The string of success began with an 8-3 season for legendary head coach Bob Young in 1994.

### **Butler, Mayberry, Springer and Mickey named Team Captains**

Head Football Coach Jon Anderson has announced the team captains for the 2017 season. The captains, selected by vote of the team, include seniors Max Mickey, Holden, Mo.; Joshua Butler, Aurora, Colo.; Brian Mayberry, Littleton, Colo.; and Jesse Springer, Denver, Colo.

### **Gardeck is off to a fast start at USF**

In two games with USF, senior linebacker Dennis Gardeck has a

team high 17 tackles, including an NSIC-NCAA DII best seven sacks. He had five sacks in the opening win over UMD and added a pair in week two. A two-time All Mountain East performer before transferring to USF, Gardeck has 10 career games with double digit tackles after his opening season outing against UMD. In his career, he now has 290 tackles with 25 career sacks and 44 tackles for loss.

### **Cougars Tracks**

USF has the longest run of winning seasons in NCAA DII at 23 straight winning campaigns. That mark is the fifth best across all divisions at the NCAA level.

### **Mary Notes**

#### **Josh Kotelnicki leads Mary Program**

**U-Mary** is led by Josh Kotelnicki in his fifth season as head football coach with the Marauders. He is currently 7-28 with the program, including 0-2 this season. Kotelnicki is a former assistant head coach at North Dakota, where he was defensive coordinator, special teams coordinator, recruiting coordinator. A team captain and starting outside linebacker on the 2001 UND national championship team (DII), he was named U-Mary's sixth coach in 2014. The Litchfield, Minn., native also served as offensive line coach at Murray State University in 2002. He returned to UND in 2004 and was named defensive coordinator at Truman State in 2006. From there he moved to Kansas State, serving as a defensive graduate assistant in 2007. He returned to UND in 2008 as special teams coordinator and linebackers coach. He has a bachelor's degree in psychology from UND in 2002 and a master's degree in business from Murray State in 2003.

#### **Quick Take on Mary**

Mary, which operates out of a triple option offense, ranks second in the NSIC in rushing with 254.0 yards per game. With use of the triple option, the Marauders rarely throw the ball with just 67 yards per game and 20 total passes in two games. They have averaged 321.0 yards in total offense through two games. Defensively, they have allowed 439.0 yards in total rushing over two games. Directing the offense is redshirt freshman Logan Nelson, who has 47 rushing yards on 15 carries. DeShawn Gay is the leading rusher with 186 yards on 24 carries with a TD. Colton Farmer has 77 yards on 29 carries while Paul Guptill has 75 yards rushing on 17 carries. Nelson has yet to complete a pass in eight attempts. When they throw it, Colton Farmer takes the reigns as he has eight completions on 12 attempts for 134 yards.



# USF Fall Roster

#1 Jason Towns	5-6	165	Sr.	RB	Harvey, IL/Thornton Township HS
#2 Michael Maxwell	5-9	180	Jr.	WR	Richmond, TX/Terry HS/Laney College
#3 Parker Gregston	6-0	193	R-So.	DB	Arvada, CO./Ralston Valley HS
#4 Noah Butler	6-2	185	R-So.	QB	Aurora, CO/Vista Park HS
#5 Josh Butler	6-0	187	Sr.	DB	Aurora, Colo./Gateway HS
#6 Ian Fieber	6-2	195	Jr.	QB	Mission Viejo, CA./Mission Viejo HS/San Jose St./Riverside JC
#7 Matthew Young	5-10	196	Sr.	QB	Phoenix, Ariz./Desert Vista HS
#8 Noah St. Pierre	6-2	190	Jr.	DB	Wagner, SD/Los Angeles Valley JC
#9 Latrell Martin	6-2	215	Jr.	WR	Pflugerville, TX/Hendrickson HS /Iowa Western
#11 Mitchell Martin	6-3	210	R-Fr.	QB	Strasburg, CO./Strasburg HS
#12 Stuart VandenHuevel	6-2	207	Sr.	P/K	Watertown, WS/Lakeside Lutheran HS
#13 AJ Garrow	5-9	185	R-Jr.	WR	Brandon, SD/Brandon, S.D.
#14 Dalton Elliott	6-0	220	R-So.	LB	Nicollett, MN/Nicollett HS
#15 Ty Smith	6-4	215	R-Fr.	WR	Sioux Falls, SD/Washington HS
#16 Clint Sigg	6-4	250	Jr.	TE	Longmont, CO/Longmont HS/Davidson
#17 Jett Thune	6-3	187	R-Fr.	QB	Sioux Falls, SD/Roosevelt HS
#18 Anthony Holmes	6-6	225	R-Jr.	WR	Des Moines, IA/Valley HS/Missouri Western
#19 Kyle Campiotti	5-11	217	Sr.	LB	Livermore, CA/Granada HS/Chabot College
#20 Jeffrey Harman	6-0	205	Sr.	DB	Redland, CA/East Valley HS/San Bernardino Valley JC
#22 Max Mickey	5-9	190	Sr.	RB	Holden, MO/Holden HS
#23 Winston Maxwell	5-6	170	R-So.	RB	Albany, GA/Kubasaki - Okinawa, Japan
#24 Trevor Coleman	6-2	199	Sr.	LB	Atwater, CA/Atwater HS/City College of San Francisco
#26 Ainde Warren	6-1	200	Gr.	DB	Silver Spring, MD/Wheaton HS/West Virginia State
#27 Mason Schroyer	5-7	190	R-So.	RB	Fort Collins, CO/Fort Collins HS
#28 Riley Waldie	6-1	217	R-Jr.	TE	Fort Collins, CO/Jenks HS
#29 Isaac Schubert	5-7	180	R-So.	RB	Madison, SD/Madison HS
#30 Colton Myles	6-0	205	R-So.	RB	Richfield, MN/Thomas Jefferson HS
#31 Michael Antonio	5-10	235	Sr.	LB	Kodiak, AK/Kodiak HS/Fergus Falls JC
#32 Joe Rodino	5-10	198	R-So.	DB	Omaha, NE/Creighton Prep
#33 Shaunard Harts	5-11	185	Jr.	DB	Elk Grove, CA/Elk Grove HS/Sacramento City College
#34 Isaac Josephson	6-0	205	Sr.	LB	Minneota, MN/Minnesota HS
#35 Jack Schelhaas	6-1	190	R-Fr.	DB	Sioux Falls, SD/Washington HS
#36 Tucker Stout	6-0	205	R-So.	DB	Spokane, Wash./Central Valley HS
#37 Nate Durfee	6-0	195	R-Fr.	DB	Sioux Falls, S.D./Roosevelt HS
#38 Austin Schaffer	6-1	194	R-Sr.	DB	Hilbert, WS/Hilbert HS
#39 Isaiah Johnson	6-0	190	Jr.	DB	Temecula, CA/Chapparal HS/Saddleback JC
#40 Shayden Drey	6-1	205	Sr.	LB	Winner, S.D./Winner HS
#41 Ricky Quintana	5-9	165	R-Fr.	DB	Sioux City, Iowa/Sioux City West
#42 Adria Botella	6-5	255	Sr.	DE	Barcelona, Spain/ Escola Pia Nostra Senyora
#43 Joshua Collazo	5-10	235	Sr.	RB	Orlando, Fla.
#44 Lucas Lunstra	5-10	151	R-Jr.	LB	Brandon Valley, S.D./Brandon HS
#45 Jason Sturdivant	5-11	180	Sr.	DB	Waterbury, Conn./Crosby HS/LA Pierce College
#46 Derek Landis	6-2	235	Sr.	DL	Lakewood, Colo./Lakewood HS
#47 Dennis Gardeck	6-0	205	Gr	LB	Lake In The Hills, IL./Crystal Lake South/West Virginia State
#48 Gunnar Dean	6-1	215	R-So.	LB	Lincoln, Neb./Lincoln East HS
#50 Brody Grantham	6-1	229	R-So.	LB	Hayti, S.D./Hamlin HS
#51 Max Sturdevant	6-2	203	R-So.	LB	Sioux Falls, S.D./Washington HS
#52 Zack Tamburo	5-11	283	Sr.	DL	Phoenix, Ariz./Desert Vista HS
#54 Joey Wehrkamp	6-2	225	R-Fr.	LB	Sioux Falls, SD/Washington HS
#55 Spencer Hollie	6-4	344	Sr.	DL	Dublin, CA/ Dublin HS/SMU
#56 Michael Enalls	6-1	215	R-Fr.	LB	Sioux Falls, SD/Washington HS
#57 Alex Capell	6-2	250	R-Fr.	OL	Sioux Falls, SD/Roosevelt HS
#62 Connor Schissel	6-4	250	R-So.	OL	Brooklyn Park, MN/Champlin Park HS
#63 Nick Zimmerman	6-4	282	Jr.	OL	Rosendale, Wisc./Laconia HS
#67 Jesse Springer	6-4	275	Sr.	OL	Denver, Colo./Mullens HS
#69 Adam Sheffield	6-4	325	Jr.	OL	San Jose, CA/Brantham HS/Deanza College
#71 Trevoy Shaw	6-2	343	Jr.	OL	Hollywood, FL/Hollywood Hills HS/LA Pierce
#72 Elijah Perine	6-2	267	R-So.	OL	Mequon, WI/Homestead HS

#74 Nolan Kern	6-2	308	R-So.	OL	Eau Claire, WI/Regis HS
#78 Trey Pipkins	6-7	300	Jr	OL	Apple Valley, MN/Apple Valley HS
#79 Noah Daniel	6-6	236	R-Fr.	OL	Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, OH/Northside HS
#80 Jake Thut	6-2	192	R-Fr.	WR	Racine, Wis./Shoreland Lutheran HS
#81 Austin Vickers	5-10	165	R-Fr.	WR	Broken Arrow, Okla./Broken Arrow HS
#83 Jamal Wooten	6-0	249	R-Jr.	TE	Kansas City, KS/Bishop Ward HS/Dodge City CC
#84 Brayton Newton	6-1	205	Jr.	WR	West Covina, CA/South Hills HS/Citrus College
#85 Nicholas Stanke	6-3	241	R-Sr.	TE	Eau Claire, Wis./Regis HS
#87 Troy Petersohn	6-3	192	Fr.	WR	Tacoma, WA/ Lincoln HS
#89 Paul Gray-Bennett	6-2	185	R-Fr.	WR	Boston, Mass./Catholic MemorialHS//Jireh Prep
#90 Logan Dykstra	6-2	255	Jr.	LB	Hull, IA/Boyden-Hull HS
#91 Brian Mayberry	6-3	283	Sr.	DL	Littleton, CO/Columbine HS
#93 Kray Krolkowski	6-4	275	Sr.	DE	Winner, SD/USD
#96 Steven McKee	6-0	260	R-So.	DL	Yankton, SD/Yankton HS
#98 Jared Brito	6-3	260	Jr.	DE	Covina, CA/Northview HS/Citrus College
#99 Tyler Heredia	6-0	265	R-So.	DL	Minnetonka, MN/Minnetonka HS

**Coaching Staff** -- Head Coach: Jon Anderson, 1st year; Nick Benedetto, Defensive Coordinator; Jim Chapin, Offensive Coordinator; Adam Breske, Special Teams Coordinator/Linebacker Coach; Dane Wardenburg, Recruiting Coordinator/Offensive line Coach; Matt Kloss, Wide Receivers Coach; Marcus Hall-Oliver, Defensive line Coach; Brandon Johnson-Farrell, Running Backs Coach; Jordan Pierce, Defensive line coach; Taylor James, Defensive Backs Coach; Travis Mart, Tight End Coach/Video Coordinator



## USF's Record at Bob Young Field

### Cougars stand 62-6 at Bob Young Field all-time

After a 37-7 win in the home opener, USF is now 62-6 all-time at the friendly confines of Bob Young Field. USF began playing at the "Bob" in 2007, beginning a run of 32 straight wins with a 50-6 victory on Sept. 1, 2007 over Dana. In that first season the Cougars were 8-0 at the "Bob." In fact, USF won its first 32 straight at Bob Young Field before falling to Washburn, 33-17 in the 2011 season opener to end the streak. In the playoffs, USF was 13-0 before a playoff loss in the NCAA Tournament second round to #5 Harding ended the run and the Cougars' national title hopes during 2016 when USF won its first-ever NSIC crown. Here is a rundown of the games at the "Bob."

#### 2007 (8-0)

9/1	Dana	50-6
9/15	Northwestern	44-20
9/29	Doane	51-0
10/13	Dakota Wesleyan	50-16
11/3	Hastings (Neb.)	54-0
11/17	NW Okla. State	35-7
11/24	St. Xavier	49-7
12/2	Missouri Valley	11-10

#### 2008 (8-0)

9/13	Dana	70-0
9/27	Concordia (Neb.)	47-0
10/11	Briar Cliff	42-0
11/1	Northwestern (IA)	19-0
11/15	Morningside	34-31
11/22	St. Ambrose	28-0
11/29	Langston	50-13
12/6	St. Francis	24-6

#### 2009 (8-0)

9/5	Neb. Wesleyan	44-3
9/19	Hastings	42-19
10/2	Doane	64-0
10/24	Dakota Wesleyan	59-7
11/7	Dordt	58-0
11/21	Minot State	63-21
11/28	Morningside	49-21
12/5	St. Xavier	48-6

#### 2010 (8-0)

9/18	Doane	66-13
10/2	Neb. Wesleyan	44-0
10/16	Morningside	28-3
10/23	Dakota Wesleyan	63-3

### USF Total Offense GBG - 2011 to present

*Since 2011, the Cougars are 18-1 when totaling more than 500 yards in total offense. Here is a breakdown by year.*

Game	Pl.	Rush	Pass	Total	YPP.
<b>2017 (1-0)</b>					
@UMD	67	107	88	195	2.9
NSU	73	246	169	415	5.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>353</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>610</b>	<b>4.4</b>

#### 2016 (12-1)

@SCSU	64	343	242	585	9.1
MSUM	75	444	160	604	8.0
@Minot	64	328	125	453	8.2
BSU	83	406	230	636	7.7
@AU	75	282	280	562	7.5
SMSU	90	428	242	670	7.4
@Winona	64	251	160	411	6.4
CSP	69	249	183	432	6.2
@MSU	77	346	130	476	6.2
UIU	73	197	360	557	7.6
WSC	73	281	185	466	6.4
APU	82	318	171	489	6.0
HU	54	132	174	306	5.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>943</b>	<b>4,005</b>	<b>2642</b>	<b>6647</b>	<b>7.0</b>

#### 2015 (9-3)

Mary	80	181	338	519	6.5
@MCrk	79	280	282	562	7.1
UMD	58	246	218	464	8.0
@NSU	74	274	157	431	5.8
@Wayne	69	150	316	466	6.8
Winona	98	248	413	661	6.7
@SMSU	80	258	225	483	6.0
Augie	76	142	269	411	5.4
@CSP	77	166	349	515	6.7
MSU	68	75	165	240	3.5
@UIU	79	128	363	491	6.2
@Hend. St.	90	143	279	422	4.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>928</b>	<b>2291</b>	<b>3374</b>	<b>5665</b>	<b>6.1</b>

#### 2014 (11-1)

Minot	93	212	285	497	5.3
@Bemidji	93	203	274	477	5.1
SCSU	89	185	232	417	4.7
@MSUM	97	291	372	663	6.8
CSP	72	181	247	428	5.9
@Augie	82	234	217	451	5.5
SMSU	70	163	290	453	6.5
@Winona	82	208	230	438	5.3
@MSU	74	77	250	327	4.4
UIU	100	282	324	606	6.1
Wayne	60	313	225	538	9.0
C. Okla.	70	210	293	503	7.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>982</b>	<b>2559</b>	<b>3239</b>	<b>5798</b>	<b>5.9</b>

#### 2013 (6-5)

UMD	61	11	133	144	2.4
NSU	81	411	111	522	6.4
Mary	77	218	95	313	4.1
MCrk.	89	467	213	680	7.6
@SMSU	100	424	194	618	6.2
@Winona	99	348	268	616	6.2
CSP	91	195	433	195	6.9
Augie	94	234	199	433	4.6
@UIU	98	120	379	499	5.1
MSU	76	98	244	342	4.5
@Wayne	70	179	173	352	5.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>936</b>	<b>2705</b>	<b>2442</b>	<b>5147</b>	<b>5.5</b>

#### 2012 (9-2)

@SCSU	79	164	254	418	5.3
MSUM	67	258	214	472	7.0
@Minot	66	84	287	371	5.6
Bemidji	67	84	212	296	4.9
SMSU	67	220	317	537	8.0
@Winona	70	81	228	309	4.4
CSP	71	35	305	340	4.8
@Augie	61	109	238	347	5.7
UIU	67	188	277	465	6.3
@MSU	68	43	203	246	3.6
Wayne	86	93	267	360	4.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>763</b>	<b>1359</b>	<b>2802</b>	<b>4161</b>	<b>5.5</b>

#### 2011 (5-4)

Washburn	62	54	242	296	4.8
@NMSU	72	146	202	348	4.8
@McNeese	65	116	246	262	6.5
@Minot	55	196	106	302	5.5
Wm Jewell	71	285	217	502	7.1
BHSU	61	176	197	373	6.1
SD Tech	54	281	169	450	8.3
Minot	60	195	153	348	5.8
@UND	247	45	202	247	5.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>546</b>	<b>1494</b>	<b>1634</b>	<b>3128</b>	<b>5.7</b>

#### Yearly - GBG Total Off. Breakdown

**2011** -- 546 plays, 3,128 yards, 5.7 ypp, 347.6 game avg.

**2012** -- 763 plays, 4,161 yards, 5.5 ypp, 378.3 game avg.

**2013** -- 936 plays, 5,147 yards, 5.5 ypp, 467.9 game avg.

**2014** -- 982 plays, 5,798 yards, 5.9 ypp 483.2 game average

**2015** -- 928 plays, 5,665 yards, 6.1 ypp, 472.1 game avg.

**2016** -- 943 plays, 6,647 yards, 7.0 ypp, 511.3 yards game avg.

**2017** -- 140 plays, 610 yards, 4.4 ypp, 305.0 per game average.

**In 70 games since 2011, USF is 54-16 and has made 5,239 plays for 31,156 yards (17.70 miles), 445.08 per game, 5.94 yards per play.**

## Sioux Falls -

### Look at six years in DII

USF has made remarkable progress in six plus years at DII, including five plus in the NSIC (2012-17). From 281 points in 2011, USF totaled 512 in 2014 and had 472 in 2015 with 507 in 2016 and 63 in 2017. USF has averaged 41.2 ppg over past three plus years when USF has gone 34-5. USF has had 5,000 yards or more in offense three straight years and 6,647 (2nd most all-time) in 2016 .

	2011 (5-4)	2012 (9-2)	2013 (6-5)	2014 (11-1)	2015 (9-3)	2016 (12-1)
Points	281	344	363	512	472	507
Opp Points	194	222	295	209	257	255
Pts. Avg.	31.2	31.3	33.0	42.7	39.3	39.0
Opp Pts. Avg.	21.6	20.2	26.8	17.4	21.4	19.6
1st Down	158	209	274	292	285	317
Opp. 1st Downs	167	209	235	223	236	262
1st D Rush.	75	73	133	128	116	180
Opp. 1st D Rush	63	79	122	94	86	91
1st D Pass	70	121	121	150	148	121
Opp. 1st. D. Pass	90	114	99	113	128	139
Rushing Yards	1,494	1,359	2,705	2,559	2,291	4,005
Opp. Rushing Yards	1,025	1,335	2,421	2,208	1,609	1,614
Rushing Attempts	312	376	540	560	482	582
Opp. Rushing Att.	363	402	485	454	491	493
TDs	12	10	31	30	24	43
Opp. Rushing TDs	9	10	23	13	16	11
Passing Yards	1,634	2,802	2,442	3,239	3,374	2,642
Opp. Passing Yards	2,264	2,666	2,431	2,453	2,739	2,911
Passing Att./Comp.	118-234	221-387	208-396	270-422	256-446	211-361
Opp. Pass. Att./Com.	169-302	215-425	209-373	218-455	242-414	251-469
TDs	18	27	16	28	31	22
Opp. TDs	14	19	15	12	18	23
Interceptions by opp	13	8	13	11	15	13
Interceptions	15	23	9	26	20	20
Total Offense	3,128	4,161	5,147	5,798	5,665	6,647
Opp. Total Offense	3,289	4,001	4,852	4,282	4,348	4,525
Total Offense Avg.	347.6	378.3	467.9	483.2	472.1	511.3
Opp. Total Off. Avg.	365.4	363.7	441.1	356.8	362.3	348.1
Plays	546	763	936	982	928	943
Yards Per Play	5.7	5.5	5.5	5.9	6.1	7.0
Opp. Plays	665	827	858	901	905	962
Opp. Plays Avg.	4.9	4.8	5.7	4.7	4.8	4.7
Totals TDs	37	42	48	68	64	67
Opp. TDs	24	29	38	26	34	31
TD Ratio to Opp.	1.54	1.4	1.3	2.62	1.88	2.2
Sacks	20	21	16	30	39	42
Opp. Sacks	13	19	19	24	5	11
3rd D. Conv.	42-108	61-157	97-201	87-201	93/193	73/164
	39%	39%	48%	43%	48%	45%
Opp. 3rd D. Conv.	54-143	64-190	63-184	63-199	64/191	77/208
	37%	34%	34%	32%	34%	37%

## USF's Record at Bob Young Field

11/13	Concordia	44-7
11/20	NW Okla. State	33-14
11/27	McKendree	27-7
12/4	MidAmerica Nazarene	38-0
<b>2011 (4-1)</b>		
9/1	*Washburn	17-33
10/1	William Jewell	35-10
10/15	Black Hills	44-20
10/22	SD Mines	71-0
10/29	Minot State	29-10
<b>2012 (6-0)</b>		
9/8	MSU Moorhead	45-10
9/22	Bemidji State	21-5
9/29	Southwest Minn. State	41-22
10/13	Concordia St. Paul	31-23
10/27	Upper Iowa	54-41
11/10	Wayne State	24-14
<b>2013 (3-2)</b>		
9/7	Northern State	45-37
9/21	Minnesota Crookston	52-7
10/5	*Winona State	40-45
10/19	Augustana	27-10
11/2	*Minnesota State	17-52
<b>2014 (6-0)</b>		
9/6	Minot State	41-14
9/20	St. Cloud State	36-0
10/4	Concordia St. Paul	38-9
10/18	Southwest Minnesota St.	44-20
11/8	Upper Iowa	45-21
11/15	Wayne State	63-28
<b>2015 (3-2)</b>		
9/5	Mary	55-7
9/19	Minnesota Duluth	35-31
10/10	Winona State	51-30
10/24	*Augustana	28-35
11/7	*Minnesota State	3-44
<b>2016 (7-1)</b>		
9/10	MSU-Moorhead	42-21
9/24	Bemidji State	37-36
10/8	Southwest Minnesota St.	48-28
10/22	Concordia St. Paul	51-17
11/5	Upper Iowa	51-7
11/12	Wayne State	30-7
11/19	Azusa Pacific	34-21
11/26	*Harding	24-27 OT
2017		
9/9	Northern State	37-7

\* Refers to losses at home



## Jon Anderson

1st Season (2-0)

Buena Vista '02



Jon Anderson is in his first season as head football coach at the University of Sioux Falls. He was formally introduced as USF's 21st head coach on Tuesday, Dec. 6. In his first game as head coach, USF, ranked #17, knocked off then-#10 Minnesota Duluth, 26-7, on the road. In week two, his first game as head coach of USF at Bob Young Field, #9 Cougars defeated Northern State, 37-7. USF is ranked #7 in the AFCA Coaches Poll and #8 in the D2Football.com poll heading into week three with University of Mary.

For the past four seasons, Anderson was head coach at West Virginia State where he had a 10-34 record. He is now 12-34 in his coaching career.

While a coach with USF from 2002-2012, Anderson helped lead the Cougars to a 134-26 record, three NAIA championships (2006, 2008, 2009), as well as the program first, nine-win team at the NCAA DII level. Most recently Anderson served as the head coach at West Virginia State for four seasons (10-34 record). He also made sure to keep the program involved in the community through projects such as Breast Cancer Awareness, Flood Relief, Coach to Cure MD, the Relay for Life, WVSU Cares Day, and work at Dunbar Primary School.

Anderson spent 11 years with USF, including his final three seasons as defensive coordinator. Overall, the Cougars posted a 134-26 record including a 21-5 playoff record with Anderson as part of the coaching staff. At the DII level, he was part of the staff and team that was 5-4 in the transition year from NAIA to NCAA DII in 2011 and the 9-2 team squad in 2012. The 2012 team earned USF's first ever national ranking in its first year as member of the NSIC. In fact, the Cougars climbed as high as No. 17 in the AFCA poll and were ranked seven times in that national poll.

While Anderson coached at USF, the Cougars dominated its conference opponents, winning 92-of-95 conference games. In 2009, the school posted a perfect 15-0 record in claiming its second consecutive NAIA national championship.

In 2012, Anderson's defensive unit was among the conference leaders in scoring defense, surrendering only 20.2 points a game. The Cougars' defense was also among the league leaders in forcing turnovers taking the ball away from opponents 29 times, including 23 interceptions. The 2012 defensive unit built on the success of the 2011 team when the Cougars' defense forced 21 turnovers and gave up just 21.6 points per game.

During Anderson's three years as defensive coordinator, the Cougars posted a 27-7 record and limited opponents to an average of 16 points per game. Prior to being named the Cougars' defensive coordinator, Anderson served eight years as the special team's coordinator and linebackers coach. In that role, he coached five All-Americans and eight All-Conference players.

Anderson, a native of Maryville, Missouri, played college football for four years at Buena Vista University in Storm Lake, Iowa, and coached the secondary at his alma mater during the 1999 and 2000 seasons.

He moved to Madison, South Dakota, to join the Dakota State University staff as the linebackers and special teams coach for the 2001 season. He arrived at USF for the 2002 season and earned his master's degree from South Dakota State University in 2003. He worked with legendary head coach Bob Young, and former head coaches Kalen DeBoer and Jed Stugart.

He and his wife, Amanda, have two sons, Trevor and Tyce.



# #7/8 Sioux Falls (2-0, 2-0 NSIC) @ University of Mary (0-2, 0-2 NSIC)

USF OFFENSE						MARY DEFENSE					
Pos.	#	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Pos.	#	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
QB	6	Ian Fieber	6-2	195	Jr.	DE	90	Devon Macias	6-2	225	So.
	7	Matt Young	5-10	196	R-Sr.		11	Jaren Olson	6-1	235	So.
RB	22	Max Mickey	5-9	190	Sr.	NG	56	Brock Pittsley	6-1	275	Sr.
	1	Jason Towns	5-6	165	Sr.		58	Jackson Grad	6-0	265	Jr.
TE	85	Nicholas Stanke	6-3	245	R-Sr.	DT	43	Brody Peterson	6-1	250	Jr.
	16	Clint Sigg	6-4	250	R-So.		96	Raymond Calles	6-1	250	Jr.
WR	2	Michael Maxwell	5-9	180	Jr.	DE	93	Daniel Hudrlik	6-3	235	So.
	13	A.J. Garrow	5-9	185	R-Jr.		59	Luther Missoh	6-4	230	So.
WR	15	Ty Smith	6-4	215	R-Fr.	LB	52	Chris Kraft	6-1	215	So.
	89	Paul Gray-Bennett	6-1	185	R-Fr.		33	Jamison Lytle	5-10	215	R-Fr.
WR	18	Anthony Holmes	6-5	225	R-Jr.	LB	40	Dylan Anthony	6-2	205	R-Fr.
	17	Jett Thune	6-3	185	R-Fr.		51	Patrick O'Connell	6-2	210	R-Fr.
RT	67	Jesse Springer	6-3	280	Sr.	LB	30	Casey Uhler	6-2	200	R-Fr.
	79	Noah Daniel	6-7	255	R-Fr.		41	Grady Blewett	6-1	215	So.
RG	72	Elijah Perine	6-2	267	R-Fr.	CB	1	Jacob Parker	6-1	190	Sr.
	69	Adam Sheffield	6-4	325	Jr.		13	Ryan Naki	5-10	170	Jr.
C	63	Nick Zimmerman	6-3	289	R-Jr.	CB	7	Brady Zittleman	5-7	165	Jr.
	57	Alex Capell	6-2	250	R-Fr.		38	Chris Davis	5-9	175	Fr.
LG	74	Nolan Kern	6-2	308	R-So.	S	24	Jarad Zittleman	5-10	185	R-Fr.
	55	Spencer Hollie	6-4	355	Sr.		15	Kendall Grier	5-11	185	Jr.
RT	78	Trey Pipkins	6-7	300	Jr.	S	2	Noah Krebs	5-11	195	So.
	62	Connor Schissel	6-4	250	R-So.		46	Richard Bendish	5-11	190	R-Fr.
MARY OFFENSE						USF DEFENSE					
Pos.	#	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Pos.	#	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
QB	9	Logan Nelson	6-5	195	R-Fr.	DT	52	Zack Tamburo	5-11	277	Sr.
	5	Colton Farmer	6-3	235	Jr.		96	Steven McKee	6-0	260	R-So.
FB	27	Michael Buster	5-11	220	So.	NT	91	Brian Mayberry	6-3	283	Sr.
	8	Paul Guptill	6-1	190	So.		99	Tyler Heredia	6-0	265	R-So.
SB	29	Brennan Doan	5-9	175	Jr.	DE	46	Derek Landis	6-2	230	Sr.
	3	Jordan Beaty	5-10	155	R-Fr.		54	Joey Wehrkamp	6-2	225	R-Fr.
SB	25	DeShawn Gay	5-9	165	Fr.	DE	90	Logan Dykstra	6-2	255	Jr.
	22	Jaxon Ford	5-10	170	R-Fr.		42	Adria Botella	6-5	255	Sr.
WR	6	Sam Mackedanz	6-2	200	Jr.	LB	47	Dennis Gardeck	6-0	225	R-Fr.
	83	Jace Horman	6-1	170	R-Fr.		50	Brody Grantham	6-2	195	Jr.
WR	80	Tyson Carney	6-2	185	R-Fr.	LB	19	Kyle Campiotti	5-10	217	Sr.
	19	Harvey Mollman	6-3	170	So.		34	Isaac Josephson			
LT	63	Jared Taylor	6-3	280	Jr.	LB	31	Michael Atonio	5-9	238	Sr.
	54	Isaiah Hubbard	6-0	225	R-Fr.		56	Michael Enalls	6-1	215	R-Fr.
LG	66	Hunter Hanson	6-5	290	So.	SS	5	Josh Butler	6-0	187	Sr.
	70	Brady Munro	6-4	245	R-Fr.		36	Tucker Stout	6-0	205	R-So.
C	72	Tyson Lytle	6-3	320	So.	FS	20	Jeff Harman	6-0	205	Sr.
	65	Wyatt Fulton	6-3	276	R-Fr.		26	Ayinde Warren	6-1	200	Jr.
RG	76	Rory Olson	6-5	285	So.	CB	38	Austin Schaffer	5-11	185	R-Sr.
	70	Brady Munro	6-4	245	R-Fr.		33	Shaunard Harts	5-11	185	Jr.
RT	75	Nick Benshetler	6-3	305	Jr.	CB	8	Noah St. Pierre	6-2	190	Jr.
	68	Jake Copenhaver	6-1	260	R-Fr.		3	Parker Gregston	6-0	193	R-So.
MARY SPECIALISTS						USF SPECIALISTS					
Pos.	#	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Pos.	#	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
K	89	Aaron Brennan	5-10	160	Sr.	P	12	Stuart Vanden Heuvel	6-2	207	Sr.
P	82	Bailey Meyer	6-2	190	So.	PK	12	Stuart Vanden Heuvel	6-2	207	Sr.
LS	38	Chris Davis	5-9	175	Fr.	H	7	Matt Young	5-10	195	Sr.
LS - K	63	Jared Taylor	6-3	280	Jr.	LS	19	Kyle Campiotti	5-10	217	Sr.
KR	25	DeShawn Gay	5-9	165	Fr.	PR	1	Jason Towns	5-6	165	Sr.
	2	Noah Krebs	5-11	195	So.	KR	2	Michael Maxwell	5-9	180	Jr.
PR	2	Noah Krebs	5-11	195	So.		1	Jason Towns	5-6	165	Sr.



## NSIC Standings

### NSIC Football Standings -- 2017

North	Division	Overall	Streak
Bemidji State	0-0	1-1	W1
Minnesota Duluth	0-0	1-1	W1
MSU Moorhead	0-0	1-1	L1
Northern State	0-0	1-1	L1
St. Cloud State	0-0	1-1	L1
Minnesota Crookston	0-0	0-2	L1
Minot State	0-0	0-2	L2
U-Mary	0-0	0-2	L2

  

South	Division	Overall	Streak
Sioux Falls	0-0	2-0	W2
Minnesota State	0-0	2-0	W2
Winona State	0-0	2-0	W2
Augustana	0-0	1-1	W1
Concordia-St. Paul	0-0	1-1	L1
Upper Iowa	0-0	1-1	L1
Southwest Minnesota State	0-0	1-1	W1
Wayne State	0-0	1-1	W1

### Week 3 Schedule

#### Thursday, Sept. 14

Wayne State (1-1) at Minnesota Crookston (0-2), 7:05 p.m.

#### Saturday, Sept. 16

Sioux Falls (2-0) at U-Mary (0-2)  
 Bemidji State (1-1) at Augustana (1-1), 1 p.m.  
 Minnesota State Moorhead (1-1) at Winona State (2-0), 1 p.m.  
 Upper Iowa (1-1) at Northern State (1-1), 1 p.m.  
 St. Cloud State (1-1) at Concordia-St. Paul (1-1), 6 p.m.  
 Minot State (0-2) at Southwest Minnesota State (1-1), 6 p.m.  
 Minnesota State (2-0) at Minnesota-Duluth, 6:05

### Week 2 Scores

SW Minnesota State (1-1) 51 at MSU Moorhead (1-1) 35  
 Sioux Falls 37 Northern State 7  
 Augustana 28 Minot State 20  
 Minnesota State 56 Minnesota Crookston 19  
 Minnesota Duluth 33 Upper Iowa 21  
 Bemidji State 54 Concordia-St. Paul 17  
 Wayne State 48 Mary 10  
 Winona State 34 St. Cloud State 10



## National NCAA DII Polls -- Week 1

### 2017 AFCA Coaches' Poll -- Week 2

(Ranking, team, first place votes, poll points, previous ranking)

1. Northwest Missouri State (34)	2-0	850	1
2. Ferris State (Mich.)	1-0	810	2.
3. Texas A&M Commerce	2-0	782	3
4. Shepherd (W. Va.)	1-0	715	4
5. California (Pa.)	2-0	703	5
6. Indiana (Pa.)	2-0	674	6
7. Sioux Falls,	2-0	617	9
8. Minnesota State	2-0	561	12
9. LIU-Post (N.Y.)	2-0	560	10
10. North Alabama	0-1	532	11
11. Colorado Mesa	2-0	453	17
12. Grand Valley State (Mich.),	1-1	417,	14
13. Midwestern State (Texas)	1-0	402	16
14. Emporia State (Kan.)	1-1	397,	15
15. Indianapolis (Ind.)	2-0	389	18
16. Albany State (Ga.)	2-0	261	25
17. West Georgia	2-0	261	25
18. Colorado State - Pueblo	(1-1)	244	7
19. Arkansas Tech	2-0	180	NR
20. Minnesota Duluth	1-1	171	21
21. Fort Hays State (Kan.)	2-0	152	NR
22. Azusa Pacific (Calif.)	1-1	115	8
23. Central Washington	2-0	103	NR
24. Delta State (Miss.)	2-0	92	NR
25. Slippery Rock (Pa.)	2-0	69	NR

**Others Receiving Votes:** Humboldt St. (Calif.), 65; Bowie St. (Md.), 58; Carson-Newman (Tenn.), 58; Assumption (Mass.), 43; Ashland (Ohio), 37; Central Missouri, 24; Angelo St. (Texas), 18; Eastern New Mexico, 18; West Texas A&M, 18; Catawba (N.C.), 17; Colorado Mines, 11; Virginia-Wise, 8; Winona St. (Minn.), 8; West Chester (Pa.), 7; Hillsdale (Mich.), 6; Valdosta St. (Ga.), 6; Virginia St., 6; Tuskegee (Ala.), 5; Winston-Salem St. (N.C.), 5; Florida Tech, 4; Washburn (Kan.), 3; Bemidji St. (Minn.), 2; Henderson St. (Ark.), 2; Lenoir-Rhyne (N.C.), 2; Virginia Union, 1.

### D2Football.com 2017 Week 2 Poll

1. Northwest Missouri State,	2-0	1
2. Ferris State (Mich.)	1-0	2
3. Texas A&M Commerce	2-0	3
4. Shepherd (W. Va.)	1-0	4
5. Indiana - Pennsylvania	2-0	5
6. California - Pennsylvania	2-0	6
7. North Alabama	0-1	8
8. Sioux Falls	2-0	9
9. Minnesota State	2-0	10
10. Emporia State (Kan.)	1-1	11
11. Grand Valley State (Mich.)	1-1	14
12. Midwestern State (Texas)	1-0	15
13. LIU-Post (N.Y.)	2-0	16
14. Colorado State-Pueblo	1-1	7
15. Minnesota Duluth	1-1	17
16. Ashland (Ohio)	1-1	21
17. Fort Hays State (Kan.)	2-0	NR
18. Albany State (Ga.)	2-0	NR
19. Indianapolis	2-0	19
20. Colorado Mesa	2-0	22
21. West Georgia	2-0	24
22. Slippery Rock	2-0	NR
23. Arkansas Tech	2-0	NR
24. Valdosta State	0-1	NR
25. Central Missouri	1-1	12

## TEAM STATS -- 2017

Team Statistics	USF	OPP
SCORING	63	14
Points Per Game	31.5	7.0
Points Off Turnovers	23	7
FIRST DOWNS	29	23
Rushing	15	3
Passing	10	19
Penalty	4	1
RUSHING YARDAGE	353	-17
Yards gained rushing	412	128
Yards lost rushing	59	145
Rushing Attempts	89	60
Average Per Rush	4.0	-0.3
Average Per Game	176.5	-8.5
TDs Rushing	4	1
PASSING YARDAGE	257	418
Comp-Att-Int	28-51-0	47-85-4
Average Per Pass	5.0	4.9
Average Per Catch	9.2	8.9
Average Per Game	128.5	209.0
TDs Passing	1	1
TOTAL OFFENSE	610	401
Total Plays	140	145
Average Per Play	4.4	2.8
Average Per Game	305.0	200.5
KICK RETURNS: #-Yards	2-28	12-196
PUNT RETURNS: #-Yards	6-70	4-28
INT RETURNS: #-Yards	4-64	0-0
KICK RETURN AVERAGE	14.0	16.3
PUNT RETURN AVERAGE	11.7	7.0
INT RETURN AVERAGE	16.0	0.0
FUMBLES-LOST	6-3	5-5
PENALTIES-Yards	9-71	15-120
Average Per Game	35.5	60.0
PUNTS-Yards	16-577	17-709
Average Per Punt	36.1	41.7
Net punt average	31.8	37.6
KICKOFFS-Yards	13-676	4-237
Average Per Kick	52.0	59.2
Net kick average	35.0	39.8
TIME OF POSSESSION/Game	30:30	29:30
3RD-DOWN Conversions	8/32	8/36
3rd-Down Pct	25%	22%
4TH-DOWN Conversions	1/3	2/7
4th-Down Pct	33%	29%
SACKS BY-Yards	16-103	3-29
MISC YARDS	0	0
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED	8	2
FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS	3-4	0-1
ON-SIDE KICKS	0-0	0-0
RED-ZONE SCORES	(4-7) 57%	(2-3) 67%
RED-ZONE TOUCHDOWNS	(3-7) 43%	(2-3) 67%
PAT-ATTEMPTS	(6-8) 75%	(2-2) 100%
ATTENDANCE	2415	5124
Games/Avg Per Game	1/2415	1/5124
Neutral Site Games		0/0

Score by Quarters	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Total
Sioux Falls	27	20	6	10	0	63
Opponents	0	7	7	0	0	14



## LAST TIME....

### 400+ Passing Yards

Luke Papilion (413 yards) - 10/10/15 @ Winona State

### 300-399 Passing Yards

Luke Papilion (306 yards) - 10/31/15 @ Concordia St. Paul

### 50 Pass Attempts

Luke Papilion (51 att)-11/21/15 @ Henderson State, DII playoffs

### 40 Pass Attempts

Luke Papilion (41 att) - 9/24/16 vs. Bemidji State

### 30 Pass Completions

Carrington Hanna (34 comp) - 11/2/13 @ Upper Iowa

### 25 Pass Completions

Luke Papilion (25) - 10/8/16 vs. Southwest Minnesota State,

### Player Throw for 4 Touchdowns

Luke Papilion (6 TDs) - 10/31/15 at Concordia U, St. Paul

### 100-149 Receiving Yards

Brady Rose (12-119-0) - 10/8/16 vs. Southwest Minnesota State

### 150-199 Receiving Yards

Josh Angulo (15-164-3 TDs) - 9/24/16 Bemidji State

### 200 or more Receiving Yards

Dusty Hovorka (215 yds - 9 Rec.) - 9/24/04 vs. Concordia (Neb.)

### Player with 3 Receiving Touchdowns

Josh Angulo (3) - 9/24/16 at Bemidji State

### 100-149 Rushing Yards

Max Mickey (37-114-TD) - 8/31/17 at #10 Minnesota Duluth

### 150-199 Rushing Yards

Max Mickey (22-164-3 TD) - 11/19/16 vs. Azusa Pacific (DII playoffs)

### 200+ Rushing Yards

Max Mickey (24-217- 2 TD) - 9/9/17 vs. Northern State

### Player Rush for 3 Touchdowns

Max Mickey - 11/19/16 vs. Azusa Pacific, DII playoffs

### Player rush for 4 Touchdowns

Luke Papilion - 9-15-2016 vs. Minnesota State Moorhead

### Player Rush for 5 Touchdowns

Luke Papilion (240 yds - 19 att) - 9/14/13 vs. Northern State

### Three Players Rushed for 100 yards in Same Game

Max Mickey (15-156-2 TDs) Justin Fulks (21-140-2 TDs) Luke Papilion (12-122-0 TDs), 10-8-16 vs SW Minnesota State

### Kickoff Return for a Touchdown

Kyle Groeneweg (88 yds) - 11/14/15 at Upper Iowa

### Punt Return for a Touchdown

Jason Towns (42 yds) - 8/31/17 at Minnesota Duluth

### Interception Return for a touchdown

Jeffrey Harman (35 yds) - 9/9/17 vs. Northern State

### Fumble Recovery for a Touchdown

Derek Landis (17 yds) - 8/31/17 at #10 Minnesota Duluth

### 500 Yards of Total Offense

562 yards - 10/1/16 at Augustana

### 600 Yards of Total Offense

670 yards - 10/8/16 vs. Southwest Minnesota State

### 30 First Downs

37 - 10/8/16 vs. Southwest Minnesota State

### Last Shutout

36-0 - 9/20/14 vs. St. Cloud State

### Last Time Shutout

55-0 - 12/3/05 at Carroll, 55-0

### Held Opponent under 100 yards Total Offense

vs. SD School of Mines and Technology, 70, 10/22/11

### Held Opponent in negative Rushing Yards

at #10 Minnesota Duluth, -19 yards, 30 att., 8/31/17

### Held Opponent to negative yards in Total Offense

vs. Northwestern, -4, 11/1/08

### Returned 2 Interceptions for TDs

vs. Bemidji, 9/13/14 - David Clark, 40; Cameron Ostrom, 88.

## 2017 - USF COMBINED STATS

### 2017 University of Sioux Falls Football Sioux Falls Combined Team Statistics (as of Sep 10, 2017) All games

Date	Opponent	Score	Att.	Record:	Overall	Home	Away	Neutral
* Aug 31, 2017	at #10 Minnesota Duluth	W 26-7	5124	All games	2-0	1-0	1-0	0-0
* Sep 09, 2017	NORTHERN STATE	W 37-7	2415	Conference	2-0	1-0	1-0	0-0
				Non-Conference	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0

Rushing	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Mickey, Max	2	61	350	19	331	5.4	3	87	165.5
Towns, Jason	2	15	33	6	27	1.8	0	5	13.5
Maxwell, Winston	2	2	19	0	19	9.5	1	17	9.5
Maxwell, Michael	2	5	10	0	10	2.0	0	6	5.0
Total	2	89	412	59	353	4.0	4	87	176.5
Opponents	2	60	128	145	-17	-0.3	1	27	-8.5

Passing	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
Fieber, Ian	2	101.26	27-50-0	54.0	242	1	35	121.0
Thune, Jett	2	226.00	1-1-0	100.0	15	0	15	7.5
Total	2	103.70	28-51-0	54.9	257	1	35	128.5
Opponents	2	91.07	47-85-4	55.3	418	1	43	209.0

Receiving	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Holmes, Anthony	2	7	69	9.9	0	20	34.5
Smith, Ty	2	5	65	13.0	1	35	32.5
Maxwell, Michael	2	5	37	7.4	0	25	18.5
Stanke, Nick	2	4	13	3.2	0	6	6.5
Thune, Jett	2	3	48	16.0	0	26	24.0
Mickey, Max	2	2	-2	-1.0	0	0	-1.0
Vickers, Austin	1	1	19	19.0	0	19	19.0
Garrow, A.J.	1	1	8	8.0	0	8	8.0
Total	2	28	257	9.2	1	35	128.5
Opponents	2	47	418	8.9	1	43	209.0

Field Goals	fg	pct.	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	lg	blk
Vanden Heuvel, S	3-4	75.0	0-0	0-0	0-1	2-2	1-1	50	0

Scoring	td	fg	PAT			dxp	saf	pts
			kick	rush	rcv			
Mickey, Max	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
Vanden Heuvel, S	-	3-4	6-8	-	-	-	-	15
Towns, Jason	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Harman, Jeffrey	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Landis, Derek	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Maxwell, Winston	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Smith, Ty	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Total	8	3-4	6-8	-	-	-	-	63
Opponents	2	0-1	2-2	-	-	-	-	14

Score by Quarters	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Total
Sioux Falls	27	20	6	10	0	63
Opponents	0	7	7	0	0	14

Team Statistics	USF	OPP
FIRST DOWNS	29	23
Rushing	15	3
Passing	10	19
Penalty	4	1
RUSHING YARDAGE	353	-17
Rushing Attempts	89	60
Average Per Rush	4.0	-0.3
Average Per Game	176.5	-8.5
TDs Rushing	4	1
PASSING YARDAGE	257	418
Comp-Att-Int	28-51-0	47-85-4
Average Per Pass	5.0	4.9
Average Per Catch	9.2	8.9
Average Per Game	128.5	209.0
TDs Passing	1	1
TOTAL OFFENSE	610	401
Average Per Play	4.4	2.8
Average Per Game	305.0	200.5
KICK RETURNS: #-Yards	2-28	12-196
PUNT RETURNS: #-Yards	6-70	4-28
INT RETURNS: #-Yards	4-64	0-0
FUMBLES-LOST	6-3	5-5
PENALTIES-Yards	9-71	15-120
PUNTS-AVG	16-36.1	17-41.7
TIME OF POSSESSION/Game	30:30	29:30
3RD-DOWN Conversions	8/32	8/36
4TH-DOWN Conversions	1/3	2/7

Interceptions	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Warren, Ayinde	2	16	8.0	0	16
Harman, Jeffrey	1	35	35.0	1	35
Harts, Shaunard	1	13	13.0	0	13

Punting	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+	blk
Vanden Heuvel, S	16	577	36.1	46	2	3	1	0	0

Punt Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Towns, Jason	6	70	11.7	1	42
Total	6	70	11.7	1	42
Opponents	4	28	7.0	0	21

Kick Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Towns, Jason	2	28	14.0	0	16
Total	2	28	14.0	0	16
Opponents	12	196	16.3	0	30

All Purpose	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g
Mickey, Max	2	331	-2	0	0	0	329	164.5
Towns, Jason	2	27	0	70	28	0	125	62.5
Holmes, Anthony	2	0	69	0	0	0	69	34.5
Smith, Ty	2	0	65	0	0	0	65	32.5
Thune, Jett	2	0	48	0	0	0	48	24.0
Maxwell, Michael	2	10	37	0	0	0	47	23.5
Harman, Jeffrey	2	0	0	0	0	35	35	17.5
Maxwell, Winston	2	19	0	0	0	0	19	9.5
Vickers, Austin	1	0	19	0	0	0	19	19.0
Warren, Ayinde	2	0	0	0	0	16	16	8.0
Total	2	353	257	70	28	64	772	386.0
Opponents	2	-17	418	28	196	0	625	312.5

Total Offense	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
Mickey, Max	2	61	331	0	331	165.5
Fieber, Ian	2	53	-29	242	213	106.5
Towns, Jason	2	15	27	0	27	13.5
Maxwell, Winston	2	2	19	0	19	9.5
Thune, Jett	2	1	0	15	15	7.5
Maxwell, Michael	2	5	10	0	10	5.0
Total	2	140	353	257	610	305.0
Opponents	2	145	-17	418	401	200.5

#	Defensive Leaders	gp	Tackles			tfl/yds	Sacks			Pass defense			Fumbles		blkd		
			ua	a	tot		no-yds	int-yds	brup	qbh	rcv-yds	ff	kick	saf			
47	Gardeck, Dennis	2	13	4	17	7.0-33	7.0-33	.	.	.	1-0	1	.	.	.		

2017 - USF DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

2017 University of Sioux Falls Football  
 Sioux Falls Overall Defensive Statistics (as of Sep 10, 2017)  
 All games

#	Defensive Leaders	gp	Tackles			tfl/yds	Sacks no-yds	Pass defense			Fumbles		blkd	
			ua	a	tot			int-yds	brup	qbh	rcv-yds	ff	kick	saf
47	Gardeck, Dennis	2	13	4	17	7.0-33	7.0-33	.	.	.	1-0	1	.	.
31	Atonio,Michael	2	9	3	12	3.5-27	2.0-24	.	.	.	1-0	1	.	.
19	Campiotti, Kyle	2	6	4	10	3.0-11	1.0-7	.	1	1	.	.	.	.
5	Butler, Josh	2	6	4	10	.	.	.	3	.	.	.	.	.
38	Schaffer, Austin	2	8	1	9	1.0-1	.	.	3	.	.	.	.	.
56	Enalls, Michael	2	5	2	7	.	.	.	.	2	1-0	.	.	.
20	Harman, Jeffrey	2	6	.	6	1.0-1	.	1-35	2	.	.	.	.	.
46	Landis, Derek	2	4	2	6	3.0-20	3.0-20	.	.	1	1-17	.	.	.
91	Mayberry, Brian	2	1	4	5	0.5-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
26	Warren, Ayinde	2	5	.	5	.	.	2-16	.	.	.	.	.	.
8	St. Pierre,Noah	2	4	.	4	1.0-6	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.
50	Grantham, Brody	2	2	2	4	.	.	.	.	.	1-15	.	.	.
3	Gregston, Parker	2	3	.	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
54	Wehrkamp, Joey	2	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
35	Schelhaas, Jack	2	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
96	McKee, Steven	2	3	.	3	2.0-7	1.0-5	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
98	Brito, Jared	1	3	.	3	2.0-14	2.0-14	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
34	Josephson, Isaac	2	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
	TM Team	2	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
32	Rodino, Joe	2	2	.	2	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
33	Harts, Shaunard	2	2	.	2	.	.	1-13	2	.	.	.	.	.
36	Stout, Tucker	1	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
37	Durfee, Nate	2	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
93	Krowlikowski, Kray	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
18	Holmes, Anthony	2	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
52	Tamburo, Zack	2	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
90	Dykstra, Logan	1	1	.	1	1.0-3	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
99	Heredia, Tyler	2	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
42	Botella, Adria	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
	Total	2	95	32	127	25-124	16-103	4-64	15	5	5-32	4	.	.
	Opponents	2	92	44	136	17-61	3-29	.	2	3	3-0	5	.	.

## 2017 - USF INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

### 2017 University of Sioux Falls Football Sioux Falls Overall Individual Statistics (as of Sep 10, 2017) All games

Rushing	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Mickey, Max	2	61	350	19	331	5.4	3	87	165.5
Towns, Jason	2	15	33	6	27	1.8	0	5	13.5
Maxwell, Winston	2	2	19	0	19	9.5	1	17	9.5
Maxwell, Michael	2	5	10	0	10	2.0	0	6	5.0
Team	2	3	0	5	-5	-1.7	0	0	-2.5
Fieber, Ian	2	3	0	29	-29	-9.7	0	0	-14.5
Total	2	89	412	59	353	4.0	4	87	176.5
Opponents	2	60	128	145	-17	-0.3	1	27	-8.5

Passing	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
Fieber, Ian	2	101.26	27-50-0	54.0	242	1	35	121.0
Thune, Jett	2	226.00	1-1-0	100.0	15	0	15	7.5
Total	2	103.70	28-51-0	54.9	257	1	35	128.5
Opponents	2	91.07	47-85-4	55.3	418	1	43	209.0

Receiving	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Holmes, Anthony	2	7	69	9.9	0	20	34.5
Smith, Ty	2	5	65	13.0	1	35	32.5
Maxwell, Michael	2	5	37	7.4	0	25	18.5
Stanke, Nick	2	4	13	3.2	0	6	6.5
Thune, Jett	2	3	48	16.0	0	26	24.0
Mickey, Max	2	2	-2	-1.0	0	0	-1.0
Vickers, Austin	1	1	19	19.0	0	19	19.0
Garrow, A.J.	1	1	8	8.0	0	8	8.0
Total	2	28	257	9.2	1	35	128.5
Opponents	2	47	418	8.9	1	43	209.0

Punt Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Towns, Jason	6	70	11.7	1	42
Total	6	70	11.7	1	42
Opponents	4	28	7.0	0	21

Interceptions	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Warren, Ayinde	2	16	8.0	0	16
Harman, Jeffrey	1	35	35.0	1	35
Harts, Shaunard	1	13	13.0	0	13
Total	4	64	16.0	1	35
Opponents	0	0	0.0	0	0

Kick Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Towns, Jason	2	28	14.0	0	16
Total	2	28	14.0	0	16
Opponents	12	196	16.3	0	30

Fumble Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Grantham, Brody	1	15	15.0	0	15
Landis, Derek	1	17	17.0	1	17
Total	2	32	16.0	1	17
Opponents	0	0	0.0	0	0

## 2015 - Box Score - #10 USF 55 Mary 7 at Sioux Falls

### Box Score (Final) 2015 University of Sioux Falls Football U-Mary vs #10 Sioux Falls (Sep 05, 2015 at Sioux Falls, SD)

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Total
U-Mary	0	0	0	7	7
Sioux Falls	21	13	21	0	55

#### Qtr Time Scoring play

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1st	13:04	SF - Stanke, Nick 22 yd pass from Papillion, Luke (Garner, Brett kick), 7-55 1:56
	06:46	SF - Mickey, Max 1 yd run (Garner, Brett kick), 7-34 2:10
	05:39	SF - Rose, Brady 34 yd pass from Papillion, Luke (Garner, Brett kick), 1-34 0:06
2nd	08:39	SF - Mickey, Max 4 yd run (Garner, Brett kick), 12-79 3:23
	03:05	SF - Fulks, Justin 1 yd run (Garner, Brett kick failed), 8-45 2:44
3rd	09:13	SF - Angulo, Josh 31 yd pass from Papillion, Luke (Garner, Brett kick), 5-53 1:41
	06:14	SF - Fulks, Justin 1 yd run (Garner, Brett kick), 4-67 1:29
	02:06	SF - Towns, Jason 12 yd run (Garner, Brett kick), 6-57 1:51
4th	08:31	MARY - Woroniecki,Adam 2 yd run (Goetz, Cody kick), 8-46 4:33

	MARY	SF
<b>FIRST DOWNS</b>	10	27
<b>RUSHES-YARDS (NET)</b>	38-88	46-181
<b>PASSING YDS (NET)</b>	112	338
Passes Att-Comp-Int	27-14-1	34-19-2
<b>TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS</b>	65-200	80-519
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	1-53
Punt Returns-Yards	2-5	2-2
Kickoff Returns-Yards	2-23	2-42
Interception Returns-Yards	2-39	1-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	9-23.8	2-38.5
Fumbles-Lost	5-3	2-1
Penalties-Yards	1-5	3-20
Possession Time	32:49	27:11
Third-Down Conversions	4 of 17	10 of 15
Fourth-Down Conversions	1 of 1	0 of 0
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	1-2	5-7
Sacks By: Number-Yards	0-0	3-6

**RUSHING:** U-Mary-Woroniecki,Adam 20-53; Graves, Zach 9-34; McCann, Nick 4-5; Court, Tanner 1-1; Roberson,Zach 3-minus 1; Team 1-minus 4. Sioux Falls-Papillion, Luke 8-65; Fulks, Justin 10-52; Mickey, Max 10-31; Collazo, Joshua 8-21; Towns, Jason 5-16; Hixon, Wyatt 1-11; Baynard, Keenan 2-0; TEAM 2-minus 15.

**PASSING:** U-Mary-McCann, Nick 8-14-0-53; Roberson,Zach 6-13-1-59. Sioux Falls-Papillion, Luke 15-26-0-266; Lawler, Corbin 4-8-2-72.

**RECEIVING:** U-Mary-Doan, Brennan 5-60; Vrooman,Joey 3-25; Jolliffe,Ben 2-7; Farmer, Colton 1-11; Mackedanz, Sam 1-6; Woroniecki,Adam 1-5; Graves, Zach 1-minus 2. Sioux Falls-Angulo, Josh 5-85; Rose, Brady 4-72; Albeck, Erik 3-57; Shutt, Garrett 3-21; Towns, Jason 1-52; Stanke, Nick 1-22; Groeneweg, Kyle 1-15; Buchele, Andrew 1-14.

**INTERCEPTIONS:** U-Mary-Walton,Seth 1-39; Whitaker, Danielle 1-0. Sioux Falls-Ahlers, Carter 1-0.

**FUMBLES:** U-Mary-McCann, Nick 2-2; Team 1-0; Roberson,Zach 1-1; Woroniecki,Adam 1-0. Sioux Falls-TEAM 2-1.

U-Mary (0-1,0-1) vs. Sioux Falls (1-0,1-0)

Date: Sep 05, 2015 • Site: Sioux Falls, SD • Stadium: Bob young Field

Attendance: 2046

Kickoff time: 12 p.m. • End of Game: 2:40 p.m. • Total elapsed time: 2:40

**Box Score (Final)**  
**2017 University of Sioux Falls Football**  
**Northern State vs #9 Sioux Falls (Sep 09, 2017 at Sioux Falls, SD)**

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Total
Northern State	0	0	7	0	7
Sioux Falls	10	20	0	7	37

**Qtr Time Scoring play**

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1st	03:55	USF - Vanden Heuvel,S 50 yd field goal, 10-21 3:26
	00:00	USF - Smith, Ty 35 yd pass from Fieber, Ian (Vanden Heuvel,S kick), 6-57 2:13
2nd	03:48	USF - Mickey, Max 87 yd run (Vanden Heuvel,S kick), 1-87 0:14
	03:17	USF - Harman, Jeffrey 35 yd interception return (Vanden Heuvel,S kick failed)
	00:06	USF - Mickey, Max 1 yd run (Vanden Heuvel,S kick), 5-35 0:33
3rd	04:11	NSU - Culbreath, Zech 10 yd pass from Comeaux, Jake (Shaw, Nathan kick), 4-30 1:53
4th	04:43	USF - Maxwell,Winston 17 yd run (Vanden Heuvel,S kick), 3-57 1:14

	NSU	USF
<b>FIRST DOWNS</b>	12	17
<b>RUSHES-YARDS (NET)</b>	30-2	41-246
<b>PASSING YDS (NET)</b>	189	169
Passes Att-Comp-Int	34-20-3	32-18-0
<b>TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS</b>	64-191	73-415
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	1-15
Punt Returns-Yards	3-22	4-22
Kickoff Returns-Yards	6-94	0-0
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	3-48
Punts (Number-Avg)	9-43.8	8-35.9
Fumbles-Lost	2-2	3-0
Penalties-Yards	5-36	5-43
Possession Time	27:49	32:11
Third-Down Conversions	4 of 16	5 of 17
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 1	1 of 2
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	1-1	2-4
Sacks By: Number-Yards	2-19	8-52

**RUSHING:** Northern State-Truen, Nicholas 7-17; Kelly, Chaka 5-16; Frantzen, Riley 1-2; Maxwell, Gerald 1-1; TEAM 1-minus 2; Robinson, Raekwon 1-minus 6; Comeaux, Jake 14-minus 26. Sioux Falls-Mickey, Max 24-217; Towns, Jason 11-30; Maxwell,Winston 2-19; Maxwell, Michael 1-0; Team 1-minus 1; Fieber, Ian 2-minus 19.

**PASSING:** Northern State-Comeaux, Jake 20-34-3-189. Sioux Falls-Fieber, Ian 18-32-0-169.

**RECEIVING:** Northern State-Frantzen, Riley 5-23; Kraft, Cody 3-65; Eisenhauer, Cameron 3-19; Kelly, Chaka 2-18; Robinson, Raekwon 2-15; Truen, Nicholas 2-13; Peterson, Eric 1-16; Culbreath, Zech 1-10; Barber, Zachery 1-10. Sioux Falls-Holmes, Anthony 6-57; Smith, Ty 4-50; Stanke, Nick 3-8; Maxwell, Michael 1-25; Vickers, Austin 1-19; Garrow, A.J. 1-8; Thune, Jett 1-4; Mickey, Max 1-minus 2.

**INTERCEPTIONS:** Northern State-None. Sioux Falls-Harman, Jeffrey 1-35; Harts, Shaunard 1-13; Warren, Ayinde 1-0.

**FUMBLES:** Northern State-Frantzen, Riley 1-1; Comeaux, Jake 1-1. Sioux Falls-Mickey, Max 2-0; Towns, Jason 1-0.

Northern State (1-1,1-1) vs. Sioux Falls (2-0,2-0)

Date: Sep 09, 2017 • Site: Sioux Falls, SD • Stadium: Bob Young Field

Attendance: 2415

Kickoff time: 6:05 pm • End of Game: 8:57 • Total elapsed time: 2:52

Officials: Referee: Justin Ingalls; Umpire: Keith Wohlers; Linesman: Chris Girres;

Line judge: Cary Radisewitz; Back judge: Steve Krier; Field judge: Mike Mudder;

Side judge: Derek Ohme;

Temperature: 71 • Wind: SSE 14 • Weather: Cloudy

## COUGAR HISTORY

### USF Football: Continued Excellence

Since football started at the University of Sioux Falls in 1902, the Cougars have tasted success at both the NAIA and NCAA Division II level. During that period, USF has won NAIA league titles and four times been crowned a national champion. The Cougars won NAIA national titles in 1996, 2006, 2008, and 2009.

Since the move to NCAA DII in 2011, the Cougars have constructed a 54-16 record. In NSIC play, beginning in 2012, the Cougars are 47-10. Since moving to DII, the Cougars have finished third (9-2, 5-2, NSIC South, 2012), fourth (6-5, 4-3 NSIC South, 2013) and second (11-1, NSIC South, 2014) in the NSIC South. USF, which finished the season #21 in the AFCA poll and #17 in D2football.com was 9-3 and earned its first ever NCAA DII playoff berth. In 2016, the Cougars moved from #23 in the AFCA poll to #4 and finished 12-1 after heartbreaking 27-24 OT loss to #5 Harding in the second round of the NCAA DII playoffs. The Cougars, which won the NSIC crown for the first time, earned a program best D2 #2 seed in the NCAA DII playoffs in Super Region 3. USF was #8 in the final AFCA and D2Football.com polls. The Cougars won their first round playoff game in 2016 with a 34-21 win over Azusa Pacific at Bob Young Field. With the win, USF hosted a second round game for the first time at the DII level and stand 13-1 all-time in playoff games at Bob Young Field.

To this point, USF has won 20 league titles, had 101 All-Americans and 315 all-league players, including 13 in 2015 and a program-best 24 in 2016. In total USF has had 72 players recognized on the NSIC All-League team, including, program best 24 in 2016, 13 in 2015, 14 in 2014, eight in 2013, and 13 in 2012. USF has had 12 players named first team, 21 to the second team and 15 honorable mention. John Tidwell became USF's first three-time first team All-NSIC selection in 2015.

Former USF quarterback Kurtiss Riggs was inducted into the NAIA Hall of Fame in 2013. Riggs led USF to a two-year record of 25-1, setting NAIA records for TD passes in a season (55), and most attempts without an interception (290) during the 1996 season. He directed the Cougars to its first national title in 1996. In leading USF to a 14-0 record, Riggs set schools records in single season passing yards with 3,993, completions, 265, and had single game passing marks in passing yards with 457, completions, 30 and TDs (9). He was a 1996 NAIA first team All-American.

In the title game win over Western Washington, he threw for 455 yards and five TDs. Riggs, who accumulated 496 completions in 801 attempts for 7,329 passing yards and 85 TDs in his career, was the third athlete from USF named to the NAIA Hall of Fame. USF punter Brian Hansen was inducted in 1995 and track and field standout Wally Diehl was inducted in 1968.

Former head coach Bob Young, who was inducted into the NAIA Hall of Fame in 2010, has the most wins in school history with a 172-69-3 mark from 1983-2004. USF's home field is named in Young's honor. He was a two-time GPAC Coach of the Year (2002, 2003). Kalen DeBoer, who owns the school's best all-time winning percentage at .957, was the GPAC Coach of the Year three times (2006, 2007, 2008)

### USF has recorded 15, 10-win seasons

A list of the 15 top seasons in Cougars football history follows. The rankings are listed according to best mark. USF has recorded four unbeaten seasons, all in the national championship years of 1996, 2006, 2008, 2009. The Cougars have registered 11 seasons of just one loss.

2009 -- 15-0

1996 -- 14-0

2006 -- 14-0

2008 -- 14-0

2007 -- 13-1

2010 -- 13-1

**2016 -- 12-1**

2002 -- 12-1

2003 -- 12-1

2001 -- 12-2

1995 -- 11-1

2004 -- 11-1

2014 -- 11-1

1997 -- 11-2

2005 -- 11-2

and named the AFCA/NAIA Coach of the Year in 2006, 2008 and 2009. He led USF to a 67-3 record and three national titles (2006, 2008, 2009).

Four USF players were named NAIA National Players of the Year, including Nick Kortan in 2002, Chad Cavender in 2007, Lorenzo Brown in 2009 and Jon Ryan in 2010.

Two former Cougars played in the NFL, including Rick Danmeier (1972-75) who was with the Minnesota Vikings from 1977-82. He ranks sixth on the Vikings all-time scoring list with 364 points. Punter Brian Hansen (1980-83) played with the Washington Redskins, New York Jets, Cleveland Browns, New England Patriots, and New Orleans Saints from 1984-99. He is the only player in school history to be drafted by the NFL as he was taken in the ninth round of the 1984 draft. He averaged 42.3 yards per punt in the NFL.

In 1902, the school played its first game against the University of South Dakota, falling 33-0. Over the 96 years of football, USF has a 405-402-20 record. The Cougars claimed its 400th all-time win in 2014 in a 38-9 win over Concordia, St. Paul on Oct. 4.

At the NAIA level, USF was 36-12 in the playoffs with four national titles, three runner-up finishes and three semifinal appearances. The Cougars won their first ever league title (SDIC) in 1981 and had their first unbeaten regular season in 1988 when they also appeared in the playoffs for the first time. In 1995, USF won the program's first playoff game.

### Look Back over the Years

After that first game in 1902 USF did not play again until the 1911 season when they lost to Huron, 24-9. In 1915, the program tasted the winning feeling for the first time with a 41-0 win over Pipestone. In 1916, the program had the first winning season at 3-2-2. The Cougars recorded a 46-0 win over Augustana.

Records suggest that USF hired T.R. Johnson in 1919 when the Cougars were 0-2. Later, USF hired another USD graduate in Frank McCormick, who led the program from 1924-27 (4-18, .182). Francis Olson, who is tied with Philip Tinsworth (6-45-1, .130, 1949-55) and Richard Sterup (20-40, .333, 1962-68), for the second longest tenure (seven years) at USF, had a 19-24-6 (.388) mark from 1928-34.

The early years at USF were tough with just five .500 or better seasons in the first 30 years of the program. However, the 6-1-1 season in 1934, including a 108-to-35 scoring edge, was a standout season. In 1960, the Cougars, which included USF Hall of Fame members Bob Young and Reid Beier, were 6-2 with a 188-to-151 scoring margin. In 1966 and 1967, USF put together a 13-5 combined record (6-3, 7-2).

Later in 1980, the Cougars began a six-year winning run of 38-18, including a 6-3-1 record in 1981 when the Cougars captured their first-ever league title, winning the SDIC. The 1981 produced the school's first-ever league title as the Cougars won the SDIC under direction of head coach Dave Schroeder. In a 9-1 campaign in 1982 USF held a 234-to-92 scoring edge but finished second in the SDIC, although they were ranked ninth in the NAIA poll as Dave Schroeder was named the District 12 Coach of the Year.

Head Coach Bob Young took over in 1984, directing the Cougars to its most successful period ever. In 22 seasons (1983-2004), Young led his teams to a 172-69-3 (.711) record and the school's first NAIA championship in 1996 (47-25 win over Western Washington). In his first season in 1984, USF went 8-2 with an SDIC title and a 233-to-145 scoring edge.

In 1988, USF had the school's best season in history as they went 10-1 with a 14-9 playoff loss to Northwestern (Iowa) spoiling an undefeated regular season. USF had a 278-to-115 scoring margin in that season as they reached the playoffs for the first time. They finished ranked 8th in the final NAIA DII poll. It was the first time that USF had won 10 straight games and set 16 school records, including rushing offense with 2,104 yards and 21 rushing TDs. Bob Booth was named the SDIC MVP & USF's first league MVP. Bob Young was named Coach of the Year. Booth was the first defensive player to win the award since 1981.

By 1994, the Cougars were ready to take a step up. After going 18-22 over the previous four seasons (1990-93), the Cougars put together an 8-2 campaign before going 11-1 in 1995 as they went un-

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beaten in the regular season. A 42-17 loss to U-Mary ended the perfect run. But it was a precursor of things to come.

In 1996, the Cougars, who were ranked as high as #2 in the national rankings in the regular season, dominated from start to finish as they opened with a 58-6 decision against Concordia (Neb.). In the opening four games, USF had a 199-to-61 scoring edge. It was a margin that continued as the Cougars rolled up a 636-to-227 scoring margin for the season. After an unbeaten season, which included six games of scoring 50 points or more, USF defeated U-Mary, 56-19, gaining a little revenge for the loss in 1995. Then they defeated rival Northwestern (Iowa), 52-21, and edged Evangel (Mo.), 28-22.

In the finals, the Cougars received a big-time performance from quarterback Kurtiss Riggs, who completed 25-of-33 passes for 431 yards and five TDs in a 47-25 win over Western Washington (11-2) before 4,000 in attendance at Jim Carroll Stadium in Savannah, Tenn. Both USF and #6 Western Washington played in their first ever championship game. In the win, David Ruter, who had 19 carries for 55 yards and four catches for 98 yards, scored three TDs, including receptions of 20 and 64 yards and a nine-yard run. Riggs, who was the Offensive Player of the Game, connected with Kalen DeBoer, who caught 10 passes for 131 yards, for two TDs (5, 19). DeBoer also had a 54-yard TD run. Overall, the Cougars had 518 yards in total offense. Jeremy Gardner also cracked 100 yards receiving with six receptions for 133 yards. USF defensive end Travis Dumke (eight tackles, 2 TFLs) was the Defensive Player of the Game.

In the 1996 season, Riggs threw 55 TDs with just three picks and DeBoer had 99 catches for 1,374 yards and 17 TDs. Gardner accumulated 50 catches for 955 yards and 16 TDs in the season. In a season when USF generated 6,863 yards in total offense (4, 144 passing), they had a season high of 678 yards in offense against Nebraska-Wesleyan when they scored 65 points. In total they had 86 TDs, including 57 passing.

Before Coach Young retired in 2004, he started USF on a run of success, which continues to 2017. USF has 23 straight winning seasons, most in DII. From 2001-to-2010, the Cougars compiled an unbelievable mark of 127-9 or a winning percentage of .934. In USF's run, they reached the quarterfinals in the NAIA every year while winning three national titles, and finishing second three times with two semifinal appearances. In that run, every USF team won at least 10 games.

In 2001, Young took the Cougars to the finals, falling to Georgetown, Kentucky, 49-27, in a season when they finished 12-2 and won a GPAC title. A year later, they were unbeaten in the regular season and 12-1 overall as USF, which won the GPAC again, reached the national semifinals where the Cougars lost to Carroll College (Mt.), 20-17.

The Cougars again claimed the GPAC crown and had a second straight unbeaten regular season in 2003. After two playoff wins, including a 33-7 win over Northwestern (IA), the Cougars dropped a 16-13 loss to Northwest Oklahoma State in the national semifinals. In Young's final season (2004), the Cougars had a third straight unbeaten regular season before falling to Azusa Pacific, 24-3 in the quarterfinals. Young ended his career by guiding the Cougars to 44 straight regular season wins, including perfect regular seasons from 2002-04.

In 2005, Kalen DeBoer, a wide receiver on the 1996 title winning team, took over the USF program. After Young's departure, the winning continued under one of the school's all-time great players with DeBoer, who earned NAIA All-American honors and finishing his career with a then record 234 receptions from 1993-96.

In a five-year run, DeBoer led USF to a record of 67-3 (.957) and three national titles. Under his watch, the Cougars captured four GPAC titles, three national titles and had a streak of 50 straight home wins.

DeBoer's first season in 2005 ended in an 11-2 record and a trip to the national quarterfinals. In the that second round playoff game, USF fell to Carroll College, 55-0. It is the last game, to date, that USF has failed to score, a run of 139 straight games.

The end of the 2005 season set up the 2006 run when everything came together for USF. The #2 Cougars defeated #1 St. Francis (Ind.), 23-19, in a title game that matched teams with the same mascot

name and abbreviation (USF). The Cougars, which broke from a 13-13 halftime tie with 10 points in a four-minute period of the third quarter, won by forcing four turnovers, including three fumbles. Before a crowd of 5,805 at Jim Carroll Stadium in Savannah, Tenn., USF, which was ranked #2 in the country, won the 51st annual NAIA national title as 2017 USF Athletics HO QB Chad Cavender (15-of-21-155) was named game MVP. In 2008, the Cougars winning streak continued all the way to Rome, GA. The #2 Cougars defeated #1 Carroll College, 23-7, to win a second title in three seasons. Before 6,500, the Cougars scored TDs on offense, defense and special teams. Carroll had won five of the six previous championships including the 17-9 win in 2007 over USF. In a season when USF recorded seven shutouts, an eighth nearly came in the championship game but Carroll scored with 6:15 to play in the game. In total, USF's defense was top number one in 10 defensive categories, ranking as one of the best in school history. The Cou defense allowed just 83 points all season, a school record. In the 14-0 season, the Cougars had a 125-to-26 advantage in four playoff wins. Three times scored seven points or less in the playoffs. Overall, the only close game was a 34-31 win over Morningside the regular season finale. 11 teams were held to seven points or fewer. Of note, the defense allowed just 5.9 points per game, 206 total rushing yards, 0.6 yards per carry, 14.7 rushing yards per game and 109.4 total yards per game.

A year later, the Cougar Pride kept rolling. In a 15-0 season, USF had an 184-to-70 edge in the playoffs. The Cougars not only played exceptional defense (10.5 ppg, 210.5 total yards per game) but set a school record with 775 points or 51.7 points per game. They rolled up 7,313 yards in total offense.

One of the school's most memorable wins occurred in the 15-0 campaign in 2009. The then NAIA Cougars defeated NCAA DII power North Dakota, 28-13, in Grand Forks. In the 2009 championship game, USF edge #3 Lindenwood (13-1), 25-22 in Rome, Ga. Braden Wiekling, a Sioux Falls native, was offensive player of the game with three field goals and two extra points. Linebacker Dominic Studzinski was defensive player of the game after seven tackles and two sacks. A Wiekling field goal from 42 yards gave USF a lead they didn't relinquish as USF increased their winning streak to 29 straight games.

After the season, HC Kalen DeBoer took a position at Southern Illinois and USF hired Jed Stugart, who led USF to a 13-1 season. In fact, the 29-game streak went to 42 straight before a loss to nemesis Carroll College, 10-7 in the NAIA Championship. It was the final game in NAIA by USF, which won a 10th straight GPAC title.

The next year in 2011, the program began a transition to NCAA DII. Since the transition, USF has built a 47-12 record in five seasons in the NSIC with four campaigns of nine wins or more. The 2014 season, which included the first 11-win campaign, was magical with the team's then highest DII ranking of #10 on Oct. 27. The Cougars were ranked nine straight weeks. In December, 2014, USF defeated Central Oklahoma, 42-10 in the Mineral Water Bowl in Excelsior Springs, Mo. It was USF's first ever postseason appearance at DII.

The momentum continued in 2015 as the Cougars rolled to a 9-3 season, which included its first ever DII playoff appearance. While USF lost at Henderson State, 23-16, it was a year to remember as the Cougars opened 7-0 and earned its first ever top five ranking in both the AFCA Coaches Poll and D2football.com.

In 2016, the Cougars captured their first NSIC Championship, rolling to an 11-0 record in the regular season and a 12-1 overall mark. USF, which advanced to the "Sweet 16" and hosted two playoff games, extended its all-time consecutive winning seasons to 23, which ranks fifth best across all divisions and tops in NCAA DII. Counting 2016, USF has 36 straight weeks of being ranked nationally. USF, which also won its first NSIC South title at 7-0, has been ranked in the top 10 16 times and as high as #4 in week 12 of 2016.

Former USF assistant/defensive coordinator Jon Anderson was hired to lead the program in December 2016 following Stugart's departure. In 2017, the Cougars were ranked #17 by the AFCA, which gave USF 36 straight national poll ranking.