



SOUTHERN UTAH UNIVERSITY

THUNDERBIRD FOOTBALL

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THUNDERBIRDS TRAVEL TO SOUTH DAKOTA GREAT WEST FINALE FOR SUU

Southern Utah's football team hits the road for its final Great West Conference game this week as the Thunderbirds travel to Vermillion, S.D. for a Saturday match-up with the University of South Dakota.

Southern Utah (4-4, 2-1 Great West) has won two straight and will be playing for at least a share of the GWC championship. The Thunderbirds put themselves in position to vie for the title with a 56-35 home win over UC Davis last weekend. SUU scored 21 unanswered second quarter points to roll up a 42-21 halftime advantage over the Aggies, then held off Davis' comeback in the fourth quarter. SUU moved to 4-0 at home with Saturday's win, but the Thunderbirds are still looking for their first road win of the season.

South Dakota (3-5, 0-2 Great West) opened the season 3-1 but has lost four straight since a 44-13 win over Southeastern Louisiana on Sept. 26. The Coyotes lost 21-17 last week at Northern Colorado and before that lost a pair of overtime contests, at Montana State (31-24) and at home to UC Davis (24-23). A loss at North Dakota (27-12) started the Coyotes' skid.

For the second straight week the Thunderbirds will be playing a pivotal game, at least as far as the Great West Conference title goes. At 2-1 the Thunderbirds are tied with North Dakota atop the league standings, a half-game ahead of 1-1 UC Davis and Cal Poly. The Thunderbirds can claim at least a share of the conference title with a win Saturday.

The Game: Southern Utah (4-4, 2-1) at South Dakota (3-5, 0-2), Saturday 4:05 p.m. (Central) at the Dakota Dome (10,000, artificial turf).

The Series: Saturday's game will mark just the second meeting between the two teams and the first in Vermillion, S.D. South Dakota prevailed in the series opener last season in Cedar City, 42-20.

TV: Saturday's game will not be televised locally. Highlight clips of all the Thunderbirds' home games are available via SUU's FTP site shortly after the conclusion of each game. For information on obtaining those highlights contact SUU Director of Athletic Media Relations Neil Gardner.

Radio: All of Southern Utah's 2009 football games are available over the Thunderbird Sports Network. SUU flagship station KSUU (91.1 FM) will carry every game live as well as on the worldwide web at www.suu.edu/ksuu. The games will also be carried live over Thunderbird Radio Network affiliate KSUB AM (590), which covers southwest Utah. **Art Challis** is in his 35th season as the Thunderbirds' football voice. He will be joined on home games by **Chris Holmes** and on road broadcasts by **Holmes** or **Neil Gardner**.

GWC Teleconference: The Great West Conference holds a weekly teleconference, beginning at 12:45 p.m. (Mountain). The conference's head coaches all address their previous and upcoming games. For information on accessing the teleconferences, contact SUU Director of Athletic Media Relations Neil Gardner. The

2009 SUU Schedule (4-4, 2-1)

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
9-3	Dixie State	W 36-7
9-12	At San Diego State	L 19-35
9-19	At Northern Arizona	L 39-42
9-26	At Utah State	L 34-53
10-3	Texas State	W 38-16
10-10	Bye	
10-17	At Cal Poly*	L 23-24
10-24	North Dakota*(HC)	W 35-10
10-31	UC Davis*	W 56-35
11-7	At South Dakota*	4:05 p.m.
11-14	Eastern Washington	1:00 p.m.
11-21	At San Diego	6:00 p.m.

2009 USD Schedule (3-5, 0-2)

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
9-3	William Penn	W 52-0
9-12	At Northern Iowa	L 7-66
9-19	Drake	W 51-21
9-26	SE Louisiana	W 44-13
10-3	At North Dakota*	L 12-27
10-10	UC Davis*	L 23-24 (OT)
10-17	At Montana State	L 24-31 (OT)
10-31	At Northern Colorado	L 17-21
11-7	Southern Utah*	4:05
11-14	At Cal Poly*	6:05

* Great West Conference Games
All times site of game

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SUU QUICK FACTS

Location: Cedar City, Utah 84720
Mailing Address: 351 W. University Ave.
Founded: 1897
Enrollment: 7,529
President: Dr. Michael T. Benson
Nickname: Thunderbirds
Colors: Scarlet & White
Stadium: Eccles Coliseum
(Grass, 8,500)
Affiliation: NCAA Division I (FCS)
Conference: Great West
2008 Finish: 1-3
2008 Record: 4-7
Four-Year Record (Since 1963):
207-238-2
All-Time Record (Since 1922):
314-362-19

Director of Athletics: Ken Beazer
SWA/Business Manager: Tami Melton
Compliance Coordinator: Todd Brown
Head Trainer: Ricky Mendini, ATC

Starters Returning/Lost:

O-9/5, D-7/5, S-1/1

Lettermen Returning/Lost: 38/18

Redshirts Returning: 19

Spring Transfers: 1

Other Spring Newcomers/Returnees: 4

Head Coach/Defensive Coordinator:

Ed Lamb (BYU '96)

Lamb at SUU: 8-11 (Second Season)

Lamb Overall: 8-11 (Second Season)

Best Time To Reach: Contact SID

Asst. Head Coach/Tight Ends/RBs:

Al Pupunu (Utah '04)

Offensive Coordinator:

Steve Clark (Brigham Young '92)

Special Teams

Coordinator/Linebackers:

Justin Ena (Brigham Young '01)

Defensive Line:

Ryan Hunt (So. Utah '04)

QB's/Receivers/Recruiting Coordinator:

Paul Peterson (Boston College '05)

Secondary:

Demario Warren (UC Davis '08)

Offensive Line:

Jason Anderson (Brigham Young '98)

Student Assistants:

Shane Braman

Aaron Fernandez

Ronnie Pentz

Teag Whiting

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schedule follows:

12:45 p.m. - Introduction by Great West Commissioner Ed Grom

12:47 p.m. - Cal Poly Coach Tim Walsh

12:55 p.m. - USD Coach Ed Meierkort

1:03 p.m. - UND Coach Chris Mussman

1:11 p.m. - SUU Coach Ed Lamb

1:19 p.m. - UC Davis coach Bob Biggs

Thunderbird Club Luncheons: The Thunderbird Club's weekly no-host luncheon is held Mondays at noon at the Cedar City Crystal Inn. The public is invited to attend the luncheons where Southern Utah's in-season coaches talk about their upcoming contests and review the past week's action.

The Coaches: SUU's **Ed Lamb** (BYU, 1996) has a record of 8-11 seven games into his second season as the Thunderbird head coach and his second season as a head coach overall. Last year Lamb guided the Thunderbirds to their most successful season since 2004. Prior to taking over at SUU, Lamb spent three seasons at the University of San Diego where he coordinated the special teams and recruiting and was the Toreros' defensive backs coach. Prior to his time at USD Lamb spent two seasons as defensive coordinator at Idaho. He also served a season at BYU as a linebackers coach and four seasons at Redlands, three as defensive coordinator and one as defensive line coach. Coach Lamb is 0-1 vs. South Dakota.

South Dakota's **Ed Meierkort** (Dakota Wesleyan, 1982) is 42-23 in his sixth season at the helm of the Coyote program and 97-78 overall in his 17th season as a head coach. Coach Meierkort is 1-0 vs. the Thunderbirds.

Affiliations: Southern Utah is in its sixth season in the Great West Conference after eight seasons as an NCAA Division I (FCS) independent. SUU is a football-only member of the GWC and its other sports are affiliated with The Summit League in all its other sports except women's gymnastics, which competes in the Western Athletic Conference. South Dakota is a member of the Great West Conference in all its sports.

SUU In The FCS National Ranks:

Individuals: SUU has individuals ranked among the nation's leaders (NCAA FCS top-50) in six categories this week, and would rank in another if punter **Trevor Ward** had enough attempts. Ward would lead the nation with a punting average of 46.3 yards per boot, but he has punted just 25 times through eight games, leaving him three kicks shy of the NCAA minimum of 3.5 per game. WR **Tyson Poots** finally became eligible for the NCAA rankings this week (he missed the first two games and the NCAA requires a player to appear in 75 percent of his team's contests) and jumped almost to the top of the receptions per game and receiving yards per game charts, where is he second and third, at 9.0 catches and 105.83 yards per game. Kicker **Ryan Griffith** is 12th in field goals per game with an average 1.5 per, and 15th in scoring at 8.5 points per game. Poots is 22nd in scoring, at 8.0 points per game. WR **Fesi Sitake** also ranks in a pair of categories, 10th in receptions per game (6.88) and 42nd in receiving yards per game (71.0). In addition to those players, quarterback **Cade Cooper** is 15th in total offense, with 272.25 yards per game, and 32nd in passing efficiency, at 139.51.

Team: As a team, the Thunderbirds lead the nation in one category, are second in another and rank among FCS's top-30 in five more. SUU is tops in the nation in net punting, at 42.92 yards per punt, and is second in punt returns, at 20.38 yards per return. SUU also ranks seventh in scoring (35.0 ppg), 12th in passing offense (270.0 ypg), 19th in total offense (399.38 ypg), 25th in turnover margin (plus 0.75) and 29th in passing efficiency (139.22 rating).

GWC Players of the Week

SUU has had seven GWC players of the week this season, including a sweep of all three awards this week. Running back **Major Gray**, cornerback **Colin Pretlow**, and return specialist **Fesi Sitake** all earned recognition this week, while CB **Erron Vonner**, WR **Tyson Poots**, QB **Cade Cooper** and PK **Ryan Griffith** were honored earlier in the season.

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	<u>Standings</u>		<u>Conf.</u>	
	<u>W-L</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>W-L</u>	<u>Pct.</u>
Southern Utah	4-4	.500	2-1	.667
North Dakota	4-4	.500	2-1	.667
Cal Poly	4-4	.500	1-1	.500
UC Davis	4-4	.500	1-1	.500
So. Dakota	3-5	.375	0-2	.000

Last Week's Results

Southern Utah 56, UC Davis 35
 North Dakota 31, Cal Poly 17
 Northern Colorado 21, South Dakota 17

This Week's Games

Southern Utah at South Dakota, 4:05 p.m.
 Cal Poly at UC Davis, 1:00 p.m.
 Southern Oregon at North Dakota, 4:00 p.m.
 (Times site of game)

Thunderbirds In The GWC (Top-5)

- Rushing
 - 3 - Austin Minefee, 64.1 ypg
- Passing
 - 1 - Cade Cooper, 260.1 ypg
- Pass Efficiency
 - 3 - Cade Cooper, 139.5
- Total Offense
 - 2 - Cade Cooper, 272.1 ypg
- Receptions Per Game
 - 1 - Tysson Poots, 9.0 rpg
 - 3 - Fesi Sitake, 6.9 rpg
- Receiving Yards Per Game
 - 1 - Tysson Poots, 105.8 ypg
 - 4 - Fesi Sitake, 71.0 ypg
- Scoring (Overall)
 - 1 - Ryan Griffith, 8.5 ppg
 - 2 - Tysson Poots, 8.0 ppg
 - 4 - Fesi Sitake, 6.2 ppg
- Scoring (TDs)
 - 1 - Tysson Poots, 8.0 ppg
 - 3 - Fesi Sitake, 6.2 ppg
- Scoring (Kick)
 - 1 - Ryan Griffith, 8.5 ppg
- Punt Return Average
 - None meet minimum attempts
- Kick Return Average
 - 1 - Jared Ursua, 20.6 ypg
- All-Purpose Yardage
 - 3 - Tysson Poots, 105.8 ypg
 - 5 - Austin Minefee, 96.9 ypg
- Punting
 - 1 - Trevor Ward, 46.3 ypg
- Field Goals
 - 1 - Ryan Griffith, 1.5 fgpg
- Field Goal Percentage
 - 1 - Ryan Griffith, 85.7 pct.
- Tackles (Top-10)
 - 3 - Robert Takeno, 8.1 tpg
 - 5 - Akeem Anfowoshe, 7.0 tpg
 - T6 - Colin Pretlow, 6.9 tpg
 - 9 - Erron Vonner, 6.2 tpg
- Passes Defended
 - T2 - Colin Pretlow, 1.0 pdpg
- Interceptions*
 - T4 - Coin Pretlow, 0.25 ipg
- Fumbles Forced
 - T1 - Erron Vonner, 0.25 fpg
 - T1 - Colin Pretlow, 0.25 fpg
 - T1 - Drew Willard, 0.25 fpg
- Fumbles Recovered
 - 1 - Akeem Anifowoshe, 0.67 frpg
 - T3 - Chad Westwood, 0.25 frpg

Gray, a 5-foot-9, 205-pound junior from Las Vegas, Nev. (Valley HS/Feather River JC) tied the SUU record for rushing touchdowns in a game with four Saturday, including three in the first half when the Thunderbirds built a 42-21 advantage. Gray carried 16 times for 74 yards to average 4.6 yards per carry, and eight of his 16 carries either went for first downs or touchdowns (or both). He has been the team's leading rusher in five straight games after beginning the season as a situational goal-line back.

Pretlow, a 5-10, 176-pound junior from Las Vegas, Nev. (Las Vegas HS) intercepted a pass in the fourth quarter and returned it 46 yards for a touchdown, thwarting UC Davis' come-back bid. The score pushed SUU's advantage to 56-35 and stopped a 14-point run by the Aggies. Pretlow also led the Thunderbirds with 13 tackles (10 solo) forced a fumble and broke up three passes. He helped hold UC Davis all-conference WR Chris Carter to just 47 receiving yards, his second-lowest total of the season. Pretlow now has a team-high two interceptions on the year, including one in each of the past two games.

Sitake, a 5-11, 185-pound wide receiver/punt returner from Sandy, Utah (Hillcrest HS), returned a punt 61 yards for a touchdown in the second quarter to stake SUU to a 35-21 lead. It was the first punt return for a touchdown at SUU since 2004. Sitake returned three punts a total of 106 yards, including returns of 61, 17 and 28 yards. In addition to the TD run-back, another of his returns set the team up on the UC Davis 41-yard line and led to the T-Birds' first touchdown. At receiver Sitake caught six passes for 61 yards as well.

Vonner, a 5-foot-10, 182-pound sophomore from Toledo, Ohio, had seven tackles, including three solo stops, a half-tackle for loss and led the team with a pair of pass break-ups against North Dakota but his big play was a fourth-quarter interception and return for a touchdown which iced Thunderbirds' 35-10 victory. His 12-yard return was SUU's first interception return for a touchdown since 2004. Among Vonner's additional highlights Saturday were a touchdown-saving tackle on UND's Ismael Bamba at the SUU 5-yard line, which helped prevent the Fighting Sioux from scoring any points on the drive, which ended with a failed field goal attempt. Vonner also drew responsibility for covering UND leading receiver Bamba – who had passed the 100-yard receiving mark in three of the previous four games – and helped keep him without a reception.

Poots, a 6-foot-3, 220-pound junior from Henderson, Nev., caught 12 passes for a season-best 170 yards and a touchdown in the Thunderbirds' 24-23 loss to at Cal Poly. His touchdown catch came in the end zone with nine seconds to play and a pair of defenders draped all over him. The score pulled SUU to within 24-23 but unfortunately for Poots and the Thunderbirds, the PAT sailed wide left, leaving SUU one point short. Poots' receiving yards and receptions are both the second-best (including ties) efforts in the Great West Conference this season. Of his 12 catches, fully 11 of them gave the Thunderbirds first downs, including one on fourth-and-10 in the final minute of play, leading up to SUU's final touchdown.

Cooper, a senior from Lehi, Utah, earned the award after his performance at Northern Arizona where he completed 33-of-48 passes for a personal and Great West Conference season high 425 yards and four touchdowns without throwing an interception. Cooper and running back Austin Minefee were key offensive players in rallying the team from a 35-17 deficit at the end of three quarters with a pair of fourth quarter touchdowns. Cooper and Minefee connected on 15- and 40-yard scoring passes as the team pulled to within 42-39 before running out of time. Cooper's passing and total yards (417) are both conference highs this season, while his four TD passes tied the league's season-high (USD's Noah Shepard against William Penn on Sept. 3).

Griffith earned the GWC Special Teams Player of the Week honors after week one. The senior from Hemet, Calif., who was kicking in his first game after moving over from wide receiver, nailed all five of his field goal attempts and was a perfect 3-for-3 on extra points against Dixie State to earn the honor. Griffith hit attempts from 20, 21, 23, 32 and 37 yards, and with his PATs he accounted for half the Thunderbirds' points. His five field goals set the SUU single-game record.

UC Davis Game Notes:

- Until the North Dakota game SUU hadn't returned an interception or a punt for a score since 2004. Now, in the last two weeks, the team has had two interceptions returned for touchdowns (Pretlow's this week and Erron Vonner's last week) as well as a punt return for six (Sitake's).

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- SUU got scores from all phases of its game against UC Davis. The Thunderbirds had four rushing touchdowns, two passing touchdowns, one from the defense on the interception return and one from special teams on the punt return.
- SUU is 4-0 this season when winning the turnover battle, 0-2 when losing it (at Cal Poly and San Diego State) and 0-2 when the turnovers are even (at Northern Arizona and Utah State).
- SUU tallied a season-best four sacks vs. UC Davis. Chad Westwood recorded one of them, giving him QB sacks in two straight games. Scott Larsen also had sacks vs. UND and UCD. Taylor Pendley recorded his first sack of the season vs. Davis.
- SUU's 56 points was the T-Birds' highest total since they scored 56 at McNeese State back in 2004. It was the highest point total at home since 1999 when the team scored 63 against Idaho State.
- The 42 points SUU scored in the first half vs. UC Davis tied the SUU record (NCAA era) for points in a half and points in a first half, but it set the record for points in a half at home. SUU had scored 42 points in a half three times prior to Saturday: at Idaho State in 2000, at St. Mary's in 1999 and at Cal State Northridge in 1991. The Thunderbirds won all three of those games, topping Idaho State 62-24, St. Mary's 57-22 and Northridge 56-28.
- Tysson Poots had 108 yards (and two TDs) on 11 receptions vs. UC Davis. The 11 catches are tied for eighth-most in a game at SUU. He now needs exactly 100 yards to pass Doug Berry (1967-70) to become the school's career receiving leader. He is already the SUU receiving touchdowns leader with 25 and counting. Poots' two TD grabs tied his single-game high this year.
- Cade Cooper tied the SUU single-season record for touch-down passes vs. the Aggies. His two TD tosses to Poots gave him 22 on the season, which tied the record Cody Stone set last year.

North Dakota Game Notes:

- Erron Vonner, who originally walked on to the team last year before earning a scholarship this season, was knocked from the game with an injury mid-way through the second period, but came back after the halftime break to record four of his seven tackles, break up a pass and record a pick and a TD in earning GWC Player of the Week honors.
- Cade Cooper's 31 completions vs. UND were the third-most in a single game in SUU history (his 33 at NAU earlier in the season are second), and the four TD passes also tied the second-best total (accomplished by many, including himself at NAU) in school history. The four TD passes also tied the league's single-game high this season. He has now thrown for

over 250 yards and at least three touchdowns in five straight games.

- Trevor Ward punted six times for 300 yards, a 50-yards per-punt average, the third-best single-game average in SUU history. Ward's 53.2 yard average last year at Air Force is second. Jeff McComb holds the record, at 54.4, back in 1987 at Santa Clara.
- Freshman QB Ammon Olsen completed a 50-yard pass late in the game, hooking up with fellow true freshman Mitch Jessop. It was the longest pass of Olsen's career and the longest reception of Jessop's, as well as the team's longest pass this season. Jessop finished the game with five receptions for 97 yards, both numbers are career-bests.
- WR Fesi Sitake caught seven passes for a season-high 102 yards and a touchdown.
- WR Tysson Poots caught two TD passes, his single-game high for this season; he matched it with two more vs. UC Davis.
- Chad Westwood – who missed the Cal Poly game because his wife Brittany was giving birth to twins – was in on 1.5 sacks, the team's individual single-game high this year. Troy Bunting had his first sack of the season.
- SUU tied its season-high with nine receivers catching passes. Among them was one extreme rarity, as offensive guard Russell Peterson caught one pass for no yards. Offensive linemen are generally barred from catching passes but Peterson's was deflected by a defender, making it fair game for anyone.
- SUU has held UND to just 126 passing yards.
- SUU's defense had a season-high two interceptions and a then season-best three sacks.

Cal Poly Game Notes:

- Cal Poly passed for just 22 yards, the third-lowest opponent passing total in SUU history and the fewest passing yards against the Thunderbirds since the school moved to NCAA competition in 1986. It was the lowest passing total allowed by SUU since College of Idaho passed for just six yards, way back in 1966!
- Poots' 12 receptions in the game tied the sixth-highest total in a game at SUU, and his 170 yards were the eighth-best single-game total.
- Cade Cooper completed 27-of-40 passes for 263 yards and three touchdowns.
- Abbel Aiono caught the first touchdown pass of his career, a one-yarder in the back of the end zone in the third quarter that tied the game at 14-14.
- SUU did not punt in the game.
- Southern Utah won the game every way except on the scoreboard and in the turnover battle. The Thunderbirds had 26 first

TEAM COMPARISON

	<u>Southern Utah</u>	<u>South Dakota</u>
RUSHING OFFENSE	129.4 ypg	189.9 ypg
PASSING OFFENSE	270.0 ypg	245.0 ypg
TOTAL OFFENSE	399.4 ypg	434.9 ypg
SCORING OFFENSE	35.0 ppg	28.8 ppg
RUSHING DEFENSE	191.2 ypg	113.6 ypg
PASS DEFENSE	210.8 ypg	264.1 ypg
TOTAL DEFENSE	402.0 ypg	377.8 ypg
SCORING DEFENSE	27.8 ppg	25.4 ppg
NET PUNTING	42.9 ypp	34.7 ypp
PUNT RETURNS	20.4 ypr	9.3 ypr
KICKOFF RETURNS	19.1 ypg	25.6 ypr
TURNOVER MARGIN	plus 0.75	minus 0.88

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downs to the Mustangs' 16, had 385 total yards to CP's 250, held Cal Poly to just 22 passing yards and ran 80 plays to the 'Stangs' 55 to control the ball for 32:55. SUU won the time of possession battle in every period but the fourth, where they had a 7:13-to-7:47 deficit. Unfortunately, however, SUU also turned the ball over deep in its own end (leading to a short-field TD) and threw an interception in the CP end zone (thwarting an SUU drive).

- The only turnover Cal Poly lost was on an on-sides kick by SUU in the final 10 seconds. SUU recovered the kick after it bounced off a Poly player. Cal Poly fumbled five times in the game but lost just the one.
- Cal Poly continually pooch-kicked on kickoffs but the strategy had questionable effectiveness as SUU's average starting position was the 34 yard line.

Texas State Game Notes:

- Akeem Anifowoshe 99-yard fumble return for a touchdown was the longest fumble return in SUU history, breaking the old record of 68 yards by Marcus Burgess vs. Rocky Mountain back in 1996. SUU's last return for a touchdown came last season when current graduate assistant Aaron Fernandez returned a fumble 54 yards vs. Youngstown State.
- Tysson Poots finished with 11 receptions for 120 yards. The 11 receptions are tied for No. 8 on the SUU single-game list.
- Major Gray came off the bench in the first four games but with Austin Minefee sidelined by a rib injury Gray got the first start of his SUU career against the Bobcats. He responded with 91 yards and a touchdown on the ground and 24 yards and another score through the air. Gray's rushing, receiving and scoring totals were all then-career-bests.
- Freshman Matt Holley notched his first collegiate interception when he picked off a Bradley George offering in the fourth quarter.
- Fesi Sitake caught a season-low four passes for 42 yards vs. TSU but he did get into the end zone once.
- Ryan Griffith's streak of perfection came to an end vs. the Bobcats. After making 10-of-10 field goals coming into the game, Griffith made his first attempt, a 28 yarder at the end of the first half, but missed two in the fourth quarter in strong, swirling winds. The misses came from 35 and 52 yards.
- SUU has beaten Texas State three straight times, each time the Bobcats were ranked among the FCS top-25 and each time the Thunderbirds were unranked.
- A season-high nine players caught passes for SUU vs. Texas State.
- After getting off to slow starts in their first four games the Thunderbirds scored in five of their first six drives against Texas State.

Utah State Game Notes:

- Ryan Griffith was 2-for-2 in field goal attempts at USU and connected on all four of his PATs. The converted WR started the season 10-for-10 on field goals and 12-for-13 on PATs.
- Major Gray shouldered the rushing duties at USU and finished with of 16 carries for 57 yards. He also scored his second touchdown of the season.
- Trevor Ward punted a season-high seven times at USU but he averaged 47.4 yards per punt.
- Utah State fumbled seven times, losing three of them. Several came on errant pitches in the Aggie option offense.
- FS Dion Turner posted career highs in tackles and solo tackles for the second straight game. He had 10 with eight solo

stops at NAU, then bettered those numbers with 14 total and 10 solo stops at USU.

NAU Game Notes:

- Cade Cooper completed 33 of 48 passes for a Great West Conference season high 425 yards and four touchdowns without throwing an interception. He rallied the team from a 35-17 deficit at the end of three quarters with a pair of fourth quarter touchdown passes to Austin Minefee as the team pulled to within 42-39 before running out of time. His passing and total yards (417) are both conference highs this season, while his four TD passes tied the league's season-high (USD's Noah Shepard against William Penn on Sept. 3).
- Austin Minefee hadn't caught a pass all season until the NAU game. At NAU he had five receptions for 83 yards and three touchdowns, the second-highest TD total in the conference this year. His 18 points at NAU tied he second-highest point total by an individual in the conference this season (teammate Ryan Griffith vs. Dixie State). Minefee finished with 172 all-purpose yards after gaining 83 on the ground; it was his first sub-100-yard rushing day but most of the receiving yards were gained after the catch.
- Fesi Sitake had a career-high 10 receptions at NAU.
- Tysson Poots saw his first action of the season at NAU where he caught six passes for a team-high 109 yards and one touchdown.

Records Watch:

- **Tysson Poots'** 11 receptions vs. UC Davis broke a tie atop the SUU all-time receptions list, moving him past **Doug Berry** (1967-70). Poots now has 188 receptions to Berry's 177 and he needs exactly 100 yards to pass Berry for first place on the receiving yards list. Poots also sets a new SUU record for career receiving touchdowns each time he scores, as he entered the season tied with Stookey atop that list; Poots now has 25 career TD receptions.
- **Trevor Ward's** current average of 46.3 yards per punt is the best in SUU history while his career average of 41.4 yards per punt is the third-best.
- In just one season **Ryan Griffith** has moved into SUU's career top-10 for field goal kicking. His 12 this year rank fifth on the career list and are third on the single-season list – behind **Dave Pretzer** (2001) and **Herkey Marxen** (1989) – who each had 13. Marxen and Pretzer are 1-2 on the career list, with 38 and 28, respectively.
- **Griffith** set an SUU record with five field goals in a game vs. Dixie State.
- **Cade Cooper** completed 31 passes vs. North Dakota, the third-most in a game in SUU history. Earlier in the season he completed 33 at NAU, the second-most in a game at SUU, a his 27 completions against both Texas State and Cal Poly are tied as the sixth-best efforts in SUU history. Cooper's 173 completions this season rank fourth on the SUU single-season list, while his 20 TD passes are third; his 1,833 passing yards rank ninth and his 271 attempts rank sixth. His 425 passing yards at NAU were the second-most in a game at SUU, behind Cody Stone's 469 at Cal Poly last year. His 33 completions were also second to Stone's 34 at Cal Poly and his 48 attempts tied for the third-most in a game at SUU (Ryan Zimmerman vs. McNeese State in 2003 and Rick Robins vs. St. Mary's in 1995).
- **Austin Minefee** rushed for 147 yards in the opener and 111 at San Diego State. It had been seven seasons SUU had a

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back rush for over 100-yards in back-to-back games. The last time was back in 2002 when **Charles Henderson** had 115 yards at home against Cal Poly then the 185 the next week at Montana.

Thunderbird Notes:

- Since returning from his broken foot in the third week of the season, Tysson Poots has caught a touchdown pass in every game, as well as breaking the 100-yard mark in four of the six contests. He has been the team's leading receiver in four of the six games since his return as well.
- Cade Cooper passed for 250 yards or more in five straight games until finishing with 248 yards vs. UC Davis. He finished with 425 at Northern Arizona, 250 at Utah State, 256 vs. Texas State, 263 at Cal Poly, and 295 vs. North Dakota.
- SUU was on the wrong end of two freak plays at SDSU. A safety when Cade Cooper was stepped on by an offensive lineman backing away from center in the end zone, and a blocked PAT which was returned for a score by the Aztecs. The last time SUU had given up a safety was at Air Force in the 2008 season-opener. The last time they had given up a defensive PAT for a score was way back in November of 2000 when Northern Arizona's Ray Perryman scooped up a blocked kick and ran it back.
- The announced crowd of 42,137 at San Diego State was the largest crowd ever to see an SUU football game. The crowd surpassed the previous record of 39,180, last season at Air Force.
- Southern Utah's standing-room only crowd of 10,028 against Dixie State was the largest to see an SUU home game. The previous high was 9,028 for the Cal Poy game in 2004. The stadium opened in 1997 and has a seating capacity of 8,500 but also large grass areas and concrete walkways to accommodate several thousand additional fans.
- The Thunderbirds rolled up 244 rushing yards against Dixie State, their highest total since they combined for 280 yards on the ground at McNeese State in the sixth game of 2007.
- SUU is in its 47th season as a four-year football-playing institution and its 24th as a member of the NCAA. The 2009 season also marks the Thunderbirds' 17th as a member of the NCAA's Football Championship Subdivision (formerly I-AA) and is the school's sixth in the Great West Conference.
- The Thunderbirds have two all-Americans and six first team all-conference players returning, including senior punter Trevor Ward and junior receiver Tysson Poots, who both earned honorable mention all-America and first-team all-conference honors last year. In addition to Ward and Poots, senior linebacker Robert Takeno, junior cornerback Colin Pretlow, junior safety Akeem Anifowoshe and senior center Stephen Boyer all earned first-team all GWC honors last year. In addition to the first-teamers, senior guard Aarron Po'uha earned second-team recognition last year.
- SUU also returns three academic all-GWC honorees from the 2008 squad: Poots, Pretlow and Ward. In addition to those three, senior running back Brandon Godfrey, who sat out last year with an injury, earned academic all-GWC honors in 2006 and 2007.
- SUU plays just six of its 11 games against FCS opponents this year, with the exceptions being the games at FBS opponents San Diego State and Utah State, the opener against Division II Dixie State, and the games vs. North Dakota and South Dakota, a pair of teams making the transition from Division II to Division I status.

Coyote Context: After falling behind 14-0 South Dakota played catch-up last week at Northern Colorado, scoring on three consecutive possessions to grab a 17-14 lead in the third period. The Bears thwarted USD's next two possessions, intercepting a pass and forcing a punt, then drove 89 yards on 13 plays to take the lead. The Coyotes got the ball back twice but were unable to retake the lead. The statistics were as close as the score, as USD finished with 409 yards of offense to UNC's 395.

The Coyotes have a balanced offensive attack which averages 189.9 yards per game on the ground and 245.0 through the air. They also have the GWC's second most potent scoring attack, at 28.8 points per game, as well as its second stingiest scoring defense, at 25.4 ppg. SUU has the highest-scoring offense, at 35.0 ppg, while Cal Poly allows the fewest points, 22.9. The Coyotes have given up an average of 113.6 rushing and 264.1 passing yards per game and have sacked opponents quarterbacks 17 times while logging 49 tackles for losses.

Quarterback Noah Shepard (6-2, 215, Sr) carries the GWC's top passer efficiency rating, at 143.8 and averages 228.6 yards per game while rushing for another 48.8 to lead the conference with 277.4 total yards per game. He has completed 143-of-231 passes for 1,829 yards and 15 touchdowns and has also rushed for a team-high 10 TDs. His favorite targets have been WRs Tom Flanagan (5-9, 190, Fr) and Dan Skelly (6-1, 191, Sr), with 30 receptions for 379 yards and three TDs and 25 receptions for 373 yards and two scores, respectively. WR Ben Oberle (6-1, 195, Sr) has been the most productive receiver, however, with four TDs and an 18.3 yards per catch average, both team-highs. RB Chris Ganious (5-8, 185, So) leads the team and the league in rushing with an average of 76.1 yards per game; he has scored two touchdowns.

On the defensive side of the ball FS Shane Potter (6-2, 215, So) and ILB Adam Broders (6-2, 220, So) are 1-2 on the tackles list, with 59 and 58, while ILB Shea Williams (6-2, 215, So) has 54 stops. Potter also leads the team with two interceptions, while SS Jim Thompson (6-2, 205, So) has broken up a team-high five passes. DE Wayne Curry (6-3, 240, Sr) leads the team with six sacks and is its co-TFLs leader – along with OLB Ryan Routh (6-1, 220, Sr) – with eight.

SUU Picked Fifth In GWC Poll: The Thunderbirds are picked fifth in the GWC pre-season coaches poll this year.

The coaches tabbed Cal Poly to defend its title, with UC Davis tabbed to finish second for the second straight year. Cal Poly picked up four first-place votes, with the Aggies grabbing the other. South Dakota, North Dakota and SUU were closely bunched at 3-through-5, with USD receiving 12 points, UND receiving 10 and SUU receiving nine.

SUU's Eccles Coliseum is one of two football stadiums in the world sporting both the Olympic Rings and an Olympic Cauldron inside the stadium (The Los Angeles Coliseum is the other). Southern Utah's Olympic Cauldron, donated by DCI Incorporated of Utah, was lit by the Olympic Torch Feb. 5, 2002, during the Olympic Torch Relay.

Ed Lamb On South Dakota: "South Dakota is a very good football team. They've got one of the best players in the conference in Noah Shepard. They came here last year and absolutely waxed us in our stadium. We've got a big task but a big reward if we can get it done. They've lost only one game at home this year, an overtime loss to UC Davis, and it was a game they very well could have won. South Dakota could have come out on top of all their games. They've played a tough

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schedule; just like most of the teams in the west it's hard to find games and you wind up playing some very good teams out here in the west. It will be a very difficult game for us. South Dakota is 29-3 in their last 32 games at home. It's a big advantage for them."

Lamb on the Thunderbirds: "The victory Saturday [over UC Davis] was truly rewarding for our players, but for our coaches to see a game won in that fashion I think is probably the most rewarding way for us. Two weeks now in a row the other [team's] coaches have done a really fine job, and two weeks in a row our guys have overcome excellent game plans by the opponents' coach. For us, maybe it's counter-intuitive, but that's really the indication that the program is getting to the point where we needed to be. We don't feel like every week we need to trick the opponent's coaches and the opponent's players, bring gimmicky plays.

"Our game at South Dakota this weekend is a championship football game. There are a lot of scenarios, every team could finish with two losses and we could have a bunch of teams tied for the conference championship, but the one scenario, the simplest one is we win [Saturday], we win the conference and from there everyone else in subsequent weeks will be trying to catch up for a share of the conference title with us. It's something that just a short time ago didn't seem possible. We've got our work cut out for us. If we could get a win Saturday it would be our first road victory of the season."

Thunderbird Player Capsules

OFFENSE

15 Abbel Aiono
6-3, 265, So, TE
West Valley City, Utah

Has had one reception in every game except at Utah State. Caught his first career TD pass at Cal Poly. Had a career-best four receptions for 32 yards vs. Dixie State.

6 Deckar Alexander
5-7, 185, Jr, RB
Fontana, California

Is out for the season with an injury. Played at SDSU, NAU and Utah State but carried just three times and caught one pass in those three games.

2 Cade Cooper
6-2, 190, Sr, QB
Lehi, Utah

Has started every game at QB. Was GWC Player of the Week after completing 33-of-48 passes for a career-high 425 yards and four TDs at NAU. His 22 TD passes are tied for the most in a season at SUU while the four TDs at NAU and vs. North Dakota are tied for the second-most in a game, as are the 425 yards and the 33 completions at NAU. Has thrown at least one TD in every game and at least three in all but three games (one at San Diego St., and two vs. Dixie State and UC Davis). Had thrown for 250-plus yards in five straight games until finishing with 248 vs. UC Davis.

80 Mitch Jessop
6-4, 185, Fr, WR
Providence, Utah

Didn't catch a pass vs. Dixie State but had at least three in each game since until catching two vs. UC Davis. Posted

career-highs with five catches for 97 yards vs. North Dakota, his 50-yard reception from Ammon Olsen was the team's longest this year. Had four receptions at NAU and Utah State.

25 Austin Minefee
5-10, 195, So, RB
Cedar City, Utah

Has been a rushing and receiving threat all season but missed the Texas State game with injury. Carried 27 times for 147 yards vs. Dixie State, the team's highest rushing total since Johnny Sanchez ran for 181 yards at McNeese State in the fourth game of 2007. Ran for 111 yards and his first collegiate touchdown at SDSU. Tallied 172 all-purpose yards at NAU, where he rushed 19 times for 89 yards and caught five passes for 83 yards and three TDs. Finished the UND game with 105 all-purpose yards, including 44 rushing and 61 receiving, also caught a TD pass.

4 Ammon Olsen
6-3, 195, Fr, QB
Draper, Utah

Has played in five of the eight games. Completed two passes for 12 yards at Utah State where he rushed for a career-best 19 yards on four carries. Carried twice for 11 yards and completed one pass, a personal-best and team season-long 50-yard hookup with fellow freshman Mitch Jessop vs. North Dakota.

19 Tysson Poots
6-3, 205, So, WR
Henderson, Nevada

Sat out the first two games rehabilitating a foot injury. Made a splash in his first game back, catching six passes for a team-high 109 yards and a touchdown at NAU. Has caught at least seven passes and scored in each game since, including a season-high 12 receptions for a season-best 170 yards and a score at Cal Poly; the touchdown came in double-coverage with nine seconds remaining. Has scored two TDs in each of the last two games and co-leads the team with eight touchdowns. Was named GWC Player of the Week following the Cal Poly game.

9 Fesi Sitake
5-11, 175, Jr, WR
Sandy, Utah

Has started every game at WR and has been the team's sole punt returner. Is tied for the team lead with eight touchdowns, has scored in six games, including two receiving touchdowns vs. both Dixie State and Utah State. Set a career-high with 10 receptions at NAU, where he finished with 80 receiving yards. Led the team with nine receptions for 98 yards and two TDs at USU. Caught seven passes for a team-high (and personal-best) 102 yards vs. UND, also scored a TD. Returned a punt 61 yards for a touchdown vs. UC Davis, also caught six passes for 61 yards.

5 Jared Ursua
6-1, 200, So, WR
Kailua-Kona, Hawaii

Has played in every game at WR and kickoff returner, started four games. Tallied 130 all-purpose yards at NAU where he caught four passes for 48 yards and returned three kickoffs for a total of 74. Caught just one pass at Cal Poly but it was a big one, a 14-yarder for the team's first touchdown. Has caught one pass in five straight games after tallying 12 in the first three.

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DEFENSE

29 Akeem Anifowoshe

5-11, 195, Jr, CB

Las Vegas, Nevada

Ranks fifth on the team with 42 tackles despite missing two games. Has recovered a team-high four fumbles, including one vs. Texas State that he returned 99 yards for a touchdown, the longest fumble return in SUU history. Had a team-high 10 stops at Cal Poly. Is tied for fourth on the team with 2.5 tackles for losses, including 1.5 at Utah State.

46 Troy Bunting

5-10, 220, Jr, LB

Sandy, Utah

Has started every game at middle linebacker. Is sixth on the squad in tackles with 40. His best game was vs. North Dakota when he had eight stops, four solo, to lead the team. Had seven tackles at Utah State and six vs. UC Davis. Is third on the team in TFLs, with one each at NAU and USU and another vs. UND.

26 Myles Crawford-Harris

6-0, 185, So, CB

Oakland, California

Has started every game at cornerback. Is eighth on the squad with 25 tackles and is tied for second with two passes broken up. Has had four tackles, three solo, in four of the last five games. Has forced and recovered a fumble.

34 Blake Fenn

6-1, 215, So, S

Roosevelt, Utah

Has played in every game at linebacker and safety. Has 13 tackles and broke up a pass. Best game was at San Diego State where he had four tackles, two solo.

79 Nick Garcia

6-4, 315, Jr, DL

Westpoint, Utah

Has started every game at nose tackle. Has 12 stops and 2.5 TFLs. Had three tackles at NAU and Cal Poly. TFLs came vs. Dixie State, NAU and Utah State.

18 Cody Heinreich

6-4, 260, So, DE

Las Vegas, Nevada

Has played in every game, tallying eight tackles. Best game was at Cal Poly, where he had three tackles, all solo.

96 Scott Larsen

6-2, 275, Sr, DL

Farmington, Utah

Ranks second among SUU defensive linemen with 18 tackles (11 solo), leads the team with four tackles for loss and is second on the squad with 2.0 sacks. Has been in on a sack in each of the last two games. Had four tackles at NAU – where he also had a TFL – and vs. Texas State, when three of his stops were of the solo variety.

36 Colin Pretlow

5-10, 176, Jr, CB

Las Vegas, Nevada

Starter at corner in every game, has had at least four tackles in all but one. Leads the team with 40 solo tackles and is the team's second-leading tackler overall, with 55 stops. Also has

team-bests of two interceptions, six passes broken up and two fumbles forced and has recovered a fumble. Tallied a personal-best 13 tackles (10 solo) vs. UC Davis in a game in which he also returned an interception for a touchdown, recovered a fumble and broke up three passes. Earned GWC Player of the Week honors following the UC Davis game. Had another interception vs. North Dakota. Tallies 11 tackles (nine solo) at San Diego State and 12 (seven solo) vs. Texas State.

32 Robert Takeno

5-11, 225, Sr, LB

Sandy, Utah

Has started every game the past four years. Leads the team in tackles with 65 and is third in solo stops with 28. Has had at least four tackles in every game and at least seven in all but two. Returned a fumble 32 yards for a score vs. Dixie State but, unfortunately, an inadvertent official's whistle denied him the touchdown and placed the ball at the 10 yard line. Got into double-figures for the first time this season with 11 stops, three solo, at Utah State where he also had a TFL. Led the team with a team-season-high 14 tackles vs. Texas State, including five solo stops. Was second on the squad with eight tackles (six solo) at Cal Poly. Was second again with nine stops vs. Davis.

30 Tyson Turley

6-2, 205, So, S

Las Vegas, Nevada

Had a season-best seven tackles (five solo) vs. UC Davis, his previous best was five vs. Texas State. Has tallied at least one tackle in all but one game, has played in all eight. Was in on a TFL vs. North Dakota.

21 Dion Turner

6-0, 181, Fr, CB

Oakland, California

Has played in every game, ranks fourth on the team with 45 tackles, including 30 solo stops, which ranks second. Led team with a then-career-best 10 tackles at NAU, also tallied a tackle-for-loss and recovered a fumble vs. the Lumberjacks. Tallied a career-high and paced the team for the second straight game at Utah State where he had 14 stops (which is tied for the team-season-high), 10 solo, and broke up a pass in the end zone. Has had at least three tackles in all but two games, has forced and recovered one fumble.

22 Erron Vonner

5-10, 182, So, CB

Toledo, Ohio

Ranks third on the team with 50 tackles, including 26 solo stops. Also has two PBUs and has forced and recovered a fumble. Led team with eight tackles, two solo vs. DSC. Has had at least four tackles in every game and at least six in all but two. Earned GWC Player of the Week honors after UND game, when he intercepted a pass and returned it for a score, tallied seven tackles (three solo), broke up two more passes and was in on one tackle-for-loss.

90 Chad Westwood

6-4, 275, Sr, DL

Cedar City, Utah

Leads SUU linemen with 19 tackles, as well as in sacks with 2.5 and QB hurries with four. Is also second on the team with 3.5 tackles-for-loss and two fumble recoveries, and is tied for second with three passes broken up. Has appeared in and tallied a tackle in every game except at Cal Poly, when he missed the

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game to be with his wife, Brittany, who was giving birth to twins. Had a season-best five tackles with 1.5 sacks vs. North Dakota, then bettered that with six tackles (four solo) and another sack vs. UC Davis.

SPECIAL TEAMS

33 Ryan Griffith 6-0, 190, Sr, WR/K Hemet, California

Began his career by hitting 11 straight field goals. Set an SUU record with five field goals in a game vs. DSC, also hit three extra points in his first game as a collegiate kicker; was 5-for-5 on FGs and 3-for-3 on PATs. Was named GWC Player of the Week following the Dixie game. Hit two more FGs at SDSU, including a career-long 49-yarder but had one of his two PATs blocked. Was perfect again at NAU, where he hit his only field goal attempt, a 17-yarder, and connected on all four of his PAT attempts. Stayed perfect on field goals with two more at Utah State, also hit all four of his PATs. Hit his first field goal to run his season streak to 11-

for-11 but that was the end of the perfect run as he missed 35- and 52-yard attempts later in the game vs. Texas State. Was 1-for-1 in field goals at Cal Poly but pulled the potential game-tying extra point wide in the final seconds of the game. Hasn't attempted a field goal in the last two games.

88 Trevor Ward 6-4, 240, Sr, P/PK Ogden, Utah

Carries an SUU-record 46.3 yards per punt average through the first eight games. In a rarity he did not punt at Cal Poly. Averaged 50 yards on six punts vs. UND, the third-best single-game average in SUU history; also put one inside the 20. The team's offense has been so efficient he hasn't punted enough to qualify for the NCAA rankings (he is three punts shy), but if he were ranked he would lead the nation. Punted a season-high seven times at Utah State, where he averaged 47.4 yards per kick.

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No	Name	Say
3	Naia Ursua	.NY-uh ur-SUE-uh
4	Ammon Olsen	.AM-un
5	Jared Ursua	.ur-SUE-uh
9	Fesi Sitake	.FESS-ee Sit-AH-kee
15	Abbel Aiono	.Able eye-OH-no
20	Kennie Apilli	.uh-PEEL-ee
23	D.J. Lucchesi	.loo-CASEY
29	Akeem Aniofowoshe	.ani-fo-WASH-ee
32	Robert Takeno	.tuh-KAY-no
37	Tui Siiliva	.TWO-ee sill-EE-vuh
42	Andrew Taeoalii	.TAY-uh-OH-lee-ee
45	Sam Aigbe	.AYG-bee
49	A.J. Forestiere	.Fore-STEER
56	Eddie Mailoto	.my-LOW-toe
61	Gavin Boger	.BOW-zur
66	Aarron Po'uha	.BOW-ha
67	Trevor Schauerhamer	.SHOWER-hammer
74	Anthony Coissairt	.CO-zart
85	Chandler Alphin	.ALL-fin
93	Andrew Eide	.EYE-dee
99	Jeff Tukuafu	.TWO-koo-AH-foo

The Sports Network FCS Poll

Team	2009	Pts	PVS1.
1. Richmond (123)	8-0	3,481	1
2. Montana (9)	8-0	3,299	2
3. Southern Illinois (7)	7-1	3,218	3
4. Villanova (1)	7-1	3,039	4
5. William & Mary	7-1	2,834	5
6. Elon	7-1	2,783	6
7. Appalachian State (1)	6-2	2,677	7
8. New Hampshire	7-1	2,508	8
9. South Dakota State	7-1	2,428	9
10. South Carolina State	7-1	2,224	10
11. Northern Iowa	5-3	1,968	12
12. McNeese State	6-2	1,967	13
13. Holy Cross	7-1	1,571	17
14. Eastern Illinois	7-2	1,388	20
15. Stephen F. Austin	6-2	1,248	11
16. Liberty	6-2	1,117	23
17. Jacksonville State	5-3	1,091	22
18. Colgate	8-1	975	24
19. Weber State	5-4	917	14
20. Central Arkansas	5-3	723	15
21. Eastern Washington	6-3	634	NR
22. Prairie View A&M	5-1	612	25
23. Delaware	5-3	506	16
24. Florida A&M	6-2	489	NR
25. Lafayette	7-1	379	NR

First-place votes in parenthesis

FCS Coaches Poll

Team	2009	Pts	PVS
1. Richmond (28)	8-0	700	1
2. Montana	8-0	667	2
3. Southern Illinois	7-1	646	3
4. Villanova	7-1	614	4
5. William & Mary	7-1	580	5
6. Elon	7-1	552	6
7. New Hampshire	7-1	510	7
8. Appalachian State	6-2	508	8
9. South Dakota State	7-1	475	9
10. South Carolina State	7-1	453	10
11. McNeese State	6-2	419	11
12. Northern Iowa	5-3	374	14
13. Eastern Illinois	7-2	323	19
14. Holy Cross	7-1	317	17
15. Jacksonville State	5-3	273	20
16. Eastern Washington	6-3	225	21
17. Liberty	6-2	201	24
18. Stephen F. Austin	6-2	200	15
19. Central Arkansas	5-3	181	12
20. Colgate	8-1	161	T25
21. Weber State	5-4	149	13
22. Prairie View A&M	5-1	116	T25
23. Florida A&M	6-2	81	NR
24. Lafayette	7-1	74	NR
25. Delaware	5-3	71	18

First-place votes in parenthesis

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LAST MEETING: Southern Utah vs. South Dakota Box Score

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Score	
South Dakota	14	14	7	7	42	Record: (5-5,1-1)
Southern Utah	3	14	3	0	20	Record: (4-6,1-3)

Scoring Summary:

2nd	07:16	UND	Brandon Brady 17 yd pass from Danny Freund (B. Hellevang kick), 7-80
1st	08:15	SUU	PULVER, Steve 30 yd field goal, 5-68 1:13, USD 0 - SUU 3
	05:05	USD	Ganious, Chris 11 yd run (Veazie, Justin kick), 8-70 3:04, USD 7 - SUU 3
	03:28	USD	Shepard, Noah 8 yd run (Veazie, Justin kick), 2-10 0:47, USD 14 - SUU 3
2nd	14:16	USD	Shepard, Noah 2 yd run (Veazie, Justin kick), 10-33 3:59, USD 21 - SUU 3
	03:24	USD	Ganious, Chris 9 yd run (Veazie, Justin kick), 7-80 4:54, USD 28 - SUU 3
	00:36	SUU	MILLER, Nick 21 yd pass from STONE, Cody (PULVER, Steve kick failed), 11-77 2:48, USD 28 - SUU 9
	00:04	SUU	POOTS, Tysson 16 yd pass from STONE, Cody (MILLER, Nick pass from STONE, Cody), 4-22 0:24, USD 28 - SUU 17
3rd	03:19	USD	Shepard, Noah 4 yd run (Veazie, Justin kick), 6-87 3:06, USD 35 - SUU 17
	01:06	SUU	PULVER, Steve 20 yd field goal, 9-57 2:13, USD 35 - SUU 20
4th	12:49	USD	Shepard, Noah 13 yd run (Veazie, Justin kick), 7-72 3:10, USD 42 - SUU 20

	SUU	UND
FIRST DOWNS	21	16
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	55-445	21-4
PASSING YDS (NET)	59	370
Passes Att-Comp-Int	14-5-0	52-24-2
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	69-504	73-366
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	2-10	4-74
Kickoff Returns-Yards	5-96	5-116
Interception Returns-Yards	2-42	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	6-46.5	6-42.2
Fumbles-Lost	3-1	0-0
Penalties-Yards	9-107	8-59
Possession Time	35:38	24:22
Third-Down Conversions	6 of 13	5 of 16
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 0	0 of 2
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	6-7	4-7
Sacks By: Number-Yards	4-26	0-0

RUSHING: South Dakota-Ganious, Chris 18-167; Shepard, Noah 19-153; Newton, Isaac 10-102; Lee, Matt 5-25; Foster, Dion 1-3; TEAM 2-minus 5.
Southern Utah-APILLI, Kenny 5-18; ALEXANDER, Deck 10-minus 2; BOWEN, Kyle 1-minus 2; STONE, Cody 5-minus 18.

PASSING: South Dakota-Shepard, Noah 5-14-0-59.

Southern Utah-STONE, Cody 21-46-2-327; BOWEN, Kyle 3-6-0-43.

RECEIVING: South Dakota-Skelly, Dan 2-25; Mohr, Mitch 2-14; Little, Dustin 1-20.

Southern Utah-MILLER, Nick 11-154; POOTS, Tysson 8-163; URSUA, Jared 3-25; AIONO, Abbel 1-16; JOHNSON, Joel 1-12.

INTERCEPTIONS: South Dakota-Potter, Shane 1-39; Dixon, Isaiah 1-3. Southern Utah-None.

FUMBLES: South Dakota-Lee, Matt 2-1. Southern Utah-None.

South Dakota took advantage of two first quarter interceptions to take a 21-14 lead, then held off Southern Utah in the second half to take a 42-20 win, the Coyote's first Great West Conference victory.

Although SUU shut down the USD passing game, South Dakota ran for 445 yards and six touchdowns, with quarterback Noah Shepard running for four scores. USD improved to 6-4 overall and 1-1 in GWC play while SUU dipped to 4-6, 1-3 in the GWC.

Southern Utah got on the scoreboard first with a 30-yard field goal in the first half but the Coyotes took the ensuing kickoff and drove for a touchdown, an 11-yard Chris Ganious run, then got back-to-back touchdowns following interceptions to take a 21-3 advantage.

USD quarterback Noah Shepard ran eight and two yards for those scores, then after a missed SUU field goal the Coyotes drove 80 yards for another Ganious TD to take a 28-3 advantage early in the second period.

SUU rallied, however, as Nick Miller and Tysson Poots caught scoring passes from Stone to pull the Thunderbirds within 28-17 at halftime.

The Thunderbirds were unable to take advantage of the momentum, however, as they took the opening kickoff of the second half only to see their drive bog down near mid-field, a fate that awaited their first three drives of the second half.

USD tacked on another score on a 4-yard Shepard run before Pulver hit a 20-yard field goal, but that was all the scoring the Thunderbirds would do. Shepard added a fourth TD run in the fourth quarter to account for the final score.

SUU finished with 370 passing yards but minus four on the ground. Miller caught a career-high 11 passes for a career-best 154 yards while Poots had eight receptions for 163 yards. Stone completed 21-of-46 passes for 327 yards but was sacked three times.

"We simply did not show up to play today, for whatever reason," SUU Copach Ed Lamb said. "Fundamentally, in order to win a football game, your offense needs to be able to run and your defense needs to be able to stop the run and we accomplished neither."

LAST Game: Southern Utah vs. UC Davis Box Score

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Score	
UC Davis	7	14	0	14	35	Record: (4-4,1-1)
Southern Utah	21	21	7	7	56	Record: (4-4,2-1)

Scoring Summary:

1st	12:11	UCD	Trombetta 13 yd run (Kelley kick), 6-59 2:49, UCD 7 - SUU 0
	08:37	SUU	GRAY, Major 12 yd run (GRIFFITH, Ryan kick), 11-88 3:28, UCD 7 - SUU 7
	04:38	SUU	GRAY, Major 1 yd run (GRIFFITH, Ryan kick), 9-41 3:27, UCD 7 - SUU 14
	03:13	SUU	POOTS, Tysson 1 yd pass from COOPER, Cade (GRIFFITH, Ryan kick), 2-33 0:37, UCD 7 - SUU 21
2nd	13:16	UCD	Bispo 29 yd pass from Denham (Kelley kick), 10-92 4:53, UCD 14 - SUU 21
	08:41	UCD	Aprile 5 yd run (Kelley kick), 8-66 3:14, UCD 21 - SUU 21
	06:05	SUU	POOTS, Tysson 13 yd pass from COOPER, Cade (GRIFFITH, Ryan kick), 7-60 2:35, UCD 21 - SUU 28
	04:23	SUU	SITAKE, Fesi 61 yd punt return (GRIFFITH, Ryan kick), UCD 21 - SUU 35
	00:26	SUU	GRAY, Major 1 yd run (GRIFFITH, Ryan kick), 5-35 1:55, UCD 21 - SUU 42
3rd	10:24	SUU	GRAY, Major 1 yd run (GRIFFITH, Ryan kick), 12-77 4:30, UCD 21 - SUU 49
4th	14:24	UCD	Rogers 6 yd pass from Aprile (Kelley kick), 3-17 0:45, UCD 28 - SUU 49
	05:05	UCD	Creadick 13 yd pass from Denham (Kelley kick), 17-90 6:54, UCD 35 - SUU 49
	02:32	SUU	PRETLOW, Colin 46 yd interception return (GRIFFITH, Ryan kick), UCD 35 - SUU 56

	UCD	SUU
FIRST DOWNS	27	25
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	41-244	27-103
PASSING YDS (NET)	229	248
Passes Att-Comp-Int	45-25-1	39-26-1
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	86-473	66-351
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	1-8	3-106
Kickoff Returns-Yards	8-149	4-74
Interception Returns-Yards	1-36	1-46
Punts (Number-Avg)	4-44.0	4-43.2
Fumbles-Lost	3-2	0-0
Penalties-Yards	12-115	9-73
Possession Time	32:50	27:10
Third-Down Conversions	6 of 14	2 of 9
Fourth-Down Conversions	3 of 4	2 of 2
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	4-4	6-6
Sacks By: Number-Yards	1-6	4-19

RUSHING: UC Davis-Reese 14-101; Aprile 8-56; Cutshaw 5-51; Trombetta 7-44; Soto 1-9; TEAM 1-minus 1; Denham 5-minus 16. Southern Utah-GRAY, Major 16-74; MINEFEE, Austin 6-20; COOPER, Cade 4-10; Team 1-minus 1.

PASSING: UC Davis-Denham 24-44-1-223; Aprile 1-1-0-6. Southern Utah-COOPER, Cade 26-39-1-248.

RECEIVING: UC Davis-Grant 7-77; Carter 7-47; Creadick 3-33; Reese 3-20; Trombetta 2-11; Bispo 1-29; Rogers 1-6; McDonough 1-6. Southern Utah-POOTS, Tysson 11-108; SITAKE, Fesi 6-61; MINEFEE, Austin 4-33; JESSOP, Mitch 2-22; ECKHOLDT, Drake 1-17; URSUA, Jared 1-4; AIONO, Abbel 1-3.

INTERCEPTIONS: UC Davis-Morales 1-36. Southern Utah-PRETLOW, Colin 1-46.

Southern Utah got scores from its offense, its defense and its special teams as the Thunderbirds picked up their first win over UC Davis since 2004 Saturday, a 56-35 triumph.

Major Gray rushed for four touchdowns – tying the SUU record – Cade Cooper threw two touchdown passes to Tysson Poots, Fesi Sitake returned a punt for a touchdown and Colin Pretlow returned an interception for another score for SUU, which evened its record at 4-4 and improved to 2-1 in Great West Conference action. UC Davis dipped to 4-4 and 1-1.

UC Davis drew first blood, taking the opening kickoff and driving 59 yards in five plays to take a 7-0 lead but Southern Utah answered with three straight scores two on Gray runs and the third on a pass from Cooper to Poots.

The Aggies scored twice to pull even with 8:41 to play in the half, but Southern Utah scored three more unanswered touchdowns to take a 42-21 lead at the break. Cooper and Poots hooked up on a 13-yard TD pass before Sitake returned the punt 61 yards for a score and Gray tacked on his third TD after a UC Davis fumble at its own 42 yard line.

The Thunderbirds scored on their first possession of the second half, on Gray's fourth TD run, to go up 49-21, but that was the only scoring in the third period and in the fourth UC Davis mounted a comeback.

The Aggies were able to pull to within 49-35 with 5:05 to go in the fourth after Aprile found Dean Rogers on a 6-yard pass play out of the Wildcat formation, then getting another score on a 13-yard pass from Denham to Sean Creadick.

The Aggies had the ball back with under three minutes to go, with a chance to make it a one-possession game but Pretlow stepped in front of a Denham pass and had a clear field in front on him for the 46 yard, game-clinching score.

seven tackles, broke up two passes and was in on a tackle-for-loss. SUU had three sacks, its most of the season. Dominique Hawkins paced the UND defense with 12 tackles.

THUNDERBIRDS TRAVEL TO SOUTH DAKOTA 11-11-11-11-11

WEEK ONE: Dixie State at Southern Utah Box Score

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Score	
Dixie State	0	7	0	0	7	Record: (1-1)
Southern Utah	6	14	10	6	36	Record: (1-0)

Scoring Summary:

1st	08:57	SUU	GRIFFITH, Ryan 21 yd field goal, 8-51 3:34, DSC 0 - SUU 3
	01:30	SUU	GRIFFITH, Ryan 20 yd field goal, 10-32 5:12, DSC 0 - SUU 6
2nd	07:35	DSC	Vakapuna, T 2 yd run (Langston, M kick), 10-69 5:39, DSC 7 - SUU 6
	02:15	SUU	SITAKE, Fesi 3 yd pass from COOPER, Cade (GRIFFITH, Ryan kick), 11-60 5:11, DSC 7 - SUU 13
	01:14	SUU	URSUA, Jared 10 yd pass from OLSEN, Ammon (GRIFFITH, Ryan kick), 3-10 0:13, DSC 7 - SUU 20
3rd	11:52	SUU	SITAKE, Fesi 6 yd pass from COOPER, Cade (GRIFFITH, Ryan kick), 8-61 3:08, DSC 7 - SUU 27
	06:18	SUU	GRIFFITH, Ryan 23 yd field goal, 11-55 4:56, DSC 7 - SUU 30
4th	12:26	SUU	GRIFFITH, Ryan 32 yd field goal, 13-69 6:35, DSC 7 - SUU 33
	04:38	SUU	GRIFFITH, Ryan 37 yd field goal, 9-40 4:31, DSC 7 - SUU 36

	DSC	SUU
FIRST DOWNS	12	21
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	19-53	51-244
PASSING YDS (NET)	162	189
Passes Att-Comp-Int	29-17-1	22-17-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	48-215	73-433
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	1-22
Punt Returns-Yards	0-0	1-34
Kickoff Returns-Yards	8-127	1-31
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	1-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	6-37.3	1-40.0
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	0-0
Penalties-Yards	2-10	11-103
Possession Time	23:26	36:34
Third-Down Conversions	4 of 10	10 of 16
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 0	0 of 0
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	1-1	8-8
Sacks By: Number-Yards	0-0	2-5

RUSHING: Dixie State-Vakapuna, T 13-50; Tapouisi, S 2-4; Wells, A 2-4; Marinko, N 1-minus 2; Thompson, J 1-minus 3.

Southern Utah-MINEFEE, Austin 27-147; COOPER, Cade 7-48; GRAY, Major 8-34; APILLI, Kennie 8-16; TM 1-minus 1.

PASSING: Dixie State-Thompson, J 16-27-1-146; Marinko, N 1-2-0-16.

Southern Utah-COOPER, Cade 16-19-0-179; OLSEN, Ammon 1-3-0-10.

RECEIVING: Dixie State-Christensen, K 4-47; Ence, S 4-43; Evans, R 2-20; Fowler, N 2-14; Wells, A 2-11; Vakapuna, T 1-16; Laws, R 1-8; Cagle, C 1-3.

Southern Utah-SITAKE, Fesi 8-91; URSUA, Jared 5-66; AIONO, Abbel 4-32.

INTERCEPTIONS: Dixie State-None. Southern Utah-WILLARD, Drew 1-0.

FUMBLES: Dixie State-Wells, A 1-0; Ence, S 1-1. Southern Utah-None.

Southern Utah overcame a slow start but once the momentum got rolling the Thunderbirds cruised to a 36-7 victory over Dixie State in front of an Eccles Coliseum record 10,028 fans in the first football game between the two schools since 1962.

SUU moved the ball downfield on its first two possessions, getting inside the five yard line both times but the Red Storm defense stiffened each time, making the Thunderbirds settle for field goals. Senior Ryan Griffith, a converted wide receiver who was kicking in a game for the first time since high school, was perfect however, hitting those first two, from 21 and 20 yards out, and all five of his attempts on the night. The five field goals in a game set an SUU single-game record.

Dixie scored the first touchdown of the game, on a 2-yard Tauri Vakapuna run midway through the second period, which capped a 10-play, 69 yard drive.

That score seemed to fire the Thunderbirds up, however as SUU went on to score 14 points in the final seven minutes of the half before dominating the second half. SUU shut DSC the rest of the way out while scoring a 3-yard pass from Cade Cooper to Fesi Sitake, a 10-yard pass from Ammon Olsen to Jared Ursua, another Cooper-to-Sitake TD pass and three more Griffith field goals.

Colin Pretlow and Robert Takeno did their part in setting up the second touchdown. A Pretlow hit on DSC receiver Skyler Ence forced a fumble and Takeno picked it up on the 32 yard line and ran it into the end zone. An official's inadvertent whistle denied Takeno his score, however, but Olsen and Ursua made sure the Thunderbirds were not completely denied.

SUU's defense held the Red Storm to just 15 third quarter yards and 56 in the fourth and finished with 433 total yards to 215 for Dixie State.

Erron Vonner led the Thunderbirds with eight tackles while Akeem Anifowoshe had six and Takeno had five. Nick Cragin paced DSC with 14 stops, nine solo.

WEEK TWO: Southern Utah at San Diego State Box Score

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Score	
Southern Utah	6	3	0	10	19	Record: (1-1)
San Diego State	11	14	10	0	35	Record: (1-1)

Scoring Summary:

1st	12:31	SD	TEAM safety, , SUU 0 - SD 2
	09:56	SD	WALLACE, Robert 12 yd pass from LINDLEY, Ryan (YOSHIDA, Lane kick), 6-53 2:35, SUU 0 - SD 9
	05:53	SUU	SITAKE, Fesi 14 yd pass from COOPER, Cade (GRIFFITH, Ryan kick blocked), 1-14 0:05, SUU 6 - SD 9
	05:53	SD	MCFADDEN, Leon PAT return, , SUU 6 - SD 11
2nd	14:20	SD	LINDLEY, Ryan 1 yd run (YOSHIDA, Lane kick), 12-77 6:33, SUU 6 - SD 18
	08:33	SUU	GRIFFITH, Ryan 28 yd field goal, 10-65 5:47, SUU 9 - SD 18
	04:58	SD	BROWN, Vincent 22 yd pass from LINDLEY, Ryan (YOSHIDA, Lane kick), 7-71 3:35, SUU 9 - SD 25
3rd	10:51	SD	YOSHIDA, Lane 31 yd field goal, 10-67 4:09, SUU 9 - SD 28
	02:44	SD	MILLER, Anthony 9 yd run (YOSHIDA, Lane kick), 10-77 5:11, SUU 9 - SD 35
4th	13:25	SUU	GRIFFITH, Ryan 49 yd field goal, 11-41 4:19, SUU 12 - SD 35
	07:40	SUU	MINEFEE, Austin 11 yd run (GRIFFITH, Ryan kick), 7-80 3:28, SUU 19 - SD 35

	SUU	SDSU
FIRST DOWNS	19	22
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	29-114	37-149
PASSING YDS (NET)	165	287
Passes Att-Comp-Int	29-15-3	30-20-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	58-279	67-436
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	1-4	1-28
Kickoff Returns-Yards	6-126	5-95
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	3-4
Punts (Number-Avg)	2-47.0	2-45.5
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	2-2
Penalties-Yards	6-43	8-80
Possession Time	27:00	33:00
Third-Down Conversions	5 of 12	6 of 12
Fourth-Down Conversions	1 of 2	2 of 2
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	4-5	4-6
Sacks By: Number-Yards	0-0	4-22

RUSHING: Southern Utah-MINEFEE, Austin 12-111; SILIVA, Tui 4-8; GRAY, Major 1-2;

ALEXANDER, Deck 2-1; COOPER, Cade 9-minus 3; OLSEN, Ammon 1-minus 5.

San Diego State-SULLIVAN, Brand 24-111; MILLER, Anthony 7-18; KAZEE, Walter 3-15; WESLEY, Mekell 1-3; LINDLEY, Ryan 2-2.

PASSING: Southern Utah-COOPER, Cade 15-29-3-165; OLSEN, Ammon 0-0-0-0.

San Diego State-LINDLEY, Ryan 20-30-0-287.

RECEIVING: Southern Utah-SITAKE, Fesi 7-74; JESSOP, Mltch 3-55; URSUA, Jared 3-18; ALEXANDER, Deck 1-11; AIONO, Abbel 1-7.

San Diego State-BROWN, Vincent 6-142; SAMPSON, DeMarc 5-64; WALLACE, Robert 3-42; SULLIVAN, Brand 3-19; UMUOLO, Alston 1-14; KAZEE, Walter 1-7; MILLER, Anthony 1-minus 1.

INTERCEPTIONS: Southern Utah-None.

San Diego State-SANDFORD, Nick 1-4; MOORE, Aaron 1-0; LAOLAGI, Luke 1-0.

FUMBLES: Southern Utah-COOPER, Cade 1-0. San Diego State-KAZEE, Walter 2-2.

Southern Utah's offense was inconsistent and the defense struggled to stop San Diego State early in the game Saturday night as the Aztecs spoiled SUU's attempt to open 2-0 for the first time since 2006.

Southern Utah had an inauspicious start, to say the least. And, at least early on, even when things did go right for the Thunderbirds, they seemed to go wrong.

On their first play from scrimmage the T-Birds lost the ball on an interception, then after getting it back on a fumble at their own two, SUU quarterback Cade Cooper stumbled backing away from the line of scrimmage, and fell down in the end zone for a safety.

After SDSU took a 9-0 lead on a 14-yard Ryan Lindley pass to Robert Wallace the Thunderbirds pulled back within 9-6 when Cooper found Fesi Sitake in the left corner of the end zone. Once again, however, a good thing turned against the Thunderbirds as SDSU blocked the extra point attempt and returned it for a defensive PAT.

Griffith hit his seventh consecutive field goal of the season early in the fourth quarter, a career-long 49-yarder at the 13:25 mark, which brought SUU within 35-12.

Austin Minefee scored his first collegiate touchdown on an 11-yard run up the middle to bring the Thunderbirds within 35-19. Minefee finished the game with 12 carries for 112 yards and the score, giving him back-to-back 100 yard ground games and 259 rushing yards on the season.

Colin Pretlow led the defense with 11 tackles, including nine solo stops. Robert Takeno and Dion Turner each had seven tackles.

Jessop had good night in just his second collegiate game. The true freshman from Mountain Crest High School had three receptions for 55 yards, including the team's long catch of the night, a 33-yarder.

THUNDERBIRDS TRAVEL TO SOUTH DAKOTA 12-12-12-12-12

WEEK THREE: Southern Utah at Northern Arizona Box Score

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Score	
Southern Utah	7	7	3	22	39	Record: (1-2)
Northern Arizona	14	14	7	7	42	Record: (1-1)

Scoring Summary:

1st	09:00	NAU	D.Curry-Chapman 5 yd pass from Michael Herrick (S. Fitzpatrick rush), 3-86 1:14, SUU 0 - NAU 8
	06:33	NAU	Alex Henderson 0 yd fumble recovery (S. Fitzpatrick rush failed), 4-51 0:49, SUU 0 - NAU 14
	01:26	SUU	MINEFEE, Austin 17 yd pass from COOPER, Cade (GRIFFITH, Ryan kick), 13-80 5:07, SUU 7 - NAU 14
2nd	14:50	NAU	Austin Shanks 35 yd run (Matt Myers kick), 4-80 1:36, SUU 7 - NAU 21
	10:03	NAU	Alex Henderson 3 yd run (Matt Myers kick), 7-29 3:13, SUU 7 - NAU 28
	03:37	SUU	POOTS, Tysson 25 yd pass from COOPER, Cade (GRIFFITH, Ryan kick), 5-75 2:16, SUU 14 - NAU 28
3rd	13:09	NAU	Alex Henderson 57 yd run (Matt Myers kick), 4-73 1:43, SUU 14 - NAU 35
	08:45	SUU	GRIFFITH, Ryan 17 yd field goal, 9-57 4:24, SUU 17 - NAU 35
4th	13:14	SUU	GRAY, Major 1 yd run (GRIFFITH, Ryan kick), 16-80 5:14, SUU 24 - NAU 35
	09:40	NAU	Giovannie Dixon 30 yd run (Matt Myers kick), 7-77 3:26, SUU 24 - NAU 42
	06:20	SUU	MINEFEE, Austin 15 yd pass from COOPER, Cade (SITAKE, Fesi pass from COOPER, Cade), 9-81 3:13, SUU 32 - NAU 42
	03:38	SUU	MINEFEE, Austin 40 yd pass from COOPER, Cade (GRIFFITH, Ryan kick), 5-87 1:32, SUU 39 - NAU 42

	SUU	NAU
FIRST DOWNS	29	23
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	32-109	40-248
PASSING YDS (NET)	431	306
Passes Att-Comp-Int	49-34-0	21-15-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	81-540	61-554
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	2-15	3-4
Kickoff Returns-Yards	3-74	5-82
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	4-41.8	3-51.3
Fumbles-Lost	3-1	4-1
Penalties-Yards	10-105	7-118
Possession Time	34:10	25:50
Third-Down Conversions	8 of 16	5 of 10
Fourth-Down Conversions	2 of 2	1 of 2
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	4-4	3-6
Sacks By: Number-Yards	0-0	4-22

RUSHING: Southern Utah-MINEFEE, Austin 19-89; WARD, Trevor 1-14; OLSEN, Ammon 1-12; GRAY, Major 3-2; COOPER, Cade 8-minus 8.

Northern Arizona-Alex Henderson 32-168; Giovannie Dixon 7-45; Austin Shanks 1-35.

PASSING: Southern Utah-COOPER, Cade 33-48-0-425; OLSEN, Ammon 1-1-0-6.

Northern Arizona-Michael Herrick 15-21-0-306.

RECEIVING: Southern Utah-SITAKE, Fesi 10-80; POOTS, Tysson 6-109; MINEFEE, Austin 5-83; JESSOP, Mitch 4-74; URSUA, Jared 4-48; WILLIAMS, Karl 3-29; ALEXANDER, Deck 1-5; AIONO, Abbel 1-3.

Northern Arizona-Conrad Meadows 4-121; Alex Henderson 3-64; D.Curry-Chapman 3-47; Ed Berry 2-33; Ryan Rauschert 2-19; Giovannie Dixon 1-22.

INTERCEPTIONS: Southern Utah-None. Northern Arizona-None.

FUMBLES: Southern Utah-COOPER, Cade 2-0; OLSEN, Ammon 1-1.

Northern Arizona-Alex Henderson 2-1; Conrad Meadows 2-0.

Southern Utah nearly overcame an 18-point fourth quarter deficit, pulling to within 42-39 with 3:38 to play, but Northern Arizona used up most of the the clock on its final possession and was able to hold on for the victory.

After falling behind 14-0 early in the game and trailing 35-17 at the end of the third period the Thunderbirds got the offense cranked up in the fourth quarter. SUU pulled to within 35-24 on a one yard Major Gray run before a pair of Cade Cooper-to-Austin Minefee passes brought the Thunderbirds to within 42-39.

The first Cooper-to-Minefee pass in the fourth quarter covered 15 yards on a drive that was kept alive by a Cooper to Fesi Sitake pass on fourth and 11 that spotted the ball on the NAU 30. The second hookup between the two covered 39 yards on a catch-and-run play by Minefee.

After SUU was unable to recover a pooch kick following the last score NAU kept the ball until five seconds remained, giving SUU one last gasp, but the final play came up short.

"I was pleased with the way our team hung in there and kept fighting," SUU Coach Ed Lamb said. "We won the second half, so to speak, and made it a game in the fourth quarter but three weeks in a row we've started too slow in the first half and for the last two weeks we've had to play catch-up in the second half."

Tysson Poots caught six passes for 109 yards after missing the first two games of the season with a foot injury ... Minefee caught three touchdown passes, the first three of his SUU career.

WEEK FOUR: Southern Utah at Utah State Box Score

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Score	
Southern Utah	3	21	10	0	34	Record: (1-3)
Utah State	14	17	13	9	53	Record: (1-2)

Scoring Summary:

1st	10:43	SUU	GRIFFITH, Ryan 48 yd field goal, 4-1 0:58, SUU 3 - USU 0
	07:50	USU	Robert Turbin 29 yd pass from S. Morrison (Chris Ulinski kick), 7-80 2:53, SUU 3 - USU 7
	03:41	USU	Michael Smith 54 yd pass from Diondre Borel (Chris Ulinski kick), 4-62 1:46, SUU 3 - USU 14
2nd	12:57	USU	Robert Turbin 16 yd run (Chris Ulinski kick), 3-25 0:32, SUU 3 - USU 21
	11:32	SUU	POOTS, Tysson 19 yd pass from COOPER, Cade (GRIFFITH, Ryan kick), 5-80 1:39, SUU 10 - USU 21
	09:59	SUU	SITAKE, Fesi 7 yd pass from COOPER, Cade (GRIFFITH, Ryan kick), 4-29 1:19, SUU 17 - USU 21
	06:12	USU	Chris Ulinski 34 yd field goal, 9-56 3:41, SUU 17 - USU 24
	04:23	USU	Robert Turbin 77 yd pass from Diondre Borel (Chris Ulinski kick), 2-75 0:42, SUU 17 - USU 31
	00:14	SUU	SITAKE, Fesi 6 yd pass from COOPER, Cade (GRIFFITH, Ryan kick), 14-80 4:09, SUU 24 - USU 31
3rd	12:42	USU	Michael Smith 40 yd run (Chris Ulinski kick blocked), 6-80 2:18, SUU 24 - USU 37
	09:12	SUU	GRAY, Major 5 yd run (GRIFFITH, Ryan kick), 10-80 3:30, SUU 31 - USU 37
	02:04	USU	Michael Smith 20 yd run (Chris Ulinski kick), 8-56 3:15, SUU 31 - USU 44
	00:12	SUU	GRIFFITH, Ryan 27 yd field goal, 5-14 0:53, SUU 34 - USU 44
4th	11:39	USU	S. Morrison 69 yd pass from Diondre Borel (Chris Ulinski kick), 2-69 0:44, SUU 34 - USU 51
	01:28	USU	Junior Keiaho safety, , SUU 34 - USU 53

	SUU	USU
FIRST DOWNS	23	25
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	31-105	44-259
PASSING YDS (NET)	262	345
Passes Att-Comp-Int	53-26-2	22-16-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	84-367	66-604
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	0-0	4-23
Kickoff Returns-Yards	2-31	4-73
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	2-8
Punts (Number-Avg)	7-47.4	5-47.6
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	7-3
Penalties-Yards	5-60	8-80
Possession Time	30:22	29:38
Third-Down Conversions	7 of 20	4 of 10
Fourth-Down Conversions	1 of 1	0 of 0
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	5-5	2-2
Sacks By: Number-Yards	1-10	3-14

RUSHING: Southern Utah-GRAY, Major 16-57; COOPER, Cade 8-32; OLSEN, Ammon 4-19; MINEFEE, Austin 1-0; ALEXANDER, Deck 2-minus 3.

Utah State-Robert Turbin 17-104; Michael Smith 8-100; Diondre Borel 10-29; S. Morrison 2-11; Jeff Fischer 4-8; Derrvin Speight 3-7.

PASSING: Southern Utah-COOPER, Cade 24-48-1-250; OLSEN, Ammon 2-5-1-12.

Utah State-Diondre Borel 15-21-0-316; S. Morrison 1-1-0-29; Jeff Fischer 0-0-0-0.

RECEIVING: Southern Utah-SITAKE, Fesi 9-98; POOTS, Tysson 7-67; JESSOP, Mitch 4-49; MINEFEE, Austin 2-26; SILIVA, Tui 2-9; URSUA, Jared 1-10; GRAY, Major 1-3.

Utah State-Nnamdi Gwacham 5-59; Robert Turbin 4-116; Michael Smith 2-60; Xavier Bowman 2-19; S. Morrison 1-69; Eric Moats 1-19; Kellen Bartlett 1-3.

INTERCEPTIONS: Southern Utah-None. Utah State-Chris Randle 1-4; James Brindley 1-4.

FUMBLES: Southern Utah-SILIVA, Tui 1-1. Utah State-Chris Randle 1-1; Robert Turbin 1-0; Diondre Borel 1-0; Jacob Actkinson 1-1; Derrvin Speight 1-0; Kejon Murphy 1-1; S. Morrison 1-0.

Big plays by Utah State's offense and an inspired second half effort by the Aggie defense added up to a 53-34 loss for Southern Utah Saturday night. The loss, USU's first of the season, sent the Thunderbirds (1-3) to their third straight loss, all on the road, while Utah State improved to 1-2 with the Homecoming win.

The Aggies scored on three plays of 40 yards or more and the last, a 69-yard pass from Diondre Borel to Stanley Morrison, was the back-breaker for the Thunderbirds, who had battled back time and again but could never take another lead after going up 3-0 early in the game.

The 69-yarder staked the Aggies to a 51-34 lead with 11:38 to go in the game. From that point on USU's defense stifled every Thunderbird offensive drive.

SUU dropped to 1-13 against FBS teams with the loss.

Ryan Griffith remained perfect on field goal tries, making him 10-for-10 on the season.

Fesi Sitake had two TD catches, his fourth and fifth of the season, while Tysson Poots had one, giving him two in as many games after missing the season's first two games.

Running back Austin Minefee left the game in the first quarter with a bruised rib; he didn't return.

THUNDERBIRDS TRAVEL TO SOUTH DAKOTA 13-13-13-13

WEEK FIVE: Texas State at Southern Utah Box Score

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Score	
Texas State	7	0	3	6	16	Record: (2-2)
Southern Utah	7	17	7	7	38	Record: (2-3)

Scoring Summary:

1st	09:54	SUU	GRAY, Major 11 yd pass from COOPER, Cade (GRIFFITH, Ryan kick), 11-80 5:06, TXST 0 - SUU 7
	05:33	TXST	Canady, Alvin 10 yd run (Garelick, Justi kick), 10-72 4:13, TXST 7 - SUU 7
2nd	14:08	SUU	POOTS, Tysson 3 yd pass from COOPER, Cade (GRIFFITH, Ryan kick), 16-80 6:25, TXST 7 - SUU 14
	05:13	SUU	ANIFOWOSHE, A 99 yd fumble recovery (GRIFFITH, Ryan kick), TXST 7 - SUU 21
	00:38	SUU	GRIFFITH, Ryan 42 yd field goal, 9-52 2:05, TXST 7 - SUU 24
3rd	08:30	SUU	SITAKE, Fesi 16 yd pass from COOPER, Cade (GRIFFITH, Ryan kick), 11-68 4:52, TXST 7 - SUU 31
	03:11	TXST	Garelick, Justi 24 yd field goal, 13-49 5:12, TXST 10 - SUU 31
4th	05:46	TXST	Reddic, Frank 1 yd run (Garelick, Justi kick failed), 11-65 5:02, TXST 16 - SUU 31
	04:10	SUU	GRAY, Major 13 yd run (GRIFFITH, Ryan kick), 3-24 1:36, TXST 16 - SUU 38

	TXST	SUU
FIRST DOWNS	25	27
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	33-203	30-131
PASSING YDS (NET)	209	256
Passes Att-Comp-Int	47-28-1	42-27-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	80-412	72-387
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	1-99
Punt Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Kickoff Returns-Yards	3-71	1-16
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	1-2
Punts (Number-Avg)	3-31.0	1-52.0
Fumbles-Lost	4-3	2-1
Penalties-Yards	9-84	5-35
Possession Time	30:10	29:50
Third-Down Conversions	6 of 16	8 of 14
Fourth-Down Conversions	4 of 5	1 of 2
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	3-5	4-5
Sacks By: Number-Yards	1-1	0-0

RUSHING: Texas State-Bush, Karrigto 9-82; Canady, Alvin 9-50; Reddic, Frank 6-26; Alexander, Cedr 1-21; Hawkins, Tim 4-14; George, Bradley 2-8; Rivas, Mishak 1-1; Garcia, Alvaro 1-1. Southern Utah-GRAY, Major 21-91; BROWN, Daryl 4-29; APILLI, Kennie 3-9; COOPER, Cade 2-2.

PASSING: Texas State-George, Bradley 26-41-1-197; Hawkins, Tim 2-6-0-12. Southern Utah-COOPER, Cade 27-42-0-256.

RECEIVING: Texas State-Canady, Alvin 8-34; Griggs, Da'Marc 6-38; Garcia, Alvaro 3-32; Dillard, Daren 3-30; Alexander, Cedr 3-24; Rivas, Mishak 2-12; McVaney, Jeff 1-21; Bush, Karrigto 1-10; Brooks, Andrew 1-8.

Southern Utah-POOTS, Tysson 11-120; SITAKE, Fesi 4-42; JESSOP, Mitch 3-34; GRAY, Major 3-24; AIONO, Abbel 2-15; SILIVA, Tui 1-12; URSUA, Jared 1-9; ECKHOLDT, Drake 1-5; WILLIAMS, Karl 1-minus 5.

INTERCEPTIONS: Texas State-None. Southern Utah-HOLLEY, Matt 1-2.

FUMBLES: Texas State-Canady, Alvin 1-0; Hawkins, Tim 1-1; Garcia, Alvaro 1-1; Griggs, Da'Marc 1-1. Southern Utah-GRAY, Major 1-0; COOPER, Cade 1-1.

On a day when one of the greatest quarterbacks in Southern Utah history, Matt Cannon, had his number (9) retired, Cooper and an opportunistic Thunderbird defense rallied to snap a three-game losing streak with their third straight win over the Bobcats.

SUU scored on its first two possessions, taking the opening kickoff then driving 80 yards, cashing in on an 11-yard pass from Cooper to Major Gray. After Texas State answered with a 10-yard Alvin Canady touchdown Cooper found Tysson Poots in the end zone for a three-yard score to stake the Thunderbirds to a 14-7 advantage.

On Texas State's ensuing possession fate turned in SUU's direction

The Bobcats drove the length of the field and had the ball at the SUU two-yard line. On first down Alvaro Garcia took the ball up the middle and as he fought in the pile to get into the end zone Erron Vonner knocked the ball loose at the one yard line. SUU's Akeem Anifowoshe alertly scooped up the ball and ran 99 yards, the longest fumble return in SUU history, for a touchdown to give SUU a 21-7 advantage.

The Thunderbirds forced TSU into a punt on their next possession and added three more points on a Ryan Griffith field goal to lead 24-7 at halftime.

SUU held Texas State to a three-and-out on its opening possession of the second half, then drove 68 yards to take a 31-7 lead when Cooper found Fesi Sitake in the right corner of the end zone.

SUU forced three fumbles and true freshman Matt Holley notched his first career interception. The defense was led by Rob Takeno with 14 tackles and Colin Pretlow with 12.

Cooper passed for 250 yards or more for the third straight game while Gray finished with 91 yards rushing, a career-high, and Poots caught 11 passes for 120 yards and a score.

WEEK SIX: Southern Utah at Cal Poly Box Score

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Score	
Southern Utah	7	0	7	9	23	Record: (2-4,0-1)
Cal Poly	7	7	7	3	24	Record: (3-3,1-0)

Scoring Summary:

1st	09:54	SUU	GRAY, Major 11 yd pass from COOPER, Cade (GRIFFITH, Ryan kick), 10-68 4:52, SUU 0 - CP 7
1st	06:35	CP	Jake Romanelli 23 yd run (Jake West kick), 10-68 4:52, SUU 0 - CP 7
	00:47	SUU	URSUA, Jared 14 yd pass from COOPER, Cade (GRIFFITH, Ryan kick), 12-71 5:48, SUU 7 - CP 7
2nd	04:50	CP	Jon Hall 2 yd run (Chris Pinto kick), 5-19 2:37, SUU 7 - CP 14
3rd	03:52	SUU	AIONO, Abbel 1 yd pass from COOPER, Cade (GRIFFITH, Ryan kick), 17-79 7:42, SUU 14 - CP 14
	00:03	CP	Tony Smith 5 yd run (Chris Pinto kick), 8-63 3:44, SUU 14 - CP 21
4th	09:38	SUU	GRIFFITH, Ryan 34 yd field goal, 10-43 5:22, SUU 17 - CP 21
	01:51	CP	Chris Pinto 36 yd field goal, 15-48 7:41, SUU 17 - CP 24
	00:09	SUU	POOTS, Tysson 15 yd pass from COOPER, Cade (GRIFFITH, Ryan kick failed), 10-65 1:38, SUU 23 - CP 24

	SUU	CP
FIRST DOWNS	26	16
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	40-122	48-228
PASSING YDS (NET)	263	22
Passes Att-Comp-Int	40-27-1	7-3-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	80-385	55-250
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Kickoff Returns-Yards	3-33	5-96
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	1-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	0-0.0	3-33.7
Fumbles-Lost	2-2	5-1
Penalties-Yards	5-35	4-30
Possession Time	32:55	27:05
Third-Down Conversions	8 of 15	8 of 13
Fourth-Down Conversions	2 of 4	1 of 1
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	4-5	3-3
Sacks By: Number-Yards	0-0	5-18

RUSHING: Southern Utah-GRAY, Major 20-57; MINEFEE, Austin 8-38; COOPER, Cade 12-27. Cal Poly-Jake Romanelli 24-108; Jono Grayson 8-41; Tony Smith 5-39; Jon Hall 7-29; Jaymes Thierry 3-13; TEAM 1-minus 2.

PASSING: Southern Utah-COOPER, Cade 27-40-1-263. Cal Poly-Tony Smith 3-7-0-22.

RECEIVING: Southern Utah-POOTS, Tysson 12-170; MINEFEE, Austin 4-26; SITAKE, Fesi 4-20; JESSOP, Mitch 3-23; SILIVA, Tui 2-9; URSUA, Jared 1-14; AIONO, Abbel 1-1. Cal Poly-Dmnnque Johnson 2-16; Jake Romanelli 1-6.

INTERCEPTIONS: Southern Utah-None. Cal Poly-David Fullerton 1-0.

FUMBLES: Southern Utah-COOPER, Cade 2-2. Cal Poly-Jono Grayson 2-0; Tony Smith 1-0; Jake Romanelli 1-0; TEAM 1-1.

Tysson Poots caught a 15-yard touchdown pass with nine seconds to play to pull Southern Utah to within 24-23 but one of the most reliable kickers in the country, Ryan Griffith, pulled the extra point wide left, leaving the Thunderbirds on the short end at Cal Poly once again.

After a late Cal Poly field goal staked the Mustangs to a 24-17 lead with 1:51 to play, Cooper directed a 10-play, 65-yard drive that ended with the touchdown pass to Tysson Poots, who went up between two Mustangs to catch the pass.

The real difference in the game, however, were the turnovers.

Despite out-gaining Cal Poly by 81 yards, 200-to-119, in the first half, the Thunderbirds trailed at break, 14-7, largely because the Mustangs got both turnovers in the first 30 minutes.

With the game tied 7-7, Cade Cooper fumbled and the Mustangs recovered at the SUU 19. Five plays later Jon Hall ran two yards to stake the Mustangs to the 14-7 lead.

Late in the half SUU drove inside the Mustang 20 but David Fullerton stepped in front of a pass intended for Fesi Sitake in the end zone to thwart an SUU drive.

Cal Poly drew first blood with a 23-yard Jake Romanelli run up the middle at the 6:35 mark of the first period but the Thunderbirds answered right back with a 12-play, 71-yard drive that culminated in a 14-yard Cooper-to-Jared Ursua touchdown pass.

Southern Utah scored on its first possession of the second half on a one-yard pass from Cooper to Abbel Aiono to tie it at 14-14 but Cal Poly was able to answer. Quarterback Tony Smith ran the option to perfection and capped an eight-play, 63-yard drive with a run around the left end for a touchdown and a 21-14 Mustang lead.

Griffith pulled SU to within 21-17 with a 34-yard field goal before Chris Pinto hit the one late for Cal Poly.

THUNDERBIRDS TRAVEL TO SOUTH DAKOTA 14-14-14-14-14

WEEK SEVEN: Southern Utah vs. North Dakota Box Score

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Score
North Dakota	0	3	0	7	10 Record: (3-4,1-1)
Southern Utah	7	14	7	7	35 Record: (3-4,1-0)

Scoring Summary:

1st	12:38	SUU	POOTS, Tysson 7 yd pass from COOPER, Cade (GRIFFITH, Ryan kick), 7-68 2:22, UND 0 - SUU 7
2nd	10:46	SUU	SITAKE, Fesi 6 yd pass from COOPER, Cade (GRIFFITH, Ryan kick), 13-78 5:46, UND 0 - SUU 14
	06:32	UND	B. Hellevang 26 yd field goal, 11-64 4:08, UND 3 - SUU 14
	00:33	SUU	MINEFEE, Austin 10 yd pass from COOPER, Cade (GRIFFITH, Ryan kick), 3-27 0:23, UND 3 - SUU 21
3rd	08:45	SUU	POOTS, Tysson 9 yd pass from COOPER, Cade (GRIFFITH, Ryan kick), 10-84 5:03, UND 3 - SUU 28
4th	08:03	SUU	VONNER, Erron 12 yd interception return (GRIFFITH, Ryan kick), UND 3 - SUU 35
	02:20	UND	Brent Goska 8 yd run (B. Hellevang kick), 6-39 1:46, UND 10 - SUU 35

	UND	SUU
FIRST DOWNS	13	23
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	34-146	34-107
PASSING YDS (NET)	126	345
Passes Att-Comp-Int	25-10-2	46-32-1
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	59-272	80-452
Fumble Returns-Yards	1-16	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	1-2	2-12
Kickoff Returns-Yards	5-95	2-46
Interception Returns-Yards	1-0	2-40
Punts (Number-Avg)	7-45.4	6-50.0
Fumbles-Lost	2-2	2-1
Penalties-Yards	4-94	9-84
Possession Time	25:16	34:44
Third-Down Conversions	5 of 13	8 of 16
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 0	1 of 2
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	2-3	4-5
Sacks By: Number-Yards	2-12	3-21

RUSHING: North Dakota-Jake Landry 12-81; Brent Goska 10-74; Mitch Sutton 11-54; Ismael Bamba 1-3. Southern Utah-GRAY, Major 11-75; MINEFEE, Austin 13-44; OLSEN, Ammon 2-11; APILLI, Kennie 2-5; COOPER, Cade 2-minus 12; Team 4-minus 16.

PASSING: North Dakota-Jake Landry 6-19-2-81; Brent Goska 4-6-0-45. Southern Utah-COOPER, Cade 31-45-1-295; OLSEN, Ammon 1-1-0-50.

RECEIVING: North Dakota-Ryan Konrath 4-69; Chris Anderson 2-24; Mitch Sutton 2-10; Ryan Dressler 1-14; Noah Dombrovski 1-9. Southern Utah-MINEFEE, Austin 8-61; SITAKE, Fesi 7-102; POOTS, Tysson 7-61; JESSOP, Mitch 5-97; URSUA, Jared 1-13; SILIVA, Tui 1-5; AIONO, Abbel 1-4; WILLIAMS, Karl 1-3; PETERSON, Russ 1-0.

INTERCEPTIONS: North Dakota-Tyson Heiser 1-0. Southern Utah-PRETLOW, Colin 1-28; VONNER, Erron 1-12.

FUMBLES: North Dakota-Ryan Dressler 2-2. Southern Utah-Team 1-1.

Cade Cooper completed 31-of-45 passes for 295 yards and four touchdowns and SUU got its interception return for a touchdown since 2004 Saturday as Southern Utah rolled to a 35-10 Homecoming win over Great West Conference opponent North Dakota.

Cooper hooked up with Tysson Poots twice, on 7- and 9-yard TD passes, and found Austin Minefee and Fesi Sitake for scores of six and 10 yards, then Erron Vonner put the icing on the cake with a 12-yard interception return for a score to give SUU a 35-3 lead before North Dakota finally got its first TD on an eight yard Brent Goska run with 1:46 to play.

Southern Utah took the opening kickoff and marched 68 yards on seven plays to take an early 7-0 lead but on its next possession Cooper was intercepted by Tyson Heiser on the 21 yard line and the SUU offense sputtered through much of the rest of the half.

The Thunderbird defense, however, was stifling North Dakota, limiting the Sioux to just a 26-yard Brandon Hellevang field goal. Sitake's touchdown gave SUU a 14-0 lead, and after Helvang's field goal pulled the Fighting Sioux within 14-3 they had a chance to cut into the margin after a snap sailed over punter Trevor Ward's head.

Jarrel Davis and Mitch Sutton sacked Ward at the SUU eight yard line after the bad snap and UND drove to the two before an offensive pass interference call backed the Sioux up to the 17. Two plays later Hellevang was the victim of a bad snap of his own and he missed a 33-yard field goal attempt, wide right.

On its ensuing possession, Southern Utah was unable to move the ball and was forced to punt but one of the biggest momentum changers of the game came as Ryan Dressler muffed the punt reception and Akeem Anifowoshe recovered at the UND 27 with 56 seconds to play in the half.

The Thunderbirds were able to convert the turnover into Minefee's touchdown reception and SUU took a 21-3 edge into halftime.

The Thunderbirds tacked on the second Cooper-to-Poots TD with 8:45 to go in the third, then midway through the fourth Vonner's interception sealed the win.

Troy Bunting led the SUU offense with eight tackles, including one sack, while Vonner had seven tackles, broke up two passes and was in on a tackle-for-loss. SUU had three sacks, its most of the season. Dominique Hawkins paced the UND defense with 12 tackles.

THE LAST TIME...

SUU Had A ...

100-yard Rushing Game
 9-12-09 – Austin Minefee, 111 yards at San Diego State
 Two Players With 100 yards Rushing
 11-17-01 – Cory Ashby, 132 yards; Charles Henderson, 125 yards at Idaho St.
 Three Players with 100 yards Rushing
 9-23-00 – Clay Denton (108), Rod Madsen (102), Sam Elliott (100) at Hampton
 200-yard Rushing Game
 11-4-00 – Matt Cannon, 255 yds vs Rocky Mountain
 300-yard Rushing Game
 10-12-91 – Zed Robinson, 343 yds vs Santa Clara
 20 Carries in a Game
 10-17-09 – Major Gray, 20 at Cal Poly (57 yards)
 30 Carries in a Game
 9-27-08 – Deckar Alexander, 32, at Texas State (114 yards)
 40 Carries in a Game
 11-11-72 – Steve Clodfelter, 44 vs Western New Mexico (221 yards)
 200-yd Passing Game
 10-31-09 – Cade Cooper, 248 vs. UC Davis
 300-yd Passing Game
 9-19-09 – Cade Cooper, 425 at Northern Arizona
 400-yd Passing Game
 9-19-09 – Cade Cooper, 425 at Northern Arizona
 20 Completions in a Game
 10-31-09 – Cade Cooper, 26 vs. UC Davis (248 yards)
 Three Passing TDs in a Game
 10-24-09 – Cade Cooper vs. North Dakota (four)
 Four Passing TDs in a Game
 10-24-09 – Cade Cooper vs. North Dakota
 Five Passing TDs in a Game
 9-28-91 – James Armendariz at San Francisco St.
 10 Pass Receptions in a Game
 10-17-09 – Tysson Poots, 12 at Cal Poly
 100 Receiving Yards in a Game
 10-17-09 – Tysson Poots, 170 (12 receptions) at Cal Poly
 150 Receiving Yards in a Game
 10-17-09 – Tysson Poots, 170 (12 receptions) at Cal Poly
 200 Receiving Yards in a Game
 10-25-08 – Tysson Poots, 246 yds (16 receptions) at Cal Poly
 Two Touchdowns in a Game
 10-31-09 – Tysson Poots vs UC Davis (both receiving)
 10-31-09 – Major Gray (4) vs UC Davis (all rushing)
 Three Touchdowns in a Game
 10-31-09 – Major Gray (4) vs UC Davis (all rushing)
 Four Touchdowns in a Game
 10-31-09 – Major Gray vs UC Davis (all rushing)
 Kickoff Returned for a Touchdown
 8-30-03 – Tremaine Cox at Nevada (91 yards)
 Punt Returned for a Touchdown
 10-31-09 – Fesi Sitake vs UC Davis (61 yards)
 Punt Blocked for a Touchdown
 9-6-08 – Thatcher Taylor vs. Mesa State (29 yards)
 Interception Returned for a Touchdown
 10-31-09 – Colin Pretlow vs UC Davis (46 yards)
 Fumble Returned for a Touchdown
 10-3-09 – Akeem Anifowoshe vs. Texas State, 99 yards*
 Safety for a Score
 9-1-07 – at Montana
 Defensive PAT for a Score
 9-9-00 – Ryan Smith at Utah State
 50+ Point Game
 10-31-09 – vs UC Davis (56 points)
 Less Than 100 Yards Rushing
 11-15-08 – vs. South Dakota (minus-4 yards)
 Less Than 100 yds Passing
 10-21-06 – at UC Davis (80 yds)

* School Record

An SUU Opponent Had A ...

100-yard Rushing Game
 10-31-09 – Josh Reese vs UC Davis (101 yards)
 Two Players with 100 yards Rushing
 9-26-09 – Robert Turbin (106) and Michael Smith (100) at Utah State
 Three Players with 100 yards Rushing
 11-15-08 – C.Ganious (167), N. Shepard (153), I. Newton (102) vs. South Dakota
 200-yard Rushing Game
 10-22-05 – Andre Wilson, Northern Colorado, 202 yards
 300-yard Rushing Game
 None
 20 Carries in a Game
 10-17-09 – Jake Romanelli, 24 at Cal Poly (108 yards)
 30 Carries in a Game
 9-19-09 – Alex Henderson, 32 at Northern Arizona (168 yards)
 40 Carries in a Game
 None
 200-yard Passing Game
 10-31-09 – Greg Denham, 223, vs UC Davis
 300-yard Passing Game
 9-26-09 – Diondre Borel, 316, at Utah State
 20 Completions in a Game
 10-31-09 – Greg Denham, 24, vs UC Davis (223 yards)
 30 Completions in a Game
 11-22-03 – Mark Hetherington at Idaho State, 30 (453 yards)
 Three Passing TDs in a Game
 9-26-09 – Diondre Borel, at Utah State
 Four Passing TDs in a Game
 10-25-08 – Jonathan Dally, at Cal Poly (six)
 Five Passing TDs in a Game
 10-25-08 – Jonathan Dally, at Cal Poly (six)
 10 Pass Receptions in a Game
 10-25-08 – Ramses Barden, at Cal Poly, 12 (217 yards)
 100 Receiving Yards in a Game
 9-26-09 – Robert Turbin, at Utah State, 116 yards
 150 Receiving Yards in a Game
 10-25-08 – Ramses Barden, at Cal Poly, 217 yards
 200 Receiving Yards in a Game
 10-25-08 – Ramses Barden, at Cal Poly, 217 yards
 Two Touchdowns in a Game
 9-26-09 – Robert Turbin, at Utah State (3, 2 receiving, 1 rushing)
 9-26-09 – Michael Smith, at Utah State (3, 2 rushing, 1 receiving)
 Three Touchdowns in a Game
 9-26-09 – Robert Turbin, at Utah State (2 rushing, 1 receiving)
 9-26-09 – Michael Smith, at Utah State (3, 2 rushing, 1 receiving)
 Four Touchdowns in a Game
 8-13-08 – Marc Mariani, Montana (all receiving)
 Kickoff Returned for a Touchdown
 11-4-05 – JaRon Harris, South Dakota State, 86 yards
 Punt Returned for a Touchdown
 10-18-97 – Trevor Bell at Idaho State, 53 yards
 Punt Blocked for a Touchdown
 10-11-08 – Danny Hart, at UC Davis, 2 yards
 Interception Returned for a Touchdown
 11-10-07 – Tyler Koch, South Dakota State (2) (45, 99)
 Fumble Returned for a Touchdown
 11-22-08 – Jamar Thompson, Northern Iowa, 32 yards
 Blocked Kick Returned for a Touchdown
 10-16-05 – Joshua Edwards, UC Davis, 54 yards
 Safety For a Score
 9-26-09 – at Utah State
 Defensive PAT for a score
 9-12-09 – Leon McFadden, at San Diego State
 50+ Point Game
 9-26-09 – at Utah State (53-34)
 Less Than 100 Yards Rushing
 9-3-09 – Dixie State (53 yards)
 Less Than 100 yds Passing
 10-17-09 – Cal Poly (22 yards)

SUU DEPTH Vs. SOUTH DAKOTA

OFFENSE

Quarterback

- 2 Cade Cooper, 6-3, 210, Sr, Lehi, Utah; Oregon
4 Ammon Olsen, 6-4, 205, Fr, Draper, Utah; Alta HS
16 Zack Olsen, 6-0, 175, So, Farmington, Utah; Davis HS

Fullback

- 37 Tui Siliva, 6-1, 245, Jr, Pago Pago, American Samoa; Leone HS
31 Karl Williams, 6-0, 210, Fr, Layton, Utah; Layton HS

Running Back

- 28 Major Gray, 5-9, 205, Jr, Las Vegas, Nev.; Feather River CC
25 Austin Minefee, 5-10, 195, So, Cedar City, Utah; Canyon View HS
24 Daryl Brown, 6-1, 235, So, Magna, Utah; Cyprus HS

X Receiver

- 80 Mitch Jessop, 6-4, 185, Fr, Providence, Utah; Mountain Crest HS
8 Robert Ah Sue, 6-2, 217, Jr, Riverside, Calif.; Riverside CC

H Receiver

- 9 Fesi Sitake, 5-11, 185, Jr, Sandy, Utah; Hillcrest HS
3 Naia Ursua, 5-11, 170, Fr, Kailua-Kona, Hawaii; Kealakehe HS
84 Kaden Carli, 5-10, 188, RSFr, Sandy, Utah; Alta HS

Z Receiver

- 19 Tysson Poots, 6-3, 220, Jr, Las Vegas, Nev.; Coronado HS
5 Jared Ursua, 5-11, 195, So, Kailua-Kona, Hawaii; Kealakehe HS

Left Tackle

- 66 Aarron Po'uaha, 6-5, 335, Sr, Sandy, Utah; Snow JC
73 Zach Brackus, 6-5, 316, RSFr, Salt Lake City, Utah; Murray HS

Left Guard

- 73 Zach Brackus, 6-5, 316, RSFr, Salt Lake City, Utah; Murray HS
67 Trevor Schauerhamer, 6-5, 310, So, Salt Lake City, Utah; Skyline HS

Center

- 59 Stephen Boyer, 6-3, 300, Sr, Kaysville, Utah; Davis HS
68 Gavin Farr, 6-3, 255, Fr, South Ogden, Utah; Northridge HS

Right Guard

- 78 Russell Peterson, 6-4, 313, Fr, Manti, Utah; Manti HS
68 Gavin Farr, 6-3, 255, Fr, South Ogden, Utah; Northridge HS

Right Tackle

- 70 Levi Mack, 6-5, 325, Sr; Thatcher, Ariz.; Brigham Young
77 Cody Burgess, 6-6, 285, Fr, Caliente, Nev.; Lincoln County HS

Tight End

- 15 Abbel Aiono, 6-3, 265, So, West Valley City, Utah; Granger HS
83 Drake Eckholdt, 6-5, 210, Fr, Draper, Utah; Alta HS
89 Dylan Fox, 6-2, 240, So, Cedar City, Utah; Cedar HS

Punter

- 88 Trevor Ward, 6-4, 240, Sr, Ogden, Utah; Bonneville HS

Kicker

- 33 Ryan Griffith, 6-0, 190, Sr, Hemet, Calif.; Hemet HS
49 A.J. Forestiere, 5-9, 182, Jr, Madera Ranchos, Calif.; Reedley CC
Holder
7 Brandon Godfrey, 6-0, 215, Sr, Las Vegas, Nevada; Eldorado HS

Short Snapper

- 43 Brigham Nielsen, 6-1, 225, Jr, FB, Salt Lake City, Utah; Highland HS
68 Gavin Farr, 6-3, 255, Fr, South Ogden, Utah; Northridge HS

DEFENSE

Rush End

- 96 Scott Larsen, 6-2, 275, Sr, Farmington, Utah; Davis HS
50 Trent Barney, 6-3, 245, Jr, Orem, Utah; Snow JC

Nose Tackle

- 79 Nick Garcia; 6-4, 315, Jr, Clearfield, Utah; Clearfield HS
47 Taylor Pendley, 6-1, 255, Jr, Sandy, Utah; Skyline HS

Tackle

- 90 Chad Westwood, 6-4, 275, Sr, Cedar City, Utah; Cedar HS
99 Jeff Tukuafu, 6-4, 260, Fr, Heber City, Utah; Wasatch HS

Bull End

- 58 Cody Larsen, 6-4, 260, RSFr, Draper, Utah; Jordan HS
18 Cody Heinrich, 6-4, 260, RSFr, Las Vegas, Nev.; Del Sol HS

Will Linebacker

- 32 Robert Takeno, 5-11, 225, Sr, Sandy, Utah; Hillcrest HS
10 Rickey Clark, 6-2, 220, RSFr, Hayward, Calif.; Tennyson HS

Mike Linebacker

- 46 Troy Bunting, 5-10, 230, So, Sandy, Utah; Utah
42 Andrew Taoalii, 6-0, 220, So, Kapolei, Hawaii; Kamehameha HS

Sam Linebacker

- 44 Drew Willard, 6-3, 230, So, Roy, Utah; Roy HS
34 Blake Fenn, 6-1, 210, So, Roosevelt, Utah; Union HS

Strong Safety

- 29 Akeem Aniofowoshe, 5-11, 205, Jr, Las Vegas, Nev.; Las Vegas HS
35 Matt Holley, 6-1, 205, Fr, Las Vegas, Nev.; Centennial HS

Free Safety

- 30 Tyson Turley, 6-3, 205, So, Las Vegas, HS; Centennial HS
21 Dion Turner, 6-0, 191, So, Oakland, Calif.; Oakland Technical HS

Cornerback

- 36 Colin Pretlow, 5-10, 176, Jr, Las Vegas, Nev.; Las Vegas HS
1 Cameron Morgan, 6-3, 180, Fr, Uvalde, Texas; Uvalde HS

Cornerback

- 22 Erron Vonner, 5-11, 182, So, Toledo, Ohio; West Valley HS
17 Marlon Hogains, 5-11, 175, So, Lake Los Angeles, Calif; Littlerock HS

Nickel Back

- 17 Marlon Hogains, 5-11, 175, So, Lake Los Angeles, Calif; Littlerock HS

Dime Back

- 23 D.J. Lucchesi, 5-9, 185, Sr, Panaca, Nev.; Lincoln County HS

SPECIALISTS

Long Snapper

- 43 Brigham Nielsen, 6-1, 225, Jr, FB, Salt Lake City, Utah; Highland HS
16 Zack Olsen, 6-0, 175, So, Farmington, Utah; Davis HS

Punt Returns

- 9 Fesi Sitake, 5-11, 185, Jr, Sandy, Utah; Hillcrest HS

Kickoff Returns

- 5 Jared Ursua, 5-11, 195, So, Kailua-Kona, Hawaii; Kealakehe HS
23 D.J.Lucchesi, 5-9, 185, Jr, Panaca, Nev.; Lincoln County HS

2009 SOUTHERN UTAH OVERALL STATISTICS

<u>TEAM STATISTICS</u>	<u>SUU</u>	<u>OPP</u>			
SCORING	280	222			
Points Per Game	35.0	27.8			
FIRST DOWNS	193	163			
Rushing	55	83			
Passing	116	70			
Penalty	22	10			
RUSHING YARDAGE	1035	1530			
Yards gained rushing	1195	1665			
Yards lost rushing	160	135			
Rushing Attempts	274	296			
Average Per Rush	3.8	5.2			
Average Per Game	129.4	191.2			
TDs Rushing	8	19			
PASSING YARDAGE	2160	1686			
Att-Comp-Int	320-204-8	226-134-5			
Average Per Pass	6.8	7.5			
Average Per Catch	10.6	12.6			
Average Per Game	270.0	210.8			
TDs Passing	23	10			
TOTAL OFFENSE	3195	3216			
Total Plays	594	522			
Average Per Play	5.4	6.2			
Average Per Game	399.4	402.0			
KICK RETURNS: #-Yards	22-431	43-788			
PUNT RETURNS: #-Yards	9-171	10-65			
INT RETURNS: #-Yards	5-88	8-48			
KICK RETURN AVERAGE	19.6	18.3			
PUNT RETURN AVERAGE	19.0	6.5			
INT RETURN AVERAGE	17.6	6.0			
FUMBLES-LOST	11-6	29-15			
PENALTIES-Yards	60-538	54-545			
Average Per Game	67.2	68.1			
PUNTS-Yards	25-1158	33-1395			
Average Per Punt	46.3	42.3			
Net punt average	42.9	35.3			
TIME OF POSSESSION/Game	31:36	28:24			
3RD-DOWN Conversions	56/118	44/98			
3rd-Down Pct	47%	45%			
4TH-DOWN Conversions	10/15	11/14			
4th-Down Pct	67%	79%			
SACKS BY-Yards	10-55	20-95			
MISC YARDS	0	0			
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED	35	29			
FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS	12-14	5-8			
ON-SIDE KICKS	2-1	0-1			
RED-ZONE SCORES	39-43 91%	22-30 73%			
RED-ZONE TOUCHDOWNS	29-43 67%	17-30 57%			
PAT-ATTEMPTS	32-34 94%	25-27 93%			
ATTENDANCE	21498	77449			
Games/Avg Per Game	4/5374	4/19362			
Neutral Site Games		0/0			
<u>SCORE BY QUARTERS</u>	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>4th</u>	<u>Total</u>
Southern Utah	64	97	51	68	280
Opponents	60	76	40	46	222

<u>RUSHING</u>	<u>GP</u>	<u>Att</u>	<u>Gain</u>	<u>Loss</u>	<u>Net</u>	<u>Avg</u>	<u>TD</u>	<u>Long</u>	<u>Avg/G</u>
MINEFEE, Austin	7	86	471	22	449	5.2	1	46	64.1
GRAY, Major	8	96	405	13	392	4.1	7	19	49.0
COOPER, Cade	8	52	191	95	96	1.8	0	18	12.0
OLSEN, Ammon	5	8	43	6	37	4.6	0	12	7.4
APILLI, Kennie	5	13	33	3	30	2.3	0	7	6.0
BROWN, Daryl	2	4	29	0	29	7.2	0	16	14.5
WARD, Trevor	8	1	14	0	14	14.0	0	14	1.8
SILIVA, Tui	7	4	8	0	8	2.0	0	6	1.1
ALEXANDER, Deck	3	4	1	3	-2	-0.5	0	1	-0.7
Total.....	8	274	1195	160	1035	3.8	8	46	129.4
Opponents.....	8	296	1665	135	1530	5.2	19	57	191.2
<u>PASSING</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>Effc</u>	<u>Att-Cmp-Int</u>	<u>Pct</u>	<u>Yds</u>	<u>TD</u>	<u>Lng</u>	<u>Avg/G</u>	
COOPER, Cade	8	139.51	199-310-7	64.2	2082	22	40	260.2	
OLSEN, Ammon	5	128.52	5-10-1	50.0	78	1	50	15.6	
Total.....	8	139.17	204-320-8	63.8	2160	23	50	270.0	
Opponents.....	8	132.13	134-226-5	59.3	1686	10	78	210.8	
<u>RECEIVING</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Yds</u>	<u>Avg</u>	<u>TD</u>	<u>Long</u>	<u>Avg/G</u>		
SITAKE, Fesi	8	55	568	10.3	7	32	71.0		
POOTS, Tysson	6	54	635	11.8	8	29	105.8		
JESSOP, Mltch	7	24	354	14.8	0	50	50.6		
MINEFEE, Austin	7	23	229	10.0	4	40	32.7		
URSUA, Jared	8	17	182	10.7	2	21	22.8		
AIONO, Abbel	8	11	65	5.9	1	11	8.1		
SILIVA, Tui	7	6	35	5.8	0	12	5.0		
WILLIAMS, Karl	6	5	27	5.4	0	17	4.5		
GRAY, Major	8	4	27	6.8	1	11	3.4		
ECKHOLDT, Drake	4	2	22	11.0	0	17	5.5		
ALEXANDER, Deck	3	2	16	8.0	0	11	5.3		
PETERSON, Russ	3	1	0	0.0	0	0	0.0		
Total.....	8	204	2160	10.6	23	50	270.0		
Opponents.....	8	134	1686	12.6	10	78	210.8		
<u>TOTAL OFFENSE</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>Plays</u>	<u>Rush</u>	<u>Pass</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Avg/G</u>			
COOPER, Cade	8	362	96	2082	2178	272.2			
MINEFEE, Austin	7	86	449	0	449	64.1			
GRAY, Major	8	96	392	0	392	49.0			
OLSEN, Ammon	5	18	37	78	115	23.0			
APILLI, Kennie	5	13	30	0	30	6.0			
BROWN, Daryl	2	4	29	0	29	14.5			
WARD, Trevor	8	1	14	0	14	1.8			
SILIVA, Tui	7	4	8	0	8	1.1			
ALEXANDER, Deck	3	4	-2	0	-2	-0.7			
Total.....	8	594	1035	2160	3195	399.4			
Opponents.....	8	522	1530	1686	3216	402.0			
|----- PATs -----|									
<u>SCORING</u>	<u>TD</u>	<u>FGs</u>	<u>Kick</u>	<u>Rush</u>	<u>Rcv</u>	<u>Pass</u>	<u>DXP</u>	<u>Saf</u>	<u>Points</u>
GRIFFITH, Ryan	0	12-14	32-34	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	68
SITAKE, Fesi	8	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0-0	0	0	50
GRAY, Major	8	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	48
POOTS, Tysson	8	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	48
MINEFEE, Austin	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	30
URSUA, Jared	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12
AIONO, Abbel	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
ANIFOWOSHE, A	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
PRETLOW, Colin	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
VONNER, Erron	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
COOPER, Cade	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1-1	0	0	0
Total.....	35	12-14	32-34	0-0	1	1-1	0	0	280
Opponents.....	29	5-8	25-27	1-2	0	0-0	1	2	222

(Team rushes not listed but are included in totals)

ALL PURPOSE	G	Rush	Rec	PR	KOR	IR	Tot	Avg/G
SITAKE, Fesi	8	0	568	171	0	0	739	92.4
MINEFEE, Austin	7	449	229	0	0	0	678	96.9
POOTS, Tysson	6	0	635	0	0	0	635	105.8
URSUA, Jared	8	0	182	0	413	0	595	74.4
GRAY, Major	8	392	27	0	0	0	419	52.4
JESSOP, Mitche	7	0	354	0	0	0	354	50.6
COOPER, Cade	8	96	0	0	0	0	96	12.0
PRETLOW, Colin	8	0	0	0	0	74	74	9.2
AIONO, Abbel	8	0	65	0	0	0	65	8.1
SILIVA, Tui	7	8	35	0	1	0	44	6.3
OLSEN, Ammon	5	37	0	0	0	0	37	7.4
APILLI, Kennie	5	30	0	0	0	0	30	6.0
BROWN, Daryl	2	29	0	0	0	0	29	14.5
WILLIAMS, Karl	6	0	27	0	0	0	27	4.5
ECKHOLDT, Drake	4	0	22	0	0	0	22	5.5
LUCCHESI, DJ	7	0	0	0	17	0	17	2.4
WARD, Trevor	8	14	0	0	0	0	14	1.8
ALEXANDER, Deck	3	-2	16	0	0	0	14	4.7
VONNER, Erron	8	0	0	0	0	12	12	1.5
HOLLEY, Matt	8	0	0	0	0	2	2	0.2
TM	1	-1	0	0	0	0	-1	-1.0
Team	2	-17	0	0	0	0	-17	-8.5
Total.....	8	1035	2160	171	431	88	3885	485.6
Opponents.....	8	1530	1686	65	788	48	4117	514.6

(Team rushes not listed but are included in totals)

PUNTING	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TB	FC	I20	Blkd
WARD, Trevor	25	1158	46.3	61	1	11	6	0
Total.....	25	1158	46.3	61	1	11	6	0
Opponents.....	33	1395	42.3	70	3	8	8	0

KICKOFFS	No.	Yds	Avg	TB	OB	Retn	Net	YdLn
GRIFFITH, Ryan	54	3382	62.6	12	1			
WARD, Trevor	1	61	61.0	0	0			
Total.....	55	3443	62.6	12	1	788	43.9	26
Opponents.....	41	2454	59.9	11	4	431	44.0	26

FIELD GOALS	FGM-FGA	Pct	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	Lg	Blk
GRIFFITH, Ryan	12-14	85.7	1-1	5-5	3-4	3-3	0-1	49	0

FG SEQUENCE	SOUTHERN UTAH	OPPONENTS
Dixie State	(21),(20),(23),(32),(37)	-
San Diego State	(28),(49)	(31),34
Northern Arizona	(17)	33
Utah State	(48),(27)	(34)
Texas State	(42),35,52	(24)
Cal Poly	(34)	(36)
North Dakota	-	(26), 33
UC Davis	-	-

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made.

PUNT RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
SITAKE, Fesi	9	171	19.0	1	61
Total.....	9	171	19.0	1	61
Opponents.....	10	65	6.5	0	28

INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
PRETLOW, Colin	2	74	37.0	1	46
HOLLEY, Matt	1	2	2.0	0	2
WILLARD, Drew	1	0	0.0	0	0
VONNER, Erron	1	12	12.0	1	12
Total.....	5	88	17.6	2	46
Opponents.....	8	48	6.0	0	36

KICK RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
URSUA, Jared	20	413	20.6	0	43
LUCCHESI, DJ	1	17	17.0	0	17
SILIVA, Tui	1	1	1.0	0	1
Total.....	22	431	19.6	0	43
Opponents.....	43	788	18.3	0	30

FUMBLE RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
TAKENO, Rob	1	22	22.0	0	22
ANIFOWOSHE, A	1	99	99.0	1	99
Total.....	2	121	60.5	1	99
Opponents.....	1	16	16.0	0	16

SOUTHERN UTAH DEFENSIVE LEADERS

	GP	|-----Tackles-----|			|-Sacks-|	|---Pass Def---|			|-Fumbles-|		FF	Blkd	
		Solo	Ast	Total		TFL/Yds	No-Yards	Int-Yds	BrUp	QBH		Rcv-Yds	Kick	Saf
32 TAKENO, Rob	8	28	37	65	1.5-3	.	.	.	1	1-22	1	.	.
36 PRETLOW, Colin	8	40	15	55	2.0-3	.	2-74	6	.	1-0	2	.	.
22 VONNER, Erron	8	26	24	50	1.5-4	.	1-12	2	.	1-0	1	.	.
21 TURNER, Dion	8	30	15	45	1.0-6	.	.	1	.	1-0	1	.	.
29 ANIFOWOSHE, A	6	21	21	42	2.5-8	.	.	1	1	4-99	1	.	.
46 BUNTING, Troy	8	16	24	40	3.0-6	1.0-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
44 WILLARD, Drew	8	17	21	38	2.5-11	1.5-9	1-0	2	1	.	2	.	.
26 CRAWFORD-HARRIS	8	20	5	25	.	.	.	3	.	1-0	1	.	.
30 TURLEY, Tyson	8	12	11	23	0.5-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
90 WESTWOOD, Chad	8	11	8	19	3.5-17	2.5-11	.	3	4	2-0	.	.	.
96 LARSEN, Scott	8	11	7	18	4.0-24	2.0-17	.	1	1	.	.	.	.
35 HOLLEY, Matt	8	9	9	18	0.5-2	.	1-2	1	.	1-0	.	.	.
58 LARSEN, Cody	8	7	10	17	2.0-13	1.5-12	.	.	2	.	.	.	.
17 HOGAINS, Marlon	7	11	4	15	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
34 FENN, Blake	7	3	10	13	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
79 GARCIA, Nick	8	6	6	12	2.5-6	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
1 MORGAN, Cameron	6	5	4	9	0.5-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
18 HEINREICH, Cody	8	5	3	8	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	1	.
99 TUKUAFU, Jeff	4	3	4	7	.	.	.	1	1	.	.	.	.
23 LUCCHESI, DJ	7	4	3	7	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
50 BARNEY, Trent	7	3	4	7	1.5-5	0.5-1	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
56 MAILOTO, Eddie	7	2	4	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
42 TAEOLII, Andre	5	3	1	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
10 CLARK, Rickey	7	3	1	4	.	.	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.
48 JOHNSON, Josh	4	1	3	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
57 ARNOLD, Brady	4	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
33 GRIFFITH, Ryan	8	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
19 POOTS, Tysson	6	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
43 NIELSON, Brigha	7	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
51 KING, Clayton	2	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
2 COOPER, Cade	8	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
28 GRAY, Major	8	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
45 AIGBE, Osaze	1	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
47 PENDLEY, Taylor	6	1	.	1	1.0-4	1.0-4	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.
66 PO'UHA, Aarron	7	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
15 AIONO, Abbel	8	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Total.....	8	308	258	566	30-114	10-55	5-88	22	13	14-121	14	1	.
Opponents.....	8	333	261	594	42.0-155	20-95	8-48	34	31	6-16	8	1	2

2009 THUNDERBIRD/OPPONENT GAME HIGHS

SUU INDIVIDUAL GAME HIGHS

Rushes	27	MINEFEE, Austin vs Dixie State (9/3/09)
Yards Rushing	147	MINEFEE, Austin vs Dixie State (9/3/09)
TD Rushes	4	GRAY, Major vs UC Davis (Oct 31, 2009)
Long Rush	46	MINEFEE, Austin at San Diego State (Sep 12, 2009)
Pass attempts	48	COOPER, Cade at Northern Arizona (Sep 19, 2009)
		COOPER, Cade at Utah State (Sep 26, 2009)
Pass completions	33	COOPER, Cade at Northern Arizona (Sep 19, 2009)
Yards Passing	425	COOPER, Cade at Northern Arizona (Sep 19, 2009)
TD Passes	4	COOPER, Cade at Northern Arizona (Sep 19, 2009)
		COOPER, Cade vs North Dakota (Oct 24, 2009)
Long Pass	50	OLSEN, Ammon vs North Dakota (Oct 24, 2009)
Receptions	12	POOTS, Tysson at Cal Poly (Oct 17, 2009)
Yards Receiving	170	POOTS, Tysson at Cal Poly (Oct 17, 2009)
TD Receptions	3	MINEFEE, Austin at Northern Arizona (Sep 19, 2009)
Long Reception	50	JESSOP, Mltch vs North Dakota (Oct 24, 2009)
Field Goals	5	GRIFFITH, Ryan vs Dixie State (9/3/09)
Long Field Goal	49	GRIFFITH, Ryan at San Diego State (Sep 12, 2009)
Punts	7	WARD, Trevor at Utah State (Sep 26, 2009)
Punting Avg	52.0	WARD, Trevor vs Texas State (Oct 03, 2009)
Long Punt	61	WARD, Trevor at San Diego State (Sep 12, 2009)
Long Punt Return	61	SITAKE, Fesi vs UC Davis (Oct 31, 2009)
Long Kickoff Return	43	URSUA, Jared at Northern Arizona (Sep 19, 2009)
Tackles	14	TURNER, Dion at Utah State (Sep 26, 2009)
		TAKENO, Rob vs Texas State (Oct 03, 2009)
Sacks	1.5	WESTWOOD, Chad vs North Dakota (Oct 24, 2009)
Tackles For Loss	1.5	ANIFOWOSHE, A at Utah State (Sep 26, 2009)
		LARSEN, Cody at Utah State (Sep 26, 2009)
		WESTWOOD, Chad vs North Dakota (Oct 24, 2009)
Interceptions	1	WILLARD, Drew vs Dixie State (9/3/09)
		HOLLEY, Matt vs Texas State (Oct 03, 2009)
		VONNER, Erron vs North Dakota (Oct 24, 2009)
		PRETLOW, Colin vs North Dakota (Oct 24, 2009)
		PRETLOW, Colin vs UC Davis (Oct 31, 2009)

SUU TEAM GAME HIGHS

Rushes	51	vs Dixie State (9/3/09)
Yards Rushing	244	vs Dixie State (9/3/09)
Yards Per Rush	4.8	vs Dixie State (9/3/09)
TD Rushes	4	vs UC Davis (Oct 31, 2009)
Pass attempts	53	at Utah State (Sep 26, 2009)
Pass completions	34	at Northern Arizona (Sep 19, 2009)
Yards Passing	431	at Northern Arizona (Sep 19, 2009)
Yards Per Pass	8.8	at Northern Arizona (Sep 19, 2009)
TD Passes	4	at Northern Arizona (Sep 19, 2009)
		vs North Dakota (Oct 24, 2009)
Total Plays	84	at Utah State (Sep 26, 2009)
Total Offense	540	at Northern Arizona (Sep 19, 2009)
Yards Per Play	6.7	at Northern Arizona (Sep 19, 2009)
Points	56	vs UC Davis (Oct 31, 2009)
Sacks By	4	vs UC Davis (Oct 31, 2009)
First Downs	29	at Northern Arizona (Sep 19, 2009)
Penalties	11	vs Dixie State (9/3/09)
Penalty Yards	105	at Northern Arizona (Sep 19, 2009)
Turnovers	3	at San Diego State (Sep 12, 2009)
		at Utah State (Sep 26, 2009)
		at Cal Poly (Oct 17, 2009)
Interceptions By	2	vs North Dakota (Oct 24, 2009)

OPPONENT INDIVIDUAL GAME HIGHS

Rushes	32	Alex Henderson, at Northern Arizona (Sep 19, 2009)
Yards Rushing	168	Alex Henderson, at Northern Arizona (Sep 19, 2009)
TD Rushes	3	Alex Henderson, at Northern Arizona (Sep 19, 2009)
Long Rush	57	Alex Henderson, at Northern Arizona (Sep 19, 2009)
Pass attempts	44	Denham, vs UC Davis (Oct 31, 2009)
Pass completions	26	George, Bradley, vs Texas State (Oct 03, 2009)
Yards Passing	316	Diondre Borel, at Utah State (Sep 26, 2009)
TD Passes	3	Diondre Borel, at Utah State (Sep 26, 2009)
Long Pass	78	Michael Herrick, at Northern Arizona (Sep 19, 2009)
Receptions	8	Canady, Alvin, vs Texas State (Oct 03, 2009)
Yards Receiving	142	BROWN, Vincent, at San Diego State (Sep 12, 2009)
TD Receptions	2	Robert Turbin, at Utah State (Sep 26, 2009)
Long Reception	78	Conrad Meadows, at Northern Arizona (Sep 19, 2009)
Field Goals	1	YOSHIDA, Lane, at San Diego State (Sep 12, 2009)
		Chris Ulinski, at Utah State (Sep 26, 2009)
		Garellick, Justi, vs Texas State (Oct 03, 2009)
		Chris Pinto, at Cal Poly (Oct 17, 2009)
		B. Hellevang, vs North Dakota (Oct 24, 2009)
Long Field Goal	36	Chris Pinto, at Cal Poly (Oct 17, 2009)
Punts	6	Langston, M, vs Dixie State (9/3/09)
Punting Avg	70.0	Drew Zamora, at Northern Arizona (Sep 19, 2009)
Long Punt	70	Drew Zamora, at Northern Arizona (Sep 19, 2009)
Long Punt Return	28	BROWN, Vincent, at San Diego State (Sep 12, 2009)
Long Kickoff Return	30	Soto, vs UC Davis (Oct 31, 2009)
		Gray, vs UC Davis (Oct 31, 2009)
Tackles	14	Cragin, N, vs Dixie State (9/3/09)
Sacks	3.0	Ryan Shotwell, at Cal Poly (Oct 17, 2009)
Tackles For Loss	3.0	Ryan Shotwell, at Cal Poly (Oct 17, 2009)
Interceptions	1	MOORE, Aaron, at San Diego State (Sep 12, 2009)
		LAOLAGI, Luke, at San Diego State (Sep 12, 2009)
		SANDFORD, Nick, at San Diego State (Sep 12, 2009)
		James Brindley, at Utah State (Sep 26, 2009)
		Chris Randle, at Utah State (Sep 26, 2009)
		David Fullerton, at Cal Poly (Oct 17, 2009)
		Tyson Heiser, vs North Dakota (Oct 24, 2009)
		Morales, vs UC Davis (Oct 31, 2009)

OPPONENT TEAM GAME HIGHS

Rushes	48	at Cal Poly (Oct 17, 2009)
Yards Rushing	259	at Utah State (Sep 26, 2009)
Yards Per Rush	6.2	at Northern Arizona (Sep 19, 2009)
TD Rushes	5	at Northern Arizona (Sep 19, 2009)
Pass attempts	47	vs Texas State (Oct 03, 2009)
Pass completions	28	vs Texas State (Oct 03, 2009)
Yards Passing	345	at Utah State (Sep 26, 2009)
Yards Per Pass	15.7	at Utah State (Sep 26, 2009)
TD Passes	4	at Utah State (Sep 26, 2009)
Total Plays	86	vs UC Davis (Oct 31, 2009)
Total Offense	604	at Utah State (Sep 26, 2009)
Yards Per Play	9.2	at Utah State (Sep 26, 2009)
Points	53	at Utah State (Sep 26, 2009)
Sacks By	5	at Cal Poly (Oct 17, 2009)
First Downs	27	vs UC Davis (Oct 31, 2009)
Penalties	12	vs UC Davis (Oct 31, 2009)
Penalty Yards	118	at Northern Arizona (Sep 19, 2009)
Turnovers	4	vs Texas State (Oct 03, 2009)
		vs North Dakota (Oct 24, 2009)
Interceptions By	3	at San Diego State (Sep 12, 2009)

Game-By-Game Comparison (SUU/Opponent format)

Opponent	Score	First Downs			Rushing		Passing		Tot O-SUU	Tot O-Opp	Return	TOs
		Total	Rush	Pass	Pen	Number-Yards	Comp-Att-Int	Yards	Plays-Yds	Plays-Yds	Yards	Overs
DIXIE STATE	36-7	21/12	12/1	9/8	0/3	51-244/19-53	17-22-0/17-29-1	189/162	73-433	48-215	87/127	0/2
San Diego State	19-35	19/22	5/7	9/14	5/1	29-114/37-149	15-29-3/20-30-0	165/287	58-279	67-436	130/127	3/2
Northern Arizona	39-42	29/23	5/12	20/9	4/2	32-109/40-248	34-49-0/15-21-0	431/306	81-540	61-554	89/86	1/1
Utah State	34-53	23/25	6/12	14/11	3/2	31-105/44-259	26-53-2/16-22-0	262/345	84-367	66-604	31/104	3/3
TEXAS STATE	38-16	27/25	5/12	19/12	3/1	30-131/33-203	27-42-0/28-47-1	256/209	72-387	80-412	117/71	1/4
Cal Poly	23-24	26/16	7/14	17/2	2/0	40-122/48-228	27-40-1/3-7-0	263/22	80-385	55-250	33/96	3/1
NORTH DAKOTA	35-10	23/13	7/9	16/4	0/0	34-107/34-146	32-46-1/10-25-2	346/126	80-453	59-272	98/113	2/4
UC DAVIS	56-35	25/27	8/16	12/10	5/1	27-103/41-244	26-39-1/25-45-1	248/229	66-351	86-473	226/193	1/3
Totals	280-222	193/163	55/83	116/70	22/10	274-1035/296-1530	204-320-8/134-226-5	2160/1686	594-3195	522-3216	811/917	14/20

Opponent	3rd Down	4th Down	Time of	TOP	Avg	Avg	Avg	Punting	Penalties
	Conversions	Conversions	Possession	Margin	Yds/Rush	Yds/Pass	Yds/Play	Number-Avg	Number-Yards
DIXIE STATE	10-16/4-10	0-0/0-0	36:34/23:26	13:08	4.8/2.8	8.6/5.6	5.9/4.5	1-40.0/6-37.3	103/10
San Diego State	5-12/6-12	1-2/2-2	27:00/33:00	-6:00	3.9/4.0	5.7/9.6	4.8/6.5	2-47.0/2-45.5	43/80
Northern Arizona	8-16/5-10	2-2/1-2	34:10/25:50	8:20	3.4/6.2	8.8/14.6	6.7/9.1	4-41.8/3-51.3	105/118
Utah State	7-20/4-10	1-1/0-0	30:22/29:38	0:44	3.4/5.9	4.9/15.7	4.4/9.2	7-47.4/5-47.6	60/80
TEXAS STATE	8-14/6-16	1-2/4-5	29:50/30:10	0:20	4.4/6.2	6.1/4.4	5.4/5.2	1-52.0/3-31.0	35/84
Cal Poly	8-15/8-13	2-4/1-1	32:55/27:05	5:50	3.0/4.8	6.6/3.1	4.8/4.5	0-0/0/3-33.7	35/30
NORTH DAKOTA	8-16/5-13	1-2/0-0	34:44/25:16	9:28	3.1/4.3	7.5/5.0	5.7/4.6	6-50.0/7-45.4	84/28
UC DAVIS	2-9/6-14	2-2/3-4	27:10/32:50	-5:40	3.8/6.0	6.4/5.1	5.3/5.5	4-43.2/4-44.0	73/115
Totals	56-118/44-98	10-15/11-14	252:45/227:15	25:30	3.8/5.2	6.8/7.5	5.4/6.2	25-46.3/33-42.3	538/545

Note: Game totals are displayed in the format TEAM/OPPONENT for each category

Passing

#2 COOPER, Cade	Att	Comp	Int	Pct	Yards	TD	Long	Sack	Yds	Effic
Dixie State	19	16	0	84.2	179	2	31	0	0	198.1
San Diego State	29	15	3	51.7	165	1	33	3	17	90.2
Northern Arizona	48	33	0	68.8	425	4	40	4	22	170.6
Utah State	48	24	1	50.0	250	3	31	2	13	110.2
Texas State	42	27	0	64.3	256	3	18	1	1	139.1
Cal Poly	40	27	1	67.5	263	3	29	5	18	142.5
North Dakota	45	31	1	68.9	295	4	30	2	12	148.8
UC Davis	39	26	1	66.7	248	2	32	1	6	131.9
TOTALS	310	199	7	64.2	2082	22	40	18	89	139.5

#4 OLSEN, Ammon	Att	Comp	Int	Pct	Yards	TD	Long	Sack	Yds	Effic
Dixie State	3	1	0	33.3	10	1	10	0	0	171.3
Northern Arizona	1	1	0	100.0	6	0	6	0	0	150.4
Utah State	5	2	1	40.0	12	0	9	1	1	20.2
North Dakota	1	1	0	100.0	50	0	50	0	0	520.0
TOTALS	10	5	1	50.0	78	1	50	2	6	128.5

Rushing/Receiving

RUSHING	No-Yds/TD	DSC	SD	NAU	USU	TXST	CP	UND	UCD
MINEFEE, Austin RB	86-449/1	27-147/0	12-111/1	19-89/0	1-0/0	DNP	8-38/0	13-44/0	6-20/0
GRAY, Major RB	96-392/7	8-34/0	1-2/0	3-2/1	16-57/1	21-91/1	20-57/0	11-75/0	16-74/4
COOPER, Cade QB	52-96/0	7-48/0	9-3/0	8-8/0	8-32/0	2-2/0	12-27/0	2-12/0	4-10/0
OLSEN, Ammon QB	8-37/0	-	1-5/0	1-12/0	4-19/0	DNP	DNP	2-11/0	DNP
APILLI, Kennie RB	13-30/0	8-16/0	-	DNP	DNP	3-9/0	-	2-5/0	DNP
BROWN, Daryl RB	4-29/0	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	4-29/0	DNP	-	DNP
WARD, Trevor TE	1-14/0	-	-	1-14/0	-	-	-	-	-
SILIVA, Tui	4-8/0	DNP	4-8/0	-	-	-	-	-	-
ALEXANDER, Deck RB	4-2/0	DNP	2-1/0	-	2-3/0	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP

RECEIVING	No-Yds/TD	DSC	SD	NAU	USU	TXST	CP	UND	UCD
POOTS, Tysson WR	54-635/8	DNP	DNP	6-109/1	7-67/1	11-120/1	12-170/1	7-61/2	11-108/2
SITAKE, Fesi WR	55-568/7	8-91/2	7-74/1	10-80/0	9-98/2	4-42/1	4-20/0	7-102/1	6-61/0
JESSOP, Mitch WR	24-354/0	DNP	3-55/0	4-74/0	4-49/0	3-34/0	3-23/0	5-97/0	2-22/0
MINEFEE, Austin RB	23-229/4	-	-	5-83/3	2-26/0	DNP	4-26/0	8-61/1	4-33/0
URSUA, Jared WR	17-182/2	5-66/1	3-18/0	4-48/0	1-10/0	1-9/0	1-14/1	1-13/0	1-4/0
AIONO, Abbel TE	A11-65/1	4-32/0	1-7/0	1-3/0	-	2-15/0	1-1/1	1-4/0	1-3/0
SILIVA, Tui	6-35/0	DNP	-	-	2-9/0	1-12/0	2-9/0	1-5/0	-
GRAY, Major RB	4-27/1	-	-	-	1-3/0	3-24/1	-	-	-
WILLIAMS, Karl	5-27/0	DNP	-	3-29/0	DNP	1-5/0	-	1-3/0	-
ECKHOLDT, Drake	2-22/0	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	1-5/0	-	-	1-17/0
ALEXANDER, Deck RB	2-16/0	DNP	1-11/0	1-5/0	-	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
PETERSON, Russ	1-0/0	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	-	1-0/0	-

<u>ALL-PURPOSE YARDS</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>DSC</u>	<u>SDSU</u>	<u>NAU</u>	<u>USU</u>	<u>TXST</u>	<u>CP</u>	<u>UND</u>	<u>UCD</u>
SITAKE, Fesi	739	125	78	95	98	42	20	114	167
MINEFEE, Austin	678	147	111	172	26	DNP	64	105	53
POOTS, Tysson	635	DNP	DNP	109	67	120	170	61	108
URSUA, Jared	595	97	144	122	41	25	29	59	78
GRAY, Major	419	34	2	2	60	115	57	75	74
JESSOP, Mltch	354	DNP	55	74	49	34	23	97	22
COOPER, Cade	96	48	-3	-8	32	2	27	-12	10
PRETLOW, Colin	74	-	-	-	-	-	-	28	46
AIONO, Abbel	65	32	7	3	-	15	1	4	3
SILIVA, Tui	44	DNP	8	-	9	12	10	5	-
OLSEN, Ammon	37	-	-5	12	19	DNP	DNP	11	DNP
APILLI, Kennie	30	16	-	DNP	DNP	9	-	5	DNP
BROWN, Daryl	29	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	29	DNP	-	DNP
WILLIAMS, Karl	27	DNP	-	29	DNP	-5	-	3	-
ECKHOLDT, Drake	22	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	5	-	-	17
LUCCHESI, DJ	17	DNP	-	-	-	-	17	-	-
ALEXANDER, Deck	14	DNP	12	5	-3	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
WARD, Trevor	14	-	-	14	-	-	-	-	-
VONNER, Erron	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	-
HOLLEY, Matt	2	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-

<u>PUNT RETURNS</u>	<u>No-Yds</u>	<u>DSC</u>	<u>SD</u>	<u>NAU</u>	<u>USU</u>	<u>TXST</u>	<u>CP</u>	<u>UND</u>	<u>UCD</u>
SITAKE, Fesi	9-171	1-34	1-4	2-15	-	-	-	2-12	3-106

<u>KICK RETURNS</u>	<u>No-Yds</u>	<u>DSC</u>	<u>SD</u>	<u>NAU</u>	<u>USU</u>	<u>TXST</u>	<u>CP</u>	<u>UND</u>	<u>UCD</u>
URSUA, Jared	20-413	1-31	6-126	3-74	2-31	1-16	1-15	2-46	4-74
LUCCHESI, DJ	1-17	DNP	-	-	-	-	1-17	-	-
SILIVA, Tui	1-1	DNP	-	-	-	-	1-1	-	-

<u>INT. RETURNS</u>	<u>No-Yds</u>	<u>DSC</u>	<u>SD</u>	<u>NAU</u>	<u>USU</u>	<u>TXST</u>	<u>CP</u>	<u>UND</u>	<u>UCD</u>
PRETLOW, Colin	2-74	-	-	-	-	-	-	1-28	1-46
WILLARD, Drew	1-0	1-0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
VONNER, Erron	1-12	-	-	-	-	-	-	1-12	-
HOLLEY, Matt	1-2	-	-	-	-	1-2	-	-	-

<u>FUMBLE RETURNS</u>	<u>No-Yds</u>	<u>DSC</u>	<u>SD</u>	<u>NAU</u>	<u>USU</u>	<u>TXST</u>	<u>CP</u>	<u>UND</u>	<u>UCD</u>
ANIFOWOSHE, A	1-99	-	DNP	DNP	-	1-99	-	-	-
TAKENO, Rob	1-22	1-22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Individual Game-By-Game Defensive Statistics

<u>TOTAL TACKLES</u>	<u>UA-A</u>	<u>TOT</u>	<u>DSC</u>	<u>SDSU</u>	<u>NAU</u>	<u>USU</u>	<u>TXST</u>	<u>CP</u>	<u>UND</u>	<u>UCD</u>
TAKENO, Rob LB	28-37	65	2-3	5-2	3-4	3-8	5-9	6-2	2-2	2-7
PRETLOW, Colin CB	40-15	55	3-1	9-2	3-1	4-1	7-5	3-1	1-1	10-3
VONNER, Erron CB	26-24	50	2-6	5-1	6-2	3-3	3-1	2-2	3-4	2-5
TURNER, Dion DB	30-15	45	3-1	3-4	8-2	10-4	-	4-1	0-3	2-0
ANIFOWOSHE, A CB	21-21	42	2-4	DNP	DNP	4-3	3-1	6-4	2-4	4-5
BUNTING, Troy LB	16-24	40	3-1	3-2	1-1	0-7	0-3	3-2	4-4	2-4
WILLARD, Drew DB	17-21	38	3-1	3-1	2-4	1-0	3-4	2-3	0-2	3-6
CRAWFORD-HARRIS DB	20-5	25	2-1	2-0	3-0	3-1	3-1	1-0	3-1	3-1
TURLEY, Tyson DB	12-11	23	1-1	2-2	-	0-1	2-3	1-0	1-2	5-2
WESTWOOD, Chad DE	11-8	19	0-1	1-0	1-1	1-1	1-1	-	3-2	4-2
HOLLEY, Matt	9-9	18	1-0	-	6-3	1-0	0-3	0-1	1-1	0-1
LARSEN, Scott DE	11-7	18	0-1	2-0	2-2	2-0	3-1	0-1	0-2	2-0
LARSEN, Cody	7-10	17	0-1	2-0	-	1-4	-	2-2	0-2	2-1
HOGAINS, Marlon DB	11-4	15	DNP	-	-	1-1	7-0	1-0	1-1	1-2
FENN, Blake DB	3-10	13	0-1	2-2	0-1	0-1	1-2	DNP	0-2	0-1
GARCIA, Nick	6-6	12	1-1	1-0	1-2	0-1	-	2-1	-	1-1
MORGAN, Cameron	5-4	9	3-1	1-1	0-2	-	1-0	DNP	DNP	-
HEINREICH, Cody DL	5-3	8	0-1	1-1	0-1	1-0	-	3-0	-	-
BARNEY, Trent	3-4	7	0-2	-	1-0	DNP	1-0	1-0	0-2	-
TUKUAFU, Jeff DE	3-4	7	DNP	-	DNP	DNP	-	DNP	2-3	1-1
LUCCHESI, DJ CB	4-3	7	DNP	1-0	2-0	1-1	0-1	-	0-1	-
MAILOTO, Eddie LB	2-4	6	0-1	-	DNP	0-1	-	-	1-1	1-1
JOHNSON, Josh	1-3	4	DNP	0-1	1-2	DNP	-	DNP	-	DNP
CLARK, Rickey DB	3-1	4	0-1	-	1-0	-	DNP	1-0	1-0	-
TAEOALII, Andre LB	3-1	4	DNP	DNP	-	DNP	-	-	2-0	1-1
NIELSON, Brigha	1-1	2	DNP	-	1-0	0-1	-	-	-	-
ARNOLD, Brady LB	1-1	2	DNP	1-1	DNP	DNP	-	DNP	-	-
POOTS, Tysson	2-0	2	DNP	DNP	-	2-0	-	-	-	-
GRIFFITH, Ryan	1-1	2	-	-	-	-	1-1	-	-	-
PENDLEY, Taylor LB	1-0	1	DNP	-	-	DNP	-	-	-	1-0
PO'UHA, Aarron	1-0	1	DNP	-	-	-	-	-	-	1-0
GRAY, Major	1-0	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1-0	-
AIGBE, Osaze	0-1	1	DNP	DNP	DNP	0-1	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
AIONO, Abbel	1-0	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1-0	-
KING, Clayton	1-0	1	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	1-0	DNP	DNP	-
COOPER, Cade	1-0	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1-0

<u>TACKLES FOR LOSS</u>	<u>UA-A</u>	<u>TOT</u>	<u>DSC</u>	<u>SD</u>	<u>NAU</u>	<u>USU</u>	<u>TXST</u>	<u>CP</u>	<u>UND</u>	<u>UCD</u>
LARSEN, Scott DE	3-2	4.0	0.5-1	-	1.0-5	1.0-2	-	-	0.5-9	1.0-7
WESTWOOD, Chad DE	3-1	3.5	-	1.0-5	-	-	1.0-1	-	1.5-11	-
BUNTING, Troy LB	2-2	3.0	-	-	1.0-2	1.0-3	-	-	1.0-1	-
WILLARD, Drew DB	1-3	2.5	0.5-1	-	1.0-2	-	-	-	-	1.0-8
GARCIA, Nick	1-3	2.5	1.0-3	-	1.0-2	0.5-1	-	-	-	-
ANIFOWOSHE, A CB	2-1	2.5	-	DNP	DNP	1.5-4	-	1.0-4	-	-
LARSEN, Cody	1-2	2.0	0.5-2	-	-	1.5-11	-	-	-	-
PRETLOW, Colin CB	2-0	2.0	-	1.0-1	-	-	-	1.0-2	-	-
TAKENO, Rob LB	0-3	1.5	-	-	1.0-2	0.5-1	-	-	-	-
BARNEY, Trent	1-1	1.5	0.5-1	-	-	DNP	1.0-4	-	-	-
VONNER, Erron CB	0-3	1.5	-	-	0.5-2	-	-	-	0.5-1	0.5-1
PENDLEY, Taylor LB	1-0	1.0	DNP	-	-	DNP	-	-	-	1.0-4
TURNER, Dion DB	1-0	1.0	-	-	1.0-6	-	-	-	-	-
HOLLEY, Matt	0-1	0.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.5-2
MORGAN, Cameron	0-1	0.5	-	-	0.5-1	-	-	DNP	DNP	-
TURLEY, Tyson DB	0-1	0.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.5-1	-

<u>SACKS</u>	<u>UA-A</u>	<u>TOT</u>	<u>DSC</u>	<u>SD</u>	<u>NAU</u>	<u>USU</u>	<u>TXST</u>	<u>CP</u>	<u>UND</u>	<u>UCD</u>
WESTWOOD, Chad DE	2-1	2.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.5-11	1.0-0
LARSEN, Scott DE	1-2	2.0	0.5-1	-	-	-	-	-	0.5-9	1.0-7
LARSEN, Cody	1-1	1.5	0.5-2	-	-	1.0-10	-	-	-	-
WILLARD, Drew DB	1-1	1.5	0.5-1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.0-8
BUNTING, Troy LB	1-0	1.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.0-1	-
PENDLEY, Taylor LB	1-0	1.0	DNP	-	-	DNP	-	-	-	1.0-4
BARNEY, Trent	0-1	0.5	0.5-1	-	-	DNP	-	-	-	-

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<u>No</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>HT</u>	<u>WT</u>	<u>YR</u>	<u>POS</u>	<u>HOMETOWN</u>	<u>EXPERIENCE</u>
1	Cameron Morgan	6-3	180	FR	CB	Uvalde, TX	HS/Uvalde HS
2	Cade Cooper	6-3	210	SR	QB	Lehi, UT	TR/Oregon
3	Naia Ursua	5-11	170	FR	WR	Kailua-Kona, HI	HS/Kealakehe HS
4	Ammon Olsen	6-4	205	FR	QB	Draper, UT	HS/Alta HS
5	Jared Ursua	5-11	195	SO	WR	Kailua-Kona, HI	1VL/Kealakehe HS
6	Deckar Alexander	5-7	185	JR	RB	Fontana, CA	1VL/Menlo College
7	Brandon Godfrey	6-0	215	SR	RB	Las Vegas, NV	2VL/Eldorado HS
8	Robert Ah Sue	6-2	217	JR	WR	Riverside, CA	RS /Riverside CC
9	Fesi Sitake	5-11	185	JR	WR	Sandy, UT	2VL/Hillcrest HS
10	Rickey Clark	6-2	220	FR	DB	Hayward, CA	RS/Tennyson HS
11	Jason Mayer	6-2	205	FR	QB	Foothill Ranch, CA	HS/Trabucco Hills HS
12	Dennis Fite	6-3	180	FR	DB	Riverside, CA	HS/Citrus Hills HS
14	Anthony Fagans	6-1	180	FR	DB	Oakland, CA	HS/Oakland Tech HS
15	Abbel Aiono	6-3	265	SO	TE	West Valley City, UT	1VL/Granger HS
16	Zack Olsen	6-0	175	SO	QB	Farmington, UT	1VL/Davis HS
17	Marlon Hogains	5-11	175	SO	WR	Lake Los Angeles, CA	1VL/Littlerock HS
18	Cody Heinrich	6-4	260	SO	DE	Las Vegas, NV	1VL/Del Sol HS
19	Tyson Poots	6-3	220	JR	WR	Las Vegas, NV	2VL/Coronado HS
20	Kennie Apilli	5-8	200	SR	RB	Raleigh, NC	1VL /North Carolina State
21	Dion Turner	6-0	191	SO	FS	Oakland, CA	1VL/Oakland Tech HS
22	Erron Vonner	5-10	182	SO	CB	Toledo, OH	1VL/West Valley HS
23	D.J. Lucchesi	5-9	185	JR	CB	Panaca, NV	3VL/Lincoln County HS
24	Daryl Brown	6-1	235	SO	RB	Magna, UT	1VL/Cyprus HS
25	Austin Minefee	5-10	195	SO	RB	Cedar City, UT	1VL/Canyon View HS
26	Myles Crawford-Harris	6-0	185	SO	CB	Oakland, CA	1VL/Oakland Tech HS
28	Major Gray	5-9	205	JR	RB	Las Vegas, NV	RS/Feather River CC
29	Akeem Anifowoshe	5-11	205	JR	SS	Las Vegas, NV	2VL/Las Vegas HS
30	Tyson Turley	6-3	205	SO	FS	Las Vegas, NV	1VL/Centennial HS
31	Karl Williams	6-0	210	FR	RB	Layton, UT	HS/Layton HS
32	Robert Takeno	5-11	225	SR	LB	Sandy, UT	3VL/Hillcrest HS
33	Ryan Griffith	6-0	190	SR	K	Hemet, CA	3VL/Hemet HS
34	Blake Fenn	6-1	210	SO	DB	Roosevelt, UT	1VL/Union HS
35	Matt Holley	6-1	205	FR	SS	Las Vegas, NV	HS/Centennial HS
36	Colin Pretlow	5-10	176	JR	CB	Las Vegas, NV	2VL/Las Vegas HS
37	Tui Siliva	6-1	245	JR	FB	Pago Pago, Am. Samoa	2VL/Leone HS
38	Henna Brown	6-0	210	FR	RB	Magna, UT	RS/Cyprus HS
39	Herman Sword	5-11	215	SO	S	Pago Pago, Am. Samoa	1VL/Leone HS
41	Brian Wilson	6-1	205	FR	RB	San Diego, CA	RS/Mission Hills HS
42	Andrew Taoalii	6-0	220	SO	LB	Kapolei, HI	1VL/Kamehameha HS
43	Brigham Nielsen	6-1	225	JR	FB/LB	Salt Lake City, UT	1VL/Highland HS
44	Drew Willard	6-3	230	SO	LB	Roy, UT	1VL/Roy HS
45	Sam Aigbe	6-3	210	FR	LB	Las Vegas, NV	HS/Bishop Gorman HS
46	Troy Bunting	5-10	230	JR	LB	Sandy, UT	1VL/Utah
47	Taylor Pendley	6-1	255	JR	DE	Sandy, UT	2VL/Skyline HS
48	Josh Johnson	6-4	185	FR	DB	Layton, UT	HS/Layton HS
49	A.J. Foresteire	5-9	182	JR	K	Madera Ranchos, CA	JC/Reedley JC
50	Trent Barney	6-3	245	JR	DL	Orem, UT	JC/Snow College
51	Clayton King	5-9	180	FR	DB	Murray, UT	HS/Murray HS
53	James Cowser	6-4	245	FR	DL	Fruit Heights, UT	HS/Davis HS
54	Mitch Meier	6-3	230	SO	LB	Murray, UT	1VL/Murray HS
55	Tyler Houk	6-4	215	FR	LB	Exeter, CA	HS/Exeter HS
56	Eddie Mailoto	5-11	235	JR	LB	Pava'la'i, Am. Samoa	RS/Tafuna HS
57	Brady Arnold	6-2	245	SO	LB	Roosevelt, UT	RS/Union HS
58	Cody Larsen	6-4	260	FR	DL	Draper, UT	RS/Jordan HS
59	Stephen Boyer	6-3	300	SR	OL	Kaysville, UT	3VL/Davis HS
60	Kevin Moss	6-4	285	FR	OL	St. George, UT	HS/Pine View HS
61	Gavin Boger	6-2	290	SO	OL	San Diego, CA	1VL/Mission Bay HS
63	Daron Griffin	6-4	300	FR	OL	San Bernardino, CA	HS/Cajon HS
66	Aarron Po'uha	6-5	325	SR	OL	Sandy, UT	1VL/Snow JC
67	Trevor Schauerhamer	6-6	310	SO	OL	Salt Lake City, UT	1VL/Skyline HS

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68	Gavin Farr	6-3	255	FR	OL	South Ogden, UT	HS/Northridge HS
70	Levi Mack	6-5	325	SR	OL	Thatcher, AZ	1VL/Brigham Young
71	Christian Rennie	6-5	270	FR	OL	Issaquah, WA	HS/Issaquah HS
72	Gregory Reid	6-6	245	FR	OL	Covina, CA	HS/Chino Hills HS
73	Zach Brackus	6-5	316	FR	OL	Salt Lake City, UT	RS/Murray HS
74	Anthony Coissairt	6-5	280	FR	OL	Moab, UT	HS/Grand County HS
75	Brock Christensen	6-6	264	SO	OL	West Jordan, UT	RS/San Diego Univ.
76	Joe Ellis	6-6	300	JR	OL	Magna, UT	2VL/Cyprus HS
77	Cody Burgess	6-6	285	FR	OL	Caliente, NV	HS/Lincoln County HS
78	Russell Petersen	6-4	313	FR	OL	Manti, UT	HS/Manti HS
79	Nick Garcia	6-4	315	JR	DT	Clearfield, UT	2VL/Clearfield HS
80	Mitch Jessop	6-4	185	FR	WR	Providence, UT	HS/Mountain Crest HS
81	Brady Davies	6-3	245	FR	LB	Draper, UT	HS/Alta HS
83	Drake Eckholdt	6-5	210	FR	TE	Draper, UT	HS/Alta HS
84	Kaden Carli	5-10	188	FR	WR	Sandy, UT	RS/Alta HS
85	Chandler Allphin	6-4	185	FR	WR	Alpine, UT	HS/Lone Peak HS
86	Aaron Rodriguez	6-3	220	SO	TE	Ojai, CA	1VL/Nordhoff HS
87	Chris Haning	6-6	225	FR	TE	Woods Cross, UT	RS/Woods Cross HS
88	Trevor Ward	6-4	240	SR	P/K	Ogden, UT	3VL/Bonneville HS
89	Dylan Fox	6-2	240	SO	TE	Cedar City, UT	1VL/Cedar City HS
90	Chad Westwood	6-4	275	SR	DE	Cedar City, UT	3VL/Cedar HS
92	Nick Farrell	6-1	215	JR	LS	Williamston, MI	HS/Williamston HS
93	Andrew Eide	6-5	235	FR	DE	Orem, UT	HS/Timpanogos HS
96	Scott Larsen	6-2	275	SR	DL	Farmington, UT	3VL/Davis HS
98	Nick Witzmann	5-11	260	SO	DT	Encinitas, CA	1VL/La Costa Canyon HS
99	Jeff Tukuafu	6-4	260	FR	DL	Heber City, UT	RS/Wasatch HS
	Jacob Allie	6-1	205	FR	QB	Renton, WA	HS/Lindberg HS
	Justin Burdno	5-10	180	FR	WR	Henderson, NV	HS/Basic HS
	Keith Hamblin	6-2	255	FR	DT	Roosevelt, UT	JC/Snow JC
	Brock Miller	5-8	160	FR	K	Encinitas, CA	HS/Santa Fe Christian HS
	Randall Nygren	6-2	190	FR	QB	LaHabra, CA	HS/LaHabra HS
	Swede Story	6-1	185	FR	WR	Ogden, UT	HS/Weber HS

Head Coach/Defensive Coordinator: Ed Lamb (BYU, 1996)

Assistant Head Coach/Running Backs/Tight Ends: Al Pupunu (Utah, 2003)

Offensive Coordinator: Steve Clark (BYU, 1992)

Special Teams Coordinator/Linebackers: Justin Ena (BYU, 2001)

Quarterbacks/Receivers/Recruiting Coordinator: Paul Peterson (Boston College, 2005)

Defensive Line: Ryan Hunt (SUU, 2004)

Secondary: Demario Warren (UC Davis, 2008)

Offensive Line: Jason Andersen (BYU, 2002)

Offensive Assistant: Shane Braman

Defensive Line: Aaron Fernandez

Student Assistants: Teague Whiting, Ronnie Pentz

Strength & Conditioning: Dan Bennion (SUU, 2000)