SOUTH DAKOTA STATE
FOOTBALL

2014 MEDIA GUIDE

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#83 Jason Schneider WR • #22 TJ Lally LB • #31 Zach Zenner RB • #6 Austin Sumner QB • #36 Jack Sherlock DL

All home games played at Coughlin Alumni Stadium
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WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A JACKRABBIT

“To me, what it means to be a Jackrabbit is to be a part of a living dream — knowing that every moment, game, and practice while being a Jackrabbit was once a dream you dreamed as a little kid growing up. It’s knowing that when it’s all said and done your greatest dreams became your most favorite memories with some of your best friends — a family bonded by all the moments shared together and played together. ”

“Being a Jackrabbit means you are team-first on the field. It means you play for the guys who have come before you and the guys who stand beside you. Being a Jackrabbit means you are a part of something much bigger than yourself.”

“To me, being a Jackrabbit is about being team-first. Being Team-first is about contributing to something bigger than yourself by sacrificing personal gain for a much larger collective gratification with the team. Being a part of something bigger than myself has been the most satisfying experience I could ask for — knowing that I fight for the man next to me and he is fighting just as hard for me, for the same goal.”

“The first thing that comes to mind is the friendships I have made and the brotherhood that was created. Coming to SDSU has to be one of my best decisions I have ever made. I cannot stress enough how many close friends I have made here and the friendships that I will have for the rest of my life. Another topic that comes to mind is the hard work. When I first stepped on that field I was shocked by how hard everyone worked and how my teammates pushed each other. If you want to be a Jackrabbit you must put in the hard work and buy in right away. This is what motivated me throughout my career here — hard work and effort. I am a proud Jackrabbit and always will be.”

“Being a Jackrabbit means completely and unselfishly investing yourself in special family, and experiencing some of the toughest and greatest times of your life alongside your best friends. It is truly an honor and a privilege, and a Jackrabbit appreciates the opportunity that so few are provided.”

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2013 RECAP

OVERALL RECORD: 9-5
CONFERENCE RECORD: 5-3 (tied for second place in Missouri Valley Football Conference)
HOME RECORD: 4-2
AWAY RECORD: 5-3
FINAL RANKING: 13th (Sports Network)

2013 GAME RESULTS
Aug. 31 BUTLER (Ind.) W, 55-14
Sept. 7 at North Dakota W, 35-28
Sept. 14 S’EASTERN LOUISIANA W, 34-26
Sept. 21 at Nebraska L, 20-59
Sept. 28 #1 NORTH DAKOTA ST. L, 0-20
Oct. 5 SOUTHERN ILLINOIS L, 24-27
Oct. 12 at Western Illinois W, 38-14
Oct. 19 at Missouri State L, 21-35
Nov. 9 INDIANA STATE W, 29-0
Nov. 16 at South Dakota W, 27-12
Nov. 23 at #15 Youngstown State W, 42-13
Nov. 30 #8 Northern Arizona W, 26-7
Dec. 7 at #3 Eastern Washington L, 17-41

*Missouri Valley Football Conference game
^Football Championship Subdivision Playoff game

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LETTERMEN RETURNING: 40
• Offense: 18
• Defense: 18
• Special Teams: 4

LETTERMEN LOST: 17
• Offense: 8
• Defense: 8
• Special Teams: 1

STARTERS RETURNING: 14
• Offense: 6
• Defense: 5
• Special Teams: 3

OFFENSIVE STARTERS RETURNING (6): Trevor Greger, OL; Cam Jones, TE; Jason Schneider, WR; Mike Shoff, OL; Austin Sumner, QB; Zach Zennner, RB.

DEFENSIVE STARTERS RETURNING (5): Charles Elmore, LB; Jimmie Forsythe, CB; Jake Gentile, FS; T.J. Lally, LB; Cole Langer, DL.

SPECIAL TEAMS STARTERS RETURNING (3): Zachary Sawyer, P; Justin Syrovatka, K; Thayer Trenhaile, LS.

OTHER RETURNING LETTERMEN (26): Brandon Andrews, WR; Jesse Bobbit, LB; Dallas Brown, LB; Je Ryan Butler, DB/KR; Jay Carlson, K; Reggie Gandy, RB; Erekiel Hendron, DB; Jarves Jones, WR; Drew Kreutzfeldt, LB; Blake Krieps, LB; Auston LaBlance, DL; Nick Mears, DB; Andrew Mueller, OL; Tom Peitz, LB; J.R. Plotz, DL; Nick Purcell, OL; Matt Raymond, WR; Isaac Rodriguez, RB; Patrick Schuster, LB; Jack Sherlock, DL; Bryce Siverling, OL/TE; Chad Streblow, TE; Melvin Taveras, DB; Mitch Vejvoda, TE; Trevor Wesley, WR; Dom Wright, WR.

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Coughlin-Alumni Stadium is in its 53rd season as the home of the South Dakota State University football team.

Although plans are in the works to replace Coughlin-Alumni Stadium, the Jackrabbits have had a decided home advantage on the only natural grass field remaining in the Missouri Valley Football Conference.

Through the first 52 years of operation, there have been 278 games against 63 different opponents at Coughlin-Alumni Stadium, with SDSU holding a 174-104 record (.626 winning percentage) on its home field. There has never been a tie game at CAS.

Since moving to the NCAA Division I Football Championship Subdivision in 2004, the Jackrabbits have posted a 41-13 mark at CAS.

The natural-grass stadium opened Sept. 22, 1962, when the Jacks lost a 9-7 decision to Arkansas State.

SDSU played its first game under the lights at CAS on Sept. 1, 2001, defeating Ferris State (Mich.), 34-24. The Jackrabbits have gone on to compile a 26-8 record in night games at Coughlin-Alumni Stadium.

The Jackrabbits set a single-season attendance record in 2009 as an average of 13,265 fans passed through the turnstiles during SDSU’s five home games, ranking 17th in the Football Championship Subdivision for attendance as each of games drew a crowd better than 10,000. SDSU topped the 10,000 mark in average home attendance for the fifth straight year in 2013 with an average of 10,694 fans per game.

A new scoreboard was installed in the south end zone prior to the 2005 season. The scoreboard, which was manufactured by Brookings-based Daktronics, measures approximately 121 feet wide by 56 feet high and features a large full-color ProStar® video replay screen in the center with additional statistical and advertising panels.
From pre-game tailgating to exciting Missouri Valley Football Conference action, Coughlin-Alumni Stadium is the place to be on Saturdays during the fall.

The Jackrabbit football team holds a decisive home-field advantage when playing in front of large home crowds. SDSU has drawn more than 10,000 fans to 34 games since moving to the Division I Football Championship Subdivision at the start of the 2004 season, posting a 24-10 record in those contests. Overall, SDSU has turned in a 41-13 home record since 2004.

Enhancing the gameday atmosphere are pre-game and halftime performances by the Pride of the Dakotas marching band. About 300 members strong, The Pride marched in the 2003 and 2008 Tournament of Roses Parade, and also received an invitation to march in the 2011 Citrus Parade in Orlando, Florida.

Also adding to the stadium experience is the interactivity provided by one of the largest scoreboards in the Football Championship Subdivision.
A building boom at South Dakota State University has expanded to the realm of collegiate athletics with the addition of the Sanford-Jackrabbit Athletic Complex, which is scheduled to open this fall.

The multi-use facility features an indoor practice and competition space of more than 149,000 square feet and a human performance area of nearly 15,000 square feet. One of the only eight-lane, 300-meter tracks in the region will be housed in the facility, along with 100 yards of soy-based synthetic turf. The building measures 61 feet high at midfield.

Ground was broken on the Sanford-Jackrabbit Athletic Complex in August 2013. The final beam was raised in March 2014 and the turf was installed in July.

Fund-raising efforts kicked off in the summer of 2012. Leadership gifts from the Dale and Pat Larson family, First Bank & Trust, Sanford Health, Larson Manufacturing, Brookings Health System and other anonymous donors helped make this transformational facility a reality.
The South Dakota State University football team moved into new headquarters following the completion of the Dykhouse Student-Athlete Center in the north end zone of Coughlin-Alumni Stadium prior to the start of the 2010 season.

“The Dykhouse Student-Athlete Center is the home of all of SDSU Football — past and present,” head coach John Stiegelmeier said. “Our present players benefit from having everything they need in one location. Our past players benefit as this facility holds the records of their past. Bottom line, the DSAC is a first-class facility for a first-class football program.”

Construction on the Dykhouse Student-Athlete Center began in the fall of 2008 and marked the first stage of a master plan to dramatically modernize athletic facilities at SDSU.

The $6 million donated by Sioux Falls bankers Dana Dykhouse and T. Denny Sanford in the fall of 2007 set in motion the construction of the first major athletic building on campus since Frost Arena in 1973.

Dana Dykhouse is a 1979 graduate of South Dakota State University. A three-year letter winner on the Jackrabbit football team, Dykhouse was an honorable mention all-conference defensive tackle in 1978. His wife, LaDawn, also is a 1979 graduate of SDSU. They have two children, Dan and Alana. Dan lettered in football for the Jackrabbits from 2004-06.

The building spans nearly 30,000 square feet and was built of brick, precast concrete, and glass.

Facing the football field, the second floor features an outdoor deck and the Chicoine Champions Room, offering panoramic views of the stadium and game-day action below for athletic department donors of a certain level and special guests. Members of the football coaching staff also use the area for recruiting functions.

Top: The exterior view of the Dykhouse Student-Athlete Center from inside Coughlin-Alumni Stadium. Bottom: The locker room for the Jackrabbit football team is housed inside the Dykhouse Student-Athlete Center.
A number of the coaches’ offices in the building contains windows offering views onto the field. The building’s interior includes state-of-the-art technology with rooms for editing and viewing game film, and walls are decorated with artworks highlighting great moments in SDSU football history.

The Jackrabbit football team’s locker room is located on the lower level of the Dykhouse Student-Athlete Center.

Also on the lower level of the building is an academic center equipped with study areas, computers, tutors, and other educational aids for all SDSU teams.

The Dykhouse Student-Athlete Center is connected to the new Sanford-Jackrabbit Athletic Complex. The DSAC is undergoing renovations to provide expanded space for sports medicine and academics.

Below: The Dykhouse Student-Athlete Center houses an academic center for use by all Jackrabbit teams. Above Right: Each position group has a meeting room in the Dykhouse Student-Athlete Center. Bottom Right: The Chicoine Champions Room serves as a full-team meeting room during the week and a reception area on gamedays.
Jackrabbit football is scheduled to move into a new stadium in the fall of 2016 with the completion of Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium.

The stadium, which will be constructed in phases on the current Coughlin-Alumni Stadium site, will seat between 18,500 and 20,000 spectators and cost an estimated $65 million. Plans call for the stadium to be funded through private gifts and long-term revenue streams, including concessions and suite, loge box and ticket sales. The intention is to secure bonds to finance up to two-thirds of the project’s construction, with the remaining dollars coming from private support. Lead gifts totaling $12.5 million from Sioux Falls banker Dana Dykhouse and philanthropist T. Denny Sanford were announced in October 2013.

The stadium project was approved by the state Legislature during the 2014 session and signed into law by Gov. Dennis Daugaard. Construction will begin this fall.

Top Left: A conceptual drawing of Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium. Bottom Left: Gov. Dennis Daugaard, center, held a ceremonial signing of the stadium bill May 22 at Coughlin-Alumni Stadium as project benefactor Dana Dykhouse, left, and SDSU President David Chicoine looked on. Bottom Right: A conceptual drawing showing the club area to be located in Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium.
South Dakota State University currently offers 21 varsity sports with Jackrabbit teams competing at the NCAA Division I level. Football competes in the Division I Football Championship Subdivision’s Missouri Valley Football Conference, with 18 sports competing in The Summit League. Wrestling competes in the Western Wrestling Conference, while equestrian currently does not have conference affiliation.

Following is a listing of sports currently offered at SDSU:

**Women’s Sports**
- Basketball
- Cross Country
- Equestrian
- Golf
- Indoor Track and Field
- Outdoor Track and Field
- Soccer
- Softball
- Swimming and Diving
- Tennis
- Volleyball

**Men’s Sports**
- Baseball
- Basketball
- Cross Country
- Football
- Golf
- Indoor Track and Field
- Outdoor Track and Field
- Swimming and Diving
- Tennis
- Wrestling

**EVOLUTION OF A NICKNAME**

There are two theories as to how and why the Jackrabbit nickname evolved. The most common belief is that the name “Jackrabbits” came from a story and cartoon sketch that appeared in a Minneapolis newspaper following a 1905 football game between the University of Minnesota and South Dakota State College, as the university was then known. A reporter for the newspaper, knowing of the preponderance of jackrabbits in the Brookings area, was believed to have written that the SDSC team was as quick as jackrabbits. Many people believe that the school officially adopted the Jackrabbits nickname from that beginning.

The other theory about the origin of the nickname is given in The Jackrabbit, SDSU’s yearbook. There is a poem in the 1907 yearbook that puts forth the idea that the yearbook is called The Jackrabbit because a group of juniors wished to immortalize themselves by changing the name of the yearbook. Athletic teams followed suit, adopting the nickname.

Prior to the adoption of the Jackrabbit nickname, school athletic teams were known as the Barn Yard Cadets as SDSU was known as South Dakota State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts in 1907.
Throughout the school year, the Jackrabbit football team takes an active role in Brookings and surrounding area communities.

In recent years, a commitment to community service has been added to the criteria necessary to earn a varsity letter within the Jackrabbit football program. Over the past few years, SDSU football players have participated in the following community service projects and activities:

- Conducting a youth football clinic each fall and assisting with FCA Power Camp
- Visiting hospitals, nursing homes and Children’s Home Society care facilities in Sioux Falls as part of the annual Paint the Falls Blue event
- Mission work through Habitat for Humanity
- Reading at elementary schools in Brookings, along with other school visits to promote exercise and healthy habits
- Participating in the Walk a Mile in Her Shoes event to raise awareness for the Brookings Domestic Abuse Shelter
- Serving as student-athlete ambassadors for the Jackrabbit Scholarship Auction and other Athletic Department events
- Taking part in a campus cleanup effort
- Assisting the United Methodist Church in Brookings on a solar oven project for families in Haiti
- Collecting food for the Brookings Food Pantry
- Preparing and serving meals at the Brookings Harvest Table
- Participating in the State-A-Thon fund-raiser for the Children’s Miracle Network
- Raising awareness for the Samaritan’s Feet service organization at a home football game

*Jackrabbit players conduct an annual youth clinic prior to a home football game early in the season. The entire football team raised awareness for the Samaritan’s Feet service organization by walking off the field barefoot and later assisting in a shoe distribution.*
Many other community service activities are organized through the SDSU Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC), whose mission is to enhance the total student-athlete experience by promoting opportunity for all student-athletes, protecting student-athlete welfare and fostering a positive student-athlete image.

People associated with Jackrabbit Athletics understand the important role South Dakota State University plays in the city of Brookings, as well as in the state of South Dakota. Because the athletics program and its student-athletes derive so much support — both financial and emotional — from the residents of the city, state, and region, importance is placed on giving back to the community through service projects, volunteering, and fund-raising for charitable organizations.

_Community service is part of the criteria for earning a varsity letter in football at South Dakota State University. Team members participated in a number of community service events throughout the past year, including nursing home and youth center visits during the annual Paint the Falls Blue event, and support of the Walk A Mile in Her Shoes campaign to raise awareness for domestic abuse prevention._
South Dakota State University is the state’s Morrill Act land-grant university and its largest, most comprehensive institution of higher education. It has an enrollment of 12,554 students (fall 2013) from all 50 states and 70 countries who can choose from more than 175 majors, minors and specializations. The institution also offers 29 master’s degree programs, 13 Ph.D. and two professional programs.

SDSU has grown from 80 acres at its founding in 1881 to a 422-acre campus with facilities valued at more than $381 million. The university owns or leases another 15,000 acres of land for research throughout the state.

The university provides a rich academic experience in an environment of inclusion and access through inspired, student-centered education, creative activities and research, innovation and engagement that improve the quality of life in South Dakota, the region, the nation and the world.

SDSU confers degrees through the following colleges:
• Agriculture and Biological Sciences
• Arts and Sciences
• Education and Human Sciences
• The Jerome J. College of Engineering
• Nursing
• Pharmacy
• Graduate School
• Van D. and Barbara B. Honors College

SDSU maintains a student-faculty ratio of 18:1 with an average class size of 35 students.

More than 2,000 people are employees of SDSU, making it the largest employer in Brookings.

*The Coughlin Campanile pictured in the foreground is South Dakota State University’s most recognizable landmark. The university is undergoing rapid growth both in terms of enrollment and building projects.*
The South Dakota State University campus has seen numerous building projects the past 10 years. And it is not slowing.

Projects currently nearing completion include the Architecture, Mathematics and Engineering Building, the Sanford-Jackrabbit Athletic Complex and an updated Medary Commons, which will be renamed the Enrollment Services Center.

Other recent projects include:
- The $48 million, 144,000-square-foot Avera Health and Science Center;
- Daktronics Engineering Building, a 33,000-square-foot expansion within the College of Engineering;
- Jackrabbit Village, a complex of suite-style residence halls; and
- Expansion of the Dairy-Microbiology building;

Many facility projects and enhancements to academic programs were identified through the SDSU Foundation’s “It Starts With State” campaign, a comprehensive fund-raising initiative that raised more than $255 million over a five-year period from 2008-13.

Also in the spring of 2013, South Dakota State University officials rolled out IMPACT 2018: A Strategic Vision for South Dakota State University. The five-year plan features four main goals:
- Promote academic excellence through quality programs, engaged learners and an innovative teaching and learning environment;
- Generate new knowledge, encourage innovations and promote artistic and creative works that contribute to the public good and result in social, cultural or economic development for South Dakota, the region, the nation and the world;
- Extend the reach and depth of the University by developing strategic programs and collaborations, and
- Secure human and fiscal resources to ensure high performance through enhanced financial, management and governance systems.
MEDlA INFORMATION

CREdENTIAlS
All requests for media credentials for SDSU football home games should be directed to sports information director Jason Hove at least 24 hours prior to the event.

Credentials will be mailed if requests are received a week or more in advance. Otherwise, credentials may be picked up at the Jackrabbit Ticket Office inside the Stanley J. Marshall HPER Center weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., or at the Coughlin-Alumni Stadium will-call window 90 minutes to the start of the event.

Only working media will be allowed access to the Coughlin-Alumni Stadium press box. Please note there is no elevator access to the press box.

Media requiring access to phone lines should contact the SDSU sports information office in advance of gameday to assist in seating assignments, etc. Wireless Internet will be available in the Coughlin-Alumni Stadium press box.

All credentials are non-transferable.

The following guidelines apply specifically to Internet sites:
- No more than two people working for the official Web site of the opponent and/or its official conference site will be issued credentials.
- Web sites whose content centers around message boards and chat rooms where users can post anonymous information and/or rumors are ineligible for any consideration for credentials or access.
- Credentials will not be granted to any agency operating sites that are in any way affiliated with gambling, or to freelance or fan-based sites that are not affiliated with a legitimate news-gathering organization.
- Live blogging of the description of the event is permitted; however, no live streaming of video of either game action or post-game press conferences is permitted. Video may be archived and posted to web sites after the event.
- The final decision for credentials remains at the sole discretion of SDSU sports information personnel. Failure to abide by the guidelines outlined on this page may result in revocation of credentials.

PHOTOGRAPHERS
Photographers (live and still) are asked to not interfere with the sight lines of spectators and must remain outside the dashed white lines on the sidelines and behind the end zones. Video platforms are located directly below the press box, with access available on a first-come, first-served basis.

PRESS CONFERENCES
A post-game press conference will be held after home games in the linebackers meeting room (Room 207) located on the second floor of the Dykhouse Student-Athlete Center. The visiting team will go first, followed by SDSU players and coaches.

Media members should enter the Dykhouse Student-Athlete Center via the west entrance. There will be no media access to the DSAC until the start of the fourth quarter.

Press conferences also can be viewed on the Coughlin-Alumni Stadium video board.

STATISTICS
The South Dakota State University Sports Information Office will keep official statistics and will distribute final statistics to teams and members of the media within 20 minutes after the conclusion of the game.

ON THE WEB
The latest Jackrabbit news and updates can be viewed on the Internet at www.GoJacks.com, the official site of South Dakota State University athletics. Box scores, season statistics and a game recap will be posted after each game.

Live stats of all Jackrabbit home games also will be available through GoJacks.com.

STADIUM DIRECTIONS
From North: From I-29, take Exit 133 west (right) onto the U.S. Highway 14 Bypass. Turn left (south) on 22nd Avenue. Continue on 22nd Avenue until 11th Street. Turn west (right) onto 11th. Parking will be available in lots surrounding the Stanley J. Marshall HPER Center.

From South: From I-29, take Exit 132 west (left) on U.S. Highway 14 (Sixth Street). Turn north (right) on 22nd Avenue. Continue on 22nd Avenue until 11th Street. Turn west (left) onto 11th Street. Parking will be available in lots surrounding the Stanley J. Marshall HPER Center.

From East: Continue on U.S. Highway 14 (Sixth Street) to 22nd Avenue. Turn north (right) onto 22nd Avenue and continue until 11th Street. Turn west (left) onto 11th Street. At 16th Avenue, turn north (right). Parking will be available in lots surrounding the Stanley J. Marshall HPER Center.

From West: From U.S Highway 14, proceed east on Highway 14 Bypass. Turn south (right) onto Medary Avenue. Turn east (left) onto North Campus Drive. Parking will be available in lots surrounding the Briggs Library.

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TELEVISION BROADCAST SCHEDULE
Six of South Dakota State’s 12 regular season games during the 2014 season are scheduled to be televised by regional or national broadcast partners.

Broadcasts of the Oct. 11 and Nov. 22 home games against Missouri State and South Dakota, respectively, will be produced by Midco Sports Net. Midco also will carry broadcasts of road games at Northern Iowa (Oct. 18) and North Dakota State (Nov. 1).

Two games also will air on the ESPN family of networks — the Aug. 30 season opener at Missouri is slated to air on ESPNU, while the Oct. 25 Hobo Day game versus Youngstown State will be carried on ESPN3 as part of the Valley Football television package.

The full television broadcast schedule is as follows:
- Aug. 30 at Missouri (ESPNU)
- Oct. 11 vs. Missouri State (Midco)
- Oct. 18 at Northern Iowa (Panther Sports Network/Midco)
- Oct. 25 vs. Youngstown State (ESPN3)
- Nov. 1 at North Dakota State (North Dakota NBC Network/Midco)
- Nov. 22 vs. South Dakota (Midco)

Video broadcasts of all Jackrabbit home games and select road games also will be available via the Jackrabbit Extra subscription service. Home games will be broadcast in HD.

OTHER VIEWING, LISTENING OPTIONS
Coach Stiegelmeier will fulfill a number of other media obligations during the 2014 season.

The John Stiegelmeier Radio Show airs weekly during the season along the Jackrabbit Sports Network, as well as GoJacks.com. Hosted by Tyler Merriam, the show originates from Cubby’s Sports Bar and Grill in downtown Brookings and will be broadcast live from 6-7 p.m. on Mondays.

Two television shows focusing on Jackrabbit Athletics also will air throughout the 2014 season. The SDSU-produced “Jackrabbit Insider” returns for its second season on KELOLAND Television, airing at 10:30 p.m. Sundays on MyTV and 11 p.m. Central (10 Mountain) on KELO-TV and KDLO-TV, respectively.

Midco Sports Net also will feature weekly highlights and interviews with Jackrabbit coaches and student-athletes on the “Jackrabbit Journal.” The show, which will run during football and basketball seasons, is scheduled to be broadcast Wednesday nights at 7 p.m., starting on Aug. 27. Tom Nieman will host the half-hour show.

RADIO BROADCASTS
All Jackrabbit football games during the 2014 season are scheduled to be broadcast live on the Jackrabbit Sports Network with the signal originating from flagship radio station WNAX Radio 570 AM. Tyler Merriam will call the play-by-play, with former Jackrabbit player Mike Struck providing color commentary and Scotty Kwas delivering sideline reports.

Jackrabbit Sports Network affiliates for the 2014 football season include:
- Belle Fourche - KBFS 1450 AM
- Brookings - KJJQ 910 AM
- Deadwood/Rapid City - KDSJ 980 AM
- Mitchell - KORN 1490 AM
- Pipestone, Minn. - KJOE 106.1 FM
- Watertown - KSDR 1480 AM
- Yankton - WNAX 570 AM

Radio broadcasts also will be streamed free of charge through the Jackrabbit Extra portal at www.GoJacks.com.

Broadcasts begin approximately 60 minutes prior to the scheduled opening kickoff.

Coach Stiegelmeier will conduct a short postgame radio interview before meeting with other members of the media.

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Season Preview
OFFENSE

Walter Payton Award candidate Zach Zenner returns to lead a balanced offensive unit that averaged 28.9 points and 384.6 yards of total offense per game.

A native of Eagan, Minn., Zenner became only the second player in the 30-plus-year history of the Football Championship Subdivision to rush for 2,000 yards in two separate seasons. Zenner gained an FCS-best 2,044 yards in 2012, followed by 2,015 yards last season on a school-record 351 carries. He scored 25 total touchdowns — 23 on the ground and two through the air as he added 21 receptions for 251 yards.

Stiegelmeier said the goal throughout spring ball was to develop a reliable backup running back to ease some of the burden off Zenner. Junior Reggie Gandy, who gained 297 yards and scored two touchdowns last season, is the leading candidate, but will be pushed by a competitive group that includes sophomores Isaac Rodriguez and Kyle Paris, along with redshirt freshman Brady Mengarelli, who was named the team’s Scout Offense Player of the Year in 2013.

Two other record-setters return to help lead the Jackrabbit offense in Sumner and wide receiver Jason Schneider.

Summer already holds Jackrabbit career records for completions (631), attempts (1,085) and yards (7,824), and stands seven touchdown passes from surpassing Ryan Berry’s career record of 56 touchdown passes from 2005-08. In 2013, Sumner completed 58.8 percent (240-of-408) of his passes for 2,999 yards and 19 touchdowns against only eight interceptions.

The backup situation at quarterback also is unsettled as the only other signal-caller to attempt a pass last season, Nate Meyer, decided to transfer after his redshirt freshman campaign. Junior Tyler Finnes, who received a large number of reps in spring ball, and junior college transfer Zach Lujan are expected to vie for the No. 2 quarterback spot.

Schneider became the first Jackrabbit receiver to record a 1,000-yard season in the Division I era in 2013, hauling in a school-record 78 catches for 1,088 yards and 10 touchdowns. His totals also ranked among the Missouri Valley Football Conference leaders as he earned first-team all-MVFC honors.

The Jackrabbits will be faced with replacing two of their other top three receivers from a year ago after the graduations of Trevor Tiefenthaler (45 catches, 547 yards) and Brandon Hubert (36 catches, 423 yards, 4 TD). A host of other wide receivers return, including juniors Trevor Wesley (15-176), Brandon Andrews (4-35), Larves Jones (2-12) and Matt Raymond (1-16), along with senior Dom Wright (1-17) and sophomore Connor Landberg (1-16).

Redshirt freshmen Jake Wieneke and Connor Orgill also will attempt to work their way up the depth chart.

At tight end, the Jackrabbit passing game will receive a further boost with the return of Cam Jones, who caught 18 passes for 315 yards and a touchdown before missing the second half of the season due to injury. Mitch Vejvoda also returns.

One schematic change the Jackrabbits implemented in spring ball is the use of a true fullback. In previous years, SDSU has often utilized a tight end as a blocking back, but will use the traditional fullback in 2014.

Chad Streblow, a converted tight end, is one of the players expected to fill the fullback role this season, along with converted linebacker Kane Louscher and redshirt freshman Tanner Lambert.

Also on the blocking front, the Jackrabbit offensive line will have a different look this...
season following the graduation of three starters, including two-time All-America left tackle Bryan Witzmann.

Senior right tackle Trevor Greger, who has started 30 consecutive games, will anchor the offensive line. Fellow senior Andrew Mueller is expected to hold down the right guard spot in place of sophomore Mike Shoff, who again is expected to miss significant time due to injury.

The revamped left side of the line is expected to see a battle between junior Bryce Siverling and sophomore Nick Carr for the starting left tackle spot, with Dylan Seiter in line for the starting nod at left guard.

At center, senior Nick Purcell and redshirt freshman Jacob Ohnesorge are neck and neck for the starting spot. Purcell started the final three games of the 2013 season at guard.

Junior college transfer Travis Zimmerman and senior Ryan Ode also will be in the mix for duty on the offensive line.

DEFENSE

The front line of the Jackrabbit defense also will feature a number of players in new roles as SDSU aims to replace three starters from a year ago.

Senior Jack Sherlock and junior J.R. Plote have the most experience among the returning defensive ends, with senior Kevin Klocek and junior college transfer Landon Schultz also expected to challenge for key roles. Sherlock made the most of his limited reps last season, recording five tackles for loss and three sacks among his 21 total tackles. He also came up with a key interception in the Jackrabbits’ playoff win at Northern Arizona.

In 2013, the Jackrabbits featured one of the most opportunistic defenses in the FCS ranks, forcing 33 total takeaways with 22 interceptions and 11 fumble recoveries.

On the interior of the line, sophomore Cole Langer is back after starting the final six games as a true freshman. Langer earned a spot on the MVFC All-Newcomer Team after recording 35 total tackles, including three for loss and a sack.

Senior Auston LaBlance (30 tackles) was a part-time starter at nose tackle in 2013, and is the elder statesman of an unproven group that includes junior Tory Dibb, sophomore Shayne Gottlob and redshirt freshman Kellen Soulek.

At linebacker, a young Jackrabbit unit returns two starters in juniors T.J. Lally and Charles Elmore. Lally finished second on the team with 89 tackles from his middle linebacker position last season, while Elmore added 67 tackles and three interceptions.

Elmore’s status for the 2014 season, however, is in question due to injury.

Sophomore Jesse Bobbit, who played mostly on special teams last season, leads the race for the starting Will linebacker position.

Junior Drew Kreutzfeldt (4 tackles) and Patrick Schuster (5 tackles), along with sophomores Dallas Brown (27 tackles) and Tom Peitz (23 tackles) also return to the linebacking corps, while redshirt freshman Austin Benson also is in contention for extensive playing time.

The secondary includes four players with starting experience, including junior cornerbacks Jimmie Forysthe and Je Ryan Butler. Forysthe started nine games last season, recording 35 tackles and two interceptions, while Butler shared the team lead with four interceptions and added 31 tackles in five starts. Butler also excelled as the team’s punt returner the second half of the 2013 season, earning honorable mention all-MVFC honors after averaging 11.8 yards per return with one touchdown.

Sophomore Ezekiel Herndon and redshirt freshmen Chris Balster and Freeman Simmons also are in the mix at cornerback.

At safety, the two starting spots are expected to be up for grabs among three players. Jake Gentile made eight starts at free safety last season and finished with 37 tackles, but could move to strong safety in 2014. Fellow senior Melvin Taveras made 34 stops as he shared time in the starting lineup and will challenge for the free safety spot.

Sophomore Nick Mears, who made 27 tackles in a backup role last season, also will make a push for the starting spot at strong safety.

Redshirt freshman Nick Farina and junior Mark Pickerel also will vie for time at safety.

SPECIAL TEAMS

The Jackrabbits return most of the key components from their special teams unit, which is led by senior kicker Justin Syrovatka. A Sioux Falls native, Syrovatka has made 36 career field goals, including going 12-for-20 last season en route to 85 points.

Junior Jay Carlson also returns and will again handle the kickoff duties.

Senior punter Ethan Sawyer averaged 40.3 yards per punt last season and landed 19 of his 67 punts inside the opponents’ 20-yard line.

Long snapper Thayer Trenhaile also returns after handling the bulk of those duties during his true freshman season in 2013.

About the only change on the special teams unit is at holder, where Raymond and Finnes will compete for the spot.

The Jackrabbits will look for more explosiveness out of their kickoff return game, which averaged only 19.4 yards per attempt last season. Dom Wright, who averaged 19.5 yards per return in 2013, returns, along with Wesley (17.2 avg.). Other candidates to return kicks include Taveras and Mengarelli.

The unit will be under new direction this season as Jay Christensen and Josh Davis will serve as co-special teams coordinators.
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Noah St. Pierre DB 6-2 175 Fr. — Wagner, S.D. Wagner
Dakota Thorstenson DE 6-5 200 Fr. — Selby, S.D. Selby Area
Keith Wolverton DB 6-1 185 Fr. — Seward, Neb. Seward
### PLAYERS BY STATE/PROVINCE

**SOUTH DAKOTA (29)**
- Austin Benson (Sioux Falls); Taylor Bloom (Madison); Dalton Cox (Aberdeen); Dallas Goedert (Britton); Shayne Gottlob (Salem); Trevor Greger (Wagner); Sam Koob (Sioux Falls); Drew Kreutzfeldt (Wentworth); Tanner Lambert (North Sioux City); Caleb Lang (Freeman); Cole Lenger (Dell Rapids); Mason Leiseth (Hayti); Nick Mears (Milbank); Zach Morehead (Tea); Mitch Nissen (Tea); Ryan Ode (Brandon); Nick Purcell (Rapid City); Noah St. Pierre (Wagner); Ethan Sawyer (Brandon); Patrick Schuster (Watertown); Kellen Soulek (Freeman); Austin Sumner (Brandon); Matt Swallow (Aberdeen); Justin Syrovatka (Sioux Falls); Dakota Thorstenson (Selby); Thayer Trenhaile (Volga); Eric Tuschen (Sioux Falls); Jason Van Winkle (Canistota); Case Wiarda (Castlewood)

**MINNESOTA (16)**
- Nick Carr (New Brighton); Andre Chisley (Minnetonka); Christian Custer (Lake City); Emmanuel Ehrich (Maple Grove); Tyler Finnes (Andover); Reggie Gandy (Minneapolis); Cam Jones (Eagan); Kevin Kloeck (Ellendale); Jacob Menage (Springfield); Jason Schneider (Andover); Joe Stephens (Brooklyn Park); Joe Tjosvold (Lake Elmo); Jacob VanderHeiden (Hutchinson); A.J. Westrude (Prior Lake); Jake Wienieke (Maple Grove); Zach Zener (Eagan)

**NEBRASKA (12)**
- Trey Carr (Omaha); Michael Finocchio (Omaha); Jimmie Forsythe (Omaha); Larves Jones (Omaha); Blake Krings (Humphrey); Jackson Love (Norfolk); Tom Peitz (Crofton); Matt Raymond (Elkhorn); Mike Shoff (Cambridge); Makiah Slade (Lincoln); Isaac Wallace (Omaha); Keith Wolverton (Seward)

**ILLINOIS (9)**
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**ARIZONA (8)**
- Jordan Brown (Scottsdale); Dallas Brown (Tucumcari); Je Ryan Butler (Tempe); Nick Farina (Phoenix); Quinten Hunt (Buckeye); Brady Mengarelli (Prescott); J.R. Plote (Phoenix); Trevor Wesley (Oro Valley)

**IOWA (8)**
- Chris Balster (Sheldon); Joe Carbih (Council Bluffs); Jake Gentile (Council Bluffs); Chase Kern (Sioux City); Seth Lamsan (Harlan); Kane Louscher (Mason City); Landon Schultz (Mason City); Travis Zimmerman (Huxley)

**CALIFORNIA (6)**
- Brandon Andrews (El Centro); Dalton Douglas (Highland); Ezekiel Herndon (Fontana); Connor Landberg (Laguna Hills); Kyle Paris (Aliso Niguel); Matt Romano (Laguna Niguel)

**MISSOURI (6)**
- Jay Carlson (Parkville); Auston LaBlance (Kansas City); Andrew Mueller (Peculiar); Mark Pickeral (Columbia); Freeman Simmons (Columbia); Dom Wright (Lee's Summit)

**FLORIDA (3)**
- Christian Banasiak (Cape Coral); J.T. Hassell (Titusville); Isaac Rodriguez (Orlando)

**COLORADO (2)**
- Connor Orgill (Parker); Tyler Weir (Arvada)

**ALASKA (1)**
- Zach Lujan (Anchorage)

**INDIANA (1)**
- Ron Pavlik (Porter)

**MASSACHUSETTS (1)**
- Melvin Tavers (Lynn)

**OKLAHOMA (1)**
- Tyler Lindsey (Owasso)

### BRITISH COLUMBIA (1)
- Brad Lyons (Port Coquitlam)

### PLAYERS BY CLASS

**SENIORS (16)**
- Jake Gentile, Trevor Greger, Kevin Kloeck, Auston LaBlance, Andrew Mueller, Ryan Ode, Nick Purcell, Ethan Sawyer, Jason Schneider, Jack Sherlock, Austin Sumner, Justin Syrovatka, Melvin Taveras, Eric Tuschen, Dom Wright, Zach Zener

**JUNIORS (24)**

**SOPHOMORES (19)**

**INCOMING FRESHMEN (28)**

### PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

- Michael Finocchio: fin-noh-CIC-choo
- Jake Gentile: jay-TILL-ee
- Larves Jones: LAR-vess Jones
- Kevin Kloeck: KLA-sek
- Drew Kreutzfeld: CRYT-fes-felt
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- Justin Syrovatka: seer-oh-VAYT-ka
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- Thayer Trenhaile: TREN-hill
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* Returning starters indicated in CAPS

^ Injured
The South Dakota State University football team has been picked to finish second in the Missouri Valley Football Conference during the 2014 season, according to a preseason poll released on July 29.

Three-time defending national champion North Dakota State again was tabbed as the conference favorite in the poll, which was conducted among the league’s coaches, sports information directors and select media representatives. NDSU has won 24 consecutive games entering the 2014 season.

The Bison earned 24 of a possible 39 first-place votes and 370 total points. South Dakota State was picked second in the poll after tying for second place and representing the league in the FCS playoffs a year ago.

Perennial FCS power Northern Iowa was selected third in the poll after going 7-5 last year. UNI, NDSU and SDSU all received votes for first place.

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North Dakota State led the league with eight selections to the preseason team, followed by SDSU and UNI with six.

### PRESEASON NATIONAL POLLS

#### ATHLON

1. Eastern Washington
2. North Dakota State
3. Southeastern Louisiana
4. New Hampshire
5. Northern Iowa
6. Jacksonville State (Ala.)
7. Montana
8. Villanova (Pa.)
9. McNeese State (La.)
10. Towson (Md.)

**11. South Dakota State**

12. Chattanooga (Tenn.)
13. Fordham (N.Y.)
14. Coastal Carolina (S.C.)
15. William and Mary (Va.)
16. Montana State
17. Tennessee State
18. Richmond (Va.)
19. Furman (S.C.)
20. Southern Illinois
21. Sam Houston State (Texas)
22. James Madison (Va.)
23. Delaware
24. Eastern Illinois
25. Youngstown State

#### LINDY’S

1. Eastern Washington
2. Southeastern Louisiana
3. **North Dakota State**
4. Montana
5. New Hampshire
6. South Dakota State
7. Coastal Carolina (S.C.)
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22. South Carolina State
23. Richmond (Va.)
24. Bethune-Cookman (Fla.)
25. Princeton (N.J.)

#### SPORTING NEWS

1. Eastern Washington
2. North Dakota State
3. Southeastern Louisiana
4. Jacksonville State (Ala.)
5. Villanova (Pa.)
6. Coastal Carolina (S.C.)
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22. Eastern Illinois
23. William and Mary (Va.)
24. **Southern Utah**
25. Furman (S.C.)
JACKRABBIT SENIORS

Jake (last name is pronounced gen-TILL-ee) gained starting experience at free safety during the 2013 season and will again be in the mix for a prominent role in the secondary ... recognized academically on Missouri Valley Football Conference Honor Roll and a recipient of the Commissioner’s Academic Excellence Award

2013: Saw action in all 14 games, starting eight ... started first six games of the season, as well as two of last three, including playoff game at Eastern Washington ... ranked ninth on team with 37 tackles ... recorded career-high six tackles in loss at Nebraska ... opened season with four unassisted tackles in home win over Butler (Ind.) ... credited with five tackles and a pass breakup in games at South Dakota and Eastern Washington ... notched solo tackle for loss in win over Indiana State

2012: Played primarily on special teams, but received some reps in the secondary ... saw action in all 13 games ... earned squad’s Special Teams Player of the Week honor in win over Missouri State ... tied career high with two tackles versus Western Illinois ... also notched tackles versus Southeastern Louisiana ... also credited with five tackles and a pass breakup in games at South Dakota and Eastern Washington ... forced a fumble against Youngstown State in Hobo Day game

2011: Saw action mostly on special teams as a true freshman ... played in eight games ... credited with two tackles in season finale at Western Illinois

BEFORE SDSU: Excellled on both sides of the ball for a Saint Albert Catholic High School team that compiled a 49-3 record and won two state titles under the guidance of coach Kevin Culjat during his four-year career ... a two-time first-team all-state selection by the Des Moines Register, he totaled more than 3,900 yards rushing and 500 yards receiving on offense, while scoring 54 touchdowns ... defensively, he recorded 125 total tackles and eight interceptions, returning three interceptions for scores ... also earned first-team all-state recognition from IowaPreps.com, the Iowa Coaches Association and Iowa Radio Networks ... honor roll student ... his cousin, Brock Gentile, played at SDSU from 2004-07

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Trevor has been a mainstay in the Jackrabbit starting lineup and enters his senior season having started 30 consecutive games at right tackle ... member of the Missouri Valley Football Conference Honor Roll for academics every season as a member of the Jackrabbits

2013: Drew a starting assignment in all 14 games as Jackrabbits made return to Football Championship Subdivision playoffs ... part of offensive unit that averaged 289.9 points and 385.6 yards of total offense per game

2012: Started all 13 games in helping pave the way for All-America running back Zach Zenner... honored as team’s Offensive Player of the Week in victory over UC Davis, when the Jackrabbits had a near-equal balance between rushing (182) and passing (191) yards

2011: Played in nine of the team’s 11 games ... started the final three games of the season at right tackle, making first career start at Missouri State

BEFORE SDSU: Anchored an offensive unit that amassed more than 11,000 yards of total offense during his four-year career at Wagner High School ... earned all-Southeast South Dakota honors three times and was an all-state selection his junior and senior seasons under the direction of coach Jason Knebel ... an all-around athlete, he averaged a double-double for points and rebounds in basketball and also competed in baseball and track and field

2010: Redshirted ... earned Scout Team Offensive Player of the Week leading up to the game against Southern Illinois

Single-Game Career Highs

Tackles: 6, at Nebraska, 9-21-2013
Pass Breakups: 1, at South Dakota, 11-16-2013, and at Eastern Washington, 12-7-2013
Forged Fumbles: 1, vs. Youngstown State, 10-27-2012

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JAKE GENTILE
6-1, 210, Sr.
Defensive Back
Council Bluffs, Iowa
St. Albert Catholic H.S.
Major: Consumer Affairs

-66-
TREVOR GREGER
6-5, 305, Sr.
Offensive Line
Wagner, S.D.
Wagner H.S.
Major: History
Kevin Kloeck
6-3, 230, Sr.
Defensive End
Ellendale, Minn.
NRHEG H.S./Rochester Community and Technical College
Major: Agricultural Business

Kevin has been slowed by injuries during his Jackrabbit career, but is expected to compete for a spot in the rotation at defensive end this season.

2013: Played in six games on special teams and as a backup linebacker ... credited with two tackles in wins over Butler (Ind.) and at Western Illinois ... also registered solo tackles in victories against North Dakota and Southeastern Louisiana ... missed remainder of season after game at Western Illinois in mid-October

2012: Redshirted after joining the Jackrabbits from the junior college ranks ... earned Scout Defense Player of the Week honors in preparation for games against Southeastern Louisiana and regular season matchup against North Dakota State ... named to Missouri Valley Football Conferene Honor Roll for academics

Before SDSU: Played two seasons at nationally ranked Rochester Community and Technical College ...

Auston Lablance
6-3, 245, Sr.
Defensive Line
Kansas City, Mo.
University Academy
Major: Advertising

Auston waited for his time to contribute on the field, and became a key member of the defensive line ... honored multiple times on Missouri Valley Football Conference Honor Roll, including in 2013

2013: Played in all 14 games and started three on the interior of the defensive line ... recorded a tackle in 12 games, including career-high five at Nebraska ... recorded four tackles in back-to-back games against North Dakota State and Southern Illinois ... also blocked a kick versus North Dakota State, earning squad’s Special Teams Player of the Week recognition ... again tallied four tackles in game at Missouri State ... credited with two solo tackles in playoff win at Northern Arizona as Jackrabbit defensive line turned in a dominant performance

2012: Did not appear in any games ... named to Missouri Valley Football Conference Honor Roll for academics

2011: Did not see any game action ... named Scout Team Defensive Player of the Week leading up to game at Cal Poly

2010: Redshirted ... named to Missouri Valley Football Conference Honor Roll for performance in the classroom
**RYAN ODE**  
6-6, 290, Sr.  
Offensive Line  
Brandon, S.D.  
Brandon Valley H.S.  
Major: Electrical Engineering  

Ryan has provided depth at the tackle positions throughout his Jackrabbit career.  

**2013:** Saw action in five games, including first two games of season versus Butler (Ind.) and at North Dakota ... returned to the lineup in game at Nebraska ... also contributed to strong offensive efforts in conference wins over Western Illinois and Indiana State  

**2012:** Played in three games ... made collegiate debut in road win at Southeastern Louisiana ... also saw action in Hobo Day game versus Youngstown State and Football Championship Subdivision playoff game against Eastern Illinois  

**2011:** Did not see any game action  

**2010:** Made the transition from high school to college ball by redshirting ... member of the Missouri Valley Football Conference Honor Roll for academics  

**BEFORE SDSU:** Earned all-Eastern South Dakota honors for Brandon Valley High School ... high school coach was Chad Garrow  

**73.**  
**ANDREW MUELLER**  
6-4, 285, Sr.  
Offensive Line  
Peculiar, Mo.  
Raymore-Peculiar H.S.  
Major: Mechanical Engineering  

Andrew has played a variety of positions for the Jackrabbits and is expected to contend for a starting role at guard in fall camp ... three-time member of the Missouri Valley Football Conference Honor Roll for academics  

**2013:** Played in all 14 games ... started games at guard in Jackrabbit victories against Northern Iowa and South Dakota ... named team’s Offensive Lineman of the Week in double-overtime win over Northern Iowa ... recipient of MVFC Commissioner’s Academic Excellence Award  

**2012:** Was limited to five games due to injury ... made season debut at Southeastern Louisiana, then did not return to the lineup until November contest at Southern Illinois ... played in both Football Championship Subdivision playoff games  

**2011:** Shifted between tight end and offensive line, playing in all 11 games ... started three conference contests ... did not factor into any stats  

**2010:** Enjoyed a solid first season while redshirting ... named Scout Team Offense Player of the Week as team prepared to play Illinois State and Western Illinois ... named to Missouri Valley Football Conference Honor Roll for academics for first time  

**BEFORE SDSU:** Was a three-time all-conference selection at perennial power Raymore-Peculiar High School ... earned all-metro and all-state honors as a junior and senior ... was a member of the varsity wrestling program since his freshman year ... placed sixth at the 2009 Class 4 state tournament in the heavyweight division and finished third as a senior in 2010, wrapping up the season with a 43-2 record ... earned academic all-state recognition three times  

**71.**  
**NICK PURCELL**  
6-3, 295, Sr.  
Offensive Line  
Rapid City, S.D.  
Rapid City Central H.S.  
Major: Pre-Medicine/Biology  

Nick has been a versatile and valuable member of the Jackrabbit offensive line and will again vie for the starting role at center in 2014 ... has received numerous academic honors, including earning a spot on the Missouri Valley Football Conference Honor Roll four times and receiving the Commissioner’s Academic Excellence Award each of the past three years  

**2013:** Saw action in seven games ... played a key role in the team’s late-season surge as he started final three games at guard, including both Football Championship Subdivision playoff games ... helped pave the way for team to rush for 300-plus yards in back-to-back games at Youngstown State and Northern Arizona  

**2012:** Played in six games ... member of Capital One Academic All-District Team and MVFC All-Academic Second Team  

**2011:** Earned first varsity letter after playing off the bench in all 11 games ... received Commissioner’s Academic Excellence Award  

**2010:** Redshirted  

**BEFORE SDSU:** Excellled both academically and athletically at Rapid City Central High School ... during his senior season, he recorded 84 tackles, including 13 for loss and two sacks, and also caught five passes in earning all-state honors ... also competed in the throwing events at the state track and field meet and played varsity baseball two years ... a member of the National Honor Society, he also has served as a youth mentor and was a Boys’ State representative
Ethan has been a consistent performer on the Jackrabbit special teams unit throughout his career ... received the Missouri Valley Football Conference Commissioner’s Academic Excellence Award each of the past three seasons and recognized on the MVFC Honor Roll for academics four times.

**2013:** Honored four times as squad’s Special Teams Player of the Week ... punted eight times for average of 41.2 yards in Beef Bowl win over Southeastern Louisiana for first weekly award ... claimed the award the next week at Nebraska when he punted three times, including 50-yarder ... booted season-best 58-yard punt at Missouri State ... shared special teams honor after averaging 42.6 yards on five punts versus Indiana State ... final weekly award came in Football Championship Subdivision playoff opener at Northern Arizona, where he averaged season-best 44.6 yards on seven punts, landing four inside the 20-yard line and forcing four fair catches ... repeated as honorable mention selection to MVFC All-Academic Team.

**2012:** Handled the punting duties, averaging 40.9 yards per attempt ... booted 61-yard punt in season opener at Kansas ... named Missouri Valley Football Conference Special Teams Player of the Week after his seven punts against UC Davis averaged 47.9 yards, with four of his attempts traveling 50-plus yards including a career-best 72-yarder ... totaled 13 punts of at least 50 yards during the season ... averaged 46.3 yards on six attempts in Football Championship Subdivision playoff game at North Dakota State ... MVFC All-Academic Team honorable mention selection.

**2011:** Took over kickoff duties for final seven games and averaged 60.5 yards per attempt with eight touchbacks ... limited return game the final two weeks of season with three touchbacks against Southern Illinois and four at Western Illinois.

**2010:** Redshirted.

**BEFORE SDSU:** Handled both the punting and kicking duties at Brandon Valley High School, averaging 40 yards per punt as a senior and setting a school record with a 47-yard field goal ... state finalist for the Wendy’s High School Heisman award ... also earned all-Eastern South Dakota and honorable mention all-state recognition as a linebacker after leading the team in tackles during both his junior and senior years ... career totals included 200 tackles and six interceptions ... academic all-state pick and member of the National Honor Society ... top-ranked student in class.

### Single-Game Career Highs
- Punts: 10, vs. North Dakota State, 9-28-2013
- Punting Average: 47.9 (? punt), vs. UC Davis, 9-15-2012

### Career Punting Statistics

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### Future Schedules

**2015**
- Sept. 5: at Kansas
- Sept. 12: Southern Utah
- Sept. 26: Robert Morris (Pa.)
- Oct. 3: *North Dakota State*
- Oct. 10: *Indiana State*
- Oct. 17: *at Youngstown State*
- Oct. 24: *Northern Iowa*
- Oct. 31: *at Missouri State*
- Nov. 7: *Illinois State*
- Nov. 14: *at South Dakota*
- Nov. 21: *at Western Illinois*
- Nov. 28: FCS Playoffs begin

* Missouri Valley Football Conference game

**Note:** Schedules are subject to change.

**2016**
- Sept. 3: at Texas Christian
- Sept. 10: Drake (Iowa)
- Sept. 17: Cal Poly
- Oct. 1: *Western Illinois*
- Oct. 8: *at Southern Illinois*
- Oct. 15: *at North Dakota State*
- Oct. 22: *Youngstown State*
- Oct. 29: *at Illinois State*
- Nov. 5: *Missouri State*
- Nov. 12: *South Dakota*
- Nov. 19: *at Northern Iowa*
- Nov. 26: FCS Playoffs begin

* Missouri Valley Football Conference game

**Note:** Schedules are subject to change.
JASON SCHNEIDER
6’5, 225, Sr.
Wide Receiver
Andover, Minn.
Andover H.S.
Majors:
Pharmacy/Chemistry

Jason is coming off a record-breaking season in 2013 and is poised to move into Jackrabbit career top 10s for receptions and receiving yards in his senior season ... needs 12 receptions and 238 receiving yards to crack top 10s ... also has excelled in the classroom, earning the Missouri Valley Commissioner’s Academic Excellence Award three times and being named to the MVFC Honor Roll four times ... team captain

2013: Set Jackrabbit single-season record with 78 receptions ... became first SDSU receiver in Division I era to top 1,000 receiving yards in a season, posting the second-highest yardage total in program history with 1,088 yards ... first-team all-Missouri Valley Football Conference selection ... caught at least one pass in all 14 games ... opened season by setting career highs with 10 catches for 167 yards and two touchdowns in home win over Butler (Ind.) ... added four catches for 91 yards and a touchdown the next week at North Dakota ... began streak of six straight games with a touchdown reception to close regular season with seven-catch, 118-yard outing at Western Illinois, a game in which he added a 34-yard punt return ... topped 100-yard mark for third and final time with seven catches for 110 yards and a touchdown in home finale against Indiana State ... hauled in pair of touchdowns as part of five-catch, 88-yard afternoon at South Dakota ... combined to catch seven passes for 103 yards in two Football Championship Subdivision playoff games versus Northern Arizona and Eastern Washington ... named to Capital One Academic All-America First Team after repeating on Academic All-District squad ... also named to MVFC All-Academic First Team

2012: Played in all 13 games ... ranked fifth on team with 19 receptions ... caught a pass in nine games, highlighted by five-catch, 42-yard performance in road victory at Southern Illinois ... hauled in career-long 46-yard touchdown reception at Southeastern Louisiana ... other score of the season came on 17-yard touchdown pass in Hobo Day game versus Youngstown State ... also handled punt return duties for portion of 2012 season ... named to MVFC All-Academic Second Team ... also selected as a member of Capital One Academic All-District Team and College Sports Journal FCS All-Academic Team

2011: Lettered for first time after playing in all 11 games ... caught a pass in six games, including six-catch, 53-yard performance against nationally ranked Northern Iowa ... caught five passes for 41 yards and a touchdown the next week versus North Dakota State ... hauled in first touchdown reception as part of three-reception, 58-yard outing at Cal Poly

2010: Redshirted ... honored as Scout Team Special Teams Player of the Week prior to Illinois State game

BEFORE SDSU: Finished his career at Andover High School with 152 catches for 2,056 yards and 25 touchdowns in earning all-Northwest Suburban Conference honors two times ... honored as Andover High School Male Honor Athlete of the Year and was selected to play in the Minnesota All-Star Game ... as a senior, set single-season school records with 72 receptions, 930 yards and 13 touchdowns, while receiving all-state recognition from the St. Paul Pioneer Press and all-metro honors from both the Minneapolis Star Tribune and KARE 11 Television ... also competed in track and field and was a two-year starter in basketball ... recipient of Minnesota Scholar-Athlete Award from National Football Foundation ... academic all-state selection and a member of the National Honor Society

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JACK SHERLOCK
6-4, 240, Sr.
Defensive Line
Chicago, Ill.
Mount Carmel H.S.
Major: Sport, Recreation and Park Management

Jack was a key reserve at defensive end during the 2013 season and is expected to fill a starting role during his senior campaign ... father, Jim, played football at Purdue, while his grandfather played at Notre Dame ... selected as a team captain for 2014 season

2013: Played in 13 of 14 games ... recorded sack in season opener against Butler (Ind.) ... notched four tackles, including sack and another half-tackle for loss against top-ranked North Dakota State ... forced a fumble and tallied two tackles at Missouri State ... recorded career-high five tackles, including half-tackle for loss, in home finale against Indiana State ... registered a sack to close out regular season versus Youngstown State ... helped turn momentum in Jackrabbits’ favor with interception that ended Northern Arizona drive deep in SDSU territory during Football Championship Subdivision playoff game ... assisted on pair of tackles in postseason game at Eastern Washington

2012: Saw action in first 12 games of the year ... three of his seven tackles for the season were for loss, including sacks against Indiana State and Youngstown State

2011: Lettered after playing in final eight games of season, primarily on special teams ... recorded six total tackles, including two in win at Missouri State

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS
Tackles: 2, three times (last: vs. Youngstown State, 10-27-2012)
Tackles for Loss: 1, three times (last: vs. Youngstown State, 10-27-2012)
Sacks: 1, at Indiana State, 9-22-2012, and vs. Youngstown State, 10-27-2012

2010: Redshirted

BEFORE SDSU: Was a first-team all-area and second-team all-state selection at outside linebacker for nationally ranked Mount Carmel High School in Chicago his senior season ... under the direction of coach Frank Lenti, earned first-team all-Chicago Catholic League and all-area honors ... tallied 74 tackles, seven tackles for loss, two pass breakups, two interceptions and a blocked punt while also seeing playing time at free safety ... on offense, recorded eight receptions for 154 yards and two touchdowns as a wide receiver and tight end ... also played baseball and has held three light heavyweight boxing titles

CAREER DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

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Austin has started 34 games over the past three seasons and already holds Jackrabbit career passing records for completions (631), attempts (1,085) and yards (7,824) ... has a 21-13 record as the starting quarterback ... enters 2014 season six touchdown passes shy of SDSU career record held by Ryan Berry (56 from 2005-08) ... holds three of the top 10 single-season passing totals in school history with 2,999 yards as a junior (third), 2,443 yards as a sophomore (eighth) and 2,382 yards (10th) ... also holds Jackrabbit career total offense marks for attempts (1,314) and yards (7,678) ... enters senior season 12th in career passing and 13th in total offense among Missouri Valley Football Conference players ... has posted eight 300-yard games during record-setting career ... three-time team captain

2013: Earned honorable mention all-Missouri Valley Football Conference recognition ... started all 14 games ... opened season by completing 22-of-32 passes for 326 yards and three touchdowns versus Butler (Ind.) ... also threw three touchdown passes in Jackrabbit wins against Western Illinois and Northern Iowa ... scrambled for go-ahead 20-yard touchdown run in Beef Bowl win over Southeastern Louisiana ... began string of five consecutive games with 200-plus yards passing in Hobo Day game against Southern Illinois, completing 23-of-37 passes for 276 yards ... named Missouri Valley Football Conference Offensive Player of the Week after completing 15-of-19 passes for 170 yards and two touchdowns, adding eight carries for 38 yards and a touchdown in regular season finale at Youngstown State ... recorded career-long rush of 26 yards in Football Championship Subdivision playoff game at Northern Arizona ... completed 24-of-40 passes for 315 yards and a touchdown in postseason game at Eastern Washington

2012: Started 12 of the team’s 13 games last season in helping lead SDSU to Football Championship Subdivision playoffs ... did not start season opener at Kansas due to injury, but came off the bench to throw for 175 yards and a touchdown ... posted sixth career game of 300-plus yards passing with a 351-yard outing against Youngstown State in Hobo Day game as he completed 19-of-28 passes for career-high five touchdowns to earn both team and Missouri Valley Football Conference Offensive Player of the Week honors ... capped game-winning drive with 5-yard touchdown pass to Trevor Tiefenthaler in closing seconds at Southern Illinois, finishing the day 26-of-45 for 284 yards ... game at SIU was first of four consecutive games without an interception, totaling 146 attempts between pickoffs ... completed 20-of-30 passes for 272 yards and a touchdown in regular season finale versus South Dakota ... threw pair of touchdown passes in regular season meeting with North Dakota State ... threw 8-yard touchdown pass to Cam Jones on final play of first half to cap 24-point second quarter in playoff game against Eastern Illinois

2011: Named Missouri Valley Football Conference Freshman of the Year and also earned a spot on MVFC All-Newcomer Team ... started final eight games of season and played in 10 games overall ... established new league mark for passing yards by a freshman with 2,382 ... led all FCS freshmen in passing average (238.2 yards per game), total passing yards (2,382), touchdown passes (16) and total offense (231.10 yards per game) ... finished third in voting for inaugural Jerry Rice Award as top freshman in the Football Championship Subdivision ... topped 300-yard mark five times and threw for four touchdowns on three occasions ... named MVFC Newcomer of the Week after connecting on 22-of-35 passes for 345 yards and four scores at Youngstown State ... earned same award after completing 20-of-31 passes for 377 yards and four TDs at Missouri State ... honor as MVFC Offensive Player of the Week with 16-of-28, 328-yard, 4-TD outing versus Southern Illinois ... tied SDSU single-game mark with 37 completions against nationally ranked Northern Iowa ... led team on 16 touchdown drives of 70 or more yards

2010: Redshirted ... honored as Scout Team Offensive Player of the Week in preparation for game at Indiana State

BEFORE SDSU: Rewrote the record book during a standout career at Brandon Valley High School ... a three-year starter for coach Chad Garrow, he set 14 school records and eight state passing records, including 7,612 career yards and 88 career touchdowns. ... two-time all-state selection who was nominated to played in the 2010 U.S. Army All-American Bowl ... was selected as South Dakota Gatorade Player of the Year and was named captain of the Sioux Falls Argus Leader Elite 45

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JACKRABBIT SENIORS

AUSTIN SUMNER
6-5, 235, Sr.
Quarterback
Brandon, S.D.
Brandon Valley H.S.
Major: Sport, Recreation and Park Management

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Single-Game Career Highs

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| Completions: ^37, vs. Northern Iowa, 10-15-2011
| Passing Yards: 377, at Missouri State, 10-29-2011
| Long Completion: 80 yards (for TD) to Dale Moss, at Missouri State, 10-29-2011
| Touchdown Passes: 5, vs. Youngstown State, 10-27-2012
| Long Rush: 24 yards, at Southern Illinois, 11-3-2012

^ Tied school record

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Justin (last name is pronounced seer-oh-VAHT-kah)

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has put together a solid career for the Jackrabbits and enters 2014 season tied for second place in career field goals with 36 ... holds Jackrabbit record for most consecutive field goals made with 15, a streak that spanned his final 12 attempts of the 2012 season and first three tries of 2013 ... named to Missouri Valley Football Conference Honor Roll for academics on several occasions

2013: Set Jackrabbit single-season records with 33 consecutive made extra points and 49 for the entire season ... opened season by making both field goal attempts and all seven extra-point tries in home win over Butler (Ind.) ... had streak of 15 consecutive field goals end at Nebraska after tying career long with 48-yarder earlier in the game ... went 3-for-3 on field goals with long of 35 yards in win over Indiana State to tie single-game career high ... combined to go 2-for-3 on field goal attempts in Football Championship Subdivision playoffs ... recipient of MVFC Commissioner's Academic Excellence Award

2012: Enjoyed one of the finest seasons ever by a Jackrabbit kicker ... honorable mention all-Missouri Valley Football Conference selection ... connected on 18-of-22 field goals, including final 12 attempts of the season to put him one away from tying school record for consecutive field goals made ... his 18 field goals were the second most in a season by a Jackrabbit kicker ... led team in scoring with 84 points as he also made 32-of-33 extra-point tries ... made three field goals in a game three times, starting with a Sept. 8 win at Southeastern Louisiana ... was named MVFC Special Teams Player of the Week after making three field goals, including a 41-yarder, in come-from-behind victory at Southern Illinois ... also was 3-for-3 on field goals in Football Championship Subdivision playoff victory over Eastern Illinois ... established a new career-long field goal in consecutive weeks with 46-yarder in regular season matchup at North Dakota State, followed by a 48-yarder in regular season finale versus South Dakota ... also handled kickoff duties the second half of the season

2011: Was pressed into duty in early October and converted all 23 extra-point tries and 6-of-10 field goal attempts ... ranked second on team with 41 points ... made converted all 23 extra-point tries and 6-of-10 field goal attempts ... two of those field goals were in a game three times, starting with a Sept. 8 win at Southeastern Louisiana ... was named MVFC Special Teams Player of the Week after making three field goals, including a 41-yarder, in come-from-behind victory at Southern Illinois ... also was 3-for-3 on field goals in Football Championship Subdivision playoff victory over Eastern Illinois ... established a new career-long field goal in consecutive weeks with 46-yarder in regular season matchup at North Dakota State, followed by a 48-yarder in regular season finale versus South Dakota ... also handled kickoff duties the second half of the season

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Malvin enjoyed a solid first season in a Jackrabbit uniform and will contend for a starting safety spot in 2014

2013: Saw action in all 14 games, starting six at free safety ... opened season by recording three solo tackles in win over Butler (Ind.) ... registered five tackles, including one for loss of five yards, at Nebraska ... notch two solo tackles and broke up a pass in Hobo Day game against Southern Illinois ... credited with three solo stops in cracking starting lineup for first time, at Western Illinois ... recorded career-high seven tackles in road win at South Dakota ... started Football Championship Subdivision playoff game at Northern Arizona ... 27 of 34 tackles were solo stops

BEFORE SDSU: Played first two collegiate seasons at Ventura College in California ... earned first-team all-Region IV honors from the California Community College Football Coaches Association after ranking second in the nation with 148 tackles

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**ERIC TUSCHEN**  
6-5, 250, Sr.  
Defensive Line  
Sioux Falls, S.D.  
Major: Biology/ Microbiology

**DOM WRIGHT**  
6-1, 180, Sr.  
Wide Receiver  
Lee’s Summit, Mo.  
Blue Springs South H.S.  
Major: Consumer Affairs

**ERIC** (last name is pronounced TOO-shun) will again add depth along the defensive line ... three-time member of the Missouri Valley Football Conference Honor Roll for academics.

**2013:** Appeared in two games ... credited with first collegiate tackle in season-opening win against Butler (Ind.) ... also saw action in home finale versus Indiana State.

**2012:** Made collegiate playing debut in rivalry game against South Dakota for lone appearance of the season, but did not factor into any stats.

**2011:** Did not see any game action ... named Scout Team Defensive Player of the Week for efforts prior to Western Illinois game.

**2010:** Redshirted.

**DOM** has served primarily as a kick returner during his Jackrabbit career, but is in line to crack the rotation at wide receiver in 2014 ... named four times to the Missouri Valley Football Conference Honor Roll for academics.

**2013:** Saw action in 12 of 14 games ... led team with 17 kickoff returns and 332 kickoff return yards ... returned three kickoffs for 76 yards, including 32-yarder, in road win at Western Illinois ... top performance of season came the following week at Missouri State, where he tallied two kickoff returns for 56 yards, highlighted by career-long 34-yarder, and recorded lone reception of season for 17 yards ... played in both of the Jackrabbits’ Football Championship Subdivision playoff games.

**2012:** Played in all 13 games ... averaged 20.6 yards on kickoff returns and 6.9 yards per punt return ... recorded career-long 39-yard punt return in win at Southeastern Louisiana ... averaged 19 yards on five kickoff returns in two Football Championship Subdivision playoff games ... lone reception of season came in Hobo Day win over Youngstown State ... also credited with three tackles on special teams.

**2011:** Played in nine games ... averaged 15.6 yards on 10 kickoff returns with long of 23 in game at Illinois ... handled punt return duties in season finale versus Western Illinois.

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**Single-Game Career Highs**

**Tackles:** 1 vs. Butler (Ind.), 8-31-2013

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- **Receptions:** 1, vs. Youngstown State, 10-27-2012, and at Missouri State, 10-19-2013
- **Long Reception:** 17 yards, at Missouri State, 10-19-2013
- **Long Kickoff Return:** 34 yards, at Missouri State, 10-19-2013
- **Long Punt Return:** 39 yards, at Southeastern Louisiana, 9-8-2012

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Zach has excelled both on the football field and in the classroom during his Jackrabbit career ... has been named a consensus All-America selection each of the past two years and is a two-time finalist for the Walter Payton Award as the top player in the Football Championship Subdivision ... two-time Capital One Academic All-American, earning second-team honors in 2012 and first-team recognition in 2013 ... enters senior season ranked second in career rushing at SDSU with 4,529 yards and needs only 218 yards to become the career rushing leader in the Missouri Valley Football Conference ... already holds MVFC career record for all-purpose yards with 5,861 ... served as team captain in 2013 ... younger sister, Abby, is a member of the SDSU women's swimming and diving team ... two-time team captain

2013: Became only the second player in FCS history to rush for two 2,000-yard seasons, posting 2,015 yards on school-record 351 carries ... member of All-America teams sponsored by American Football Coaches Association, Sports Network, Associated Press, College Sporting News and Walter Camp ... named to the MVFC and Sports Network ... ranked second in FCS for total rushing yards and third with average of 143.9 yards per game ... topped the 100-yard mark in 12 of 14 games, including three games with 200-plus yards ... opened season with 16 carries for 117 yards and pair of touchdowns in win over Butler (Ind.) ... tied own single-game school record with 295 rushing yards in win at North Dakota ... scored four touchdowns — three rushing and one receiving — in game at UND on route to earning player of the week honors from the MVFC and Sports Network ... gained 202 yards on 21 carries and scored pair of touchdowns in losing effort at Nebraska ... began string of eight straight games with 100-plus yards with 31-carry, 112-yard, two-touchdown effort in Hobo Day game versus Southern Illinois ... scored on 80-yard run as part of 21-carry, 133-yard outing at Western Illinois ... closed regular season by rushing 29 times for 186 yards and two touchdowns at Youngstown State ... opened playoffs with 30-carry, 249-yard performance at Kansas that included school-record 99-yard touchdown run in first quarter ... earned Offensive Player of the Week honors from the MVFC, Sports Network and College Sports Journal after rushing 34 times for 278 yards and a touchdown in win at Southeastern Louisiana ... scored both of team's touchdowns — from 61 and 23 yards — in home-opening win over UC Davis as he rushed for 197 yards on 21 carries ... scored a 57-yard touchdown and added an 87-yard run to set up another score in conference opener at Indiana State ... his 13 rushing touchdowns in 2012 covered an average of 42.8 yards, including an 88-yard scamper against Missouri State ... rushed up 171 yards and two touchdowns in home win over Western Illinois ... returned to 100-yard club with 164 yards on 28 carries in regular season finale versus South Dakota ... rolled up school-record 295 yards on 33 carries in FCS playoff opener versus Eastern Illinois, scoring career-best three touchdowns on runs of 68, 4 and 7 yards ... also named to FCS Athletic Directors Association Academic All-Star Team and College Sports Journal FCS All-Academic Team

2011: Named to MVFC All-Newcomer Team, tallying 1,354 all-purpose yards ... ranked second in kickoff return average at 24.3 yards per attempt and ranked third in league for all-purpose yards with average of 123.1 per game ... recorded at least 100 all-purpose yards in nine of 11 games, including season-high 157 at Cal Poly, when he scored on 36-yard pass ... started games at running back versus Missouri State and versus Southern Illinois ... top rushing performance was 16-carry, 97-yard outing at Youngstown State that featured 45-yard gain ... racked up 139 all-purpose yards in season opener against Southern Utah, rushing five times for 41 yards with a 27-yard touchdown on the final play of the third quarter ... carried 16 times for 77 yards at Missouri State ... broke off 76-yard kickoff return in season finale at Western Illinois

2010: Redshirted, but enjoyed an outstanding season on the practice field by being named Offensive Scout Player of the Year ... earned weekly scout team offense award three times, leading up to games against Delaware, Nebraska and North Dakota ... also was honored as Scout Team Special Teams Player of the Week prior to contests with Northern Iowa and Youngstown State

BEFORE SDSU: Was a finalist for the Minnesota Mr. Football Award after posting an average of 8.9 yards per carry for Eagan High School ... tallied 1,181 rushing yards, 122 receiving yards and scored 17 total touchdowns, including one on a kickoff return, in earning all-metro honors from both the Associated Press and KARE 11 Television ... also was part of a state tournament-qualifying baseball team at Eagan High School in 2009 ... honored on academic all-state teams

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6-0, 220, Sr. Running Back
Eagan, Minn.
Eagan H.S.
Major: Pre-Medicine/Biology
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**BEFORE SDSU:** Earned all-conference and team most valuable player honors in football, basketball and baseball at Central Union High School in the San Diego metropolitan area ... recorded 48 receptions for 783 yards and six touchdowns as a junior under coach Kevin Bird, while also averaging 26.5 yards per punt return and recording 40 tackles and three interceptions on defense ... all-academic selection

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**BEFORE SDSU:** Competed in three sports at Madison High School ... was a two-time team most valuable player and all-conference performer in football under coach Max Hodgen ... also was a member of Madison’s state championship basketball team in 2010 and was a first-team all-conference and all-region player in baseball ... honor roll student and a member of the Athletes of Character program

**SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS**

- Receptions: 3, vs. Butler (Ind.), 8-31-2013
- Receiving Yards: 24, vs. Butler (Ind.), 8-31-2013
- Long Reception: 11 yards, vs. Butler (Ind.), 8-31-2013, and at North Dakota, 9-7-2013
Jackrabbit Juniors

Major: Nursing

H.S.
Park Hill South
Parkville, Mo.

Kicker
6-1, 205, Jr.

Carlson
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Major: Psychology

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Jr.

Defensive Back
Tempe, Ariz.
Marcos De Niza H.S.

Major: Psychology

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Ryan
Butler
5-11, 175, Jr.

BEFORE SDSU: Earned all-state recognition at two positions under the direction of coach Ray Lopez, receiving first-team accolades as a return specialist and second-team honors as a defensive back at Marcos De Niza High School ... statistics during his senior season included 10 interceptions and seven touchdowns ... also ran on the state championship 4x100-meter relay team in 2009

2011: Redshirted ... honored as Scout Special Teams Player of the Week prior to finale against Western Illinois

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2013: Saw action in 13 games ... handled the bulk of the team’s kickoffs, recording 23 touchbacks on 71 attempts ... recorded five touchbacks in road win at Western Illinois and four in Football Championship Subdivision playoff game at Northern Arizona ... attempted first career field goal in road game at South Dakota, missing from 51 yards ... credited with three tackles

2012: Handled kickoff duties throughout first half of the season ... played in seven games ... averaged 56.9 yards per kickoff in 32 attempts ... recorded six touchbacks ...
Tory is a physical player who will again contend for time on the interior of the Jackrabbit defensive line after a strong 2013 season on the practice field.

**2013:** Named team’s Scout Defense Player of the Year ... got a taste of collegiate competition, appearing in home games against Butler (Ind.) and Indiana State ... recorded a tackle in each game, including sack versus Indiana State ... honored as Scout Defense Player of the Week in preparation for games against North Dakota State and Missouri State.

**2012:** Did not see any game action ... recognized as Scout Defense Player of the Week leading up to Beef Bowl game versus Missouri State.

**2011:** Redshirted ... honored as Scout Defense Player of the Week in preparation for Hobo Day game versus Southern Illinois.

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**Charles** returns for his second season as a starter at linebacker for the Jackrabbits.

**2013:** Started all 12 games in which he played ... ranked fifth on team with 67 total tackles, and fourth in tackles for loss with eight ... notched seven solo tackles, including three for loss, in season-opening win over Butler (Ind.) to earn team’s Defensive Player of the Week honor ... after missing games against Southeastern Louisiana and Nebraska, returned to starting lineup with nine-tackle performance against North Dakota State ... forced a fumble and returned interception 89 yards for touchdown in Hobo Day game against Southern Illinois ... added interceptions in road wins at Western Illinois and Youngstown State ... recorded season-best five tackles, including one for loss, and forced a fumble in FCS playoff game at North Dakota State.

**2012:** Played in all 13 games as a true freshman ... registered two solo tackles in road win at Southeastern Louisiana ... tallied a pair of tackles in home wins over Missouri State and Youngstown State ... recorded season-best five tackles, including one for loss, and forced a fumble in FCS playoff game at North Dakota State.

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**Single-Game Career Highs**

- **Tackles:** 10, vs. Northern Iowa, 10-26-2013
- **Tackles for Loss:** 3, vs. Butler (Ind.), 8-31-2013
- **Sacks:** 1, at North Dakota State, 12-1-2012
- **Forced Fumbles:** 1, at North Dakota State, 12-1-2012, and vs. Southern Illinois, 10-5-2013
- **Long Interception Return:** 89 yards (for TD), vs. Southern Illinois, 10-5-2013

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**BEFORE SDSU:** Earned first-team all-conference honors on both sides of the ball during his senior season at Brown Deer High School, seeing action at offensive line, defensive end, defensive tackle and linebacker for coach Rob Green ... was a member of the varsity wrestling program for four years, placing at regional and sectional competitions ... compiled a 27-5 record at heavyweight during his senior season ... Honor Roll student and active in several community and school organizations.

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- **Tackles for Loss:** 1, vs. Indiana State, 11-9-2013
- **Sacks:** 1, vs. Indiana State, 11-9-2013

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**BEFORE SDSU:** Received second-team all-state recognition in leading Saint Rita of Cascia High School to the state semifinals during his senior season ... averaged more than six tackles per game on defense and added 5.4 yards per carry on offense ... two-time all-conference and all-area selection ... played on a state championship team as a sophomore and posted 102 tackles during his junior season ... member of the National Honor Society.
Tyler will compete for the backup quarterback spot ... member of Missouri Valley Football Conference Honor Roll for academics each of the past three seasons  

**2013:** Served as an understudy to career passing leader Austin Sumner, but did not see any game action ... took the bulk of the snaps in Spring Game, completing 19-of-34 passes for 127 yards and a touchdown  

**2012:** Did not see any game action ... recipient of Commissioner's Academic Excellence Award from the MVFC  

**2011:** Redshirted ... tabbed as Scout Offense Player of the Week leading up to game versus Northern Iowa  

BEFORE SDSU: Tallied more than 1,000 yards in both rushing (1,050) and passing (1,198) for Andover High School in 2010 to attain second-team all-state honors ... added 20 rushing touchdowns and eight passing TDs ... a two-time all-conference performer and all-Metro pick in 2009 under the guidance of coach Rich Wilkie, he totaled nearly 3,000 yards of total offense as a junior with a school-record 203 completions for 2,326 yards and 25 touchdowns, along with 622 rushing yards and 10 scores ... member of the National Honor Society  

Jimmie has contributed both on defense and on special teams during his career with the Jackrabbits  

**2013:** Played in 13 games at cornerback with nine starts ... broke up a pass and came up with late interception to seal win at North Dakota ... set career high with six tackles in home win over Southeastern Louisiana ... forced a fumble and registered four tackles at Nebraska ... turned in career-best 34-yard kickoff return in Hobo Day game versus Southern Illinois ... notched four tackles, including 1.5 tackles for loss, in victory over Northern Iowa ... returned interception 31 yards in home finale against Indiana State ... credited with two tackles in each Football Championship Subdivision playoff game  

**2012:** Earned first varsity letter after playing in all 13 games ... tallied two tackles in a game four times, including in home opener versus UC Davis, when he was named squad's Special Teams Player of the Week ... ranked second on team with eight special teams tackles ... made first career interception in regular season finale versus South Dakota ... saw limited action as a kick returner, averaging 19 yards per attempt  

**2011:** Transitioned to the defensive side of the ball during his redshirt season ... honored as Jackrabbits' Scout Special Teams Player of the Year ... named Scout Special Teams Player of the Week leading up to season opener versus Southern Utah and again prior to game against Northern Iowa ... also recognized as Scout Defense Player of the Year in preparation for conference opener at Illinois State  

**BEFORE SDSU:** Was a highly decorated quarterback at Omaha Burke High School ... a two-time first-team all-state selection and the Huskerland Preps Magazine Player of the Year, he accounted for more than 2,500 yards of total offense ... threw for 1,386 yards and 13 touchdowns for coach Paul Limongi's squad and added 1,171 yards and 24 touchdowns rushing, averaging 8.6 yards per carry, in earning All-Super State honors and being named the honorary captain of the all-state team ... in all, he set eight school records in leading Omaha Burke to the state semifinals while compiling a 23-7 career record as a starter ... selected to play in 2011 Nebraska Shrine Bowl  

**SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS**  

- Tackles: 6, vs. Southeastern Louisiana, 9-14-2013  
- Tackles for Loss: 1.5, vs. Northern Iowa, 10-26-2013  
- Forced Fumbles: 1, at Nebraska, 9-21-2013  
- Interceptions: 1, three times (last: vs. Indiana State, 11-9-2013)  

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Reggie has turned in some strong performances as a backup running back over the past two seasons... two-time member of the Missouri Valley Football Conference Honor Roll for academics.

2013: Again backed up All-American Zach Zenner and ranked second on the team with 297 rushing yards... saw action in 12 games... opened season with 10-carry, 68-yard performance against Butler (Ind.)... carried eight times for 38 yards and caught three passes for 29 yards at Nebraska... opened scoring at Youngstown State with 22-yard touchdown run and finished the game with 90 yards on 13 carries... scored touchdowns in both of the team's Football Championship Subdivision playoff games... scored from 7 yards out in playoff opener at Northern Arizona as part of 11-carry, 51-yard outing... caught six passes for 30 yards, including 14-yard touchdown, at Eastern Washington.

2012: Ranked second on the team with 321 rushing yards... played in final 12 games of the season... averaged 4.6 yards per carry... made collegiate debut in road win at Southeastern Louisiana, rushing 14 times for 32 yards... gained 58 yards on 10 carries, including long run of 23 yards, in conference opener at Indiana State... turned in career-best performance with 16 carries for 151 yards and two touchdowns in FCS playoff win over Eastern Illinois... scored on runs of 1 and 12 yards, and added career-long 49-yard run versus EIU... lone reception of season covered 20 yards in win over UC Davis.

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Cam will attempt to bounce back from an injury that sidelined him the second half of the 2013 season.

2013: Started first seven games and caught a pass in six... opened season by catching three passes for 97 yards, including career-long 60-yarder, versus Butler (Ind.)... hauled in career-high six receptions for 68 yards in road game at Nebraska... recorded 48-yard reception as part of four-catch, 70-yard performance in Hobo Day game versus Southern Illinois... lone touchdown reception of season covered 24 yards in win at Western Illinois.

2012: Saw action at both tight end and in the backfield on short-yardage situations... played in all 13 games... caught career-long pass of 35 yards and rushed three times for 14 yards in road win at Southeastern Louisiana... scored first career touchdown on 2-yard run at Indiana State... added rushing touchdowns versus South Dakota and Eastern Illinois... also scored 8-yard receiving touchdown on final play of first half in Football Championship Subdivision playoff game versus Eastern Illinois... earned academic recognition as player of Missouri Valley Football Conference Honor Roll.

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DREW  
KREUTZFELDT  
5-11, 195, Jr.  
Linebacker  
Wentworth, S.D.  
Chester Area H.S.  
Major: Economics

Larves worked his way into the Jackrabbit rotation at wide receiver after transferring from the junior college ranks.

2013: Appeared in seven games, including each of the final six contests of the season ... made Jackrabbit debut in Hobo Day game versus Southern Illinois ... recorded pair of 6-yard receptions in road win at South Dakota ... made tackle in home finale versus Indiana State.

BEFORE SDSU: Spent two seasons at Fort Scott Community College (Kan.) ... earned first-team all-Metro and first-team all-district honors his senior year of high school at Omaha North after tallying 65 receptions for 940 yards and seven touchdowns ... on defense, recorded 75 tackles and three interceptions ... honorable mention Super State selection.

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LARVES JONES  
6-4, 210, Jr.  
Wide Receiver  
Omaha, Neb.  
Omaha North H.S./Fort Scott CC  
Major: Graphic Design

Drew has contributed mostly on special teams and is projected to back up at linebacker this season.

2013: Played in all 14 games, splitting time between safety and linebacker ... recorded career-high two tackles in season-opening win over Butler (Ind.) ... drew starting assignment against Nebraska and was credited with one tackle.

2012: Appeared in 11 games ... made collegiate debut in home opener against UC Davis ... credited with tackles in regular season games at Southern Illinois and North Dakota State, as well as Football Championship Subdivision playoff game versus Eastern Illinois.

2011: Redshirted ... recognized as Scout Defense Player of the Week two times — prior to games at Illinois and North Dakota State.

BEFORE SDSU: Was a three-time all-state selection as a two-way player for Chester Area High School under the leadership of coach Brad Benson ... a two-time member of the Sioux Falls Argus Leader Elite 45, he rolled up 8,284 yards from scrimmage offensively with 110 career touchdowns, adding 250 tackles and nine interceptions on defense ... also was a four-time all-conference performer in basketball, earning Class A all-state honors as both a junior and senior ... member of the National Honor Society.
T.J. has been a mainstay in the Jackrabbit defensive lineup and enters his third season as the starting middle linebacker ... two-time member of the Missouri Valley Football Conference Honor Roll for academics ... elected as a team captain for 2014 season

2013: Started all 14 games ... ranked second on team with 89 tackles and two fumble recoveries ... recorded season-high 10 tackles, including two for loss, and recovered a fumble in Beef Bowl victory over Southeastern Louisiana ... registered nine tackles in games at Nebraska and versus Northern Iowa ... tallied seven tackles, including one for loss, in road win at Western Illinois ... turned the momentum in team’s favor by recording go-ahead safety midway through third quarter of Football Championship Subdivision playoff game at Northern Arizona ... finished game with six total tackles, including two for loss with a sack ... notched seven tackles and recovered a fumble in playoff defeat at Eastern Washington ... recipient of MVFC Commissioner’s Academic Excellence Award

2012: Received conference and national notoriety after earning the starting nod at middle linebacker ... second-team all-Missouri Valley Football Conference selection and member of the MVFC All-Newcomer Team ... started all 13 games and ranked second on team with 107 tackles ... recorded double figures for tackles five times ... shared team lead with six sacks ... was a finalist for the Jerry Rice Award as the top freshman in the Football Championship Subdivision and named to College Sports Journal All-Freshman Team ... also named team’s Defensive Player of the Week and Sports Network Freshman of the Week honors three times, starting with 10-tackle, four-sack performance in home opener against UC Davis ... also named team’s Defensive Player of the Week and Sports Network Freshman of the Week honors versus UC Davis ... opened league play by earning MVFC Defensive Player of the Week and Newcomer of the Week honors after nothing

BEFORE SDSU: Developed into one of the top all-around players in the Chicagoland area, earning first-team all-state honors from the Chicago Tribune, as well as player of the year honors from the Aurora Beacon and Kane County Chronicle ... defensively, he recorded 152 tackles in 2010 for Marmion Academy, including 16 tackles for loss and six sacks, along with four forced fumbles and an interception ... was named to the Illinois Coaches Association All-State Team two times ... coached by Dan Thorpe, he also averaged 9.4 yards per carry en route to 1,389 yards and 17 touchdowns out of the backfield ... added to his all-around athletic accomplishments by competing in track and field, where he clocked a time of 11 seconds in the 100-meter dash and threw the shot put 52 feet ... honor roll student

**Career Defensive Statistics**

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Tackles: 11, intercepting a pass and breaking up two other passes in win at Indiana State ... honored as squad’s Defensive Player of the Week after registering 10 tackles, a forced fumble and two sacks in win at Southern Illinois ... tallied career-high 11 tackles in FCS playoff game at North Dakota State

2011: Redshirted ... honored as Scout Defense Player of the Week prior to matchup with Northern Iowa and shared Scout Offense Player of the Week honors leading up to game versus North Dakota State
Mark is expected to contribute at the free safety position this season.

2013: Saw action in four games, but did not factor into any statistics ... was sidelined by injury early in season before making collegiate debut in home finale versus Indiana State ... also appeared in games at Youngstown State and both Football Championship Subdivision playoff games at Northern Arizona and Eastern Washington.

2012: Did not see any game action.

2011: Redshirted ... earned Scout Special Teams Player of the Week prior to game at Youngstown State.

BEFORE SDSU: Was a two-time all-district quarterback at the prep level, but has transitioned to defense with the Jackrabbits ... earned second-team all-state honors after passing for 1,800 yards and 22 touchdowns for Rock Bridge High School and coach Frank Lenti ... member of the National Honor Society.

Ron has taken the long route to the Jackrabbit football program, but will add depth to the special teams unit ... spent the 2013 season as a student intern before joining the squad in spring ball.

BEFORE SDSU: Began collegiate career at Western Michigan in the fall of 2011 before attending Murray State (Ky.) in 2012 ... started at outside linebacker and averaged 40 yards a punt his senior season for Mount Carmel High School, which won 2010 Chicago Catholic League championship and was Class 8A IHSA state-runner-up under coach Frank Lenti ... member of the National Honor Society.

J.R. will be in the mix for a starting spot at defensive end this season.

2013: Came off the bench to play in all 14 games ... recorded a tackle in season-opening win over Butler (Ind.) ... credited with two tackles, including tackle for loss and first career sack in Beef Bowl win against Southeastern Louisiana ... tallied career-high four tackles, including tackle for loss, in road win at Western Illinois ... broke up pass in Football Championship Subdivision playoff win at Northern Arizona.

2012: Earned first varsity letter after playing in seven games ... registered lone tackle of the season in FCS playoff game against Eastern Illinois.

2011: Redshirted ... named Scout Defense Player of the Week in preparation for Bowl game with Indiana State.

BEFORE SDSU: Earned Class 5A all-state recognition from the Arizona Football Coaches Association and the Arizona Republic after tallying 68 total tackles, including 10 sacks, as a senior ... three-time all-region selection and two-time all-city selection ... was credited with 15 career sacks in leading Mountain Pointe High School to a combined 22 wins his junior and senior seasons and a pair of state semifinal appearances.

- Single-Game Career Highs -

Tackles: 4, at Western Illinois, 10-12-2013.
Tackles for Loss: 1, vs. Southeastern Louisiana, 9-14-2013, and at Western Illinois, 10-12-2013.
Sacks: 1, vs. Southeastern Louisiana, 9-14-2013.

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2013: Limited to eight games due to injury ... notched first career reception, covering 16 yards, in season opener against Butler (Ind.) ... registered special teams tackles in games against North Dakota State, Indiana State and South Dakota

2012: Played in all 13 games ... led team with 14 special teams tackles — all on kickoffs ... made three solo tackles in home win over Western Illinois ... recorded two tackles in four other games ... named Scout Offense Player of the Week leading up to contest versus Indiana State ... also honored as Scout Special Teams Player of the Week prior to games against Youngstown State and Missouri State ... also honored as Scout Special Teams Player of the Week leading up to contest versus Indiana State

BEFORE SDSU: Earning first-team Class B all-state honors from the Associated Press and Super State Second Team recognition during his senior season at Elkhorn High School ... recorded 63 catches for 1,015 yards and six touchdowns his senior season ... averaged 20 yards per punt return ... was selected to play in the 2011 Nebraska Shrine Bowl ... was named to the all-Omaha Area Football Team by the Omaha World Herald during his senior season ... also played basketball and competed in track and field during his senior season at Elkhorn High School ... named to the all-Omaha Area Football Team by the Omaha World Herald during his senior season ... was selected to play in the 2011 Nebraska Shrine Bowl ... was a dual threat at quarterback and field

P atrick will vie for an expanded role at linebacker in 2014 ... three-time member of Missouri Valley Football Conference Honor Roll and two-time recipient of the MVFC Commissioner’s Academic Excellence Award

2013: Saw action in eight games at either linebacker or on special teams ... recorded two tackles in season opener against Butler (Ind.) ... credited with tackle in road game at Nebraska ... matched season and career high with two solo tackles in Football Championship Subdivision playoff win at Northern Arizona

2012: Played in seven games ... credited with lone tackle of the season in regular season matchup at North Dakota State

2011: Redshirted ... made an immediate impact on the practice field, earning Scout Defensive Player of the Year honors ... named Scout Defense Player of the Week leading up to contest versus Youngstown State and Missouri State ... also honored as Scout Special Teams Player of the Week leading up to contest versus Indiana State

BEFORE SDSU: Played for highly successful Iowa Western College program that posted 23-1 record over two seasons and won the 2012 Junior College national title ... credited with 27 tackles and three sacks during 2013 season ... 2011 graduate of Mason City High School, where he was a two-time first-team all-conference selection and all-area honoree

Matt Raymond's Career Statistics

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Single-Game Career Highs

Receptions: 1, vs. Butler (Ind.), 8-31-2013
Long Reception: 16 yards, vs. Butler (Ind.), 8-31-2013
Tackles: 2, vs. Butler (Ind.), 8-31-2013

and coach Scott Leit herser’s squad to an Eastern South Dakota conference title ... threw for 1,016 yards and 11 touchdowns and rushed for 937 yards and 16 TDs in earning all-conference recognition and Elite 45 recognition from the Sioux Falls Argus Leader ... was selected to play in the South Dakota All-Star Game ... also lettered in basketball and excelled on the baseball diamond, earning all-state honors at the American Legion level after setting a program record with a .503 batting average ... academic all-state selection and a member of both the National Honor Society and Spanish National Honor Society

M att has seen extensive action on special teams and will attempt to crack the Jackrabbit rotation at wide receiver this year

L andon joins the Jackrabbits after a successful junior college career at Iowa Western Community College and will contend for a key role at defensive end

BEFORE SDSU: Played for highly successful Iowa Western College program that posted 23-1 record over two seasons and won the 2012 Junior College national title ... credited with 27 tackles and three sacks during 2013 season ... 2011 graduate of Mason City High School, where he was a two-time first-team all-conference selection and all-area honoree
Bryce has filled in where necessary during his career with the Jackrabbits...

2013: Played at either tight end or offensive tackle in 13 of the team’s 14 games ... did not factor into any statistics ... recipient of Missouri Valley Football Conference Commissioner’s Academic Excellence Award

2012: Made collegiate playing debut in Jackrabbit road victory at Southeastern Louisiana for lone action of the season ... honored as Scout Offense Player of the Week in preparation for victory at Southern Illinois and Football Championship Subdivision playoff game versus Eastern Illinois

2011: Redshirted ... shared Scout Offense Player of the Week honors the final two weeks season as Jackrabbits prepared to play Southern Illinois and Western Illinois

BEFORE SDSU: Anchored a Bloomer High School offensive unit that tallied more than 4,200 yards of total offense in 2010 ... two-time first-team all-conference selection at Sun Prairie High School ... was one of five finalists for the Joe Thomas Award as the most outstanding senior offensive lineman in Wisconsin high school football

Dylan has paid his dues in the Jackrabbit football program and will compete for a starting spot at guard this season

2013: Played in six games in a reserve role ... made collegiate playing debut in season opener against Butler (Ind.) ... contributed in team’s winning streak to close out regular season, seeing action against Indiana State, South Dakota and Youngstown State

2012: Did not see any game action

2011: Redshirted and contributed on scout team offense

BEFORE SDSU: Earned first-team all-state honors from both the Wisconsin Football Coaches Association and Associated Press in 2010. ... two-time first-team all-conference selection at Sun Prairie High School ... was one of five finalists for the Joe Thomas Award as the most outstanding senior offensive lineman in Wisconsin high school football

CHAD STREHLOW
6-3, 245, Jr.
Fullback
Suring, Wis.
Suring H.S.
Major: Sport, Recreation and Park Management

Chad (last name is pronounced STREE-low) is making the transition from tight end to fullback this season ... has been a key contributor on special teams early in his career

2013: Played in all 14 games ... led team with nine tackles on special teams ... registered two tackles in a game three times — at North Dakota, versus Southeastern Louisiana and at Missouri State ... also forced a fumble versus Missouri State

2012: Saw action in all 13 games ... ranked third on team with seven special teams tackles ... recorded two tackles in Jackrabbit wins over South Dakota and Southeastern Louisiana

2011: Redshirted ... earned Scout Special Teams Player of Week recognition leading up to Hobo Day game against Southern Illinois

BEFORE SDSU: Excell ed in three sports at Suring High School, earning all-state recognition in football as a senior and all-conference honors three times under coach

Mitch Taylor ... selected to play in the North-South Wisconsin All-Star Game ... recorded 52 receptions for 902 yards and 14 touchdowns, while also rushing for 954 yards and 10 touchdowns ... defensively, his career totals included 272 tackles, 32 tackles for loss, six interceptions and eight forced fumbles ... eclipsed the 1,000-point mark in basketball, earning all-state recognition ... competed at the state track and field meet, earning third-place medals in the shot put and 200-meter dash, as well as posting a runner-up finish in the 4x400-meter relay

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Trevor emerged as a primary receiving target last season and will be in the mix for a starting role in 2014.

**2013:** Ranked sixth on team with 15 receptions ... played in all 14 games ... caught at least two passes in three contests, highlighted by career highs of five receptions for 41 yards in Hobo Day game versus Southern Illinois ... caught two passes for 12 yards in win at Western Illinois ... recorded career-long reception of 35 yards and added two solo tackles on special teams in victory at Youngstown State ... tallied two receptions for 32 yards in Football Championship Subdivision playoff game at Eastern Washington.

**2012:** Saw action in all 13 games ... averaged 5.8 yards on 13 punt returns ... first career punt return covered 20 yards at Northern Iowa ... honored as squad’s Special Teams Player of the Week in Hobo Day win over Youngstown State ... recorded career-long 27-yard punt return in regular season matchup at North Dakota State ... credited with four tackles on special teams during season, including two in home win over Western Illinois ... tallied first career reception in Beef Bowl victory over Missouri State ... recognized academically as a member of the Missouri Valley Football Conference Honor Roll.

**BEFORE SDSU:** Honored as a member of the all-Tucson squad in 2010 and was an honorable mention all-state selection for Ironwood Ridge High School and coach Matt Johnson ... career receiving totals included 96 receptions for 1,593 yards and 22 touchdowns and added three rushing TDs ... defensively, he recorded 59 tackles with five interceptions.

**WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A JACKRABBIT**

“There is no way that I can justifiably put to paper what it means to be a Jackrabbit. The best I can do is allude to the feelings, senses and emotions that have comprised my time as a Jack. To me, being a Jackrabbit is the sense of brotherhood developed over countless hours of striving towards a common goal. It’s the goose bumps you feel when you run out to play in front of 15,000 fellow Jacks. It’s the chill that runs down your spine when you hear a small section of blue chanting ‘Let’s go Rabbits!’ in a sea of red. It’s the feeling of despair you feel when you watch one of your brothers tearfully take off his jersey for the last time. It’s a spirit of joy knowing that that brother will always be part of your Jackrabbit family.”

“Becoming a Jackrabbit has been one of the best things to ever happen to me. The opportunities I have gotten and the people I have met is unlike anything I could have imagined. Being a Jackrabbit to me is about brotherhood. The men you are with every day are not only your teammates, they are your best friends. It’s being able to count on the person next to you because at some point that same person is going to be counting on you. It’s being able to make hard sacrifices and doing the little things right ALL the time and to the best of your ability. It’s about being part of something bigger than yourself making sacrifices for the ultimate goal, and that is to play the game we all know and love. Anyone who wears or has worn that SD on their back knows that feeling. That’s what it means to me to be a Jackrabbit.” -- quotes provided by Jackrabbit seniors

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**SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS**

- **Receptions:** 5, vs. Southern Illinois, 10-5-2013
- **Receiving Yards:** 41, vs. Southern Illinois, 10-5-2013
- **Long Reception:** 35 yards, at Youngstown State, 11-23-2013
- **Punt Returns:** 3, at North Dakota State, 11-10-2012, and at North Dakota State, 11-10-2012
- **Long Kickoff Return:** 24 yards, at Eastern Washington, 12-7-2013

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**TREVOR WESLEY**

**5-11, 175, Jr.**

**Wide Receiver**

**Oro Valley, Az.**

**Ironwood Ridge H.S.**

**Major:** Psychology

Travis brings championship-level experience to the Jackrabbits and is expected to contend for a starting role at offensive guard.

**BEFORE SDSU:** Was a key player for the highly successful Iowa Western Community College team the last two seasons ... earned first-team all-conference honors on the offensive line for team that combined for a 23-1 record and won the 2012 Junior College national championship ... named to academic honor squad at Iowa Western ... 2011 graduate of Ballard High School, where he was an all-area and all-state selection in football...
Jesse contributed right away as a true freshman during the 2013 season and is expected to contend for a starting spot at linebacker during the 2014 campaign.

2013: Played in all 14 games, seeing action both on special teams and as a reserve linebacker ... was credited with season-high three solo tackles in collegiate debut against Butler (Ind.) ... registered two tackles in game at Nebraska ... shared squad’s Special Teams Player of the Week award after blocking a field goal in home finale versus Indiana State ... also tallied two tackles, including half-tackle for loss, versus Indiana State.

BEFORE SDSU: Capped a stellar prep career by earning first-team all-state honors from both the Chicago Tribune and Champaign News Gazette during his senior season at Palatine High School ... was a four-time all-conference selection and three-time Tom Lemming Chicagoland and Daily Herald all-area honoree ... tallied 325 tackles and 17 interceptions for his career ... honor student.

Dallas moved from safety to linebacker during the 2013 season and enjoyed a solid redshirt freshman season.

2013: Played in all 14 games ... lone start of the season came in Beef Bowl victory over Southeastern Louisiana, a game in which he intercepted two fourth-quarter passes and recorded a career-high six tackles ... returned first interception 52 yards for a touchdown, while his second pickoff came with just over a minute to play to seal the win ... earned Missouri Valley Football Conference Defensive Player and Newcomer of the Week honors, as well as FCS National Freshman of the Week recognition from The Sports Network ... was credited with four tackles and a pass breakup in road games at Nebraska and Western Illinois ... tallied three tackles, including sack, in win at South Dakota ... made a successful return to home state by registering five tackles, including a tackle for loss, and a pass breakup in Football Championship Subdivision playoff win at Northern Arizona.

BEFORE SDSU: Excelled as a two-way player at Sabino High School in Tucson, Arizona ... earned second-team Southern Arizona recognition as both a defensive back and all-purpose player as a junior, then earned first-team honors as a senior ... tallied 1,700 yards passing and 1,300 rushing yards as a senior ... recipient of the Marine Corps Player of the Year Award.

JESSE BOBBIT
6-2, 215, So.
Linebacker
Palatine, Ill.
Palatine High School
Major: Exercise Science

DALLAS BROWN
5-11, 190, So.
Linebacker
Tucson, Ariz.
Sabino H.S.
Major: Physical Education/Teacher Education

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**NICK CARR**
6-8, 310, So.
Offensive Lineman
New Brighton, Minn.
Totino-Grace H.S.
Major: Mechanical Engineering

Nick added depth to a strong Jackrabbit offensive line last season and will vie for a starting role at tackle in 2014.

2013: Played in five games ... made collegiate playing debut in season-opening win over Butler (Ind.) ... named Scout Offense Player of the Week in preparation for game at Nebraska ... saw action in four of the team’s last five games, including Football Championship Subdivision playoff game at Eastern Washington.

2012: Redshirted ... member of Missouri Valley Football Conference Honor Roll for academics.

BEFORE SDSU: Earned all-conference and honorable mention all-state recognition during his senior season at Totino-Grace High School ... a three-year letterman, he played on back-to-back state championship teams. ... averaged 16.7 points per game in basketball as a senior ... member of the National Honor Society.

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**SHAYNE GOTTLOB**
6-5, 260, So.
Defensive Lineman
Salem, S.D.
McCook Central H.S.
Major: Journalism

Shayne moved from tight end to the defensive line in 2013 and will contend for extensive playing time this season ... recognized for academics each of the past two seasons as a member of the Missouri Valley Football Conference Honor Roll.

2013: Played in games against Butler (Ind.) and Indiana State, but did not factor into any statistics ... recipient of MVFC Commissioner’s Academic Excellence Award.

2012: Earned Scout Offense Player of the Year honors ... named Scout Offense Player of the Week three times — in preparation for games against Western Illinois, Northern Iowa and South Dakota.

BEFORE SDSU: Earned all-state honors in both football and basketball at McCook Central High School ... named to Class 11B all-state football team as a lineman in 2011 ... helped lead team to state title game as a senior ... was a Class A first-team all-state selection in basketball and finalist for Mr. Basketball award during 2011-12 season ... four-time all-Big East Conference selection for basketball ... academic all-state honoree in both football and basketball ... member of the National Honor Society.

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**MICHAEL FINOCCHIARO**
5-10, 195, So.
Punter
Omaha, Neb.
Westside H.S.
Major: Sport, Recreation and Park Management

Michael is a two-sport athlete at South Dakota State, playing both football and baseball for the Jackrabbits ... batted .275 with a home run and five runs batted in as a reserve outfielder during the 2014 baseball season.

2013: Did not see any game action.

2012: Redshirted during the football season after joining the squad after the start of fall classes.

BEFORE SDSU: Averaged 40.2 yards per punt as a high school junior and 41.6 yards as a senior ... in baseball, was an all-state honoree and two-time first-team all-Metro selection in baseball ... played on state American Legion championship team in 2010 and runner-up squad in 2012 ... batted .417 with 73 hits and 42 runs batted in during final season of Legion ball ... academic all-Metro honoree.

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**EZEKIEL HERNDON**
5-11, 190, So.
Defensive Back
Fontana, Calif.
Bloomington H.S.
Major: Advertising

Ezekiel will provide additional depth in the secondary for this season ... two-time selection to Missouri Valley Football Conference Honor Roll.

2013: Earned first varsity letter after playing in 10 games ... tallied two tackles in season-opening win over Butler (Ind.) ... credited with tackle at South Dakota.

2012: Redshirted ... named Scout Special Team Player of the Week prior to win at Southeastern Louisiana and Scout Defense Player of the Week leading up to Indiana State game.

BEFORE SDSU: Earned first-team all-conference honors three times and was an Inland Empire All-Star at Bloomington High School in Fontana, Calif ... set a school record in return yards, totaling more than 2,500 all-purpose yards with six return touchdowns ... offensively, he caught 36 passes for 1,124 yards and 10 touchdowns, and added seven interceptions and 10 pass breakups on the defensive side of the ball ... in track and field, won conference titles in the 100- and 200-meter dashes and is the school-record holder in the 400 meters ... all-academic selection.

**Ezekiel Herndon's Career Statistics**

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recognized academically on Missouri Valley Football Conference Honor Roll two times.

2013: Played in nine games ... registered lone tackle of the season in opener against Butler (Ind.) ... received MVFC Commissioner’s Academic Excellence Award.

2012: Redshirted ... was honored as Scout Special Teams Player of the Week in preparation for regular season matchup at North Dakota State ... member of Missouri Valley Football Conference Honor Roll for academics.

BEFORE SDSU: Earned all-state honors multiple times at Humphrey St. Francis High School ... was a first-team Class D-2 all-state selection by both the Lincoln Journal Star and Omaha World Herald during senior season in 2011 ... selected to play in 2012 Sertoma Nebraska Eight-Man All-Star Football Game and the Nebraska vs. Kansas Eight-Man All-Star Game ... academic all-state honoree.

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*Blake Krings*

6-2, 210, So.
Linebacker
Humphrey, Neb.
Humphrey St. Francis H.S.
Major: Construction Management

Blake is expected to add depth at the linebacker positions ... older brother, Nick, previously played at South Dakota State ...

Connor gained valuable experience last season and will seek an expanded role in the Jackrabbit receiving corps in 2014.

2013: Played in the final six games of the season, including both Football Championship Subdivision playoff games at Northern Arizona and Eastern Washington ... lone reception of the season was a 16-yard catch in double-overtime win against Northern Iowa.

2012: Redshirted ... named squad’s Scout Special Teams Player of the Week award winner in preparation for game at Northern Iowa.

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6-3, 210, So.
Wide Receiver
Laguna Hills, Calif.
Laguna Hills H.S.
Major: Sport, Recreation and Park Management

Connor was a key member of the Jackrabbit defensive line as a true freshman and is expected to move into a starting role this season ... is a third-generation Jackrabbit student-athlete — his grandfather, Jim, was an all-conference football player and All-America baseball player at SDSU before embarking on a hall-of-fame football career with the Miami Dolphins and Minnesota Vikings, while his father, Tracy, also was an all-conference baseball player for the Jackrabbits.

2013: Earned a spot on the Missouri Valley Football Conference All-Newcomer Team after tallying 35 tackles ... played in all 14 games, starting the final six ... notched tackle in collegiate debut versus Butler ... turned in four-tackle performances against Western Illinois, Northern Iowa and Youngstown State in league play ... set season high for tackles in back-to-back Football Championship Subdivision playoff games ... posted six tackles, including a sack, at Northern Arizona ... recorded seven tackles, including a tackle for loss at Eastern Washington.

BEFORE SDSU: Awarded South Dakota Gatorade Player of the Year honors in 2012, rushing for 874 yards and 15 touchdowns while also recording 71 tackles in leading Dell Rapids High School to its third consecutive Class A state title ... a three-time all-state selection and two-time member of the Sioux Falls Argus Leader Elite 45.

**Single-Game Career Highs**

- Tackles for Loss: 1, three times (last: at Eastern Washington, 12-7-2013).
- Sacks: 1, at Northern Arizona, 11-30-2013.

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-37-6-2, 285, So.
Defensive Lineman
Dell Rapids, S.D.
Dell Rapids H.S.
Major: Mechanical Engineering

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Zach excelled in the junior college ranks before deciding to transfer to South Dakota State ... is expected to compete for the backup quarterback role this season

BEFORE SDSU: Began collegiate playing career at Chabot College in California, where he was named 2013 Golden Gate Conference Offensive Player of the Year and league most valuable player ... played in all 11 games, completing 59 percent (139-of-235) of his passes for 1,820 yards and 15 touchdowns against only four interceptions ... also ranked second on team with 230 rushing yards, and added three touchdowns on the ground ... member of the all-California Community College Team after leading Chabot to 8-3 record ... named 2013 Central Division Bowl Offensive Player of the Game ... was a three-time all-state selection at South Anchorage High School from 2010-12 ... graduated cum laude and was a member of the National Honor Society

Nick is expected to compete for the starting strong safety spot this season ... has been named to the Missouri Valley Football Conference Honor Roll each of his first two seasons in the Jackrabbit football program

2013: Played in all 14 games either on special teams or as a reserve safety ... registered three tackles in collegiate debut against Butler (Ind.) ... made two tackles in back-to-back games against Southeastern Louisiana and Nebraska ... tallied four tackles in home finale versus Indiana State ... recorded career-high nine tackles in Football Championship Subdivision playoff game at Eastern Washington ... recipient of MVFC Commissioner’s Academic Excellence Award

2012: Redshirted ... named squad’s Scout Special Teams Player of the Week in preparation for Football Championship Subdivision playoff game against Eastern Illinois

BEFORE SDSU: Was a finalist for South Dakota Gatorade Player of the Year after a record-setting career as a quarterback at Milbank High School ... racked up more than 7,500 yards of total offense, throwing for 4,595 career yards with 58 touchdowns, while rushing for another 3,000 yards with 34 touchdowns. ... helped lead Milbank to a state title as a sophomore and was a three-time all-North-east Conference selection ... also earned all-state recognition as both a punter and a quarterback ... member of the Sioux Falls Argus Leader Elite 45 ... named most valuable player of South Dakota All-Star Game over the summer ... registered 115 career tackles ... in track and field, was a state qualifier in the sprints and triple jump, as well as relays ... academic all-state honoree and member of the National Honor Society

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Tom moved full-time from running back to linebacker last season ... joins older brothers Greg (2002-04) and Matt (2009-13) as family members who have played for the Jackrabbits.

2013: Made lone appearance of season in Football Championship Subdivision playoff game at Northern Arizona, but did not factor into any statistics ... recognized academically on Missouri Valley Football Conference Honor Roll

2012: Redshirted ... honored as Scout Special Teams Player of the Week for efforts leading up to regular season finale against South Dakota

BEFORE SDSU: Was a standout on both sides of the ball for Aliso Niguel High School during his senior season ... honored as Seaview League Offensive Player of the Year as a running back and earned all-county honors as a free safety ... team captain in both football and baseball

Kyle will make a push for the backup role at running back in 2014

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BEFORE SDSU: Was a standout on both sides of the ball for Aliso Niguel High School during his senior season ... honored as Seaview League Offensive Player of the Year as a running back and earned all-county honors as a free safety ... team captain in both football and baseball

Isaac is an explosive and versatile back who can see action all over the field

2013: Played in all 14 games ... averaged 7.4 yards every time he touched the ball ... gained 13 yards on three carries in collegiate debut versus Butler (Ind.) ... tallied 32 yards on two carries, including 27-yard scamper, in game at Nebraska ... established season and career highs with seven carries for 57 yards, including 42-yard run and a 1-yard touchdown, in home finale against Indiana State ... caught two passes for 12 yards in road win at South Dakota

2012: Redshirted ... honored as Scout Offense Player of the Week leading up to regular season matchup with North Dakota State ... honored as Scout Special Teams Player of the Week for efforts prior to regular season finale against South Dakota

BEFORE SDSU: Lettered three times in football at Freedom High School, earning all-Orange County honors

and an invitation to the Orlando All-Star Game ... scored eight touchdowns and averaged seven yards per carry as a senior, while adding 13 receptions for 106 yards and a touchdown ... also received Defensive Player of the Year recognition ... also lettered in baseball and track and field ... holds the school record for 100-meter dash at 10.9 seconds
Mike gained valuable experience on the Jackrabbit offensive line last season and will again be in line for a starting role.

2013: Played primarily on special teams, appearing in six games ... did not factor into any statistics ... honored as Scout Defense Player of the Week leading up to game at South Dakota.

2012: Redshirted ... named Scout Defense Player of the Week ... earned Scout Defense Player of the Week honors leading up to Jackrabbit home victories over UC Davis and Youngstown State ... also named Scout Special Teams Player of the Week prior to season opener at Kansas.

BEFORE SDSU: Was a two-way player at Dana Hills High School in Dana Point, Calif. ... earned all-South Coast League honors as a defensive lineman and tight end ... defensively, he recorded 31 tackles with five sacks and 11 quarterback hurries ... on the offensive side of the ball, he caught 37 passes for 410 yards and five touchdowns.

Matt is poised to challenge for a spot in the rotation at linebacker this season.

2013: Played primarily on special teams, including season opener against Butler (Ind.) as he made his collegiate playing debut ... missed five games due to injury, including final four games of the season.

2012: Contributed on the practice field during his redshirt season.

BEFORE SDSU: Was a two-way player at Dana Hills High School in Dana Point, Calif. ... earned all-South Coast League honors as a defensive lineman and tight end ... defensively, he recorded 31 tackles with five sacks and 11 quarterback hurries ... on the offensive side of the ball, he caught 37 passes for 410 yards and five touchdowns.

Thayer stepped into the Jackrabbit lineup as a true freshman, filling the role of long snapper on special teams.

2013: Saw action in all 14 games ... part of kicking unit that went 49-of-50 on extra points and 12-of-21 on field goals ... honored as squad's Special Teams Player of the Week in games against North Dakota and Southern Illinois ... credited with tackle in Hobo Day game against Southern Illinois ... member of Missouri Valley Football Conference Honor Roll for academics.

BEFORE SDSU: Received all-state recognition as a long snapper each of his last two seasons at Sioux Valley High School ... two-time member of the Brookings Register All-Area Team and an all-Big East Conference pick ... selected to play in South Dakota High School All-Star Football Game ... qualified for state track and field meet in 2010 ... academic all-state honoree ... member of the National Honor Society and a 4-H Athlete of Character.

Mike gained valuable experience on the Jackrabbit offensive line last season and will again be in line for a starting role.

2013: Played in nine games ... started eight contests, including season opener against Butler (Ind.) as he made his collegiate playing debut ... missed five games due to injury, including final four games of the season.

2012: Contributed on the practice field during his redshirt season.

BEFORE SDSU: Was a highly decorated three-sport standout for the Cambridge and Sutton public schools ... honored as boys high school athlete of the year by both the Lincoln Journal Star and Omaha World-Herald ... a four-year starter in football, he earned first-team all-state honors in 2009 and 2011, as well as first-team Super State honors as a senior, when he notched 79 tackles and an interception on defense ... won three consecutive state wrestling titles (2010-12) after a runner-up finish as a freshman, compiling a career record of 153-1 on the mat ... notched a streak of 47 consecutive pins that neared the national record ... recorded individual state titles in the discus and shot put during both the 2011 and 2012 track and field seasons, topping the 61-foot mark in the shot and 170-foot mark in the discus during his career ... helped Cambridge to state team title in track and field as a senior ... honor roll student.

Mitch will give the Jackrabbits another quality option at the tight end position this season.

2013: Saw action in all 14 games ... started four games in second half of the season in place of injured starter Cam Jones ... first career reception covered 11 yards in home finale against Indiana State ... added 7-yard catch in road win at South Dakota.

2012: Redshirted ... honored as Scout Special Teams Player of the Week in preparation for home opener versus UC Davis.

BEFORE SDSU: Lettered four times and was a two-year starter for Providence Catholic High School in New Lenox, Ill. ... a two-time all-area pick, he caught eight passes for 107 yards and a touchdown after missing a portion of his senior season due to injury ... honor roll student and Illinois State Scholar.

Mitch Vejvoda's Career Statistics

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CHRISS BALSTER
5-10, 180, R-Fr.
Defensive Back
Sheldon, Iowa
Sheldon H.S.
Major: Exercise Science/
Pre-Physical Therapy

Chris is expected to back up at cornerback after a strong redshirt campaign last season.

2013: Earned recognition on the practice field on two occasions ... named Scout Defense Player of the Week leading up to Nebraska game and Scout Special Teams Player of the Week prior to game at Missouri State ... intercepted a pass in Spring Game ... named to Missouri Valley Football Conference Honor Roll for academics

BEFORE SDSU: Earned all-district honors three times and was also honored on the all-Northwest Iowa Review Team ... named district offensive MVP as a senior after accumulating 1,088 yards rushing and 1,197 yards passing ... averaged 7.1 yards per carry and 21.7 yards per completion in accounting for 29 total touchdowns ... tallied 63 tackles and three interceptions on defense ... named to all-tournament team in helping lead basketball team to Class 2A state title ... also competed in state track and field meet two times ... Honor Roll student

AUSTIN BENSON
6-1, 220, R-Fr.
Linebacker
Sioux Falls, S.D.
Washington H.S.
Major: Pre-Medicine/
Biology

Austin will be in the mix for playing time at middle linebacker this season... comes from an athletic family as his father, Chuck, lettered in football for the Jackrabbits from 1975-78, while his mother, JoElle (Byre), lettered in basketball from 1983-85 ... younger sister, Ellie, is a member of the Jackrabbit volleyball team this fall.

2013: Redshirted ... named Scout Defense Player of the Week for efforts on the practice field leading up to season finale at Youngstown State ... Missouri Valley Football Conference Honor Roll

BEFORE SDSU: was a key member of undefeated state championship football teams at Washington High School in 2010 and 2012 ... earned all-city, all-conference and all-state honors as a senior, when he recorded four sacks, 56 total tackles and an interception ... also was a member of back-to-back state track and field championship teams in 2011 and 2012 ... academic all-state selection and member of the National Honor Society

CHRISTIAN CUSTER
6-2, 215, R-Fr.
Linebacker
Lake City, Minn.
Lincoln High School
Major: Operations Management

Christian provides additional depth to the Jackrabbit linebacker corps.

2013: Redshirted ... received academic recognition on Missouri Valley Football Conference Honor Roll

BEFORE SDSU: Earned team MVP honors on both sides of the ball during a standout career at Lincoln High School in Lake City, Minnesota ... was offensive MVP as a junior before earning defensive honors as a senior, when he recorded 106 tackles and 3.5 sacks ... also caught nine balls for 166 yards and a touchdown ... two-time all-conference pick who was named Red Wing Republican Eagle Player of the Year in 2012 ... also was a two-time team captain and all-conference selection in tennis ... Honor Roll student

DALTON DOUGLAS
6-2, 200, R-Fr.
Quarterback
Highland, Calif.
Citrus Valley H.S.
Major: Entrepreneurial Studies

Dalton has the tools to be an effective quarterback for the Jackrabbits in future seasons.

2013: Honored five times as a Scout Offense Player of the Week during redshirt season, including games against Southeastern Louisiana, Western Illinois and Eastern Washington ... shared recognition in preparing for games versus Missouri State and South Dakota ... completed 8-of-14 passes for 91 yards and a touchdown in Spring Game

BEFORE SDSU: Set numerous school records as a dual threat at quarterback for Citrus Valley High School, accounting for more than 2,700 yards of total offense and 31 touchdowns during his senior season ... threw for 1,870 yards and 18 touchdowns, while adding 870 yards and 13 TDs on the ground ... earned first-team all-city and Mountain Valley League honors ... the school’s career record holder for passing yards, completions and touchdowns, he lettered four times and led his team to consecutive California Interscholastic Federation playoff appearances ... was named most valuable player of the West Coast Bowl all-star game in January 2013, throwing for 145 yards and two touchdowns in leading his team to a fourth-quarter victory ... also lettered in track, basketball and baseball
Nick is expected to fill a key role in the Jackrabbit secondary after a strong first season with the program.

2013: Redshirted ... made an impact on the practice field as he was named Scout Special Teams Player of the Week three times (Butler, Indiana State and South Dakota) and Scout Defense Player of the Week prior to win over Northern Iowa ... member of Missouri Valley Football Conference Honor Roll for academics

BEFORE SDSU: Was named to the all-region team three times and earned all-state honors during his junior and senior seasons at Desert Vista High School ... was honored as team’s defensive back MVP after helping lead squad to 2012 Division I state championship ... his career totals included 15 interceptions, seven forced fumbles and a school-record 119 solo tackles ... also caught 14 passes for 206 yards and six touchdowns ... four-time all-academic honoree and member of the National Honor Society

Charlie will provide additional depth at the tackle spots this season.

2013: Redshirted ... served as an understudy to two-time All-American Bryan Witzmann ... named to Missouri Valley Football Conference Honor Roll for academics

BEFORE SDSU: Earned all-conference honors as both a junior and senior while helping lead his O’Fallon Township High School team to back-to-back playoff appearances ... also competed in basketball ... academic all-conference selection and a member of the National Honor Society

Dallas gives the Jackrabbits another pass-catching option at tight end.

2013: Redshirted ... honored as Scout Offense Player of the Week in preparation for regular season finale at Youngstown State

BEFORE SDSU: Was an honorable mention all-state selection two times in football at Britton-Hecla High School ... three-time all-conference pick in both football and basketball ... team captain in both sports ... member of the A Honor Roll

Sam possesses a strong leg and will look to contribute in the kicking game.

2013: Joined team following 2013 season and participated in spring practice

BEFORE SDSU: A 2013 graduate of Lincoln High School, he competed in basketball, football and soccer ... earned all-city honors in football ... recorded touchbacks on 15 of 31 kickoffs as a senior ... played on back-to-back state-championship soccer teams as a sophomore and junior ... two-time soccer team captain who was named squad’s defensive player of the year both years and was an all-state selection as a senior ... academic all-conference selection in football ... member of the National Honor Society
Tanner was a late addition to the Jackrabbit roster in 2013 and will be counted on to provide depth along the defensive line this season.

**2013:** Made conversion from tight end to fullback during redshirt campaign ... earned spot on Missouri Valley Football Conference Honor Roll for academics.

**BEFORE SDSU:** Was dominant both on the gridiron and the wrestling mat during a standout prep career at Dakota Valley High School ... earned all-state honors and was a two-time Sioux Falls Argus Leader Elite 45 player ... also named to all-Sioux City Metro Team ... rushed for 1,759 yards as a senior, including a school-record 294 yards in one game ... career totals included 2,806 rushing yards and 31 touchdowns, averaging nearly seven yards per carry ... two time state wrestling champion ... member of the National Honor Society and a Regents Scholar.

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Caleb was a late addition to the Jackrabbit roster in 2013 and will be counted on to provide depth along the defensive line this season.

**2013:** Redshirted ... recognized academically on Missouri Valley Football Conference Honor Roll for academics.

**BEFORE SDSU:** Two-year team captain in both football and basketball at Freeman High School ... selected to play in South Dakota All-Star Football Game ... earned first-team all-conference honors in football and was a two-time all-conference selection in basketball ... academic all-state honoree in football, basketball and track and field ... member of the National Honor Society ... served as FFA chapter vice president ... Boys State delegate.

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Mason is a second-generation Jackrabbit football player who will compete for playing time at defensive end this season.

**2013:** Redshirted ... member of Missouri Valley Football Conference Honor Roll for academics.

**BEFORE SDSU:** Excelled on both sides of the ball for Hamlin High School, earning all-state honors as a wide receiver in addition to being named Eastern Coteau Defensive MVP ... recorded 64 receptions for 1,402 yards and 15 touchdowns in 2012, while adding 384 yards on the ground with six touchdowns ... defensively, racked up 251 career tackles with 25 sacks and 13 forced fumbles ... a three-sport standout, he was a state finalist for the Wendy’s High School Heisman Award ... also earned all-conference honors in basketball and was runner-up in both the shot put and discus at the state track and field meet ... academic all-state selection and member of the National Honor Society.

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Kane made the switch to fullback from linebacker during spring ball and will be counted on to help bolster the Jackrabbit rushing attack this season.

**2013:** Named both Scout Defense Player of the Week (Southeastern Louisiana) and Scout Special Teams Player of the Week (Northern Arizona) during redshirt season ... named to Missouri Valley Football Conference Honor Roll for work in the classroom.

**BEFORE SDSU:** Earned first-team all-state honors from both the Des Moines Register and Iowa Newspaper Association during both his junior and senior years ... three-time all-district honoree who was named defensive MVP as a enior ... selected to play in Iowa Shrine Bowl ... recorded 317 career tackles, including 161 as a junior and 114 his senior year ... lettered four times in baseball and two times each in basketball and wrestling ... academic all-state selection and member of the National Honor Society.
Brad transitioned to American football during the 2013 season and will add depth at defensive end.

2013: Redshirted

BEFORE SDSU: Earned provincial all-star honors in 2012 at Terry Fox Secondary School ... defensively, recorded 65 tackles, five sacks and three interceptions in earning team MVP honors ... also led team with 700 receiving yards and added 300 rushing yards in 10 games ... member of Team Canada that played in the Football University All-American Tournament.

Jacob is expected to provide additional depth at quarterback this season.

2013: Received recognition both as Scout Offensive Player of the Week (Indiana State) and Scout Special Teams Player of the Week (Youngstown State) during redshirt season ... member of Missouri Valley Football Conference Honor Roll for academics

BEFORE SDSU: Was a three-sport athlete at Springfield High School ... earned all-conference and all-state honors in baseball, and was an all-conference player and team captain in football ... also served as captain in basketball ... honor roll student ... his late father, Jeff, served as offensive coordinator at South Dakota State during 1997 and 1998 seasons

Mitch returns for his second season with the program and provides additional depth to the Jackrabbit receiving corps.

2013: Redshirted ... named to Missouri Valley Football Conference Honor Roll for academics

BEFORE SDSU: Displayed big-play ability during his high school career at Tea Area High School ... averaged more than 20 yards per reception, totaling more than 1,300 yards on 65 career catches with 12 touchdowns ... placed seventh in long jump at state track and field meet ... all-tournament selection at state basketball tournament
Jacob turned in a strong first season with the Jackrabbits and will be in contention for the starting spot at center in 2014.

**2013:** Redshirted ... named to Missouri Valley Football Conference Honor Roll for academics

**BEFORE SDSU:** Anchored the offensive line for the highly successful Waunakee High School football program, earning first-team all-state honors from both the Associated Press and the Wisconsin Football Coaches Association during his junior and senior seasons ... finalist for the Joe Thomas Award as the state’s top offensive lineman in 2012 ... named Badger North Conference Offensive Lineman of the Year as a senior ... also was named to multiple all-conference, all-region and all-area squads ... three-year starter and team captain ... was part of a Waunakee program that compiled a 40-1 record from 2010-12, winning back-to-back Division 2 state titles his sophomore and junior seasons while reaching the title game as a senior ... honor student

**JACOB OHNESORGE**
6-3, 270, R-Fr.
Offensive Lineman
Waunakee, Wis.
Waunakee H.S.
Major: General Engineering

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Freeman will contend for extensive playing time at cornerback this season.

**2013:** Honored during redshirt season as Scout Special Teams Player of the Week in preparation for North Dakota State game

**BEFORE SDSU:** Earned all-district honors from the Associated Press during both his junior and senior seasons at Rock Bridge High School ... also was a Class 6 all-district honoree by the Missouri Football Coaches Association in 2012 ... totaled 2,069 career all-purpose yards with 15 touchdowns

**FREEMAN SIMMONS**
5-9, 185, R-Fr.
Defensive Back
Columbia, Mo.
Rock Bridge H.S.
Major: Psychology

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Connor will attempt to crack the regular rotation at wide receiver this season.

**2013:** Redshirted

**BEFORE SDSU:** Earned all-conference honors in football three times at Legend High School ... finished his senior season with 15 receptions for 274 yards and five touchdowns, while adding 311 rushing yards — an average of more than 16 yards per carry — and three touchdowns ... received all-league recognition in baseball and basketball, and also competed in track and field

**CONNOR ORGILL**
6-4, 200, R-Fr.
Wide Receiver
Parker, Colo.
Parker H.S.
Major: Athletic Training

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Kellen provides the interior of the Jackrabbit defensive line with additional size and will compete for a prominent role this season.

**2013:** Switched full time to defensive line during his freshman season ... redshirted

**BEFORE SDSU:** Started three seasons on the both sides of the ball for Yankton High School ... named to the all-state team and was a member of the Sioux Falls Argus Leader Elite 45 after recording 73 tackles his season year ... earned first all-Eastern South Dakota honor as a junior, when he notched 76 tackles for conference championship team

**KELLEN SOULEK**
6-5, 300, R-Fr.
Defensive Lineman
Freeman, S.D.
Yankton High School
Major: General Studies

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2013: Redshirted ... named to Missouri Valley Football Conference Honor Roll for academics

BEFORE SDSU: Received all-conference and lineman of the year accolades during his senior season at Champlin Park High School ... served as a team captain for track and field team that won a section championship during his junior season ... three-time all-conference honoree in track and field who earned all-state honors as a senior after placing fourth in shot put at state meet ... also competed in discus at state championships ... honored on academic all-state team

2013: Redshirted ... member of the Missouri Valley Football Conference Honor Roll for academics

BEFORE SDSU: Handled the kicking duties at Tartan High School, earning honorable mention all-conference honors during both his junior and senior seasons ... team captain and selected as squad’s Most Dedicated Player ... ranked among top 10 kickers for kickoffs in National Camp Series

2013: Named Scout Defense Player of the Week in preparation for home finale against Indiana during redshirt season

BEFORE SDSU: Put together a record-setting career at Roncalli High School, establishing new marks for scoring and receiving touchdowns ... four-year letterwinner ... all-Northeast Conference selection and member of the Sioux Falls Argus Leader Elite 45 ... selected to play in South Dakota High School All-Star Football Game

2013: Redshirted after joining the team at the start of fall classes ... received academic recognition on Missouri Valley Football Conference Honor Roll

BEFORE SDSU: Was a three-year starter for the Canistota High School football program that won three consecutive nine-man state titles and compiled a 36-0 record during that span ... two-time first-team all-conference selection ... school-record holder in sacks for a single season and career ... earned first-team all-state honors in 2012, when he also was a team captain ... named Class 9A Outstanding Lineman in 2012 and was an honorable mention selection to the Sioux Falls Argus Leader Elite 45 ... chosen to play in 2013 South Dakota Football All-Star Game ... also named to 2012 American Family Insurance All-South Dakota Football Team ... earned first-team all-conference and all-region honors in basketball during his junior and senior seasons ... played on four conference and district championship teams and made a state tournament appearance his sophomore season ... academic all-state selection in football
Case will look to contribute in the Jackrabbit passing game this season.

**2013:** Redshirted during first season in the Jackrabbit football program.

**BEFORE SDSU:** Was a standout receiver and sprinter at Castlewood High School... caught 23 passes for 905 yards and 17 touchdowns in earning all-state and honorable mention Elite 45 honors from the Sioux Falls Argus Leader... selected to play in South Dakota All-Star Game... placed second the 400-meter dash and third in both the 100- and 200-yard dashes at state track and field meet his senior season... school record holder in all three events... Honor Roll student.

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Jake provides the Jackrabbit receiving corps with another big target and will vie for playing time in 2014.

**2013:** Redshirted... recognized for academics on Missouri Valley Football Conference Honor Roll.

**BEFORE SDSU:** Established himself as one of the top wide receivers in the state of Minnesota during his senior season at Maple Grove High School... was a first-team all-state selection and Mr. Football finalist after recording 68 receptions for 1,330 yards and 13 touchdowns... was named the North Offensive MVP in the Minnesota All-Star Game in June 2013 after catching two touchdown passes.
CHRISTIAN BANASIAK
6-3, 230, Fr.
Defensive End
Cape Coral, Florida
Island Coast H.S.
Major: Exploratory Studies
Christian was a four-year letterman and three-year starter ... began prep career at Riverdale High School before transferring to Island Coast High School ... earned first-team all-area honors and was an honorable mention all-state selection after tallying 77 tackles, nine sacks and two forced fumbles as a senior ... also caught two passes for 49 yards ... invited to play in Miami Dade vs. Florida Nike All-Star Game ... honor student

MALIK BONDON
6-0, 215, Fr.
Linebacker
Quincy, Illinois
Quincy H.S.
Major: Exploratory Studies
Malik was a three-year starter and two-time captain for Quincy High School, playing on a state runner-up team as a junior ... tallied 121 total tackles, including 83 solo stops, during his senior season, when he earned first-team all-state honors and was regional defensive player of the year

JORDAN BROWN
6-1, 175, Fr.
Defensive Back
Scottsdale, Arizona
Paradise Valley H.S.
Major: Exploratory Studies
Jordan broke every receiving record at Paradise Valley High School, tallying 159 receptions for 2,277 yards and 26 touchdowns over three seasons ... earned first-team all-section and second-team all-state honors as a junior, when he recorded 54 receptions for 862 yards and eight touchdowns ... moved up to first-team all-state as a senior, totaling 68 catches for 968 yards and 14 touchdowns ... also tallied 400 punt return yards with three touchdowns and added two interceptions as a junior ... in addition, he played on a state championship basketball team and competed in track and field

ANDRE CHISLEY
6-2, 220, Fr.
Defensive End
Minnetonka, Minnesota
Hopkins H.S.
Major: Exploratory Studies
Andre started three seasons at Hopkins High School and served as a team captain as a senior, when he earned first-team all-conference honors and was named team defensive most valuable player ... also was a member of the varsity wrestling team for two years

JOE CARBIS
6-6, 260, Fr.
Offensive Lineman
Council Bluffs, Iowa
Abraham Lincoln H.S.
Major: Exercise Science
Joe earned all-district honors on both sides of the ball during his prep career at Abraham Lincoln High School in Council Bluffs, Iowa ... was a second-team all-district selection as a defensive lineman as a junior, then earned the same recognition as an offensive lineman during his senior season

TREY CARR
5-11, 175, Fr.
Defensive Back
Omaha, Nebraska
Burke H.S.
Major: Exploratory Studies
Trey excelled at Burke High School in Omaha, earning Metro Player of the Year honors from the Omaha World Herald ... also was a first-team all-state selection and first-team Super State honoree
**JACKRABBIT INCOMING FRESHMEN**

- **EMMANUEL EHRICH**
  6-0, 200, Fr.
  Linebacker
  Maple Grove, Minnesota
  Maple Grove H.S.
  Major: Exploratory Studies

  Emmanuel received all-conference and all-state honors during his senior season ... also earned all-Metro recognition after helping lead Maple Grove High School to a state tournament appearance ... tallied 114 tackles, an average of 11.4 per game, and intercepted three passes his junior season ... recorded 96 tackles in eight games as a senior.

- **CHASE KERN**
  6-3, 225, Fr.
  Defensive End
  Sioux City, Iowa
  Sioux City East H.S.
  Major: Pre-Pharmacy

  Chase excelled both on the field and in the classroom at Sioux City East High School ... during his senior season, he recorded 116 tackles, including 17 tackles for loss and seven sacks, en route to earning first-team all-district and all-Siouxland honors, as well as second-team all-state accolades from both the Des Moines Register and the Iowa Newspaper Association ... member of the National Honor Society and an honoree on the all-Northwest Iowa Academic Team.

- **QUINTEN HUNT**
  6-2, 185, Fr.
  Wide Receiver
  Buckeye, Arizona
  Buckeye Union H.S.
  Major: History

  Quinten excelled both academically and athletically at Buckeye Union High School ... was a first-team all-Division III honoree in football after catching 37 passes for 736 yards with seven touchdowns ... displayed big-play ability in other areas of the field, rushing 19 times for 356 yards and three touchdowns, while also returning a punt and kickoff for touchdowns ... defensively, was credited with 17 solo tackles and three interceptions ... named to 2013 All-Academic Football Team and was a second-team scholar athlete.

- **DALTON COX**
  6-1, 200, Fr.
  Linebacker
  Aberdeen, South Dakota
  Roncalli High School
  Major: Entrepreneurial Studies

  Dalton excelled on both sides of the ball for Roncalli High School in Aberdeen ... career totals included 2,198 rushing yards, 31 touchdowns and 314 tackles ... also tallied 50 career receptions for 647 yards and 12 touchdowns ... three-time all-conference and all-area selection ... earned all-state honors twice, including senior season when he ran for 1,011 yards, averaged 10.6 yards per carry, and scored 19 rushing touchdowns ... also named to Sioux Falls Argus Leader Elite 45 after adding 106 tackles ... part of 16 career takeaways as he recorded five interceptions, forced seven fumbles and recorded four fumble recoveries ... also competed in track and field ... was a three-time all-conference selection who qualified for Class A state meet in shot put two times, finishing fifth as a junior and eighth as a senior ... member of the National Honor Society.

- **J.T. HASSELL**
  5-11, 195, Fr.
  Linebacker
  Titusville, Florida
  Astronaut H.S.
  Major: Exploratory Studies

  J.T. recorded more than 100 tackles in each of his varsity seasons between Titusville and Astronaut high schools ... earned all-conference, all-Space Coast and second-team all-state honors during a prep career in which he forced 20 fumbles, intercepted five passes and scored four touchdowns.

- **TYLER LINDSEY**
  5-9, 180, Fr.
  Defensive Back
  Owasso, Oklahoma
  Owasso High School
  Major: Exploratory Studies

  Tyler had a nose for the football as a three-year starter for Owasso High School ... a two-time all-metro and all-conference selection, he tallied 12 interceptions and broke up more than 40 passes during his prep career, adding 135 tackles and two punt returns for touchdowns.
Zach earned all-conference honors and was an honorable mention all-state selection during his senior season at Tea Area High School ... he completed 58 percent of his passes for 1,565 yards and was an all-conference selection.

Tiano was a late signee to the Jackrabbit recruiting class ... spent the 2013-14 academic year at the United States Military Academy Preparatory School in West Point, New York ... 2013 graduate of River Falls High School, where he earned all-state honors twice in both football and track and field ... three-year team captain in track and field and school-record holder in shot put with throw of 56 feet.

Jackson played a key role on Norfolk Catholic High School teams that won three consecutive Class C-1 state titles ... set school records for single-season and career rushing, tallying 1,677 yards with 22 touchdowns during senior season to finish with 3,036 yards and 46 touchdowns for his career ... averaged 7.2 yards per carry as a senior ... was a second-team all-state selection from the Omaha World Herald as a junior before receiving first-team honors from the Omaha World Herald, Lincoln Journal Star, Associated Press and Huskerland Prep his senior season ... also named to Nebraska School Activities Academic All-State Football First Team ... member of the National Honor Society ... Boys State selection.

Tywan earned first-team all-conference and all-regional honors as a defensive end for conference championship team at Pulaski High School ... also received all-suburban recognition ... began his prep career at Messmer High School.

Zach earned all-conference honors and was an honorable mention all-state selection during his senior season at Tea Area High School ... three-year starter who is projected to play guard for the Jackrabbits ... qualified twice for the Class A state track and field meet in the throwing events ... placed sixth in the discus and 11th in the shot put during his senior season.

Thor was rated one of the top 10 linemen in Wisconsin during a career in which he earned all-conference honors twice at Osceola High School ... also competed in track and field and wrestling ... was a two-time state qualifier in the shot put who finished seventh as a senior ... four-year starter on the varsity wrestling squad who went 2-2 at state tournament his senior season ... went undefeated in conference wrestling matches as a junior ... honor student.
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MAKIAH SLADE
6-1, 200, Fr.
Linebacker
Lincoln, Nebraska
Lincoln Northeast H.S.
Major: Exploratory Studies

Makiah played on both sides of the ball at Lincoln Northeast High School ... earned all-city, all-conference and second-team Super State honors ... rushed for 900 yards and 11 touchdowns ... team captain was named defensive MVP of Nebraska Top 50 Combine

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JACK VANDERHEIDEN
6-4, 275, Fr.
Offensive Lineman
Hutchinson, Minnesota
Hutchinson H.S.
Major: Mechanical Engineering

Jacob earned all-conference honors two times while playing on back-to-back Class 4A state championship teams at Hutchinson High School ... team posted a 26-game winning streak with him in the starting lineup ... named 2013 Wright County Conference Offensive Lineman of the Year ... conference champion in wrestling at heavyweight ... also competed for conference-champion track and field team ... Honor Roll student

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ALEX ROMENESKO
5-11, 190, Fr.
Defensive Back
Pewaukee, Wisconsin
Arrowhead High School
Major: Exploratory Studies

Alex was a member of back-to-back state championship teams at Arrowhead High School in Hartland, Wisconsin ... started since his sophomore season, playing at strong safety, outside linebacker and corner-back ... earned second-team all-conference honors as a junior ... missed senior season due to injury ... also competed in baseball

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ISAAC WALLACE
6-1, 195, Fr.
Running Back
Omaha, Nebraska
Ralston H.S.
Major: Biology/Pre-Medicine

Isaac put together a memorable senior season at Ralston High School, in which he earned first-team all-state and Class B honorary captain ... other honors included being named to the 2013 Nebraska Super State Team and MaxPreps all-Nebraska squad ... rushed for 2,549 yards en route to averages of 9.17 yards per carry and 231.7 yards per game ... scored 37 rushing touchdowns and two more receiving ... set state playoff single-game records with 404 yards and eight touchdowns ... member of the National Honor Society Award
KEITH WOLVERTON
6'1, 185, Fr.
Defensive Back
Seward, Nebraska
Seward H.S.
Major: Exercise Science

Keith completed an outstanding all-around prep career at Seward High School, excelling in football, wrestling and baseball ... honorable mention all-state selection in football by Omaha World Herald and Lincoln Journal Star his senior season ... as a quarterback, passed for 1,363 yards and 11 touchdowns, while adding 407 yards and four touchdowns on the ground ... also returned punts and kicks ... defensively, recorded 43 tackles while playing safety and outside linebacker ... totaled 98 tackles as a sophomore ... three-time state qualifier in wrestling who finished as Class B runner-up at 170 pounds during his senior year ... played on pair of state-qualifying baseball teams ... academic all-state honoree in all three sports and a member of the National Honor Society ... also active in FFA and 4-H

WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A JACKRABBIT

“To me, what it means to be a Jackrabbit is to be a team-first individual, and to always know that you are working for something bigger than yourself, and with all of this becoming part of a family.”

“To be a Jackrabbit means to be part of something bigger than yourself — a brotherhood and family! It means all having the same focus towards a common goal and willing to sacrifice anything to achieve that common goal; and to live a championship lifestyle daily.”

-- quotes provided by Jackrabbit football student-athletes
JOHN STIEGELMEIER

• Head Coach

John Stiegelmeier has built the South Dakota State University football team into a consistent winner in the ranks of the Division I Football Championship Subdivision and is poised to become the Jackrabbits’ all-time winningest coach during the 2014 season.

Overall, Coach Stig has led the Jackrabbits to a 111-81 record (.578 winning percentage) in 17 seasons. He stands three wins away from passing Ralph Ginn (113-89-9 in 22 seasons from 1947-68) atop the SDSU career wins list. SDSU has reached the FCS playoffs three times (2009, 2012, 2013), and won first-round contests in both 2012 and 2013. His 32 victories in MVFC play rank in a tie for sixth place in league history, while his 43 overall wins since joining the league in 2008 rank 12th among all-time league coaches.

Under Stiegelmeier’s leadership, SDSU has posted eight winning seasons in the school’s 10 campaigns at the FCS (formerly Division I-AA) level, compiling a 69-48 record since moving to the FCS ranks in 2004. Overall, the Jackrabbits have had a winning record in 13 of Stiegelmeier’s 17 years as head coach, and have a 32-16 record in Missouri Valley Football Conference games.

After consecutive 5-6 seasons in 2010 and 2011, the Jackrabbits rebounded in 2012 with their second postseason appearance in four years. SDSU finished the 2012 campaign with a 9-4 overall record, tying the single-season school record for wins. The Jackrabbits also hosted — and won — their first-ever playoff game, defeating Eastern Illinois, 58-10, at Coughlin-Alumni Stadium. SDSU was later eliminated by eventual national champion North Dakota State. In 2012, the Jackrabbits were ranked seven of the final eight weeks of the season and ended the campaign ranked 14th in the Sports Network media poll.

The Jackrabbits repeated much of the same success during the 2013 season, reaching the postseason in back-to-back seasons for the first time in program history. Despite being ranked in the preseason top 10, the Jackrabbits found themselves with a 4-4 record entering the final month of the season. SDSU responded, however, reeling off four consecutive wins in MVFC play to again earn an at-large berth in the FCS playoffs.

SDSU opened the 2013 playoffs with a dominant defensive performance, posting a 26-7 road win at No. 8 Northern Arizona, before falling 41-17 at third-ranked Eastern Washington a week later. The Jackrabbits again tied the school record for wins, finishing with a 9-5 overall mark, and ended up 13th in the Sports Network media poll and 14th in the FCS Coaches Poll.

The Jackrabbits made their first FCS playoff appearance and the program’s first postseason appearance in 30 years during the 2009 season. The Jackrabbits finished as runner-up in the Missouri Valley Football Conference with a 7-1 record and finished the season 8-4 overall. SDSU led for much of its playoff game at top-seeded Montana, before falling 61-48 to the eventual national runner-up Grizzlies. Ranked for the entire season, including
appearing in the top 10 for two weeks, the Jackrabbits finished the 2009 campaign with an 11th-place showing in both the FCS Coaches’ and Sports Network media polls.

In 2008, the Jackrabbits entered another new era in their Division I pursuits as they joined the Missouri Valley Football Conference. With the transition from Division II completed, SDSU fell just short of a playoff berth in its first season of eligibility, ending the year with a 7-5 overall record and 6-2 mark in the MVFC. Of SDSU’s five losses, four came against ranked FCS opponents, including conference co-champions Northern Iowa and Southern Illinois. The team’s other loss was at the hands of Football Bowl Subdivision opponent Iowa State in the season opener. That game marked the first time the Jackrabbits had played an FBS opponent since moving to Division I at the start of the 2004 season.

Under Stiegelmeier’s guidance, SDSU has appeared in the FCS rankings seven of the last eight seasons. The Jacks cracked the national poll for the first time in late October 2006, after posting back-to-back come-from-behind victories over Cal Poly and UC Davis. The Jackrabbits finished the 2006 season ranked 22nd by the Sports Network.

During the 2007 season, SDSU claimed its first conference title since 1963 by winning the Great West Football Conference championship. After an 0-3 start, SDSU reeled off seven wins in its final eight games, including a 29-24 victory over previously undefeated North Dakota State the final week of the season, to claim the GWFC title with a 7-4 overall record and 4-0 mark in league play.

In leading SDSU to the GWFC title, Stiegelmeier was named conference coach of the year and was honored by the American Football Coaches Association as the Division I Football Championship Subdivision Region 5 Coach of the Year. In addition, he was named as one of five finalists in the FCS for the 2007 Liberty Mutual Coach of the Year Award.

The same day that the Jackrabbits won the 2007 Great West Football Conference, gifts totaling $6 million were announced for the construction of the Dykhouse Student-Athlete Center, which serves as the home of South Dakota State football. The facility, located in the north end zone of Coughlin-Alumni Stadium, was completed following the 2009 season.

More facility projects are coming to fruition as the Sanford Jackrabbit Sports Complex, which includes an indoor practice facility and state-of-the art training and rehabilitation areas, is scheduled to open in the fall of 2014. Construction of the new Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium is scheduled to begin this fall and will be built in phases at the current Coughlin-Alumni Stadium site. The new stadium is slated to be completed in the fall of 2016.

The Jackrabbits continued to move up the rankings at the FCS level during the 2008 season, reaching the 12th spot in the Sports Network poll after opening league play with home victories over No. 14 Youngstown State and No. 15 Western Illinois in back-to-back weeks. In all, SDSU was ranked seven weeks that season.

After posting back-to-back 6-5 seasons in 2004 and 2005 to begin their Division I pursuits, the Jackrabbits rose another notch in 2006 as they compiled a 7-4 overall record, finishing the season ranked 21st in the final FCS poll conducted by The Sports Network. Following an 0-3 start, the Jacks rebounded by winning seven consecutive games for the first time since 1963. Three of the victories came in the closing minutes against nationally ranked teams.

In addition to achieving success on the field, Stiegelmeier’s teams have excelled in the classroom. SDSU has earned the Missouri Valley Football Conference Team Academic Award each year since joining the league in 2008. The Jackrabbits have consistently led their conference in the number of individual all-academic awards, with football student-athletes accounting for Capital One Academic All-America honors 15 times during Stiegelmeier’s tenure.

Stiegelmeier, 57, is the 20th head coach for the Jackrabbits. His tenure of 17 years as head coach is the second-longest head coaching stint in school history.

The Selby, S.D., native first became acquainted with the Jackrabbit football program as a student assistant under John Gregory during SDSU’s only NCAA Division II playoff season in 1979. After graduating from SDSU with degrees in mathematics and physical education, Stiegelmeier enrolled in graduate school at the University of Northern Iowa, where he served on the coaching staff of a Panther squad which posted a 7-4 mark in 1981.
Stiegelmeier coached at Eau Claire (Wis.) North High School from 1981-84, then returned to his home state as defensive coordinator, secondary coach and recruiting coordinator at Northern State from 1984-87.

Stiegelmeier returned to his alma mater in July 1988, joining Wayne Haensel’s SDSU coaching staff as secondary coach and recruiting coordinator. After Haensel stepped down following the 1990 season, Stiegelmeier was elevated to defensive coordinator by new head coach Mike Daly.

In six seasons as defensive coordinator, Stiegelmeier helped guide the Jackrabbits to a 41-23 record. SDSU turned in a winning record all six seasons, including five seven-win seasons. That track record of success helped Stiegelmeier secure his first collegiate head coaching position in December 1996, when he was named Daly’s successor.

The Stiegelmeier era opened in style Sept. 13, 1997, as the Jackrabbits recorded a 17-7 victory at UC Davis. Although SDSU finished Stiegelmeier’s first season with a 4-6 record, the foundation was laid for future success. The Jackrabbits posted a 6-5 record during the 1998 season and broke through with an 8-3 overall mark and a 6-3, fourth-place showing in the North Central Conference.

Led by Harlon Hill Award candidate Josh Ranek, SDSU posted its most victories in 20 years in 1999 and was ranked 15th in the final NCAA Division II regular season poll, despite being picked sixth in the NCC race by both the coaches and media. Following the season, Stiegelmeier was named North Central Conference Coach of the Year.

SDSU went on to post upper-division finishes in the NCC three of its last four years before moving into the ranks of Division I-AA (now Football Championship Subdivision) in 2004.

Aside from coaching, Stiegelmeier is active in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, serving on the state board of directors and as the organization’s SDSU faculty representative.

He and his wife, Laurie, are the parents of four grown children: Anna, Isaac, Liesbeth and Samuel. The couple also welcomed their first grandchild in the spring of 2014.

### MILESTONE WINS
- **No. 1:** SDSU 17, UC Davis 7 (Sept. 13, 1997 at Davis, Calif.)
- **No. 2** [first home win and first North Central Conference victory]: SDSU 20, St. Cloud State 16 (Oct. 11, 1997, at Brookings)
- **No. 25:** SDSU 34, Ferris State (Mich.) 24 (Sept. 1, 2001, at Brookings)
- **No. 45** [first win over FCS opponent]: SDSU 31, Southern (La.) 24 (Sept. 25, 2004, at Baton Rouge, La.)
- **No. 50:** SDSU 69, Valparaiso (Ind.) 6 (Sept. 10, 2005, at Brookings)
- **No. 69** [first Missouri Valley Football Conference victory]: SDSU 40, Youngstown State 7 (Sept. 6, 2008, at Brookings)
- **No. 75:** SDSU 25, North Dakota State 24 (Nov. 22, 2008, at Fargo, N.D.)
- **No. 100:** SDSU 16, Southern Illinois 12 (Nov. 3, 2012, at Carbondale, Ill.)
- **No. 102** [first playoff victory]: SDSU 58, Eastern Illinois 10 (Nov. 24, 2012, at Brookings)

### COACH STIEGELMEIER VERSUS THE OPPOSITION

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CLINT BROWN

• Sixth Season
• Recruiting Areas:
  • Iowa
  • Kansas Junior Colleges
• Alma Mater:
  • Nebraska, 1996

Defensive Coordinator
Defensive Ends

Clint Brown enters his sixth season as an assistant coach with the South Dakota State University football program, and his second as the team’s sole defensive coordinator. He also coaches the team’s defensive ends.

Previously a co-defensive coordinator since his arrival in 2009, Brown has been a member of the Jackrabbit coaching staff for all three of the program’s Football Championship Subdivision playoff teams. In 2009, Brown helped direct a defense that played a prominent role in SDSU’s first berth in the FCS playoffs. SDSU ranked among the national leaders in scoring defense for much of the season, before finishing the year ranked 16th after allowing an average of 17.4 points per game. Additionally, SDSU posted top-20 national rankings in three other defensive categories: pass efficiency defense (fourth, 99.55); rushing defense (14th, 104.33 yards per game) and total defense (17th, 289.5 yards per game).

Brown also served as position coach for All-America defensive end Danny Batten, who was honored as Co-Missouri Valley Football Conference Defensive Player of the Year and was later selected in the sixth round of the NFL Draft by the Buffalo Bills. Brown has coached three other players who have gone on to earn all-MVFC honors, including two-time honoree Doug Peete (2012, 2013) who is currently with the Houston Texans.

During the 2010 campaign, the Jackrabbits posted 21 sacks in 11 games and continued to rank highly among MVFC squads for pass efficiency defense (second, 122.8) and scoring defense (third, 23.6 points per game). Four SDSU players received all-conference accolades on the defensive side of the ball, including first-team selections Cole Brodie at cornerback and Derek Domino at linebacker.

The Jackrabbits ranked in the upper half of the MVFC in several defensive categories during the 2011 season, including finishing second in pass defense by allowing an average of 186.9 yards per game through the air.

SDSU made a return to the FCS playoffs in 2012 behind a defense that ranked in the top 10 for three different categories: pass efficiency defense (fourth, 100.33); scoring defense (fifth, 16.38 points per game) and total defense (eighth, 305.31 yards per game).

In 2013, Brown directed an opportunistic Jackrabbit defense that improved steadily throughout the season as it played a key role in the team returning to the postseason. SDSU forced 33 turnovers — and at least one in each game — during the campaign, finishing fifth among FCS programs for turnover margin with an average of plus-1.1 per game. In a four-game span late in the season, which included a 26-7 playoff win at Northern Arizona, Brown’s defense surrendered a total of 32 points.

Brown has coached at the collegiate level for 20 years. Prior to joining the Jackrabbit coaching staff, Brown served as the defensive coordinator, recruiting coordinator and assistant head coach at Wayne State College (Neb.) for four seasons. During his tenure at Wayne, the Wildcats improved from four wins the first season to a 9-3 record and an NCAA Division II playoff berth in 2008.

A native of Arlington, Neb., Brown earned two varsity letters at Nebraska and was a member of the Cornhuskers’ 1994 national championship team. While completing his bachelor’s degrees in secondary education biology and history, Brown began his collegiate coaching career as a student assistant for the Cornhuskers during the spring of 1995. He moved on later that year to coach the outside linebackers at Nebraska Wesleyan, then spent the 1996 season as a graduate assistant at Nebraska-Omaha.

Brown spent two more seasons as a graduate assistant at New Mexico State, working with the linebackers in 1997 and the secondary in 1998. While in Las Cruces he completed a master of arts degree in curriculum and instruction.

After four years as defensive coordinator and assistant head coach at Bethel College (Kan.), Brown returned to New Mexico State for the 2004 season, coaching the Aggies’ safeties and special teams. He also served as the team’s academic coordinator.

He and his wife, Stephanie, are the parents of a 6-year-old daughter, Ava.

The Brown Family:
Clint, Ava and Stephanie
ERIC EIDSNESS

• Offensive Coordinator
• Quarterbacks

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eric Eidsness rejoined the Jackrabbit coaching staff in 2010 as quarterbacks coach and passing game coordinator, and was elevated to offensive coordinator following the 2011 campaign.

With Eidsness directing the offense, the Jackrabbits have posted prolific numbers in both the running and passing games en route to playoff berths in both 2012 and 2013. In 2012, South Dakota State featured the nation’s top rusher in Zach Zenner, who averaged a Football Championship Subdivision-best 157.2 yards per game.

The 2013 Jackrabbits ranked in the upper half of the Missouri Valley Football Conference in numerous offensive categories, while putting up averages of 28.9 points and 384.6 yards per game. Both totals were the most by SDSU since 2008.

In 2011, Eidsness oversaw the emergence of Austin Sumner as one of the top young quarterbacks in the Football Championship Subdivision. Sumner established an MVFC freshman record with 2,382 yards passing, was named conference Freshman of the Year and finished third in the inaugural Jerry Rice Award given to the top freshman in the FCS ranks. Sumner, who was an honorable mention all-MVFC honoree as a junior in 2013, has gone on to set Jackrabbit career records for passing yards, attempts and completions, and is nearing the SDSU career mark for touchdowns.

During the 2010 season, Eidsness directed a passing attack that allowed only six sacks all season in more than 350 attempts.

An assistant coach for the Jackrabbits on two other occasions under head coach John Stiegelmeier, Eidsness left SDSU after the 2003 season to become head coach at Southwest Minnesota State. He compiled a 26-40 career record during his tenure on the Mustang sideline, which included a 6-5 season in 2008 — only the eighth winning season in school history. Eidsness’ 26 victories as head coach rank second in program history.

While at the helm of the Mustang program, Eidsness coached 61 all-conference players, including 10 who earned all-region honors. SMSU increased its scoring average each of his last four seasons, from 20.1 points per game in 2006 to 36.0 points in 2009, tying a school record with eight games of 30-plus points. The 2009 squad averaged 396.2 yards of total offense per game.

Eidsness began his association with the Jackrabbits as a graduate assistant during the 1996 and 1997 seasons, working with the team’s receivers. After a year as offensive coordinator at Ferris State (Mich.), he returned to SDSU in 1999 as offensive coordinator, while also coaching the team’s quarterbacks and running backs.

In five seasons directing the offense at SDSU, the Jackrabbits averaged 27.6 points per game while competing at the Division II level. During his tenure, the Jackrabbits set numerous school records both rushing the ball with All-America running back Josh Ranek and throwing the ball with quarterback Dan Fjeldheim.

A Sioux Falls native, Eidsness attended St. Cloud State University for two years before transferring to the University of Sioux Falls, where he graduated in 1992. He spent two years playing in Europe, where he also began his coaching career with the Robinson Sphinx in Paris, France. Upon returning to the United States, Eidsness served as quarterbacks and receivers coach at Morningside during the 1994 and 1995 seasons before enrolling in graduate school at SDSU.

A second-generation coach, Eidsness followed in the footsteps of his father, Lyle, who coached at the high school and collegiate levels throughout the Upper Midwest for more than 30 years. Lyle served on his son’s coaching staff at Southwest Minnesota State for four years (2004-07) as special teams and running backs coach.

Eidsness and his wife, Brandy, are the parents of five children: sons Eli (9) and Otto (7), and daughters Isla (5), Olive (2) and the late Audrey Rose.
Jay Christensen

Co-Special Teams Coordinator
Safeties

Jay Christensen returns for his fourth season as a member of the Jackrabbit football coaching staff, adding the duties of co-special teams coordinator this season while remaining the mentor of the team's safeties.

In 2011, Christensen helped coach a secondary that ranked second in the Missouri Valley Football Conference for pass defense, allowing 186.9 yards per league game through the air. Cornerback Winston Wright earned MVFC Player of the Week honors the final week of the Jackrabbits' season and also earned second-team all-MVFC honors after leading the team with three interceptions and adding 57 tackles.

Christensen again coached an all-MVFC performer in 2012, mentoring safety Skyler Luxa to second-team honors. As a squad, the Jackrabbit defense ranked fourth among Football Championship Subdivision programs for pass efficiency defense at 100.33, allowing only nine touchdowns through the air while intercepting 13 passes. SDSU also ranked fifth in scoring defense (16.38 points per game) and eighth in total defense (305.3 yards per game).

During the 2013 season, Christensen helped direct a Jackrabbit defense that ranked second in the FCS ranks with 22 interceptions and fifth in turnovers forced with 33. SDSU forced at least one turnover in every game, finishing the year fifth in the nation in turnover margin (+1.1 per game) as the Jackrabbits made a return trip to the postseason.

Christensen came to SDSU after serving the three previous seasons as defensive coordinator at Morningside College (Iowa), where he directed a top-ranked defense that allowed only 12.7 points and 12.1 first downs per game in 2010. The Mustangs compiled a 30-6 record in his three seasons on the Morningside sidelines, allowing an average of 15 points per game as the Mustangs reached the NAIA playoffs all three years. He also assisted with the special teams units.

Previously, Christensen served as a graduate assistant coach in charge of the inside linebackers and later as defensive backs coach at his alma mater, Nebraska-Kearney, from 2004-08. In 2005, the Lopers qualified for the NCAA Division II playoffs and a year later ranked first in the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference in scoring defense.

He began his coaching career in 2003 as an assistant coach at Ravenna High School (Neb.), before enrolling in graduate school.
JOSH DAVIS

• Co-Special Teams Coordinator
• Wide Receivers

Josh Davis continues his long association with the Jackrabbit football program as he begins his sixth season as wide receivers coach. He has added to his coaching responsibilities for the upcoming season by serving as co-special teams coordinator.

Davis has been a member of the SDSU coaching staff for each of the Jackrabbits’ three playoff campaigns. During the Jackrabbits’ 2009 playoff-qualifying season, Davis mentored a veteran group of receivers led by two-time second-team all-Missouri Valley Football Conference selection Glen Fox. The senior trio of Fox, Mike Steffen and Saunders Montague combined to account for 142 receptions, 1,875 yards and 10 touchdowns.

In 2010, Davis faced the challenge of working with a young receiving corps. Under his direction, Tyrel Kool was an honorable mention all-MVFC selection after recording 64 receptions for 808 yards — totals that both rank in the Jackrabbit top 10s for a single season.

Davis coached one of the top receiving tandems in the nation in 2011 as Dale Moss and Aaron Rollin each recorded 61 receptions and tallied more than 900 receiving yards apiece. Moss, who signed after the 2011 season with the Green Bay Packers, earned a spot on the all-Missouri Valley Football Conference Second Team, as well as being recognized on the MVFC All-Newcomer Team in his only year of collegiate football after four years of playing basketball. Rollin, meanwhile, was honored as an honorable mention all-MVFC selection.

Five players Davis has coached rank in the Jackrabbit career top 10 for receptions. Rollin (140) and Kool (138) finished their careers during the 2012 playoff season ranked fifth and sixth, respectively, in career receptions by a Jackrabbit. JaRon Harris and Fox rank third with 152 receptions, while Brandon Hubert joined the top 10 during the 2013 playoff season, finishing eighth with 136 catches.

Also during the 2013 season, Davis mentored first-team all-MVFC honoree Jason Schneider, who set an SDSU single-season record with 78 receptions. Schneider also became the first Jackrabbit to top the 1,000-yard mark in a season at the Division I level and was the first to reach the milestone since Davis 10 years earlier.

A native of Omaha, Neb., Davis previously served as a graduate assistant on John Stiegelmeier’s coaching staff during the 2007 season and also served as a student intern in 2006 while completing his bachelor’s degree in health, physical education and recreation. He further gained coaching experience at the collegiate level by tutoring the wide receivers at Council Bluffs-based Iowa Western Community College in the spring of 2009.

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Davis was a first-team all-North Central Conference selection in 2003 and was a second-team all-Great West Football Conference honoree in 2005, the Jackrabbits’ second season competing in the FCS ranks. Prior to the start of the 2011 season, Davis was named to the Coughlin-Alumni Stadium All-Time Team.

In addition to his coaching duties, Davis serves as the team’s pro liaison and organizes the team’s annual pro day.
Jesse Currier has filled many roles within the Jackrabbit football program, and will continue to work with the team’s defensive tackles during the 2014 season. He also is in his second season as the program’s recruiting coordinator.

Currier has worked on both sides of the ball as a member of the SDSU coaching staff. As a graduate assistant, he helped mentor the Jackrabbit running backs and tight ends in 2008, working with 1,000-yard rusher and second-team all-Missouri Valley Conference selection Kyle Minett and honorable mention all-MVFC tight end Colin Cochard.

In 2009, Currier moved to a graduate assistant role on defense, where he worked with co-defensive coordinator Clint Brown with the defensive line. As a unit, SDSU defensive linemen combined to record 42 tackles for loss and 24 sacks in 12 games to spearhead a run to the Football Championship Subdivision playoffs for the first time in program history.

Currier had the opportunity to help mentor All-America defensive end Danny Batten, who was honored as Co-Missouri Valley Football Conference Defensive Player of the Year in 2009 and was selected in the sixth round of the 2010 NFL Draft by the Buffalo Bills. Batten finished third in the voting for the 2009 Buck Buchanan Award, which honors the top defensive player in the FCS ranks.

In 2010, Currier continued his work with the Jackrabbit defensive line. As a unit, the SDSU front four accounted for 23 tackles for loss and 11.5 sacks. Defensive end Zacharia Bowers was honored as a member of the MVFC All-Newcomer Team.

During the 2011 season, Currier aided in the development of interior lineman Andy Mink, who led the team with 8.5 tackles for loss and six sacks, while ranking second on the squad in total tackles with 75. Mink again ranked among the team leaders in tackles for loss in 2012, earning honorable mention all-MVFC honors.

The interior of the Jackrabbit defensive line played a key role in SDSU returning to the FCS playoffs in 2013. Defensive tackle Chase Douglas led the squad with nine sacks and 12.5 tackles for loss in earning second-team all-MVFC honors, while true freshman nose tackle Cole Langer earned a spot on the MVFC All-Newcomer Team.

A native of Iroquois, S.D., Currier served as an assistant coach at the high school level for five seasons before joining the Jackrabbit coaching staff. His squad at Iroquois High School won the state Class 9B championship in 2006.

Currier graduated from SDSU in the spring of 2008 with a bachelor’s degree in history education. He furthered his education by pursuing a master’s degree in education administration.

He and his wife, Chelsea, are the parents of a 1-year-old daughter, Gracie, and are expecting their second child near the start of the 2014 season.

The Currier Family: Chelsea, Gracie and Jesse.
John Flynn is in his third season as the Jackrabbits’ offensive line coach after joining the South Dakota State University football staff in February 2012.

Flynn made an immediate impact during the 2012 season as the Jackrabbits more than doubled their average rushing total from the previous year, increasing from 83.5 yards per game in 2011 to 177.2 en route to their first of two consecutive berths in the Football Championship Subdivision playoffs.

Two of Flynn’s players, tackle Bryan Witzmann (first team) and Will Castle (second team) were all-Missouri Valley Football Conference honorees in 2012. Witzmann went on to receive first-team All-America honors from the Sports Network and second-team recognition from The Associated Press. Witzmann repeated both as an all-conference and All-America performer in 2013, and later earned an invitation to play in the College All Star Bowl.

As an offensive unit in 2013, the Jackrabbits posted averages of 28.9 points and 384.6 yards per game — their highest season outputs since 2008.

Flynn arrived at SDSU after five seasons at his alma mater, Oklahoma, where he served first as a graduate assistant and later as offensive quality control assistant.

During his time as a member of Bob Stoops’ coaching staff, Flynn served in a variety of roles, including assistant offensive line coach for Sooner teams that played in five bowl games, highlighted by an appearance the 2009 BCS National Championship. Flynn also assisted in coaching the team’s running backs, tight ends and special teams units during his tenure at Oklahoma.

Three of the offensive linemen he coached — Trent Williams, Phil Loadholt and Duke Robinson — earned All-America recognition and later were selected in the National Football League Draft.

Prior to coaching, Flynn served as a coordinator for athletic academic services at Oklahoma, where he helped monitor the academic progress of more than 600 student-athletes.

As a player, Flynn lettered two times as an offensive lineman for Sooner teams that won Big 12 Conference titles in 2002 and 2004 and played in back-to-back BCS National Championship games.

He and his wife, Jennifer, are the parents of an 1-year-old son, Jackson.
Daniel Jackson was elevated to cornerbacks coach after serving as a defensive and recruiting assistant for the Jackrabbit football program the previous two seasons.

During the Jackrabbits’ playoff season in 2012, Jackson helped mentor a secondary that allowed only nine passing touchdowns, while intercepting 13 passes. As a squad, the Jackrabbit defense ranked fourth among Football Championship Subdivision programs for pass efficiency defense at 100.33. SDSU also ranked fifth in scoring defense (16.38 points per game) and eighth in total defense (305.3 yards per game).

SDSU made a return trip to the FCS playoffs in 2013 behind a potent offense and opportunistic defense. The Jackrabbits ranked second nationally with 22 interceptions, including a team-high four pickoffs from cornerbacks Winston Wright and Je Ryan Butler. Wright went on to earn third-team All-America honors from the Sports Network. SDSU also ranked fifth nationally with 33 turnovers forced and a plus-1.1 turnover margin per game.

In addition, the Jackrabbits were the eighth-least penalized team in the country, averaging only 4.36 miscues per game.

Jackson previously was associated with South Dakota State football as a player from 2003-05. The Omaha native was recruited as a linebacker following an all-state career at Omaha Burke High School and played briefly with the Jackrabbits in 2004, recording a pair of tackles. He returned to Omaha to complete a degree at the University of Nebraska-Omaha.

Jackson’s previous coaching experience included serving as offensive coordinator at Omaha Burke High School. He recently completed a master’s degree in education administration at South Dakota State.
Nic McKissic-Luke joined the South Dakota State University football coaching staff in March 2013 and will again coach the team’s running backs.

“Coach McKissic-Luke will be a tremendous addition to our coaching staff,” Jackrabbit head coach John Stiegelmeier said in announcing the hire. “He brings great energy to our program and has had some unique playing and coaching experiences. He also has developed good recruiting connections in Alabama, Georgia and Florida.”

During the 2013 season, McKissic-Luke mentored All-American and Walter Payton Award finalist Zach Zenner to his second consecutive 2,000-yard season. Zenner totaled 2,015 yards and ranked third among Football Championship Subdivision running backs with an average of 143.9 yards per game. Zenner also scored 25 touchdowns — 23 rushing and two receiving — to rank sixth in the country in scoring with an average of 10.7 points per game.

McKissic-Luke previously spent the five seasons as running backs and slot receivers coach at Benedict College, an NCAA Division II program in Columbia, S.C. During his tenure, the Tigers led the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference in rushing in 2009 and 2010, with the 2009 squad ranking seventh in Division II with an average of 230 yards per game.

In addition, McKissic-Luke worked two summers (2011, 2012) with the Arizona Cardinals of the National Football League through the Bill Walsh Minority Coaching Internship.

As a player, McKissic-Luke began his career at the University of Alabama before transferring to Alabama A&M University. In three seasons (2004-06) at Alabama A&M, he went on to finish second in career rushing yards with more than 2,000, and helped lead the Bulldogs to the Southwestern Athletic Conference title his senior year.

His family includes his fiancée, Tanisha; daughter, Nyla (7); son, Nicholas (5), and nephew, Nate (15).
Jimmy Rogers, a former standout defensive player for South Dakota State, returned to his alma mater in June 2013 to coach the Jackrabbit linebackers.

“It is a treat to hire back a guy who played, led and made a difference in our program,” head coach John Stiegelmeier said in announcing the hire. “Jimmy Rogers is a coach who will get everything out of each and every one of our linebackers.”

In 2013, Rogers directed a linebacking corps whose three regular starters — R.C. Kilgore, T.J. Lally and Charles Elmore — combined for 290 tackles. Kilgore led the team with 134 tackles and also led the nation with five fumble recoveries en route to first-team all-Missouri Valley Football Conference recognition.

A native of Hamilton, Ariz., Rogers previously served as a graduate assistant at Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton, Fla. He spent the fall of 2012 as an offensive graduate assistant, working with the offensive line. In the spring of 2013 he transitioned to the defensive side of the ball as he worked with the team’s linebackers.

Immediately after his collegiate playing career ended, Rogers spent two seasons as a graduate assistant at South Dakota State, working with the Jackrabbit defensive backs in 2010 and linebackers in 2011. He also assisted with the special teams units both seasons.

As a player, Rogers lettered for the Jackrabbits from 2006-09 and was a two-time all-conference selection. He led both the team and the Great West Football Conference with 110 tackles in 2007 as South Dakota State claimed the league title and Rogers was a first-team all-GWFC selection. He again led the squad in tackles in 2008 with 93 en route to earning second-team all-Missouri Valley Football Conference honors.

He was a captain on the Jackrabbits’ first FCS playoff team in 2009, recording 66 tackles his senior season to finish his four-year career with 312 stops in 46 games. He also intercepted three passes and forced three fumbles in a Jackrabbit uniform.
Luke Schleusner (last name is pronounced SHLICE-ner) is the newest addition to the South Dakota State University football coaching staff and will serve as tight ends coach after being hired on Feb. 24, 2014.

Schleusner has coached at the collegiate level for 12 seasons, most recently serving as offensive coordinator and wide receivers coach at the University of North Dakota during the 2013 season. A UND alumnus, Schleusner returned to Grand Forks in 2011, serving as tight ends and fullbacks coach for a squad that claimed a share of the Great West Football Conference title. He was elevated to passing game coordinator and wide receivers coach in 2012, directing a unit that set school records for passing yards and passing touchdowns.

Prior to UND, Schleusner coached six seasons at Minnesota State University, Mankato. He filled the roles of special teams coordinator and recruiting coordinator from 2005-08, serving a key role in the Mavericks’ turnaround. He added wide receivers coach and passing game duties his final two seasons at MSU, helping guide the Mavericks to the 2009 Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference South Division title and a berth in the NCAA Division II playoffs.

Schleusner began his collegiate coaching career in the fall of 2002 at Western Illinois, where he earned a master’s degree in sport management. He coached the Fighting Leathernecks’ tight ends for two seasons, before adding the title of special teams coordinator in 2004. Western claimed the Gateway Conference (now Missouri Valley Football Conference) title in 2002 and made playoff appearances in both 2002 and 2003.

As a player, Schleusner was an all-North Central Conference selection in 2001 as a wide receiver in helping lead UND to the NCAA Division II national title. A native of Menomonie, Wisconsin, he also was a two-time academic all-NCC selection while majoring in sociology.

His family includes his fiancée, Jenilee, and son, Dylan.
KADERO WATSON

• Football Operations Coordinator

Kadero Watson is a new addition to the Jackrabbit football staff, joining the program as the coordinator of football operations in July 2014.

Among his many duties, Watson will organize team travel and serve as the team liaison to campus admissions, orientation and housing. He also will assist in directing team community service activities and scheduling for the Dykhouse Student-Athlete Center, along with working with the Difference Makers booster club and coordinating other special events, including the team’s annual banquet.

Watson served the last two years as assistant director of event management and operations at the University of Oklahoma, where he was lead event manager for a number of sports and assisted in carrying out conference tournaments, NCAA postseason events and other special events.

He previously worked in football operations at three universities, starting as an undergraduate student assistant at Bucknell (Pa.). A two-year starter at running back, he earned a bachelor of science degree in business administration at Bucknell in 2009.

Watson moved on to a graduate assistant position at Oklahoma, where he also served as program coordinator for the Athletic Diversity Council Graduate Program. He also spent part of the 2011 season as a volunteer football operations assistant at Richmond (Va.) and a scheduling specialist for Chesterfield County (Va.) Parks and Recreation before returning to Oklahoma.

He completed a master’s of education degree in adult and higher education at Oklahoma in May 2011.
JIM PAWELEC

• Defensive Quality Control

Jim Pawelec is in his third season as a member of the South Dakota State football program, serving on a staff that was a part of back-to-back Football Championship Subdivision playoff berths his first two seasons.

Pawelec served as the Jackrabbits’ video coordinator during the 2012 campaign and begins his second season as defensive quality control. His duties include film breakdown and organization of the scout team defense.

A native of Big Bend, Wis., Pawelec has been a part of the college football scene in South Dakota since 2005. He played as an offensive lineman at Augustana College in Sioux Falls, earning a bachelor’s degree in sports management in 2010. He then moved on to Dakota Wesleyan University in Mitchell, where he served as defensive line coach while completing a master’s degree in educational policy and administration in 2012.

Pawelec also worked as a coaching intern and head equipment manager for the Sioux Falls Storm of the Indoor Football League during the 2008 and 2009 campaigns.

VINCE BENEDETTO

• Offensive Quality Control

Vince Benedetto moves from the playing field to the sidelines during the 2014 season after wrapping up a successful playing career with the Jackrabbits.

A native of Crystal Lake, Illinois, Benedetto lettered four times (2010-13) as a tight end/H-back. His career receiving totals included 24 receptions for 182 yards and a pair of touchdowns. Primarily used as a blocker, Benedetto earned second-team all-Missouri Valley Football Conference honors as a fullback during his senior season in 2013, helping clear the way for 2,000-yard rusher and Walter Payton Award finalist Zach Zenner.

Benedetto earned a bachelor’s degree in history from South Dakota State in the spring of 2014, and is furthering his education by pursuing a master’s degree in sport, recreation and park management.
ALEX FOSTER

Video Coordinator

Alex Foster is in his first season working with Jackrabbit football, filling the role of video coordinator during the 2014 campaign. His duties include organizing the filming of all practices and games, producing team highlight videos, breaking down opponents’ game film and coordinating film exchange.

A native of nearby Estelline, South Dakota, Foster played collegiately for one season at Augsburg College in Minneapolis, before turning to coaching. He coached the 2010 and 2011 seasons at Macalester College in St. Paul, Minnesota, working with the team’s inside linebackers, cornerbacks and wide receivers, as well as serving as video coordinator, during his two-year stint.

He moved back to his home state in the spring of 2012, serving two seasons as the defensive line coach and video coordinator at Dakota Wesleyan University in Mitchell. He also assisted with the special teams units and worked one spring with the team’s wide receivers.

Foster earned a bachelor of arts degrees in exercise science and business administration/economics from Augsburg in 2011. He added a master’s degree in educational policy and administration from DWU in 2013.

JORDAN HUNT

Football Equipment

Jordan Hunt is in his second season as the equipment manager for the South Dakota State University football team. He is in charge of equipment, ordering, inventory and distribution for the football program, as well as assisting in the scheduling of the Dykhouse Student-Athlete Center.

A native of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, Hunt previously worked as a student equipment manager at the University of Alabama from 2008-11. During his time at Alabama, the Crimson Tide football team claimed a pair of national championships.

Hunt graduated in 2012 with a bachelor’s degree in education. He and his wife, Jana, live in Brookings.

T.J. CARLSON

Team Chaplain

T.J. Carlson continues his association with Jackrabbit Athletics by again serving as team chaplain. Carlson also serves as the sports chaplain for the Brookings Area Fellowship of Christian Athletes, a position he has held since January 2011.

An ordained minister, Carlson previously served on the pastoral staff at Morningside Community Church in Brookings. He attended South Dakota State for two years and worked as a student coach for the Jackrabbit football team before transferring to Warner Southern College (Fla.) and beginning his career in the ministry.

He and his wife, Kristy, are the parents of two children: Noah and Sidney.
NATHAN MOE
• Assistant Athletic Director —
Strength and Conditioning

Nathan Moe has directed the strength and conditioning program at South Dakota State University since August 2005.

In the spring of 2012, Moe was honored as a Master Strength and Conditioning Coach by the Collegiate Strength and Conditioning Coaches Association during its annual conference in Orlando, Fla. He was one of 15 strength and conditioning coaches to be honored at a ceremony and is one of about 125 coaches nationally to receive the certification, which requires a minimum of 12 years experience as a full-time strength and conditioning coach on the collegiate or professional level.

Moe joined the Jackrabbit coaching staff after heading the strength and conditioning program at Eastern Illinois University for three years. Previously, he was the assistant coach for strength and conditioning at Rice University in Houston, Texas, where he worked with the football strength program, while being directly responsible for men’s and women’s track, men’s and women’s tennis, women’s swimming, women’s soccer and men’s golf.

At SDSU, Moe has implemented the Iron Jacks program, which recognizes Jackrabbit student-athletes from all 21 varsity sports who achieve a set of high standards for specific exercises in their respective sports.

From 1997 through spring of 1999, Moe was a graduate assistant in the strength and conditioning program at the University of Texas. He has also worked in private business in the physical fitness profession in both Austin, Texas, and Fargo, N.D.

A Certified Strength and Conditioning Specialist, Moe is a member of the National Strength and Conditioning Association, USA Weightlifting and the Collegiate Strength and Conditioning Coaches Association.

Moe is a 1997 graduate of Moorhead State University (Minn.), where he was an all-conference linebacker for the 1995 Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference champions. He and his wife, Colleen, are the parents of a son, Zachary (11), and a daughter, Kylie, who will turn 9 this fall.
South Dakota State University Strength and Conditioning strives to enhance the athletic development of more than 400 student-athletes, working to accomplish this goal through the integration of performance variables that meet the demands of each individual sport. Performance variables include mobility, strength, flexibility, power, linear and lateral speed; as well as developing the necessary energy systems to compete at the highest level. Through the enhancement of these performance variables the goal is to decrease the incident of injury and ensure the durability of Jackrabbit student-athletes.

The SDSU Strength and Conditioning staff accomplishes these goals through the use of the new Sanford-Jackrabbit Athletic Complex and the Stanley J. Marshall HPER Center Student-Athlete Weight Room. Both of these facilities include a variety of training equipment ranging from Olympic lifting platforms and power racks to stability balls and cable machines. The convenience that the two student-athlete weight rooms provide ensures all 21 varsity sports can be accommodated. In addition, the two student-athlete weight rooms, allow the staff to provide the best training environment for each individual sport and athlete.

**IRON JACKS**

During the 2013-14 academic year, five Jackrabbit football players earned the distinction of Iron Jacks for their commitment and efforts in strength and conditioning. Players honored included:

- Reggie Gandy
- Jacob Ohnesorge
- Kim Kloeck
- Ryan Ode
- Zach Zenner

The Jackrabbit football team moved into a new weight room during the summer of 2014. The new facility is part of the Sanford-Jackrabbit Athletic Complex, which is scheduled to fully open this fall. The previous weight room located in the Dykhouse Student-Athlete Center will be renovated into a sports medicine area.

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DAVID RULE
• Athletic Trainer

David Rule is in his fourth season as a member of the athletic training staff at South Dakota State University. In addition to his work with the Jackrabbit football team, Rule oversee sports medicine operations in the Dykhouse Student-Athlete Center.

Rule has worked with football teams both at the collegiate and professional level for the past eight years. While an undergraduate student at Purdue University, Rule worked with the Boilermaker football program as a senior, assisting in day-to-day operations in the training room and on the practice field and aiding in in-season and off-season rehabilitation programs.

Prior to arriving at South Dakota State, Rule served a year-long internship with the Baltimore Ravens, with whom he constructed and implemented rehabilitation programs for injured athletes, maintained athletes’ medical records and assisted in the daily operations of the training room. He also completed a year-long internship with the Green Bay Packers from May 2008 to May 2009 and spent the summers of 2005 and 2006 as a summer intern with the Buffalo Bills.

A 2007 graduate of Purdue, Rule later enrolled in graduate school at West Virginia University. As a member of the Mountaineers’ training staff, Rule assisted with physician consultations and also served as an Approved Clinical Instructor to undergraduate students in the Athletic Training Education Program.
David L. Chicoine, Ph.D., has served as the 19th president of South Dakota State University since Jan. 1, 2007, when he became the third alumnus to lead the state’s largest institution of higher education. President Chicoine, who graduated in 1969 with a bachelor of science degree in agribusiness, also holds an appointment as professor in the Department of Economics.

President Chicoine has a long association with intercollegiate athletics, and is currently serving a four-year term on the NCAA Presidential Advisory Group. Chicoine also chaired the President’s Council for The Summit League — SDSU’s conference home for 18 of its 21 varsity sports — during the 2011-12 academic year. Previously, he served as the faculty representative to the Big Ten Conference and the National Collegiate Athletics Association (NCAA) for the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He served as chair of the Budget and Finance Committee for the Big Ten Conference for nine years of his 11-year term.

In the spring of 2013, Chicoine and his executive team rolled out IMPACT 2018: A Strategic Vision for South Dakota State University. The five-year plan features four main goals: academic excellence, research and innovation, outreach and becoming a high-performing University.

During his tenure, enrollment has reached record levels of undergraduate students and Ph.D. candidates. Correspondingly, the amount of research grants and contract awards has jumped nearly 90 percent during that time.

To support the strategic plan, the SDSU Foundation in 2008 launched an aggressive comprehensive fund-raising effort — “It Starts with State: A Campaign for South Dakota State University.” The capital campaign began with a goal of $200 million, but far exceeded that to a total of more than $255 million with contributions from more than 23,000 donors.

The most visible support for the campaign can be seen in several construction and renovation projects funded primarily by generous donors, all part of the largest campus building boom since the 1960s. The majority of the facilities enhance the university’s research capabilities and allow for new discoveries that drive technology-based economic development in South Dakota.

In January 2014, Chicoine was presented with the 2013-14 Chief Executive Leadership Award by the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) District VI. The award recognizes the leadership of a higher education chief executive officer who demonstrates the ability to create a vision and inspire others.

Building a better academic model has also been part of President Chicoine’s agenda. In the fall of 2010, SDSU launched the state’s first architecture program through its College of Arts and Sciences.

The Chicoine administration also developed the new College of Education and Human Sciences in 2009, a merger of the former College of Education and Counseling, College of Family and Consumer Sciences and the Department of Health and Physical Education. It represented the first significant academic restructuring in more than 40 years.

Dr. Chicoine brought more than 30 years of experience in higher education with the University of Illinois to his role as president of SDSU. A nationally recognized economist, specializing in public finance, taxation, and rural economics, Chicoine served as an advisor to the Illinois General Assembly. His higher education administrative experience includes service as Head of the Department of Agricultural Economics and Dean of the College of Agriculture, Consumer and Environmental Sciences, at the University of Illinois.

The co-author of four books and author of more than 100 invited and/or peer reviewed academic journal articles, Chicoine also served as a member of the Illinois Governor’s Council of Economic Advisors, and was a member of the board of the Illinois State Treasurer’s Technology Development Fund.

Chicoine received an M.S. in agricultural economics from the University of Delaware in 1971, and completed an M.A. in economics at Western Illinois University. In 1979, he completed his Ph.D. in agricultural economics at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

The president and his wife, Marcia, live in Woodbine Cottage on the SDSU campus. Their family includes son, Joshua, a Chicago-based musician; daughter-in-law Laura Ellsworth; granddaughter Sylvie; grandson Watson, and their late son, Jason.
Justin Sell has moved Jackrabbit Athletics forward in a number of areas of its Division I pursuits since being introduced as the 12th director of athletics at South Dakota State University on May 7, 2009.

At South Dakota State, Sell oversees the Jackrabbits’ 21-sport Division I varsity athletics program. Under his leadership, Jackrabbit Athletics has continually made strides in athletic competition, in the classroom, in fundraising and in reconnecting with alumni.

Athletically, the Jackrabbits have claimed 18 regular and postseason league championships in six different sports since 2009-10. That broad-based success has led SDSU to claim The Summit League Commissioner’s Cup all-sports trophy three times (2010-11, 2012-13, 2013-14), along with winning both the Summit League’s Dr. William Steinbrecher Men’s All-Sports Award and Dr. Helen Smiley Women’s All-Sports Award during the 2013-14 season. SDSU also claimed the Steinbrecher award during the 2012-13 season and was the recipient of the league’s Sportsmanship Award, an award voted upon by its peers, during the 2010-11 campaign.

In the classroom, Jackrabbit student-athletes continually post a grade-point average of 3.2 or higher in more than 70 different majors, which led SDSU to winning The Summit League’s Institutional Academic Achievement Award for the 2009-10 and 2012-13 academic years, and the Missouri Valley Football Conference Academic Award in all five years in the league (2008-12).

In January of 2011, Sell announced a partnership with Learfield Sports, signing a 10-year deal worth $13 million for SDSU athletics. Learfield Sports quickly established a Brookings-based entity known as “Jackrabbit Sports Properties” that directs all aspects of the partnership, including managing and selling multimedia and sponsorship rights for South Dakota State Athletics.

In addition to the deal with Learfield Sports, Sell directed the implementation of the Letterwinners Club, which provides opportunities for Jackrabbit Athletics to reconnect and stay connected with former student-athletes, while supporting current student-athletes at South Dakota State.

Sell also has implemented other aggressive marketing and fundraising initiatives which have resulted in record average attendance for football during the 2009 season, as well as the highest number of donors and dollars donated to the Jackrabbit Club. Ticket sales totaled more than $1 million for the first time during the 2011-12 academic year, and was surpassed again during the 2012-13 and 2013-14 seasons. In addition, the Jackrabbit Athletic Scholarship Auction raised a record $510,000 in April 2014.

On the facilities front, Sell oversaw the completion of the Dykhouse Student-Athlete Center in 2010, and developed the 2025 SDSU Athletic Facilities Master Plan. Additionally, Sell spearheaded efforts to add permanent seating and a press box at Erv Huether Field, chairback seating in both Frost Arena and Coughlin-Alumni Stadium, and continues working towards the building of an indoor practice and competition facility, as well as a new football stadium. Construction of the indoor facility — the Sanford-Jackrabbit Athletic Complex — began in August 2013, with completion slated for this fall. Lead gifts totaling $12.5 million toward the construction of a new football stadium with seating up to 20,000 were received in October 2013. The project will begin this fall, with completion set for summer of 2016.

Born in Salem, Ore., and raised in Columbus, Ohio, Sell came to South Dakota State from the University of Northern Iowa, where he worked in various roles, both at the university and in the community for 10 years. He also worked at Villanova University, Syracuse University, Ohio State University and Bowling Green State University.

Sell gained further experience working in the private sector for various sports teams and events.

In the Brookings community, where Sell lives with his wife, Jennie, and their four children: Abbie, Zach, Josh and Eric, he serves as vice president of the Brookings Chamber of Commerce, vice president for the Brookings Friends of Baseball and is a member of the Brookings Health System Board of Trustees.

Sell earned his bachelor’s degree in sport management from Bowling Green State University (Ohio) in 1991 and completed a master’s degree in physical education/sport administration at The Ohio State University in 1992.
SCOTT BROWN

**Senior Associate Athletic Director — Athletic Development**
**Football Supervisor**

Scott Brown joined the Jackrabbit staff as the senior associate athletic director for development March 3, 2014. He manages all fundraising operations for the South Dakota State athletics department and serves as the sport administrator for the Jackrabbit football and baseball programs.

Brown brings a decade of experience working in intercollegiate athletics, most recently as the director of development for UCLA Athletics. During his time with the Bruins, he oversaw major gift fundraising efforts for a variety of programs, and directed the implementation of a sport-specific program endowment initiative and the creation of an athletics-specific planned giving program.

Before his time at UCLA, Brown held a variety of positions at the University of Iowa. He started as an intern in the ticket office before being named the director of premium seating and stadium club operations. He eventually became the associate director of development.

During his time in Iowa City, Brown managed the Hawkeyes’ annual fund and served as the liaison between the University of Iowa Foundation and athletic ticket office. He also held leadership roles on a variety of capital projects, including the $35 million Iowa Football Legacy Campaign and $20 million Carver Hawkeye Arena Campaign.

Originally from Storm Lake, Iowa, Brown earned bachelor’s degrees in sports administration and political science from Simpson College (Iowa) in 2003, and added a master’s degree in sport management from Western Illinois in 2005.

Brown lives in Brookings with his wife, Kristy, and their children, Kinley and Easton.

KATHY HEYLENS

**Senior Associate Athletic Director — Compliance/Senior Woman Administrator**

Kathy Heylens became South Dakota State’s first full-time compliance coordinator in 1990 and continues those duties as the senior associate athletic director for compliance and senior woman administrator.

At SDSU, Heylens manages all aspects of the athletics compliance program to ensure strict adherence with NCAA, affiliated conferences and University rules and regulations for amateurism, eligibility, recruiting, financial aid, awards and benefits, playing and practice seasons, and enforcement; and as SWA help to create an environment where staff and student-athletes can achieve their goals.

Heylens is currently serving a four-year term on the NCAA Division I Legislative Council, which is the primary legislative body in the Division I governance structure. She also was appointed to the four-member Legislative Council Administrative Committee, which acts on behalf of the full Legislative Council between meetings to transact routine items of business; and serves on the NCAA Division I Football Championship Subdivision Governance Committee.

In addition to her day-to-day duties, Heylens serves on the University’s Undergraduate Experience Committee, Diversity Committee, Intercollegiate Athletics Board and Compliance Team. She also volunteers in the community as co-chair of the Brookings Food Pantry and serves as a member of the Brookings Committee for People With Disabilities.

She and her husband, Bill, live in Volga and have two grown children. In her spare time, she enjoys reading, spending time at the lake and cheering on the Jacks.
**Quick Facts**

**Location:** Columbia, Missouri  
**Enrollment:** 34,658  
**Nickname:** Tigers  
**Colors:** Old Gold and Black  
**Home Stadium:** Farout Field/Memorial Stadium (FieldTurf-72,000)  
**Affiliation:** NCAA Division I Football  
**Subdivision:** Southeastern Conference  
**Athletic Director:** Michael F. Alden

**Team Information**

2013 Overall Record: 12-2  
2013 Conference Record: 7-1 (first place in Southeastern Conference East Division)  
**Head Coach:** Gary Pinkel  
**Alma Mater, Year:** Kent State (Ohio), 1975  
**Record/Years at School:** 102-63 (13)  
**Career Record/Years:** 175-100-3 (23)  
**Assistant Coaches:** Josh Henson (Offensive Coordinator/Secondary Line); Dave Steckel (Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers); Cornell Ford (Cornerbacks); Alex Grinch (Defensive Line); Bruce Walker (Quarterbacks); Brian Jones (Running Backs); Craig Kuligowski (Wide Receivers); Juston Wood (Quarterbacks)  
**Letterwinners Returning/Lost:** Kuligowski (Defensive Line); Bruce Walker (Quarterbacks); Brian Jones (Running Backs); Craig Kuligowski (Wide Receivers); Juston Wood (Quarterbacks); Olaitan Oguntodu (Cornerbacks); Aristotle Thompson (Running Backs); Juston Wood (Quarterbacks)  
**Record/Years at School:** 32-25 (5)  
**Career Record/Years:** 149-107 (23)  
**Assistant Coaches:** Josh Brown (Def. Coordinator/Linebackers); Saga Tuttle (Offensive Coordinator/Linebackers)  
**Record/Years at School:** 32 (5 Offense, 7 Defense, 2 Special Teams)  
**Letterwinners Returning/Lost:** 39/23  
**Starters Returning:** 12 (5 Offense, 5 Defense, 2 Special Teams)  
**Top Returning Players:**  
- Andrew Baggett (6-1, 215, Jr., DB, 89 tackles, 3 INT)  
- Evan Boehm (6-3, 260, Sr., DL, 55 tackles, 13 TFL)  
- Matt Hoch (6-5, 205, Sr., DB, 41 tackles, 3 sacks);  
- Marcus Murphy (5-9, 195, Sr., RB, 601 yds., 9 TD)  
- Braylon Webb (6-0, 205, Sr., FS, 89 tackles, 3 INT)  
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## Missouri

**Missouri**

Aug. 30 at Columbia, Missouri  
Kickoff: 2:30 p.m.; TV: ESPNU

## CAL Poly

**CAL Poly**

Sept. 6 at Coughlin-Alumni Stadium  
Kickoff: 6 p.m.
SOUTHERN UTAH
Sept. 13 at Cedar City, Utah
Kickoff: 6 p.m. MT

Quick Facts
Location: Cedar City, Utah
Enrollment: 8,066
Nickname: Thunderbirds
Colors: Scarlet and White
Home Stadium: Eccles Coliseum (artificial turf - 8,500)
Affiliation: NCAA Division I Football

Team Information
2013 Overall Record: 8-5
2012 Conference Record: 5-3 (tied for fourth place in Big Sky Conference)
2013 Postseason: Lost in FCS First Round at Sam Houston State (Texas), 20-51

Head Coach: Ed Lamb
Alma Mater, Year: Brigham Young, 1996

Record/Year at School: 34-34 (6)
Career Record/Years at School: 34-34 (6)

Assistant Coaches: Gary Crowton (Associate Head Coach/Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks); Demario Warren (Defensive Coordinator/Secondary); Ryan Hunt (Assistant Head Coach/Defensive Line); Aaron Fernandez (Special Team Coordinator/Tight Ends); Justin Walterscheid (Assistant Off. Coordinator/ Receivers); Ken Miller (Offensive Line); Sam Lutui (Running Backs); Rob Takeno (Linebackers); Teag Whiting (Assistant Offensive Line)

Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 51/52

Starters Returning: 16 (8 Offense, 7 Defense, 1 Special Teams)

Top Returning Players:
- Aaron Cantu (6-2, 215, Sr., CB, 81 tackles, 4 INT)
- Zach Fassett (5-10, 175, Sr., DB, 90 tackles, 4 INT, 2 sacks)
- Zach Kasuboski (6-1, 205, Sr., LB, 80 tackles, 19 TFL, 9 sacks)
- Easton Pedersen (6-3, 219, Jr., WR, 31 rec., 432 yds., 1 TD)
- Cody Huemmer (6-0, 220, Jr., DE, 78 tackles, 14.5 TFL, 9 sacks)

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Schedule/Results
2013 Results
Aug. 29 South Alabama W, 22-21
Sept. 7 Fort Lewis (Colo.) W, 49-0
Sept. 14 at Washington State L, 10-48
Sept. 21 at Sacramento State W, 24-21
Sept. 28 at Northern Colorado W, 27-21
Oct. 5 UC Davis L, 3-21
Oct. 12 Portland State (Ore.) W, 17-7
Oct. 19 at Eastern Washington L, 10-34
Oct. 26 Idaho State W, 19-9
Nov. 9 at Weber State (Utah) W, 27-21
Nov. 16 at Montana State W, 22-14
Nov. 23 Northern Arizona L, 20-20
Nov. 30 *at Sam Houston St. L, 20-51

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Sept. 13 South Dakota State 6:05 p.m.
Sept. 20 at Fresno State 7 p.m.
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Oct. 4 at Cal Poly 6 p.m.
Oct. 11 Eastern Washington 1:05 p.m.
Oct. 18 at Idaho State 2 p.m.
Oct. 25 North Dakota 1:05 p.m.
Nov. 8 at Sacramento State 2 p.m.
Nov. 15 Montana 1:05 p.m.
Nov. 22 at Northern Arizona 2 p.m.

Note: All times local to site

* FCS playoff game

WISCONSIN-OSHKOSH
Sept. 20 at Coughlin-Alumni Stadium
Kickoff: 6 p.m. [Beef Bowl]

Quick Facts
Location: Oshkosh, Wis.
Enrollment: 13,800
Nickname: Titans
Colors: Black, Gold and White
Home Stadium: J.J. Keller Field at Titan Stadium (synthetic turf - 9,800)
Affiliation: NCAA Division III/Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference

Team Information
2013 Overall Record: 8-2
2013 Conference Record: 5-2 (third place in WIAC)

Head Coach: Pat Cerroni
Alma Mater, Year: Carroll (Mont.), 1992

Record/Year at School: 47-26 (7)
Career Record/Years: 47-26 (7)

Assistant Coaches: Craig Smith (Pass Game Coordinator); Craig Stenbrotten (Linebackers); Luke Venne (Run Game Coordinator)

Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 51/20
Starters Returning: 11 (3 Offense, 6 Defense, 2 Special Teams)

Top Returning Players:
- Reese Dziedzic (6-0, 225, Sr., LB, 75 tackles, 6.5 TFL, 2 sacks, 2 INT)
- Anthony Fassett (5-8, 175, Sr., DB, 22 tackles, 1 INT)
- Cody Huemmer (6-0, 225, Sr., DE, 44 tackles, 14.5 TFL, 9 sacks)
- Zach Kasuboski (6-1, 205, Sr., WR, 31 rec., 402 yds., 6 TD)
- Nate Ray (6-1, 180, Sr., K/P, 5-10 FG, 41-44 PAT, 56 pts., 39.9 punt avg.)
- Alex Smith (6-0, 250, Sr., NT, 24 tackles, 8.5 TFL, 3.5 sacks)
- Joe Sommers (6-3, 240, Jr., TE)
- Beau Steffens (6-1, 215, Sr., LB, 53 tackles, 6.5 TFL, 4 INT)
- Sam Versnik (6-5, 300, Jr., OL)

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Schedule/Results
2013 Results
Sept. 7 at Central (Iowa) W, 24-20
Sept. 13 at Marian (Ind.) W, 34-13
Sept. 28 at Alma (Mich.) W, 56-3
Oct. 5 UW-La Crosse W, 28-26
Oct. 12 UW-Stout L, 14-17
Oct. 19 at UW-River Falls W, 41-13
Oct. 26 UW-Whitewater L, 17-14
Nov. 2 UW-Stevens Point W, 35-20
Nov. 9 at UW-Eau Claire W, 42-14
Nov. 16 UW-Platteville L, 16-17

2014 Schedule
Sept. 6 Robert Morris (Ill.) W, 6 p.m.
Sept. 13 Marian (Ind.) 1 p.m.
Sept. 20 at South Dakota State 6 p.m.
Oct. 4 UW-Stout 2 p.m.
Oct. 11 at UW-La Crosse 2 p.m.
Oct. 18 UW-River Falls 1:30 p.m.
Oct. 25 at UW-Whitewater 1 p.m.
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Nov. 8 UW-Eau Claire 2 p.m.
Nov. 15 at UW-Platteville 2 p.m.

Note: All times local to site
ILLINOIS STATE
Oct. 4 at Normal, Illinois
Kickoff: 2 p.m.

Quick Facts
Location: Normal, Ill.
Enrollment: 19,924
Nickname: Redbirds
Colors: Red and White
Home Stadium: Hancock Stadium (FieldTurf - 13,391)
Affiliation: NCAA Division I Football Championship Subdivision/Missouri Valley Football Conference
Athletic Director: Larry Lyons

Team Information
2013 Overall Record: 5-6
2013 Conference Record: 4-4 (sixth place in Missouri Valley Football Conference)
Head Coach: Brock Spack
Alma Mater, Year: Purdue (Ind.), 1983
Career Record/years at school: 33-24 (5)
Assistant Coaches: Spence Nowinski (Defensive Coordinator/Defensive Line); Kurt Beathard (Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks); Dominic Anderson (Defensive Assistant); Dan Clark (Offensive Line); Lamar Conard (Running Backs); Cody Deti (Defensive Backs); Billy Dicken (Wide Receivers); Kane Kiernan (Offensive Assistant); Greg McLain (Tight Ends); Jake Schoonover (Linebackers/Special Teams)
Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 40/20
Starters Returning: 17 (8 Offense, 6 Defense, 3 Special Teams)
Top Returning Players:
- Tevin Allen (5-9, 175, Sr, DB, 30 tackles, 2 INT);
- Rocco Ammons (6-5, 325, Sr, OL);
- Nick Aussieker (5-11, 195, Sr, K, 9-11 FG, 35-35 PAT, 62 pts.);
- Mike Banks (5-7, 185, Sr, DB; 41 tackles, 2 INT, 9 PBU);
- Marshaun Coprich (5-9, 195, So, RB, 885 yds, 9 TD);
- Alex Donnelly (6-4, 225, Jr, LB, 74 tackles, 2 sacks);
- Dontae McCoy (6-0, 210, Jr, S, 63 tackles, 4 TFL);
- Pat Meehan (6-1, 230, Jr, LB, 82 tackles, 2 sacks);
- Mike Crutcher (6-2, 210, Jr, S, 24 tackles);
- Andrew Beisel (6-0, 220, So, OL, 71 TFL, 6 TFL);
- Caleb Schaffitzel (6-4, 265, Sr, DL, 26 tackles, 4 sacks);
- Blake Winkler (5-11, 190, So, QB, 1,637 yds., 12 TD)

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Schedule/Results
2013 Results
Aug. 29 at Ball State (Ind.) L, 28-51
Sept. 14 at Eastern Illinois L, 24-57
Sept. 21 Abilene Christian W, 31-17
Sept. 28 at Missouri State L, 10-37
Oct. 5 Western Illinois W, 35-21
Oct. 12 at Youngstown State L, 21-59
Oct. 19 Indiana State W, 55-14
Oct. 26 South Dakota W, 28-14
Nov. 2 Northern Iowa W, 13-3
Nov. 9 at North Dakota State L, 10-28
Nov. 16 at Southern Illinois L, 17-24

2014 Schedule
Sept. 6 Mississippi Valley St. 6:30 p.m.
Sept. 13 Eastern Illinois noon
Sept. 27 Austin Peay (Tenn.) 6:30 p.m.
Oct. 4 South Dakota State 2 p.m.
Oct. 11 at Indiana State 3 p.m.
Oct. 18 at Western Illinois 3 p.m.
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Nov. 8 Youngstown State 1 p.m.
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Nov. 22 Southern Illinois 1 p.m.
Note: All times local to site

MISSOURI STATE
Oct. 11 at Coughlin-Alumni Stadium
Kickoff: 6 p.m. (Hall of Fame); TV: Midco Sports Net

Quick Facts
Location: Springfield, Mo.
Enrollment: 23,831
Nickname: Bears
Colors: Maroon and White
Home Stadium: Plaster Field (Sport turf - 18,500)
Affiliation: NCAA Division I Football Championship Subdivision/Missouri Valley Football Conference
Athletic Director: Kyle Moats

Team Information
2013 Overall Record: 5-7
2013 Conference Record: 3-3 (tied for second place in Missouri Valley Football Conference)
Head Coach: Terry Allen
Alma Mater, Year: Northern Iowa, 1979
Career Record/years at school: 128-115 (21)
Assistant Coaches: D.J. Vokolek (Associate Head Coach/Defensive Coordinator); Rob Christophel (Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks); Ben Barkema (Tight Ends/Special Teams); Wayne Chambers (Outside Linebackers); Mike Chandler (Receivers); Sean Coughlin (Offensive Line); Gerald Davis (Running Backs); Taiwo Onatolu (Inside Linebackers); Kurt Beathard (Offensive Coordinator/Special Teams); Mike Banks (Defensive Coordinator/Defensive Line)
Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 36/22
Starters Returning: 14 (7 Offense, 5 Defense, 2 Special Teams)
Top Returning Players:
- Andrew Beisel (6-2, 238, Sr, ILB, 96 tackles, 1 INT);
- Robert Booker (6-3, 315, Jr, C);
- Julian Burton (5-10, 182, Sr, WR, 92 rec., 686 yds., 4 TD);
- Dylan Cole (6-0, 220, So, OL, 71 TFL, 6 TFL);
- Mike Crutcher (6-2, 210, Sr, S, 24 tackles);
- Kyle Moats (5-9, 195, Sr, QB, 1,637 yds., 12 TD)

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Schedule/Results
2013 Results
Aug. 28 at N’western State (La.) L, 17-23
Sept. 7 at Iowa L, 14-28
Sept. 14 at Murray State (Ky.) L, 38-41
Sept. 21 Central Arkansas L, 13-17
Sept. 28 Illinois State W, 37-10
Oct. 5 at South Dakota L, 14-17
Oct. 12 at North Dakota State L, 26-41
Oct. 19 South Dakota State W, 35-21
Oct. 26 at Western Illinois W, 49-7
Nov. 2 Indiana State W, 49-7
Nov. 9 at Southern Illinois W, 62-7
Nov. 16 Northern Iowa L, 10-17
Note: All times local to site

2014 Schedule
Aug. 28 at N’western State (La.) 6 p.m.
Sept. 7 at Iowa 6 p.m.
Sept. 14 at Murray State (Ky.) 6 p.m.
Sept. 21 Central Arkansas 6 p.m.
Sept. 28 Illinois State 6 p.m.
Oct. 5 at South Dakota 6 p.m.
Oct. 12 at North Dakota State 6 p.m.
Oct. 19 South Dakota State 6 p.m.
Oct. 26 at Western Illinois 6 p.m.
Nov. 2 at Southern Illinois 6 p.m.
Nov. 9 at Indiana State 6 p.m.
Nov. 16 Northern Iowa 6 p.m.
Nov. 22 at North Dakota State 6 p.m.
Note: All times local to site
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NORTH DAKOTA STATE

Nov. 1 at Fargo, N.D.
Kickoff: 2:30 p.m.; TV: North Dakota NBC Network/Midco

Quick Facts
Location: Fargo, N.D.
Enrollment: 14,629
Nickname: Bison
Colors: Yellow and Green
Home Stadium: Fargodome (AstroTurf - 18,700)
Affiliation: NCAA Division I Football Championship Subdivision/Missouri Valley Football Conference
Athletic Director: To be determined

Team Information
2013 Overall Record: 15-0
2013 Conference Record: 8-0 (first place in Missouri Valley Football Conference)
2013 Postseason: Won FCS national title
Head Coach: Chris Klieman
Alma Mater, Year: Northern Iowa, 1992
Record/Years at School: 0-0 (first year)
Career Record/Years: 3-7 (1)
Assistant Coaches: Matt Entz (Def. Coordinator/Linebackers); Tim Polasek (Off. Coordinator/Running Backs); Atif Austin (Special Teams Coordinator/Wide Receivers); Jamar Cain (Defensive Ends); Nick Goeser (Backs); Atif Austin (Special Teams Coordinator/Wide Receivers); Joe Klanderman (Defensive Backs); Conor Riley (Offensive Line); Tyler Roehl (Tight Ends/Fullbacks); Jamar Cain (Defensive Ends); Nick Goeser (Backs); Atif Austin (Special Teams Coordinator/Wide Receivers); Joe Klanderman (Defensive Backs); Conor Riley (Offensive Line); Tyler Roehl (Tight Ends/Fullbacks);

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Schedule/Results
2013 RESULTS
Aug. 30 at Kansas State W, 24-21
Sept. 7 Ferris State (Mich.) W, 56-10
Sept. 21 Delaware State W, 51-10
Sept. 28 at South Dakota State W, 20-0
Oct. 5 Northern Iowa W, 24-23
Oct. 12 Missouri State W, 41-26
Oct. 19 at Southern Illinois W, 31-0
Oct. 26 at Indiana State W, 56-10
Nov. 9 Illinois State W, 28-10
Nov. 16 at Youngstown State W, 35-17
Nov. 23 South Dakota W, 42-0
Dec. 7 *Texas Christian U. W, 70-14
Dec. 14 *New Hampshire W, 52-14
Jan. 4 *FCS playoff game

2014 Schedule
Aug. 30 at Iowa State 11 a.m.
Sept. 6 at Weber State (Utah) 6 p.m.
Sept. 13 Incarnate Word 2:30 p.m.
Sept. 20 Montana 2:30 p.m.
Oct. 4 at Western Illinois 3 p.m.
Oct. 11 Southern Illinois 1 p.m.
Oct. 18 Indiana State 2:30 p.m.
Oct. 25 at South Dakota 2 p.m.
Nov. 1 South Dakota State 2:30 p.m.
Nov. 8 at Northern Iowa 4 p.m.
Nov. 15 at Missouri State 2 p.m.
Nov. 22 Youngstown State 2:30 p.m.

Note: All times local to site

INDIANA STATE

Nov. 8 at Terre Haute, Indiana
Kickoff: 1 p.m. ET

Quick Facts
Location: Terre Haute, Ind.
Enrollment: 12,114
Nickname: Sycamores
Colors: Royal Blue and White
Home Stadium: Memorial Stadium (FieldTurf-12,464)
Affiliation: NCAA Division I Football Championship Subdivision/Missouri Valley Football Conference
Athletic Director: Ron Prettyman

Team Information
2013 Overall Record: 1-11
2013 Conference Record: 0-8 (10th place in Missouri Valley Football Conference)
Head Coach: Mike Sanford
Alma Mater, Year: Southern California, 1978
Record/Years at School: 0-0 (first year)
Career Record/Years: 17-54 (6)
Assistant Coaches: Brian Cabral (Associate Head Coach/Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers); Brian Sheppard (Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks); Aaron Archie (Outside Linebackers); Joe Beier (Receivers); Jami DeBerry (Special Teams/Defensive Backs); Jayden Everett (Running Backs); Jeff Mills (Defensive Line); Vince Natali (Offensive Line); Anthony Perkins (Secondary)

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Schedule/Results
2013 RESULTS
Aug. 29 at Indiana L, 35-73
Sept. 7 at Purdue (Ind.) L, 14-20
Sept. 14 at Quincy (Ill.) W, 70-7
Sept. 28 at Tennessee Tech L, 24-35
Oct. 5 Youngstown State L, 24-35
Oct. 12 at South Dakota L, 14-17
Oct. 19 at Illinois State L, 14-55
Oct. 26 North Dakota State L, 10-56
Nov. 2 at Missouri State L, 7-49
Nov. 9 at South Dakota State L, 0-29
Nov. 16 Western Illinois L, 14-21
Nov. 23 Southern Illinois L, 9-31

2014 Schedule
Aug. 30 at Indiana noon
Sept. 6 Tennessee Tech 3 p.m.
Sept. 13 at Ball State (Ind.) 3 p.m.
Sept. 27 Liberty (Va.) 3 p.m.
Oct. 4 Northern Iowa 3 p.m.
Oct. 11 Illinois State 3 p.m.
Oct. 18 at North Dakota St. 2:30 p.m.
Oct. 25 at Southern Illinois 6 p.m.
Nov. 1 Missouri State 1 p.m.
Nov. 8 South Dakota State 1 p.m.
Nov. 15 at Youngstown State 2 p.m.
Nov. 22 at Western Illinois 1 p.m.

Note: All times local to site
WESTERN ILLINOIS

Nov. 15 at Coughlin-Alumni Stadium
Kickoff: 2 p.m. [Military Appreciation]

Quick Facts
LOCATION: Macomb, Ill.
ENROLLMENT: 11,707
NICKNAME: Fighting Leathernecks
COLORS: Purple and Gold
HOME STADIUM: Hanson Field (Matrix Turf - 16,368)
AFFILIATION: NCAA Division I Football Championship Subdivision/Missouri Valley Football Conference
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR: Tommy Bell

Team Information
2013 Overall Record: 4-8
2013 Conference Record: 2-6 (ninth place in Missouri Valley Football Conference)
HEAD COACH: Bob Nielson
ALMA MATER, YEAR: Warburg (Iowa), 1982
RECORD/YEARS AT SCHOOL: 174-67-1 (21)
ASSISTANT COACHES: Steve Crutchley (Assistant Head Coach/Running Backs); A.J. Blazek (Run Game Coordinator/Offensive Line/Tight Ends); Ted Schlaufke (Passing Game Coordinator/Quarterbacks); Brian Ward (Defensive Coordinator); Tyler Velm (Special Teams Coordinator/Defensive Backs); Atiba Bradley (Linebackers); Brian Mohlsen (Defensive Line); Mark Watson (Wide Receivers); Andrew Prevost (Tight Ends)
LETTERWINNERS RETURNING/LOST:
Jace Rindahl (Running Backs); Tim Brett Harvey (Offensive Line); Matthew Middleton (Wide Receivers); Jace Rindahl (Running Backs); Tim Triplet (Special Teams/Tight Ends); Shane VanDiest (Defensive Line); Marquise Williams (Defensive Line)
STARTERS RETURNING: 17 (8 Offense, 8 Defense, 1 Special Teams)

Top Returning Players:
• J.C. Baker (5-8, 190, Sr, RB, 1,149 yds. rushing, 6 TD, 32 rec., 183 yds. receiving);
• Chip Holtschlag (6-2, 225, Sr, DE, 42 tackles);
• Kevin Kintzel (6-2, 220, Sr, LB, 74 tackles, 11 TFL, 3.5 sacks, 3 INT);
• Lance Lenoir (6-0, 180, So, WR, 39 rec., 489 yds., 3 TD, 27 rec., 183 yds. receiving);
• Trenton Norvell (6-5, 200, Sr, DB, 56 tackles, 1 INT);
• Lance Lenoir (6-0, 180, So, WR, 39 rec., 489 yds., 3.5 sacks, 3 INT);
• Dallas Nichols (6-2, 200, Sr, DB, 56 tackles, 1 INT);
• Trenton Norvell (6-5, 200, Sr, QB, 2,140 yds., 16 TD);
• Sean Sullivan (6-2, 310, Jr, OL)

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Schedule/Results
2013 RESULTS
Aug. 29 Hampton (Va.) W, 42-9
Sept. 7 Quincy (Ill.) W, 34-6
Sept. 14 at Minnesota L, 12-29
Sept. 21 at Nevada-Las Vegas L, 7-38
Sept. 28 South Dakota W, 24-10
Oct. 5 at Illinois State L, 21-35
Oct. 12 at South Dakota State L, 14-24
Oct. 19 at Youngstown State L, 21-35
Oct. 26 Missouri State L, 27-38
Nov. 2 Southern Illinois L, 28-34
Nov. 16 at Indiana State W, 21-14
Nov. 23 at Northern Iowa L, 13-28

2014 SCHEDULE
Aug. 28 Valparaiso (Ind.) W, 19-15
Sept. 6 at Wisconsin L, 11-27
Sept. 13 Drake (Iowa) W, 11-2
Sept. 20 at Northwestern (Ill.) TBA
Sept. 27 at Southern Illinois L, 24-10
Oct. 4 North Dakota State L, 31-10
Oct. 11 at Youngstown State L, 21-14
Oct. 18 Illinois State L, 31-10
Oct. 25 at Youngstown State L, 21-14
Nov. 1 at Missouri State W, 31-10
Nov. 7 at Northern Iowa W, 21-7
Nov. 14 South Dakota State L, 12-27
Nov. 21 at North Dakota State L, 0-42

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SOUTH DAKOTA

Nov. 22 at Coughlin-Alumni Stadium
Kickoff: 2 p.m. [Showdown Series]; TV: Mideo Sports Net

Quick Facts
LOCATION: Vermillion, S.D.
ENROLLMENT: 10,235
NICKNAME: Coyotes
COLORS: Red and White
HOME STADIUM: Dakota Dome (Artificial turf - 10,000)
AFFILIATION: NCAA Division I Football Championship Subdivision/Missouri Valley Football Conference
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR: David Herbsater

Team Information
2013 OVERALL RECORD: 4-8
2013 CONFERENCE RECORD: 3-5 (10th place in Missouri Valley Football Conference)
HEAD COACH: Joe Glenn
ALMA MATER, YEAR: South Dakota, 1975
RECORD/YEARS AT SCHOOL: 5-18 (2)
CAREER RECORD/YEARS: 193-118-1 (26)
ASSISTANT COACHES: Wesley Beschorner (Associate Head Coach/Offensive Coordinator); Jason Petrino (Defensive Coordinator/Secondary); Adam Breske (Inside Linebackers); Joe Ford (Outside Linebackers); Brett Harvey (Offensive Line); Matthew Middleton (Wide Receivers); Jace Rindahl (Running Backs); Tim Triplet (Special Teams/Tight Ends); Shane VanDiest (Defensive Line); Marquise Williams (Defensive Line)
LETTERWINNERS RETURNING/LOST: 36/15
STARTERS RETURNING: 14 (8 Offense, 5 Defense, 1 Special Teams)

Top Returning Players:
• Trevor Bouma (5-11, 215, Sr, QB, 1,920 yds., 9 TD, 32 rec, 169 yds. receiving);
• Kyle Guziec (6-4, 235, Sr, DE, 42 tackles);
• Austin Johnson (6-0, 240, Sr, LB, 69 tackles, 10.5 TFL, 7 sacks);
• Keyen Lage (6-3, 230, Jr, LB, 67 tackles, 12 TFL);
• Josh Vander Maten (5-6, 215, Sr, WR, 19 rec., 238 yds., 2 TD);

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Schedule/Results
2014 RESULTS
Aug. 31 UC Davis W, 10-7
Sept. 7 at Kansas L, 14-31
Sept. 21 at Northern Arizona L, 16-22
Sept. 28 at Western Illinois L, 10-24
Oct. 5 Missouri State W, 17-14
Oct. 12 Indiana State W, 17-14
Oct. 19 at Northern Iowa W, 38-31
Oct. 26 at Illinois State L, 14-28
Nov. 2 Youngstown State L, 34-38
Nov. 9 Montana L, 27-31
Nov. 16 South Dakota State L, 12-27
Nov. 23 at North Dakota State L, 0-42

Note: All times local to site

2014 OPPONENTS
Now in its 30th season, the Missouri Valley Football Conference is the nation’s premier conference within the NCAA Football Championship Subdivision.

There’s not much that has eluded the Missouri Valley Football Conference in its first 29 seasons of competition. The league’s first three decades have included national championships, national coaches of the year, national players of the year, national championship games, and countless All-Americans. League member North Dakota State is a three-time defending national champion, and the league also has NCAA titles in 1997 (Youngstown State) and 2002 (Western Kentucky).

In 2013, the MVFC, for the third-straight year, was the top-rated conference in the Gridiron Power Index, and NDSU held the top overall position in the Gridiron Power Index for a third straight year.

Strong coaching and great players have helped make the league a national force, but the stability and leadership of Commissioner Patty Viverito — the only commissioner the league has ever known — has helped make the Missouri Valley Football Conference a standard bearer on the FCS scene. Indeed, all signs point to continued national prominence for the Missouri Valley Football Conference as it enters its 30th season in 2014.

In June 2008, presidents of the nine-member Gateway Football Conference and the 10-member Missouri Valley Conference approved a rebranding initiative that changed the football conference name from the Gateway Football Conference to the Missouri Valley Football Conference. It represented the second name change for the football league. Initially, the conference competed as the Gateway Collegiate Athletic Conference (1985-91) and the Gateway Football Conference (1992-2007).

Although the league shares the Missouri Valley name, the football-playing members compete under a separate administrative umbrella, as the Missouri Valley Conference and the Missouri Valley Football Conference remain separate entities.

Last year, two league teams (North Dakota State and South Dakota State) represented the conference in the FCS playoffs, marking the 19th straight season in which at least two or more teams have participated in postseason play. South Dakota State split a pair of road games, and NDSU rolled to its third-straight national crown, beating Towson (Md.) in the national championship game, 35-7.

Also in 2013, the league wasn’t short of individual national accomplishments as coach Craig Bohl of North Dakota State was a repeat National Coach of the Year, while both quarter- back Brock Jensen of North Dakota State and running back Zach Zemmer of South Dakota State finished in the top six of the Walter Payton Award balloting. Offensive tackle Billy Turner of North Dakota State and tight end MyCole Pruitt were named the top players at their position by the FCS Athletic Directors Association as a total of 18 league players earned All-America honors.

The Missouri Valley Football Conference has five recent national championships (North Dakota State — 2011, 2012 and 2013; Western Kentucky - 2002; Youngstown State - 1997), and league members Youngstown State (3) and Southern Illinois (1) own additional titles prior to their league membership, meaning nine FCS championship trophies are housed on league campuses, in addition to three (Youngstown State twice and UNI in 2005) runner-up finishes. Only four other FCS leagues possess more than a single FCS championship trophy.

Counting last year, an MVFC member has reached the FCS semifinals 14 times in the past 18 seasons (and 17 times overall). The Missouri Valley Football Conference success is not limited to the immediate past. During the decade of the 1990s, the league compiled a 34-19 mark in the FCS playoffs, bettered only by the Southern Conference, whose members were 37-19 in that decade.

Team accomplishments have helped solidify the Missouri Valley Football Conference among the FCS elite, but individuals at the league’s member institutions are the real source of pride within the conference. Thanks to great players and strong coaching, the Missouri Valley Football Conference has reached and will maintain its place among the FCS best. Since 2004, league teams have combined for a 33-20 record in playoff games, with three titles — both tops in the FCS. And in this decade (since 2010), the Missouri Valley Football Conference has compiled an FCS best 19-7 record in the playoffs.

Last year, MVFC teams combined for a 19-9 non-conference record against FCS teams, and the league also had two wins against FBS teams (Kansas State and Iowa State). Despite tough scheduling, five teams in the conference had winning records. The Missouri Valley Football Conference has had four teams (or more) with better than .500 records in the same season 20 times now, including the past 16 seasons.

In 1997, Youngstown State grabbed the Midwest Athletic Directors Association FCS crown jewel for the conference, as the league had one of its most successful seasons. In addition to claiming the league’s first national title, the Penguins finished the year ranked No. 1, marking the first time a league member had held that spot in a season-ending poll. That same year, Western Illinois was at No. 6, marking the first time the league ended the year with two teams ranked among the top six.

In 1999, the MVFC trumped that, as YSU finished the year No. 2, and Illinois State was...
No. 3. Northern Iowa also finished in the top 20 in both nationally recognized polls.

In 2002, Western Kentucky added to the league's national championship trophy case with an FCS crown, while both WKU (No. 1) and Western Illinois (No. 5) finished among the nation's top five in the season-ending polls. WKU became the first school to earn victories against the tourney's top three seeds en route to its national championship.

In 2003, four MVFC teams represented the league in the 16-team NCAA playoffs, marking the first time any league has sent that many to the playoffs in the same year.

In 2004, Southern Illinois spent a league-record 11 weeks as the nation's top-ranked team, while all eight league teams received votes for the Top 25 at some point in the season. Illinois State linebacker Boomer Grigsby earned a National Defensive Player of the Year honor, while SIU's Jerry Kill was National Coach of the Year.

In 2005, UNI became the fourth league school to reach the FCS championship game since 1997, while Southern Illinois and Western Kentucky combined to hold the nation's No. 1 ranking in the top-25 polls for five weeks.

In 2006, Youngstown State won its secondstraight league championship and the Penguins were joined in the playoff field by Illinois State and Southern Illinois. That marked only the second time in league history the league had more than two teams qualify for the 16-team playoff field. SIU’s Arkee Whitlock was a national player of the year award winner (College Sporting News) and was third in the Walter Payton Award balloting.

In 2008, six teams were nationally ranked in the same poll, marking the first time in league history that had happened. Those six teams were ranked for four straight weeks. North Dakota State held the nation’s No. 1 spot for its first two weeks as a conference member, while rookie coach Dale Lennon of Southern Illinois became just the third to win Coach of the Year honors in his first league season.

In 2011, North Dakota State won the national crown and finished the season atop the top-25 rankings. UNI was No. 5 in the final FCS Coaches poll, and Illinois State was ranked No. 20 in The Sports Network poll. For ISU, it marked the first top-25 ranking in a season-ending poll since 2006. Six different league schools cracked into the Top 25 at some point during the season (as did newest member South Dakota).

In 2012 and 2013, North Dakota State repeated as national champions, becoming just the second team in FCS history to three-peat as national champions, joining Appalachian State (N.C.). The Bison won an unprecedented 15-0 and carry an FCS record 24-game winning streak into the 2014 campaign.

The original Gateway Conference was founded as a women's athletic organization in August 1982, following the dissolution of the Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women. In September of that year, Patty Viverito was named the first commissioner of the newly founded conference, a position she maintains today. Before moving to its permanent headquarters in St. Louis, the conference spent three organizational months on the campus of Eastern Illinois University.

In July of 1992, the 10-team conference disbanded as its women's programs realigned with their men's teams in their respective conferences. The league assumed its new name on July 1, 1992, becoming the Gateway Football Conference, an NCAA FCS football league comprised of seven Midwest institutions.

The Gateway Conference football division was born on August 21, 1985, when the Gateway Conference President's Council voted to add a FCS football division for six of its members to the previously all-women's athletics organization. Founding members of the football division were Eastern Illinois, Illinois State, UNI, Southern Illinois, Southwest Missouri State (now Missouri State), and Western Illinois. The creation of the football division marked the first time in college annals that football was added to a women's conference. In June of 1986, Indiana State became the league's seventh member.

In the 29 years of the football division, league membership has been stable — with only six fluctuations since 1986. Eastern Illinois left the league to join the Ohio Valley Conference in 1996, while Youngstown State joined the conference in 1997 to return league membership to its original seven-member status. League membership reached what was then an all-time high of eight members for the start of the 2001 season with the addition of Western Kentucky. WKU left the league after six years to join the Sun Belt (FBS). North Dakota State and South Dakota State joined for the start of the 2008 season, giving the league nine members for the first time. And the league expanded to 10 members in 2012 when the University of South Dakota was admitted.

Members of the Missouri Valley Football Conference (and initial year of membership) include: Illinois State University (1985), Indiana State University (1986), Missouri State University (1985), North Dakota State University (2008), the University of Northern Iowa (1985), the University of South Dakota (2012), South Dakota State University (2008), Southern Illinois University (1985), Western Illinois University (1985), and Youngstown State University (1997).


**THURSDAY, AUG. 28**
Valparaiso (Ind.) at Western Illinois, 6 p.m.
Missouri State at Northwestern St. (La.), 6 p.m.
Taylor (Ind.) at Southern Illinois, 7 p.m.

**SATURDAY, AUG. 30**
North Dakota State at Iowa State, 11 a.m.
Youngstown State at Illinois, 11 a.m.
Northern Iowa at Iowa, 11 a.m.
Indiana State at Indiana, 11 a.m.
South Dakota State at Missouri, 2:30 p.m.
South Dakota at Oregon, 9:30 p.m.

**SATURDAY, SEPT. 6**
Western Illinois at Wisconsin, 11 a.m.
Tennessee Tech at Indiana State, 2 p.m.
William Penn (Iowa) at South Dakota, 2 p.m.
Missouri State at Oklahoma State, 2:30 p.m.
Duquesne (Pa.) at Youngstown State, 3 p.m.
Cal Poly at South Dakota State, 6 p.m.
Southern Illinois at Eastern Illinois, 6 p.m.
Mississippi Valley St. at Illinois State, 6:30 p.m.
North Dakota State at Weber St. (Utah), 7 p.m.

**SATURDAY, SEPT. 13**
Eastern Illinois at Illinois State, noon
Indiana State at Ball State (Ind.), 2 p.m.
Incarnate Word (Texas) at North Dakota State, 2:30 p.m.
Drake (Iowa) at Western Illinois, 3 p.m.
Butler (Ind.) at Youngstown State, 3 p.m.
North Dakota State at Missouri State, 6 p.m.
Southeast Missouri St. at Southern Illinois, 6 p.m.
South Dakota State at Southern Utah, 7 p.m.
South Dakota at Montana, 8 p.m.
Northern Iowa at Hawaii, 11 p.m.

**SATURDAY, SEPT. 20**
Northern Arizona at South Dakota, 2 p.m.
Montana at North Dakota State, 2:30 p.m.
Northern Colorado at Northern Iowa, 4 p.m.
Missouri State at Central Arkansas, 6 p.m.
Wisconsin-Oshkosh at South Dakota State, 6 p.m.
St. Francis (Pa.) at Youngstown State, 6 p.m.
Southern Illinois at Purdue (Ind.), TBA
Western Illinois at Northwestern (Ill.), TBA

**SATURDAY, SEPT. 27**
Liberty (Va.) at Indiana State, 2 p.m.
*Western Illinois at Southern Illinois, 6 p.m.
*Austin Peay (Tenn.) at Illinois State, 6:30 p.m.

**SATURDAY, OCT. 4**
*South Dakota State at Illinois State, 2 p.m.
*Northern Iowa at Indiana State, 2 p.m.
*Youngstown State at Missouri State, 2 p.m.
*North Dakota State at Western Illinois, 3 p.m.
*South Dakota at Southern Illinois, 6 p.m.

**SATURDAY, OCT. 11**
*Southern Illinois at North Dakota State, 1 p.m.
*Indiana State at Illinois State, 2 p.m.
*Western Illinois at Youngstown State, 3 p.m.
*Missouri State at South Dakota State, 6 p.m.

**SATURDAY, OCT. 18**
*South Dakota at Missouri State, 2 p.m.
*Indiana State at North Dakota State, 2:30 p.m.
*Southern Illinois at Youngstown State, 3 p.m.
*Illinois State at Western Illinois, 3 p.m.
*South Dakota State at Northern Iowa, 4 p.m.

**SATURDAY, OCT. 25**
*Northern Iowa at Western Illinois, 1 p.m.
*North Dakota State at South Dakota, 2 p.m.
*Youngstown State at South Dakota State, 2 p.m.
*Indiana State at Southern Illinois, 6 p.m.
*Missouri State at Illinois State, 6 p.m.

**SATURDAY, NOV. 1**
*Missouri State at Indiana State, noon
*South Dakota at Youngstown State, 1 p.m.
*South Dakota State at North Dakota St., 2:30 p.m.
*Illinois State at Northern Iowa, 4 p.m.

**SATURDAY, NOV. 8**
*South Dakota State at Indiana State, noon
*Youngstown State at Illinois State, 1 p.m.
*Southern Illinois at Missouri State, 2 p.m.
*North Dakota State at Northern Iowa, 4 p.m.
*Western Illinois at South Dakota, 4 p.m.

**SATURDAY, NOV. 15**
*Illinois State at South Dakota, 1 p.m.
*North Dakota State at Missouri State, 2 p.m.
*Western Illinois at South Dakota State, 2 p.m.
*Northern Iowa at Southern Illinois 2 p.m.
*Indiana State at Youngstown State, 2 p.m.

**SATURDAY, NOV. 22**
*Southern Illinois at Illinois State, 1 p.m.
*Indiana State at Western Illinois, 1 p.m.
*South Dakota at South Dakota State, 2 p.m.
*Youngstown St. at North Dakota St., 2:30 p.m.
*Missouri State at Northern Iowa, 4 p.m.

*Missouri Valley Football Conference games
All times Central

PREVIOUS CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS

1985 - Northern Iowa*
1986 - Eastern Illinois
1987 - Northern Iowa
1988 - Western Illinois
1989 - Missouri State
1990 - Northern Iowa/Missouri State*
1991 - Northern Iowa
1992 - Northern Iowa
1993 - Northern Iowa
1994 - Northern Iowa
1995 - Northern Iowa/Eastern Illinois*
1996 - Northern Iowa
1997 - Western Illinois
1998 - Western Illinois
1999 - Illinois State
2000 - Western Illinois
2001 - Northern Iowa
2002 - Western Illinois/Western Kentucky*
2003 - Northern Iowa/Southern Illinois*
2004 - Southern Illinois
2005 - Northern Iowa/Southern Illinois/
Youngstown State#
2006 - Youngstown State
2007 - Northern Iowa
2008 - Southern Illinois/Northern Iowa
2009 - Southern Illinois
2010 - Northern Iowa
2011 - North Dakota State/Northern Iowa
2012 - North Dakota State
2013 - North Dakota State
*Denotes at-large NCAA qualifier, other league champions received automatic bid to the NCAA Playoffs
#In 2005, Youngstown State became first conference co-champion not to receive an at-large NCAA berth.
2013 SEASON RECAP

The 2013 edition of the South Dakota State University football team started strong and finished even stronger as the Jackrabbits earned back-to-back berths in the Football Championship Subdivision playoffs for the first time in program history.

Entering the season with high expectations, including a No. 6 ranking in the preseason FCS polls, the Jackrabbits lived up to their billing in the early going. SDSU clicked on all cylinders in the Aug. 31 season opener, rolling up 546 yards of offense en route to a 55-14 victory over Butler (Ind.).

A week later, the Jackrabbits built a 35-14 lead at North Dakota behind a record-tying performance from Walter Payton Award candidate Zach Zenner, only to hold off a fourth-quarter comeback attempt for a 35-28 victory. Zenner tied his own single-game school record with 295 rushing yards and scored four times — three rushing and one receiving. His 46-yard touchdown run early in the fourth quarter proved to be the winning margin as UND's final drive ended on an interception by Jimmie Forysthe with a minute and a half to play.

SDSU sealed another victory on an interception the following week in the 47th Annual Beef Bowl against Southeastern Louisiana. Leading 27-19 in the waning moments, Dallas Brown picked off a pass and returned it 52 yards for a touchdown to give the Jackrabbits a two-score lead. After SELU scored on a kickoff return and recovered the ensuing onside kick, Brown stepped in front of another Lion pass attempt for the Jackrabbits' fourth interception — and sixth forced turnover — of the game.

The three-game winning streak, however, was followed by a three-game losing streak, starting with a Sept. 21 matchup at Nebraska. Things started out well for the Jackrabbits, who led 17-14 after one quarter. Zenner led the way, scoring on runs of 40 and 3 yards, with Justin Syrovatka tying a career long with a 48-yard field goal.

The rest of the game belonged to the Huskers, who reeled off 38 consecutive points between the second and third quarters en route to a 59-20 victory before a crowd of 90,614.

A Coughlin-Alumni Stadium-record crowd of 16,498 was on hand Sept. 28 as top-ranked North Dakota State paid a visit to Brookings for the Missouri Valley Football Conference opener. A defensive struggle throughout, NDSU pulled away with two fourth-quarter touchdowns in handing the Jackrabbits their first home shutdown in 22 years as the Bison and their smothering defense prevailed, 20-0.

The Jackrabbit losing streak reached three games as SDSU dropped a 27-24 Hobo Day decision to Southern Illinois on Oct. 5. SIU scored the first 17 points of the second half and held off a late Jackrabbit rally.

Despite a convincing road win at Western Illinois in the second game of three-straight road contests, the Jackrabbits' playoff hopes appeared on the verge of being dashed completely in mid-October following a 35-21 loss at Missouri State that put their record at 4-4 overall and 1-3 in league play heading into the final month of the season.

The three-game winning streak was followed by a three-game losing streak, starting with a 42-14 loss at Northern Iowa. Tied at 28, the Panthers lined up for a 30-yard field goal in the
closing seconds. However, the attempt sailed wide right, sending the game into overtime. After the two squads traded field goals in the first overtime, UNI regained the lead at 34-31 on another field goal. The Jackrabbits converted on third down on their next possession, setting up a 14-yard game-winning touchdown pass from Austin Sumner to Brandon Hubert.

Following a much-needed bye week, the Jackrabbits scored on each of their first three possessions and closed out the home portion of their schedule Nov. 9 with a 29-0 shutout of Indiana State.

SDSU kept its playoff hopes alive with a 27-12 win Nov. 16 at in-state rival South Dakota. The Jackrabbits never trailed in their first visit to the DakotaDome in 10 years, and the SDSU defense came up big time after time in the fourth quarter. Jason Schneider paced the offense with two touchdown receptions, and Winston Wright's 82-yard interception return for touchdown capped the Jackrabbit victory.

The regular season finale at Youngstown State proved to be a winner-take-all contest. The Jackrabbits made an emphatic statement for a playoff berth with a 21-point second quarter, highlighted by two Zenner touchdowns. The Jackrabbits held a two-to-one advantage in time of possession and racked up 482 yards of total offense in knocking off YSU for the fifth consecutive season.

For the third time in program history and second consecutive season, the Jackrabbits earned an at-large bid to the FCS playoffs, starting with a Nov. 30 matchup at Northern Arizona. An 87-yard touchdown run by Zenner late in the second quarter tied the game at 7, and the Jackrabbit defense further asserted itself in the second half. Linebacker T.J. Lally recorded a safety midway through the third quarter to give SDSU a 9-7 lead and spark a second-half shutout as the Jackrabbits advanced to the second round with a 26-7 victory. The Jackrabbit defense tallied seven sacks and held NAU to 1-of-14 on third-down attempts.

The Jackrabbit's five-game winning streak and season came to an end the following week at the hands of another Big Sky Conference opponent, Eastern Washington. The game was tied at 14 at halftime before the Eagles scored a pair of third-quarter touchdowns to spark a 41-17 victory.

Zenner reached a milestone in a losing effort, becoming only the second player in FCS history to post two 2,000-yard seasons, finishing the season with 2,015 yards.

Nearly a consensus pick, Zenner was one of three Jackrabbits to earn All-America honors in 2013. Offensive tackle Bryan Witzmann also received multiple All-America awards, while cornerback Winston Wright was a third-team selection by The Sports Network.

Quarterback Austin Sumner also rewrote the Jackrabbit record book during the 2013 season, setting new SDSU career marks for completions (631), attempts (1,085) and passing yards (7,824). Jason Schneider also set a new single-season record for receptions with 78.

JACKRABBITS IN THE 2013 NCAA STATISTICS

TEAM (top 40)
- 2nd in interceptions, 22
- 3rd in blocked kicks, 7
- 5th in turnovers forced, 33
- 5th in turnover margin, +1.10/game
- 8th in fewest penalties, 4.36/game
- 11th in fewest penalty yards, 40.93/game
- 18th in the fourth-down conversion defense, 35.3 percent
- 19th in first downs – offense, 285
- 20th in red zone defense, 73.6 percent
- 20th in fewest passes had intercepted, 8
- 22nd in time of possession, 32:05/game
- 28th in fumble recoveries, 11
- 30th in sacks, 2.36/game
- 32nd in punt returns, 10.21 yards/return
- 32nd in turnovers lost, 18
- 33rd in third-down conversions, 41.9 percent
- 35th in scoring defense, 23.6 points/game
- 37th in blocked punts, 4

INDIVIDUAL (top 50)
- Je Ryan Butler
- 10th in punt return average, 11.8 yards/att.
- R.C. Kilgore
- 1st in fumble recoveries, 5
- 31st in total tackles, 9.6/game
- Austin Sumner
- 17th in total passing yards, 2,999
- 35th in passing touchdowns, 19
- 40th in completions, 17.14/game
- 40th in passing yards per game, 214.2/game
- Justin Syrovatka
- 38th in field goals, 92/game
- Jason Schneider
- 17th in total receiving yards, 1,088
- 20th in receiving touchdowns, 10
- 39th in receptions, 5.6/game
- Zach Zenner
- 2nd in total rushing yards, 2,015
- 3rd in rushing average, 143.9 yards/game
- 4th in rushing touchdowns, 22
- 6th in all-purpose yards, 161.85 yards/game
- 6th in scoring, 10.7 points/game

Note: Rankings based on all game
Butler – Matt Lancaster 6-63; Rico Watson 6-22; Trae Heeter 9-17.

SDSU – Jack Sherlock 1.0-5. SDSU - Je Ryan Butler 1-39; Tom Peitz 1-21; Doug Peete 1-1.

RECEIVING LEADERS:

Sumner 22-32-0 326; Nate Meyer 3-3-0 32. SDSU - Austin Sumner 22-32-0 326; Nate Meyer 3-3-0 32. RECEIVING LEADERS: BU - Trae Heeter 4-31; Dylan Johnson 4-30; Tom Judge 3-31; Brendan Shannon 3-8. SDSU - Jason Schneider 10-167; Brandon Hubert 5-32; Cam Jones 3-97; Brandon Andrews 3-24. INTERCEPTIONS: BU - none. SDSU - Je Ryan Butler 1-39; Tom Peitz 1-21; Doug Peete 1-1. SACKS: BU - Paul Yanow 1-0-5. SDSU - Jack Sherlock 1-0-5. TACKLE LEADERS (UA-A-TOT): BU - David Burke 5-3-8; Sean Grady 4-3-7; Jod Ciancio 2-4-6; Phillip Powell 1-5-6. SDSU - Charles Elmore 7-0-7; Tom Peitz 2-4-6; Winston Wright 4-0-4; Jake Gentile 4-0-4; T.J. Lally 2-2-4; Austin Knowlton 1-3-4.

GRAND FORKS, N.D. — Walter Payton Award candidate Zach Zenner tied his own school record with 295 yards rushing and scored a career-high four touchdowns, leading sixth-ranked South Dakota State to a 35-28 victory at North Dakota Sept. 7 at the Alerus Center.

The Jackrabbits, who improved to 2-0, held off a furious fourth-quarter rally by UND, which dropped to 1-1 overall.

A junior from Eagan, Minn., Zenner gave the Jackrabbits a 35-14 lead early in the fourth quarter, breaking through the line for a 46-yard touchdown run on fourth-and-inches. Zenner gained SDSU 14-7 lead on a 4-yard run in the second quarter and a 21-7 halftime advantage after scoring on a 23-yard screen pass from Austin Sumner in the final minute of the first half.

The Jackrabbits led 28-7 early in the third quarter as Zenner scored from a yard out after SDSU's Andrew Brown returned a UND fumble 20 yards to the UND 6.

UND rallied behind backup quarterback Joe Mollberg, who directed three touchdown drives. Mollberg hooked up with Greg Hardin on a 73-yard pass play before finding Kenny Golladay on the next play for a 17-yard touchdown pass in the final minute of the third quarter.

Mollberg later connected with Hardin on a 16-yard touchdown midway through the fourth quarter to pull UND to within 35-21. UND trimmed the margin to a one-score game three minutes later as Jameer Jackson scored on a 2-yard run.

UND had a chance to tie the game or take the lead in the waning moments, but a Mollberg pass was tipped by Jackrabbit linebacker T.J.
Lally into the arms of cornerback Jimmie Forsythe. The Jackrabbits ran out the clock to seal their first victory in Grand Forks since 1989.

UND scored on the opening drive of the game as starting quarterback Ryan Bartels found Hardin behind the Jackrabbit defense for a 39-yard touchdown.

The Jackrabbits began their streak of 28 consecutive points late in the first quarter as Jason Schneider went up and over a defender to haul in a 37-yard touchdown pass from Sumner.

Sumner finished the game 10-of-21 passing for 157 yards, while Schneider led the Jackrabbit receiving corps with four catches for 91 yards. Zenner’s 295 yards matched his output in the first round of the 2012 Football Championship Subdivision playoffs against Eastern Illinois. His 37 carries Saturday were a career high.

Hardin amassed 207 receiving yards on seven catches for UND, with Golladay adding a game-high eight receptions for 117 yards. Mollberg tallied 259 yards passing as he completed 15-of-23 attempts. Bartels went 13-for-22 for 178 yards.

Total offense was nearly identical, with UND holding a 458-455 advantage. The Jackrabbits accounted for 298 of their yards on the ground, while UND gained 437 through the air.

Je Ryan Butler led SDSU with six tackles, while Chase Douglas added two and a half sacks.

### Score by Quarters

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### Scoring Summary

#### First Quarter

- **1st 2:48** SDSU - Jason Schneider 37 yd pass from Austin Sumner (Syrovatka kick)
- **1st 12:44** UND - Greg Hardin 39 yd pass from Ryan Bartels (Zeb Miller kick)

#### Second Quarter

- **2nd 00:49** SDSU - Zenner 23 yd pass from Sumner (Syrovatka kick)
- **2nd 00:29** SDSU - Jason Schneider 2 yd run (Syrovatka kick)

#### Third Quarter

- **3rd 9:35** SDSU - Zenner 1 yd run (Syrovatka kick)
- **3rd 00:58** UND - Kenny Golladay 17 yd pass from Joe Mollberg (Miller kick)
- **3rd 2:48** SDSU - Jason Schneider 37 yd pass from Austin Sumner (Syrovatka kick)

#### Fourth Quarter

- **4th 8:43** UND - Hardin 16 yd pass from Mollberg (Miller kick)
- **4th 5:31** UND - Jameer Jackson 2 yd run (Miller kick)

### Team Statistics

- **Passing**
  - SDSU: 30-51-1, 300 yards, 1 TD 4 INT, 1 fumble
  - UND: 29-56-2, 263 yards, 0 TD 1 INT, 1 fumble

### Rushing Leaders

- SDSU: Zach Zenner 37-295, Reggie Gandy 5-14
- UND: Jake Miller 8-31, Greg Hardin 1-7, Jameer Jackson 1-2

### Receiving Leaders

- SDSU: Austin Sumner 16-225, Zach Zenner 5-48, Kael Kiger 3-20
- UND: Joe Mollberg 12-178, Ryan Bartels 9-58, Garrison Goodman 6-39

### Interception Leaders

- UND: Darryl Brown 1-0-0, Kevin Lally 1-0-0, Dominique Bennett 1-0-0

### Field Goal Leaders

- SDSU: Zach Zenner 2-22, 22-22-2, 2 fumbles
- UND: Greg Hardin 1-7, Jameer Jackson 1-2

### Scoring

- SDSU: 34 points
- UND: 28 points

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**2013 Game Recap**

**9/14/13** Coughlin-Alumni Stadium (Att.: 13,456)

South Dakota State forced six turnovers and the Jackrabbits found just enough offense to defeat Southeastern Louisiana, 34-26, Sept. 14 in the 47th Annual Beef Bowl at Coughlin-Alumni Stadium.

Playing before a crowd of 13,456, the sixth-ranked Jackrabbits improved to 3-0 overall. Southeastern Louisiana dropped to 1-2.

The Lions controlled much of the first half and led 10-0 after the first quarter. SLU took advantage of a short field to score on its opening drive. After taking over at the SDSU 36-yard line after a short punt, the Lions needed only five plays to find the end zone. A 20-yard run by quarterback Bryan Bennett put SLU at the 1, setting up a rushing touchdown by Rasheed Harrell.

SLU made it 10-0 on its next possession as Seth Sebastian capped a nine-play, 78-yard drive with a 35-yard field goal.

After recovering a fumble deep in their own territory, the Jackrabbits pulled to within 10-7 midway through the second quarter with a seven-play, 90-yard touchdown drive. Walter Payton Award candidate Zach Zenner rambled 59 yards on a swing pass on the opening play of the drive, then scored on a 2-yard touchdown run.

SLU made it 13-7 in the closing seconds of the first half on a 36-yard field goal by Sebastian, then extended its lead to 19-7 by scoring on the opening drive of the second half. Bennett completed all three of his pass attempts for 41 yards before scoring from a yard out. The Lions missed the two-point conversion.

The Jackrabbits began their comeback on the first play from scrimmage on the ensuing drive as Zenner broke through the line for a 75-yard touchdown run. Zenner had been bottled up in the first half as each of first three carries resulted in losses and he was held to six net yards on seven carries.

SDSU gained its first lead of the night late in the third quarter on a broken play. After converting on a pair of third-down attempts, Jackrabbit quarterback Austin Sumner picked up a bobbled snap and weaved his way through and around the Southeastern Louisiana defense for a 20-yard touchdown run. SDSU also missed the two-point conversion to keep the score at 20-19.

The Jackrabbit defense asserted itself in the fourth quarter by forcing four turnovers and a punt.

SDSU appeared to put the game on ice by scoring a pair of touchdowns 2 minutes and 23 seconds apart. A 10-yard touchdown run by Zenner with 4:28 to play gave SDSU a 27-19 lead, and redshirt freshman linebacker Dallas Brown picked off a pass and scored from 52 yards out to make the score 34-19 with 2:25 remaining.

However, the Southeastern Louisiana special teams unit kept the Lions' hopes alive. Xavier Roberson fielded a short kickoff following the Brown interception return and rolled down the left sideline for an 82-yard touchdown.

The Lions then recovered the onside kick and were near midfield before Brown stepped in front of another Bennett pass for his second interception of the game to finally seal the SDSU victory.

Southeastern Louisiana held a 506-345 advantage in total offense. Bennett accounted for 395 of those yards, completing 27-of-38 passes for 322 yards and rushing 19 times for 73 yards. Tony McCrea led the Lion corps with seven catches for 158 yards.

For SDSU, Zenner gained 128 on the ground on 17 carries and added 60 receiving yards on three catches. Summer was 14-of-25 passing for 187 yards, with Jason Schneider leading Jackrabbit pass catchers with four receptions for 34 yards.

T.J. Lally led the Jackrabbit defense with 11 tackles, followed by a
career-high 10 from fellow linebacker R.C. Kilgore. Andrew Brown, who was named the Outstanding Player of the Beef Bowl, contributed six tackles (one for loss), forced a fumble and recovered a fumble.

Theo Alexander led SLU with seven tackles.

**SCORING SUMMARY**

1st 11:25 SLU – Rasheed Harrell 1 yd run (Seth Sebastian kick)
1st 4:08 SLU – Zach Zenner 35 yd field goal
2nd 8:12 SDSU – Zach Zenner 2 yd run (Justin Syrovatka kick)
00:20 SDSU – Zach Zenner 36 yd field goal
3rd 11:38 SLU – Bryan Bennett 1 yd run (rush failed)
11:26 SDSU – Zenner 75 yd run (Syrovatka kick)
00:20 SDSU – Austin Sumner 20 yd run (pass failed)
4th 4:28 SDSU – Zenner 10 yd run (Syrovatka kick)
2:25 SDSU – Dallas Brown 52 yd interception return (Syrovatka kick)
1:24 SLU – Xavier Roberson 82 yd kickoff return (Sebastian kick)

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**GAME 4 – NEBRASKA 59, #6/6 SDSU 20**

Sept. 21, 2013 • Memorial Stadium (Att.: 90,614)

LINCOLN, Neb. – Nebraska scored 38 consecutive points between the second and third quarters en route to a 59-20 victory over South Dakota State before a crowd of 90,614 Sept. 21 at Memorial Stadium.

The Cornhusker defense recorded five sacks, compared to none by SDSU.

**SCORING SUMMARY**

1st 00:20 NEB – Mauro Bondi 22 yd field goal
2nd 9:15 NEB – Zach Zenner 3 yd run (Syrovatka kick)
2nd 4:16 NEB – Tyler Wullenwaber 23 yd pass from Ron Kellogg (Bondi kick) 
2nd 2:47 NEB – Randy Gregory 33 yd interception return (Bondi kick)
2nd 00:00 NEB – Mauro Bondi 22 yd field goal
2nd 13:29 NEB – Imani Cross 5 yd run (Pat Smith kick)
2nd 12:10 SDSU – Zach Zenner 40 yd run (Justin Syrovatka kick)
2nd 8:29 NEB – Cross 2 yd run (Mauro Bondi kick)
2nd 6:45 SDSU – Zenner 3 yd run (Syrovatka kick)
2nd 4:15 NEB – Terrell Newby 10 yd run (Smith kick)
1st 11:29 NEB – Ameer Abdullah 1 yd run (Smith kick)
1st 7:10 NEB – Sam Burtch 16 yd pass from Tommy Armstrong (Bondi kick)
1st 4:16 NEB – Tyler Wullenwaber 23 yd pass from Ron Kellogg (Smith kick)
1st 00:00 NEB – Mauro Bondi 22 yd field goal
The Jackrabbit defense received a career-high 17 tackles from senior linebacker R.C. Kilgore. Brown added 11 stops.
SDSU came up empty in SIU territory on its next two possessions thanks to a blocked punt and lost fumble. The Salukis converted the blocked field goal into three points as Kinney gave SIU the lead for good with a 42-yard field goal with 4:31 remaining in the third quarter.

SIU built the lead to 27-17 midway through the fourth quarter, grinding out a nine-play, 65-yard scoring drive that ended with a 3-yard touchdown run by Faulkner.

After the Jackrabbits lost their second fumble of the day, SDSU forced a turnover of its own as Elmore stripped the ball and R.C. Kilgore came up with the recovery at the SIU 49.

The Jacks cashed in as Austin Sumner hooked with Jason Schneider on pass plays of 26 and 15 yards before Zenner again scored from a yard out with 4:04 to play.

The SDSU defense forced a three-and-out on the next Saluki possession and took over at its own 25 with just under three minutes to play after a punt. The Jackrabbits moved the ball to the SIU 40, but three straight incomplete passes ended the drive and the ballgame.

Total offense was nearly evenly distributed with SIU holding a slight 374-367 advantage in total yards. Malcolm Agnew ran for 105 yards on 17 carries, while Faulkner finished the day 13-of-22 passing for 185 yards. MyCole Pruitt caught five passes for 75 yards, with Lantz finishing the day with three catches for 89 yards.

Sumner took over the SDSU career passing yardage lead during the game, finishing the afternoon 23-for-37 for 276 yards. Trevor Wesley caught five passes for 41 yards.

Zenner crossed the 100-yard mark for the fifth time this season, gaining 112 yards on 31 carries.

Andrew Brown and Kilgore each posted nine tackles to lead the Jackrabbits. D.J. Cameron registered a game-high 11 tackles for SIU, while Bryan Presume recorded 10 tackles, including a pair of sacks.

RECEIVING LEADERS:

SDSU – Austin Sumner 22-374-0

SIU – MyCole Pruitt 7-112-3

SDSU – Zach Zenner 31-112-2

SIU – D.J. Cameron 7-4-189-0

SDSU – Andrew Brown 5-4-91-0

R.C. Kilgore 2-7-9; T.J. Lally 4-4-8; Charles Elmore 3-3-6; Winston Wright 2-4-6.


SACKS: SIU – Bryan Presume 2-0-19; Blake Miller 1-0-7; SDSU – Doug Peete 0-5-3; Bryan Burke 0-5-2.

TACKLE LEADERS (UA-A-TOT):

SDSU – D.J. Cameron 7-4-11; Bryan Presume 5-5-10; Carl Bivens 4-4-8; Courtney Richmond 4-3-7.

SIU – Andrew Brown 3-3-6; R.C. Kilgore 2-7-9; T.J. Lally 4-4-8; Charles Elmore 3-3-6; Winston Wright 2-4-6.

GAME 7 - #13/18 SDSU 38, WESTERN ILLINOIS 14

Oct. 12, 2013 • Hanson Field (Att: 10,232)

MACOMB, Ill. — South Dakota State converted two first-quarter interceptions into touchdowns, providing an early spark in a 38-14 Jackrabbit victory over Western Illinois Oct. 12 at Hanson Field.

The Jackrabbits, ranked 13th in the Sports Network media poll and 18th in the FCS Coaches’ rankings, ended a three-game losing streak in improving to 4-3 overall and 1-2 in the Missouri Valley Football Conference. WIU dropped to 3-4 overall and 1-2 in league play.

Je Ryan Butler set the tone early for SDSU, intercepting a Trenton Norvell pass in Fighting Leatherneck territory on the opening drive of the game.

The Jackrabbit offense cashed in as junior quarterback Austin Sumner hit tight end Cam Jones down the left hash for a 24-yard touchdown pass on third-and-12 less than four minutes remaining in the game.

SDSU notched another takeaway on the ensuing drive, forcing the Leathernecks as Winston Wright stepped in front of a Norvell pass at the WIU 28.

Again the Jackrabbits turned a turnover into points, Sumner connected with Jason Schneider on a 24-yard pass play to the WIU 4 on the first play.

Zach Zenner carried the ball to the 1, but was stuffed on consecutive runs before Sumner found Schneider in the back of the end zone on fourth down to push the SDSU lead to 14-0.

The interceptions by Butler and Wright were the first of four recorded by the Jackrabbit defense on the afternoon.

SDSU made it 17-0 late in the first quarter on a 48-yard field goal by Justin Syrovatka that tied his career long.

The Western Illinois offense mustered only one first down in its first six possessions, but got on track with a 12-play, 80-yard drive in the second quarter. The Fighting Leathernecks converted on third-and-6 before J.C. Baker scampered 34 yards to set up his own 3-yard touchdown run on the next play.

After coming up empty on a trip inside the red zone earlier in the third quarter, the Jackrabbits built a 24-7 lead on a 5-yard touchdown pass from Sumner to Illinois native Vince Benedetto.

WIU had a quick answer, marching 79 yards on seven plays in less than two minutes. Baker capped the drive with his second touchdown of the day, scoring from a yard out.

The momentum swung back in the Jackrabbits’ favor on their first play of the ensuing drive. Zenner broke out of a tackle along the left sideline and motored into the end zone for an 80-yard touchdown run with 14 seconds to play in the third quarter.

The Jackrabbit offense cashed in on third-and-6 less than four minutes remaining in the game.

On the first play of the fourth quarter, Wright came up with his second interception of the day, which gave the Jackrabbits the ball at the WIU 23.

Sumner connected with Trevor Tiefenthaler on a 17-yard pass on the first play of the drive and Zenner scored from a yard out three plays later to build the Jackrabbit lead to the final margin of 38-14.

Sumner finished the day 21-of-35 for 265 yards and three touchdowns. Schneider led the receiving corps with seven catches for 118 yards, with Tiefenthaler adding four catches for 61 yards. Zenner racked up 133 yards on 21 carries and two scores.

R.C. Kilgore led the Jackrabbit defense with 15 tackles. Chase Douglas added a pair of sacks.
Baker led the Fighting Leatherneck offense with 112 yards on 27 carries. Norvell completed 9-of-23 passes for 118 yards, but was intercepted four times. Joey Borsellino caught a team-high three passes for 40 yards. SDSU held a 374-262 advantage in total offense.

J.J. Raffelson tallied 13 tackles to lead Western Illinois.

SCORE BY QUARTERS
1 2 3 4 FINAL
South Dakota State (4-3, 1-2) 0 17 0 7 38
Western Illinois (3-4, 1-2) 0 7 0 7 14

SCORING SUMMARY
1st 11:11 SDSU – Cam Jones 24 yd pass from Austin Sumner (Justin Syrovatka kick) 8:33 SDSU – Jason Schneider 1 yd pass from Sumner (Syrovatka kick) 4:00 SDSU – Syrovatka 48 yd field goal
2nd 5:07 WIU – J.C. Baker 3 yd run (Nathan Knuffman kick) 1:22 SDSU – Vince Benedetto 5 yd pass from Sumner (Syrovatka kick)
3rd 00:35 WIU – Baker 1 yd run (Knuffman kick) 0:14 SDSU – Zach Zenner 80 yd run (Syrovatka kick)
4th 12:51 WIU – Zenner 1 yd run (Syrovatka kick)

TEAM STATISTICS
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PASSING YDS (NET) 265 118
Passes Att-Comp-Int 35-21-2 25-9-4
Total OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS 66-374 69-262
Fumble Returns-Yards 0-0 0-0
Punt Returns-Yards 5-30 0-0
Kickoff Returns-Yards 3-76 2-26
Interception Returns-Yards 4-26 2-2
Punts (Number-Avg) 4-38.0 8.34.4
Fumbles-Lost 0-0 1-0
Penalties-Yards 3-32 6-60
Possession Time 33:26 26:34
Fumbles-Lost 0-0 1-0
Red-Zone Scores-Chances 3-5 2-2
Sacks By-Number-Yards 2-14 5-30

RECEIVING LEADERS: SDSU – Jason Schneider 7-118; Trevor Tiefenthaler 4-61. WIU – Joey Borsellino 3-40; Fredson Salomon 2-32; Taylor Hill 2-20.

INTERCEPTIONS: SDSU – Charles Elmore 1-25; Je Ryan Butler 1-1; Winston Wright 2-0. WIU – David McDaniel 1-2; Antoine Ford 1-0; Fredson Salomon 2-0.

SACKS: SDSU – Chase Douglas 2.0-4; Doug Peete 0.5-0. WIU – Eddy Holmes 2-8; Clip Holmes 1-1.0-0; Gino Darley Jr. 1-0.4.

TACKLE LEADERS (UA-A-TOT): SDSU – R.C. Kilgore 10-5-15; Doug Peete 5-3-8; T.J. Lally 4-3-7. WIU – J.J. Raffelson 8-5-13; Jonathon Rollins 5-3-8; Martinez Davis 7-0-7.

- GAME 8 - MISSOURI STATE 35, #15/18 SDSU 21

Oct. 19, 2013 • Plaster Field (Att.: 12,312)

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. — Missouri State racked up a number of big plays on offense, rolling up 357 rushing yards on route to a 35-21 victory over South Dakota State Oct. 19 at Plaster Field.

The Bears played before a homecoming crowd of 12,312, improved to 2-6 overall and 2-2 in the Missouri Valley Football Conference. SDSU, ranked 15th and 18th in the two major Football Championship Subdivision polls, dropped to 4-4 overall and 1-3 in league play.

Each of the first three Missouri State scoring drives featured a play of more than 50 yards. The Bears cracked the scoring column on their opening drive of the game on a 56-yard touchdown pass from Ashton Glaser to Julian Burton.

The Bears turned to the running game for their next two scores, building a 20-0 lead three minutes into the second quarter. Ryan Heaston rambled 83 yards to set up a 4-yard touchdown run by Mikael Cooper-Falls late in the first quarter.

Cooper-Falls made it 20-0 on the next Bears’ possession, breaking off a 66-yard run before scoring on a 3-yard run two plays later. The extra point was blocked.

SDSU, meanwhile, regularly moved the ball into Bear territory only to have drives stall. The Jackrabbits missed a 38-yard field goal attempt midway through the first quarter and turned the ball over on downs on another drive. SDSU converted only one of nine third-down attempts in the first half — five of which were two yards or less.

The Jackrabbit defense forced and recovered fumbles on the next two Missouri State possessions. SDSU came up empty on a trip to the red zone after the first fumble, turning the ball over on downs at the Bear 11. However, the Jackrabbits cashed in after taking over at the Missouri State 15 following the second fumble as Sumner connected with Jason Schneider on a 5-yard back-shoulder throw to make it a one-score game at 27-21 with 6:04 to play.

The momentum shifted one final time in Missouri State’s favor on the ensuing possession. Facing third-and-4, Glaser broke through the line on a quarterback keeper and scored from 69 yards out. The two-point conversion also was good as Glaser hooked up with Julian Burton.

Glaser completed 10-of-15 passes for 126 yards and two touchdowns, connecting with seven different receivers. He also added 84 yards on the ground on eight attempts. Heaston led the Bears’ ground game with 122 yards on 17 carries, while Cooper-Falls added 104 yards on 10 carries.

Eric Christophel led the receiving corps with three catches for 29 yards. For the Jackrabbits, Zenner tallied 138 yards on 30 carries, while Sumner completed 18-of-43 passes for 232 yards and two scores. Trevor Tiefenthaler recorded a career-high nine catches for 95 yards, with Schneider adding four receptions for 81 yards — all in the second half.

R.C. Kilgore led SDSU with 12 tackles and recorded one of the two Missouri State fumbles. Andrew Brown registered 11 stops.

All-America safety Caleb Schaffitzel recorded a game-high 14 tackles and intercepted a pass on the final SDSU drive to lead the Bear defense.

SCORE BY QUARTERS
1 2 3 4 FINAL
South Dakota State (4-3, 1-2) 0 7 14 21
Missouri State (2-6, 2-2) 14 6 7 8 35

SCORING SUMMARY
1st 10:51 MSU – Julian Burton 56 yd pass from Ashton Glaser (Marcelo Bonani kick) 1:06 MSU – Mikael Cooper-Falls 4 yd run (Bonani kick)
2nd 12:03 MSU – Cooper-Falls 3 yd run (Bonani kick blocked)
3rd 7:52 SDSU – Brandon Hubert 9 yd pass from Austin Sumner (Justin Syrovatka kick) 3:22 MSU – Gannon Sinclair 10 yd pass from Glaser (Austin Witmer kick)
4th 14:35 SDSU – Zach Zenner 2 yd run (Syrovatka kick) 6:04 SDSU – Jason Schneider 5 yd pass from Sumner (Syrovatka kick) 4:30 MSU – Glaser 69 yd run (Barton pass from Glaser)

TEAM STATISTICS
SDSU MSU
FIRST DOWNS 17 15
RUSHES-YARDS (NET) 31-109 44-144
PASSING YDS (NET) 265 118
Passes Att-Comp-Int 35-21-2 25-9-4
Total OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS 66-374 69-262
Fumble Returns-Yards 0-0 0-0
Punt Returns-Yards 5-30 0-0
Kickoff Returns-Yards 3-76 2-26
Interception Returns-Yards 4-26 2-2

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But SDSU came right back with another long scoring drive late in the third quarter to knot the game at 28. The eight-play, 73-yard drive ended with a 10-yard pass from Sumner to Hubert for what would be the first of two touchdowns for the tandem in the game.

Hubert set career highs with nine catches for 118 yards. Schneider added eight receptions for 76 yards. Sumner finished the afternoon 22-of-34 passing for 239 yards.

Zenner again reached the 100-yard mark, tallying 106 yards on 31 carries.

For UNI, Kollmorgen finished the game 30-of-40 passing for 306 yards. Chad Owens tallied nine catches for 67 yards, while David Johnson caught eight passes for 48 yards. Johnson also gained 65 yards on the ground on 22 carries.

R.C. Kilgore led all players with 15 tackles for SDSU.

- GAME 9 -
#24/25 SDSU 37, #17/18 NORTHERN IOWA 34
(2 OT)
Oct. 26, 2013 • Coughlin-Alumni Stadium (Att.: 7,912)
Brandon Hubert caught a 14-yard touchdown pass from Austin Sumner in the second overtime, lifting No. 24 South Dakota State to a 37-34 victory over 17th-ranked Northern Iowa in Missouri Valley Football Conference action Oct. 26 at Coughlin-Alumni Stadium.

The Jackrabbits improved to 3-4 overall and 2-3 in conference action. UNI dropped to 4-4 and 0-4 in the MVFC. The loss was the Panthers’ third overtime defeat in as many weeks.

After intercepting a pass at the SDSU 28-yard line with less than four minutes to play, UNI had a chance to win the game at the end of regulation. However, Tyler Sievertsen, who had made field goals of 40 and 41 yards earlier in the game, pushed a 30-yard attempt wide right as time expired.

In the first overtime, the two squads traded field goals — SDSU’s Justin Syrovatka connected on a 26-yarder, with Sievertsen answering from 25.

UNI took a 34-31 lead in the second overtime on a 23-yard field goal by Sievertsen.

SDSU’s winning drive got off to a rocky start as Zach Zenner was dropped for a five-yard loss. After a Sumner-to-Jason Schneider pass gained eight yards, Sumner scrambled for eight yards on third-and-7 for a first down. On the next play, Sumner found Hubert open in the right flat for the winning score from 14 yards out.

After allowing a UNI field goal on the opening drive of the game, the Jackrabbits got on the board late in the first quarter thanks to its special teams unit. Je Ryan Butler fielded a bouncing punt at his own 20-yard line and streaked through the Panther defense for an 80-yard touchdown.

The Jackrabbits built the lead to 14-3 on a 3-yard touchdown pass from Sumner to Jason Schneider with 9 minutes, 50 seconds to play in the second quarter, capping a 10-play, 72-yard drive.

UNI drew within 14-3 at halftime on a 13-yard touchdown pass from Sawyer Kollmorgen to Kevin Vereen with 1:09 to play in the first half. SDSU scored on its first possession of the second half as Zenner weaved his way around left end for a 17-yard touchdown run.

The Panthers scored a pair of touchdowns less than four minutes apart in the third quarter to regain the lead. Taking advantage of a short field after a long kickoff return, UNI drew back to one point on a 12-yard pass from Kollmorgen to Evan Williams, then took the lead on a 38-yard touchdown pass by Kollmorgen to Braden Lehman. The ensuing two-point conversion was good as Kollmorgen hooked up with Shawn Rush to give the Panthers a 28-21 lead.

- GAME 10 -
#19/20 SDSU 29, INDIANA STATE 0
Nov. 9, 2013 • Coughlin-Alumni Stadium (Att.: 5,317)
The South Dakota State University football team closed out the home portion of its regular season schedule with a 29-0 shutout victory over
FIRST DOWNS 10 22
TEAM STATISTICS ISU SDSU
3rd 6:44 SDSU – Jason Schneider 25 yd pass from Austin Sumner (Syrovatka kick)
2nd 3:55 SDSU – Syrovatka 27 yd field goal
SCORING SUMMARY
South Dakota State (6-4, 3-3) 9677 2 9
Indiana State (1-9, 0-6) 0000 0
SCORE BY QUARTERS 1234 FINAL
quarter. Backup Robert Tonyan Jr. was 5-for-20 passing for 46 yards.
the Sycamores did not complete a pass until midway through the third
Indiana State completed only 7-of-22 passes for 56 yards. After starting
Zenner again led the Jackrabbit rushing attack with 137 yards on 28 car-
the score at 13-12. The PAT try, however, was no good after hitting the right upright, keeping
- GAME 11 -
#19/19 SDSU 27, SOUTH DAKOTA 12
Nov. 16, 2013 • DakotaDome (Att.: 10,845)
VERMILLION — The South Dakota State University defense came up big time and time again in the fourth quarter, holding off the University of South Dakota, 27-12, Nov. 16 at the DakotaDome in the South Dakota Showdown Series. The Jackrabbits kept their playoff hopes alive with their third straight victory, improving to 7-4 overall and 4-3 in the Missouri Valley Football Conference. USD, which fell to a ranked opponent at home for the third straight week dropped to 4-7 overall and 3-4 in league play.
SDSU never trailed in posting their fifth consecutive victory over the Coyotes. The Jackrabbits got on the board late in the first quarter on a 24-yard touchdown pass from Austin Sumner to Brandon Hubert. After USD countered with a 21-yard field goal by Miles Bergner, the Jackrabbits took advantage of a short field to build a 13-3 lead as Zach Zenner capped a six-play, 47-yard drive with a 1-yard touchdown run – his 18th rushing touchdown of the season. The extra point was no good due to a bad snap.
The Coyotes drew to within 13-6 in the final minute of the first half on a 25-yard touchdown pass from Sumner to Jason Schneider.
USD further closed the gap midway through the third quarter on a 13-
yard touchdown pass across the middle to Terrance Terry from Kevin Earl. The PAT try, however, was no good after hitting the right upright, keeping the score at 13-12.
The fourth quarter belonged to the Jackrabbits, who outscored USD 40-0. A 5-yard touchdown pass from Sumner to Schneider on the first play of the final stanza made the score 20-12. Both of USD’s first two drives in the fourth quarter ended with the Coyotes turning the ball over in Jackrabbit territory. Josh Vander Maten was stopped an inch shy of a first down on a screen pass on fourth-and-4, and Kevin Earl was sacked by R.C. Kilgore on fourth-and-11 on the next possession.
In between, the Jackrabbits chewed up more than seven minutes off the clock before a 39-yard field goal attempt was blocked. SDSU again had the opportunity to salt the game away, but Zach Zenner, who topped the 100-yard mark for the 10th time this season, was stripped of the ball in Jackrabbit territory with less than three minutes to play in regulation.
But on the first Coyote play from scrimmage following the fumble, the
momentum swung one final time in the Jackrabbits’ favor as Winston Wright picked off a Earl pass on the right sideline and crossed the entire field for an 82-yard touchdown return.

Zenner gained 137 yards on 31 carries, while Schneider finished the day with five catches for 88 yards and two touchdowns. Sumner completed 16-of-23 passes for 175 yards.

Andrew Brown led the Jackrabbit defense with seven tackles. For USD, Earl completed 21-of-48 passes for 325 yards, with Terry catching nine passes for 115 yards and the lone Coyote touchdown. Jordan Roberts led the USD ground game with 31 yards on eight carries as USD finished with a 384-315 advantage in total offense.

Auston Johnson and Aaron Swift each tallied a game-high eight tackles for USD, with Johnson recording a pair of sacks.

SCORE BY QUARTERS 1 2 3 4 FINAL
South Dakota State (7-4, 4-3) 7 6 0 14 27
South Dakota (4-7, 3-4) 0 6 6 0 12

SCORING SUMMARY
1st 1:09 SDSU – Jason Schneider 3 yd pass from Austin Sumner
(Justin Syrovatka kick)
2nd 12:10 USD – Miles Bergner 21 yd field goal
4:55 SDSU – Zach Zenner 1 yd run (pass failed)
00:30 USD – Bergner 25 yd field goal
3rd 7:04 USD – Terrance Terry 13 yd pass from Kevin Earl (Bergner kick failed)
4th 14:57 SDSU – Schneider 5 yd pass from Sumner (Syrovatka kick)
2:36 SDSU – Winston Wright 82 yd interception return (Syrovatka kick)

TEAM STATISTICS
SDSU USD
FIRST DOWNS 20 19
RUSHES-YARDS (NET) 44-140 25-59
PASSING YDS (NET) 175 325
Passes Att-Comp-Int 23-16-1 48-21-1
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS 67-315 73-384
Fumble Returns-Yards 0-0 1-1
Punt Returns-Yards 3-60 2-14
Kickoff Returns-Yards 2-33 3-87
Interception Returns-Yards 1-82 1-0
Punts (Number-Avg) 3-43.2 4-39.5
Fumbles-Lost 1-1 0-0
Penalties-Yards 7-54 8-60
Possession Time 34:50 25:10
Third-Down Conversions 8 of 13 7 of 17
Fourth-Down Conversions 0 of 0 0 of 3
Red-Zone Scores-Chances 2-3 3-3
Sacks By: Number-Yards 12 12
RECEIVING LEADERS: SDSU – Jason Schneider 5-88; Trevor Tiefenthaler 3-40. USD – Terrance Terry 9-115; Tyler Wilhelm 4-68; Josh Vander Mateen 3-36.
INTERCEPTIONS: SDSU – Winston Wright 1-82 USD – Keyen Lage 1-0. SACKS: SDSU – R.C. Kilgore 1-0; Dallas Brown 1-0. USD – Emilious Davis 2-0; Austin Johnson 2-0.

TACKLE LEADERS (UA-A-TOT):
SDSU – R.C. Kilgore 4-4-8; Andrew Brown 4-3-7; Melvin Tavares 4-3-7. USD – Aaron Swift 5-5-10; Devin Taverna 3-5-8; Auston Johnson 5-2-7.

# GAME 12 – #16/17 SDSU 42,
# 15/18 YOUNGSTOWN ST. 13
Nov. 23, 2013 • Stambaugh Stadium (Att.: 8,973)

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio — South Dakota State made an emphatic final statement toward a potential Football Championship Subdivision playoff berth, wrapping up the regular season Nov. 23 with a 42-13 drubbing of Youngstown State at snowy Stambaugh Stadium.

The Jackrabbits, ranked 16th by the Sports Network and 17th in the FCS Coaches’ poll, won for the fourth consecutive time to improve to 8-4 overall and 5-3 in the Missouri Valley Football Conference. YSU, ranked 15th and 18th, respectively, lost its third game in a row to also finish the regular season 8-4 and 5-3.

SDSU established a punishing running game early and rolled up a season-high 312 yards on the ground for the game, compared to only 75 by the Penguins.

The Jackrabbits took the opening kickoff to open the scoring with a seven-play, 81-yard drive. All but eight yards came via the ground as backup running back Reggie Gandy capped the drive with a 22-yard touchdown run.

Youngstown State was forced to punt on its first possession, but retained possession after a punt hit a Jackrabbit player and was recovered at the SDSU 19. The Penguins scored on third-and-goal as Martin Ruiz plunged into the end zone from a yard out, but the extra point was blocked to keep SDSU in the lead at 7-6.

SDSU gained control with a 21-point second quarter. Zach Zenner scored on a 3-yard touchdown pass from Austin Sumner to finish off an eight-play, 81-yard drive, then added a 6-yard touchdown run later in the quarter as the Jackrabbits again drove the length of the field to the tune of 13 plays and 80 yards to push their lead to 21-6. Sumner kept the drive alive on two third-and-long situations, completing an 18-yard pass to Brandon Hubert before scrambling for 16 yards and a first down on third-and-16.

Zenner’s second touchdown came after the Jackrabbits’ Charles Elmore intercepted a Kurt Hess pass in the end zone to thwart a potential scoring drive by YSU.

The Penguins cut right back to cut the margin to 21-13 as Hess found Ruiz down the left sideline for a 63-yard touchdown on the first play from scrimmage.

SDSU again pushed the lead to two scores in the final minute of the first half as Sumner hooked up with Jason Schneider on third-and-goal from the YSU 8 for the wide receiver’s 10th touchdown reception of the season. The Jackrabbits led 28-13 at halftime. The Jackrabbit defense came up with its second takeaway of the game late in the third quarter on an interception by R.C. Kilgore near midfield. Eight plays later, Sumner scored from seven yards out on a quarterback draw to increase the lead to 35-13.

SDSU tacked on a fourth-quarter touchdown as Zenner found the end zone for the third time in the game, scoring on a 1-yard run. Zenner finished the game with 29 carries for 186 yards, with Gandy carrying 13 times for 90 yards and Sumner adding 38 yards on eight carries. Sumner also completed 15-of-19 passes for 170 yards as SDSU held a 482-213 advantage in total offense and a two-to-one advantage (40:04 to 19:56) in time of possession.

Jason Schneider led the SDSU receiving corps with seven catches for 59 yards. Trevor Tiefenthaler added three receptions for 50 yards.

Andre Stubbs led YSU in the rushing department, gaining 39 yards on his lone carry and adding three receptions for 41 yards. Ruiz finished with 26 yards on 12 carries and 72 yards on two receptions, including his 63-yard touchdown. Hess finished the afternoon 9-of-19 passing for 138 yards.

DeVon McCoy and Ali Cheaib each recorded 10 tackles for the Penguins. Kilgore led SDSU with six stops.

SCORE BY QUARTERS 1 2 3 4 FINAL
South Dakota State (8-4, 5-3) 7 21 7 7 42
Youngstown State (8-4, 5-3) 7 21 7 7 42

SCORING SUMMARY
1st 11:30 SDSU – Reggie Gandy 22 yd run (Justin Syrovatka kick)
7:39 YSU – Martin Ruiz 1 yd run (kick blocked)
2nd 12:28 SDSU – Zach Zenner 3 yd pass from Austin Sumner (Syrovatka kick)
3:05 SDSU – Zenner 6 yd run (Syrovatka kick)
2:53 YSU – Ruiz 63 yd pass from Kurt Hess (Joey Cejudo kick)
00:40 SDSU – Jason Schneider 8 yd pass from Sumner (Syrovatka kick)
3rd 1:52 SDSU – Sumner 7 yd run (Syrovatka kick)
4th 11:03 SDSU – Zenner 1 yd run (Syrovatka kick)
Jack Sherlock. One play later, Zenner atoned for his earlier miscue by out-pass attempt was batted into the air and was intercepted by defensive end in the first half.

A roughing-the-punter penalty late in the third quarter extended a

SDSU lead. The scoring drive covered 66 yards on 15 plays and took more than seven minutes off the clock.

After a scoreless first quarter, Northern Arizona drew first blood on a

Reggie Gandy’s 7-yard touchdown run with 7:05 remaining in the game

and on special teams, intercepting two passes and tallying 67 yards on four punt returns.

The Jackrabbits defense took control, holding NAU to seven net yards of total offense in the third quarter.

A roughing-the-punter penalty late in the third quarter extended a Jackrabbit drive and SDSU cashed in as Justin Syrovatka booted a 20-yard field goal to push the lead to 19-7 three-plus minutes into the fourth quarter. The scoring drive covered 66 yards on 15 plays and took more than seven minutes off the clock.

Reggie Gandy’s 7-yard touchdown run with 7:05 remaining in the game provided the final margin.

After a scoreless first quarter, Northern Arizona drew first blood on a 6-yard touchdown run by Zach Bauman with 9 minutes, 56 seconds to play in the first half.

SDSU appeared on the verge of tying the game on the ensuing possession, but Zenner was stripped of the football at the NAU 1 and the Lumberjacks fell on the loose ball in the end zone for a touchdown.

The Lumberjacks then drove deep into SDSU territory, but Kyren Poc’s pass attempt was batted into the air and was intercepted by defensive end Jack Sherlock. One play later, Zenner atoned for his earlier miscue by out-running the Lumberjack defense for an 87-yard touchdown with 3:14 to play in the half.

Zenner finished the game with 249 yards on 30 carries as he crossed the 100-yard mark for the 12th time this season and went over the 200-yard mark for the second time in three career playoff games.

As a team, the Jackrabbits rolled up 399 yards of total offense, including 343 on the ground. SDSU quarterback Austin Sumner completed only 4-of-15 passes for 56 yards, but gained another 45 on the ground on seven carries.

NAU finished with only 53 net yards rushing and 301 yards of total offense. Bauman gained 101 yards on 22 carries, while Poe completed 16-of-27 passes for 216 yards, but was intercepted three times. Dejzon Walker caught four passes for 93 yards.

The Lumberjack offense converted only one of 14 third-down attempts.

Lally, Chase Douglas and Cole Langer led the Jackrabbits defense with six tackles each. Douglas recorded a pair of sacks and four tackles for loss. Doug Peete and Marshall Peugh each notched 1.5 sacks.

An Arizona native, Butler (Tempe) also had a big day both defensively and on special teams, intercepting two passes and tallying 67 yards on four punt returns.

TEAM STATISTICS

SDSU

PASSING YDS (NET) 56 248

RUSHING-YARDS (NET) 30-188 33-198

TACKLE LEADERS:

SDSU – T.J. Lally 2-18; Cole Langer 1-10. NAU – Dean Person 7-27; Lee Williams 7-18.

INTERCEPTIONS:


PUNT RETURNS:

SDSU – Trevor Wesley 1-23; Chase Cartwright 2-54. NAU – J.C. Behen 1-23; Nick Cole 2-24.

SCORING SUMMARY

Northern Arizona (9-3) 0700 7

South Dakota State (9-4) 0 7 9 10 26

TEAM STATISTICS

SDSU

First Downs 22 8

RUSHING-YARDS (NET) 53-312 24-75

Passes Att-Comp-Int 170 138

TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS 72-482 43-213

Fumble Returns-Yards 0-0 0-0

Punt Returns-Yards 2-10 0-0

Kickoff Returns-Yards 2-41 4-83

INTERCEPTION RETURNS-YARDS 2-15 0-0

Punts (Number-Avg) 2-34.5 4-44.5

Fumbles-Lost 5-1 2-0

Penalties-Yards 6-50 1-15

Possession Time 40:04 19:56

Third-Down Conversions 10 of 13 4 of 10

Fourth-Down Conversions 0 of 1 0 of 2

Red-Zone Scores-Chances 5-6 1-2

Sacks By: Number-Yards 2-14 1-6


PASSING LEADERS: SDSU – Austin Sumner 115-19-0 1-70. YSU – Kurt Hess 9-19-2 138

RECEIVING LEADERS: SDSU – J.C. Behen 9-1-10; Chase Cartwright 2-5-0 32.

TACKLE LEADERS (UA-A-TOT):

SDSU – Kevin Williams 1-5; Brandon Hubert 1-2. NAU – Robert Croyle 2-13; Nick Cole 2-93.

RECEIVING LEADERS:


RUSHING LEADERS:

SDSU – Zach Zenner 30-249; Reggie Gandy 11-51; Austin Sumner 4-15-56. YSU – Kyren Poe 16-27-3 216.

INTERCEPTIONS:


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Senior wide receiver Trevor Tiefenthaler recorded career highs of 112 yards.

Kupp led the Eagle receivers with four catches for 90 yards. Quincy Forte.
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- Zach Zemner at Northern Iowa, 10-9-13
- 37 carries, 295 yards, 3 TD
- Zach Zemner vs. S.Eastern Louisiana, 9-14-13
- 17 carries, 128 yards, 3 TD
- Zach Zemner at Nebraska, 9-21-13
- 21 carries, 202 yards, 2 TD
- Zach Zemner vs. Southern Illinois, 10-5-13
- 31 carries, 112 yards, 2 TD
- Zach Zemner at Western Illinois, 10-12-13
- 21 carries, 133 yards, 2 TD
- Zach Zemner at Missouri State, 10-19-13
- 30 carries, 138 yards, 2 TD
- Zach Zemner vs. Northern Iowa, 10-26-13
- 31 carries, 106 yards, 1 TD
- Zach Zemner vs. Indiana State, 11-9-13
- 28 carries, 137 yards, 1 TD
- Zach Zemner at South Dakota, 11-16-13
- 31 carries, 137 yards, 1 TD
- Zach Zemner at Youngstown State, 11-23-13
- 29 carries, 186 yards, 2 TD
- Zach Zemner at Northern Arizona, 11-30-13
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- Austin Sumner at Eastern Washington, 12-17-13
- 26-of-40, 315 yards, 1 TD

### DEFENSIVE LEADERS

#### 2013 STATISTICS

#### TOP PERFORMANCES

- Zach Zemner vs. Butler (Ind.), 8-31-13
- 16 carries, 117 yards, 2 TD
- Zach Zemner at North Dakota, 9-7-13
- 37 carries, 295 yards, 3 TD
- Zach Zemner vs. S. Eastern Louisiana, 9-14-13
- 17 carries, 128 yards, 3 TD
- Zach Zemner at Nebraska, 9-21-13
- 21 carries, 202 yards, 2 TD
- Zach Zemner vs. Southern Illinois, 10-5-13
- 31 carries, 112 yards, 2 TD
- Zach Zemner at Western Illinois, 10-12-13
- 21 carries, 133 yards, 2 TD
- Zach Zemner at Missouri State, 10-19-13
- 30 carries, 138 yards, 2 TD
- Zach Zemner vs. Northern Iowa, 10-26-13
- 31 carries, 106 yards, 1 TD
- Zach Zemner vs. Indiana State, 11-9-13
- 28 carries, 137 yards, 1 TD
- Zach Zemner at South Dakota, 11-16-13
- 31 carries, 137 yards, 1 TD
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**INDIVIDUAL GAME HIGHS**

- **Rushing Attempts:** 37, by Zach Zenner, at North Dakota, 9-7-13
- **Rushing Yards:** 295, by Zach Zenner, at North Dakota, 9-7-13
- **Rushing Touchdowns:** 3, by Zach Zenner, at North Dakota, 9-7-13, and vs. Southeastern Louisiana, 9-14-13
- **Long Rush:** 87 yards (for TD), by Zach Zenner, at Northern Arizona, 11-30-13
- **Pass Attempts:** 45, by Austin Sumner, at Missouri State, 10-19-13
- **Pass Completions:** 26, by Austin Sumner, at Eastern Washington, 12-7-13
- **Yards Passing:** 326, by Austin Sumner, vs. Butler (Ind.), 8-31-13
- **Passing Touchdowns:** 3, three times by Austin Sumner (last: vs. Northern Iowa, 10-26-13)
- **Receptions:** 11, by Trevor Tiefenthaler, at Eastern Washington, 12-7-13
- **Yards Receiving:** 167, by Jason Schneider, vs. Butler (Ind.), 8-31-13
- **Receiving Touchdowns:** 2, by Jason Schneider, vs. Butler (Ind.), 8-31-13, and at South Dakota, 11-16-13; and by Brandon Hubert, vs. Northern Iowa, 10-26-13
- **Long Reception:** 60 yards, by Cam Jones (from Sumner), vs. Butler, 8-31-13
- **Field Goals:** 3, by Justin Syrovatka, at Indiana State, 11-9-13
- **Long Field Goal:** 48 yards, by Justin Syrovatka, at Nebraska, 9-21-13, and at Western Illinois, 10-12-13
- **Punts:** 10, by Ethan Sawyer, vs. North Dakota State, 9-28-13
- **Punting Average:** 44.6 yards, by Ethan Sawyer, at Northern Arizona, 11-30-13
- **Long Punt:** 58 yards, by Ethan Sawyer, at Missouri State, 10-19-13
- **Long Punt Return:** 80 yards (for TD), by Je Ryan Butler, vs. Northern Iowa, 10-26-13
- **Long Kickoff Return:** 34 yards, by Jinnie Forsythe, vs. Southern Illinois, 10-5-13
- **Interceptions:** 2, by Dallas Brown, vs. Southeastern Louisiana, 9-14-13; by Winston Wright, at Western Illinois, 10-12-13; and by Je Ryan Butler, vs. Northern Arizona, 11-30-13
- **Tackles:** 17, by R.C. Kilgore, vs. North Dakota State, 9-28-13
- **Tackles for Loss:** 4.0, by Chase Douglas, at Northern Arizona, 11-30-13
- **Sacks:** 2.5, by Chase Douglas, at North Dakota, 9-7-13

**TEAM GAME HIGHS**

- **Rushing Attempts:** 53, at Youngstown State, 11-23-13
- **Rushing Yards:** 343, at Northern Arizona, 11-30-13
- **Yards Per Rush:** 6.9, at Northern Arizona, 11-30-13
- **Rushing Touchdowns:** 4, vs. Southeastern Louisiana, 9-14-13, and at Youngstown State, 11-23-13
- **Pass Attempts:** 43, at Missouri State, 10-19-13
- **Pass Completions:** 26, at Eastern Washington, 12-7-13
- **Yards Passing:** 358, vs. Butler (Ind.), 8-31-13
- **Yards Per Pass:** 9.7, vs. Butler (Ind.), 8-31-13
- **Passing Touchdowns:** 4, vs. Butler (Ind.), 8-31-13
- **Total Plays:** 84, at Missouri State, 10-19-13
- **Total Offense:** 546 yards, vs. Butler (Ind.), 8-31-13
- **Yards Per Play:** 7.8, vs. Butler (Ind.), 8-31-13
- **Points:** 55, vs. Butler (Ind.), 8-31-13
- **First Downs:** 25, at Nebraska, 9-21-13
- **Interceptions By:** 4, vs. Southeastern Louisiana, 9-14-2013, and at Western Illinois, 10-12-13
- **Interceptions At:** 4, vs. Butler (Ind.), 8-31-13
- **Points At:** 7, at Northern Arizona, 11-30-13
- **Penalties:** 10, vs. Butler (Ind.), 8-31-13
- **Penalty Yards:** 103, vs. Butler (Ind.), 8-31-13
- **Turnovers By:** 3, at Nebraska, 9-21-13

**2013 FINAL POLLS**

**Sports Network Poll**

1. **North Dakota State [142]** 15-0 3,550
2. **Towson (Md.)** 13-3 3,401
3. **Eastern Washington** 12-3 3,233
4. **Eastern Illinois** 12-2 3,015
5. **New Hampshire** 10-5 2,880
6. **Southeastern Louisiana** 11-3 2,716
7. **Coastal Carolina (S.C.)** 12-3 2,707
8. **Montana** 10-3 2,386
9. **Fordham (N.Y.)** 12-2 2,167
10. **Jacksonville State (Ala.)** 11-4 2,135
11. **McNeese State (La.)** 10-3 2,067
12. **Maine Black** 10-3 1,962
13. **South Dakota State** 9-5 1,921
14. **Sam Houston State (Texas)** 9-5 1,879
15. **Northern Arizona** 9-3 1,672
16. **Bethune-Cookman (Fla.)** 10-3 1,310
17. **Tennessee State** 10-4 1,277
18. **Youngstown State (Ohio)** 8-4 787
19. **Samford (Ala.)** 8-5 783
20. **Montana State** 7-5 738
21. **Southern Utah** 8-5 591
22. **Furman (S.C.)** 8-6 540
23. **Chattanooga (Tenn.)** 8-4 413
24. **Charleston Southern (S.C.)** 10-3 353
25. **South Carolina State** 9-4 347

**FCS Coaches’ Poll**

1. **North Dakota State [20]** 15-0 500
2. **Towson (Md.)** 13-3 478
3. **Eastern Washington** 12-3 453
4. **Eastern Illinois** 12-2 417
5. **New Hampshire** 10-5 409
6. **Southeastern Louisiana** 11-3 369
7. **Coastal Carolina (S.C.)** 12-3 361
8. **Montana** 10-3 309
9. **McNeese State (La.)** 10-3 307
10. **Fordham (N.Y.)** 12-2 299
11. **Maine** 10-3 297
12. **Jacksonville State (Ala.)** 12-2 266
13. **Sam Houston State (Texas)** 9-5 258
14. **South Dakota State** 9-5 252
15. **Northern Arizona** 9-3 238
16. **Bethune-Cookman (Fla.)** 10-3 183
17. **Tennessee State** 10-4 181
18. **Samford (Ala.)** 8-5 135
19. **Youngstown State (Ohio)** 8-4 117
20. **Montana State** 7-5 99
21. **Furman (S.C.)** 8-6 82
22. **Charleston Southern (S.C.)** 10-3 80
23. **Harvard (Mass.)** 9-1 63
24. **Southern Utah** 8-5 58
25. **Chattanooga (Tenn.)** 8-4 56

*Others receiving votes: Harvard (Mass.) 207, Lehigh (Pa.) 194, Sacred Heart (Conn.) 154, Liberty (Va.) 96, Northern Iowa 89, William & Mary (Va.) 72, Princeton (N.J.) 71, Delaware 53, Western Carolina 44, Villanova (Pa.) 40, Southeastern Louisiana 39, Butler (Ind.) 35, Jackson State (Miss.) 31, Georgia Southern 26, Lafayette (La.) 26, James Madison (Va.) 19, Richmond (Va.) 12, Alcorn State (Miss.) 9, Gardner-Webb (N.C.) 9, Southern (La.) 8.*

*Note: 2013 opponents denoted in bold.*

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Football Championship Subdivision playoff qualifier South Dakota State was well-represented on the all-Missouri Valley Football Conference team, with 10 Jackrabbit players named to the honor squad following completion of the 2013 regular season.

Five Jackrabbits earned first-team honors, including repeat selections Zach Zenner and Bryan Witzmann.

A junior running back from Eagan, Minnesota, Zenner led the MVFC in rushing for the second consecutive season with 1,695 yards through the end of the regular season. Zenner crossed the 100-yard mark in 11 of 12 games and scored a league-best 22 touchdowns — 20 rushing and two receiving. He added 21 receptions for 251 yards out of the backfield.

Witzmann, a senior offensive tackle from Houlton, Wisconsin, anchored a Jackrabbit offensive line that helped clear the way for Zenner and allowed SDSU to rank in the upper half of nearly every offensive category in the MVFC. Witzmann started every game during his four-year career.

Completing SDSU’s first-team selections on offense was junior wide receiver Jason Schneider. The Andover, Minnesota, native finished the regular season as the MVFC’s leading receiver with 71 receptions (5.9 rpg) for 985 yards (82.1 ypg). He also scored 10 touchdowns, putting together a streak of six consecutive games with a touchdown to end the regular season.

Defensively, linebacker R.C. Kilgore and cornerback Winston Wright were named to the all-MVFC First Team. A senior from Cottage Grove, Minnesota, Kilgore ranked among the top tacklers in the FCS with a streak of six consecutive games with a touchdown to end the regular season. Kilgore tallied double figures in tackles six times and also led the Jackrabbits with six fumble recoveries during the regular season with four fumble recoveries and two interceptions.

Wright moved up to the first team after earning second-team honors in 2011. A senior from Lee’s Summit, Missouri, Wright led the team with four interceptions during the regular season, while adding 47 tackles, three forced fumbles and two pass breakups.

Second-team honorees included Vince Benedetto at fullback and defensive tackle Chase Douglas.

Benedetto served primarily as a lead blocker for Zenner and the rest of the Jackrabbit running backs as SDSU averaged 161.4 yards per game on the ground through the regular season. A senior from Crystal Lake, Illinois, Benedetto also caught six passes for 36 yards and a touchdown.

Douglas ranked among the league leaders in sacks with a team-best seven during the regular season. The senior from Brandon also tallied 33 total tackles, eight tackles for loss and forced two fumbles.

Rounding out the Jackrabbit honorees were honorable mention selections Austin Sumner, Doug Peete and Je Ryan Butler.

A junior quarterback, Sumner led the league in passing yards with 2,628 during the regular season. The Brandon native completed 59.5 percent (210-of-353) of his passes with 18 touchdowns and only seven interceptions as he set Jackrabbit career records for completions, attempts and passing yardage during the 2013 campaign.

Peete put together another strong season at the defensive end position, ranking fourth on the team with 61 tackles. A senior from Olathe, Kansas, Peete added 6.5 tackles for loss, three sacks and an interception.

Butler, a sophomore from Tempe, Arizona, was honored as a return specialist after taking over the punt return duties midway through the season. He averaged 11.5 yards per return, highlighted by an 80-yard punt return for touchdown in a double-overtime win against Northern Iowa.

Selections to the all-MVFC Team are voted on by league coaches, sports information directors and a media panel. Special awards were presented to North Dakota State quarterback Brock Jensen as MVFC Offensive Player of the Year, South Dakota linebacker Tyler Stall as Defensive Player of the Year and Youngstown State running back Martin Ruiz as Freshman of the Year and Newcomer of the Year. NDSU head coach Craig Bohl was named the Bruce Caddock Valley Football Coach of the Year for the third time.

### All-Conference Selections

#### 2013 All-Missouri Valley Football Conference

**First-Team Offense**
- QB: Brock Jensen, North Dakota St.
- RB: David Johnson, Northern Iowa
- RB: Zach Zenner, SDSU
- FB: Andrew Grothmann, N. Dakota St.
- WR: Jason Schneider, SDSU
- WR: Zach Vraa, North Dakota St.
- OL: F.N. Lutz, Indiana St.
- OL: Josh Aladenoye, Illinois St.
- OL: Chris Elkins, Youngstown St.
- OL: Jack Rummells, Northern Iowa
- OL: Billy Turner, North Dakota St.
- OL: Bryan Witzmann, SDSU
- PK: Tyler Sievertsen, Northern Iowa

**First-Team Defense**
- DL: Ryan Dreylow, North Dakota St.
- DL: Colton Underwood, Illinois St.
- DL: Connor Underwood, Indiana St.
- DL: Xavier Williams, Northern Iowa
- LB: R.C. Kilgore, SDSU
- LB: Grant Olson, North Dakota State
- LB: Bryan Presume, So. Illinois
- LB: Tyler Stall, South Dakota
- DB: Colten Heagle, North Dakota St.
- DB: Caleb Schaffitzel, Missouri St.
- DB: Marcus Williams, N. Dakota St.
- DB: Winston Wright, SDSU
- P: Nick Liste, Youngstown St.
- RS: Andre Stubbs, Youngstown State

**Second-Team Offense**
- QB: Kurt Hentschel, Youngstown State
- RB: Sam Ojuri, North Dakota State
- RB: Martin Ruiz, Youngstown State
- FB: Vince Benedetto, SDSU
- WR: Austin Sumner, Doug Peete, QB Austin Sumner
- QB: Trenton Norvell, Western Illinois
- WR: Lance Lenoir, Western Illinois
- QB: Martin Ruiz, Youngstown State
- QB: Blake Winkler, Illinois State
- PK: Thomas Kinney, Southern Illinois

**Second-Team Defense**
- DL: Collin Albrecht, Northern Iowa
- DL: Chase Douglas, SDSU
- LB: Kyle Emanuel, Northern Iowa
- LB: Nick Canavan, Missouri State
- LB: Jordan Gacke, Northern Iowa
- LB: Pat Meehan, Illinois State
- LB: Trevor Bouma, South Dakota
- LB: Jaye Parsons, Youngstown St.
- DB: Siahbran Berry, Missouri State
- DB: Ben LeCompte, Northern Iowa
- DB: Howard Scarborough, Missouri St.
- RS: Andre Stubbs, Youngstown State
- RS: Trenton Norvell, Western Illinois

**Honorable Mention**
- Illinois State: PK Nick Aussieker, DB Dontae McCoy, FB Jordan Neukirch
- Indiana State: DL Russell Jones, WR Tanner Riley, DB Mark Sowall
- Missouri State: LB Andrew Beisel, OL Zack Cooley, OL Richard Galbierz
- North Dakota State: OL Tyler Gimmestad, DL Leevon Perry, DB C.J. Smith
- Northern Iowa: DL Brian Meader, HB Jonathon Hall, RB Ray Mitchell, WR Chad Owens
- South Dakota: RB Austen Johnson, OL Cody O’Neill, TE Tyler Wilhelm
- Southern Illinois: WR/RS LaSteven McKinney, WR John Lantz, Austen Pucylowski
- Western Illinois: RB J.C. Baker, DL Ryan Demming, LB Kevin Kintzel

**2013 All-Newcomer Team**

**Offense**
- RB: Malcolm Agnew, Southern Illinois
- RB: J.C. Baker, Western Illinois
- RS: LeMonte Booker, Indiana State
- RB: Trevor Bouma, South Dakota
- QB: Bronn Carnes, Northern Iowa
- WR: Riley Donovan, South Dakota
- PK: Thomas Kinney, Southern Illinois

**Defense**
- DB: Jared Bryant, South Dakota
- DB: Brandon Cheatam, Missouri State
- LB: Dylan Cole, Missouri State
- LB: Makinton Dorleant, Northern Iowa
- LB: Austen Johnson, South Dakota
- DT: Cole Langer, SDSU

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TEAM PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

AUG. 31 VS. BUTLER (IND.)
Offense: Austin Sumner, Taylor Suess
Defense: Charles Elmore
Special Teams: Justin Syrovatka
Scout Defense: Brady Mengarelli
Scout Special Teams: Nick Farina

SEPT. 7 AT NORTH DAKOTA
Offense: Zach Zenner, Bryan Witzmann
Defense: Doug Peete
Special Teams: Thayer Trenhaile
Scout Offense: Brady Mengarelli, Stacy Keely
Scout Defense: Lennard Cowans
Scout Special Teams: Mikias Alipate

SEPT. 14 VS. SOUTHEASTERN LOUISIANA
Offense: Zach Zenner, Taylor Suess
Defense: Winston Wright
Special Teams: Ethan Sawyer
Scout Offense: Dalton Douglas
Scout Defense: Kane Louscher
Scout Special Teams: Anthony Gutierrez

SEPT. 21 VS. NEBRASKA
Offense: Zach Zenner, Bryan Witzmann
Defense: Winston Wright
Special Teams: Ethan Sawyer
Scout Offense: Nick Carr
Scout Defense: Chris Balster
Scout Special Teams: Bryson McCabe

SEPT. 28 VS. NORTH DAKOTA STATE
Offense: Jason Schneider, Taylor Suess
Defense: R.C. Kilgore
Special Teams: Auston LaBlance
Scout Offense: Andy Morikko
Scout Defense: Tony Dibb
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2013 AWARDS

ZACH ZENNER
Jim Langer Award – Team
Most Valuable Player

JASON SCHNEIDER
Adam Timmerman
Award – Offensive MVP

R.C. KILGORE
Doug Miller Award –
Defensive MVP

JE RYAN BUTLER
Adam Vinatieri Award –
Special Teams MVP

WINSTON WRIGHT
Josh Ranek
Effort Award

BRADY MENGARELLI
Scout Offense
Player of the Year

TORY DIBB
Scout Defense
Player of the Year

MIKIAS ALIPATE
Scout Special Teams
Player of the Year

OCT. 5 VS. SOUTHERN ILLINOIS
Offense: Austin Sumner, Bryan Witzmann
Defense: Melvin Taveras
Special Teams: Thayer Trenhaile
Scout Offense: Brady Mengarelli
Scout Defense: Anthony Gutierrez
Scout Special Teams: Eron Keely

OCT. 12 AT WESTERN ILLINOIS
Offense: Jason Schneider, Bryan Witzmann
Defense: Chase Douglas, Winston Wright
Special Teams: Jay Carlson
Scout Offense: Dalton Douglas
Scout Defense: Trent Mason
Scout Special Teams: Mikias Alipate

OCT. 19 AT MISSOURI STATE
Offense: Trevor Tiefenthaler, Bryan Witzmann
Defense: Winston Wright
Special Teams: T.J. Lally
Scout Offense: Dalton Douglas, Brady Mengarelli
Scout Defense: Tony Dibb
Scout Special Teams: Chris Balster

OCT. 26 VS. NORTHERN IOWA
Offense: Brandon Hubert, Andrew Mueller
Defense: Chase Douglas, Marshall Peugh
Special Teams: Je Ryan Butler
Scout Offense: Taylor Bloom, Brady Mengarelli
Scout Defense: Nick Farina
Scout Special Teams: Anthony Gutierrez, Bryson McCabe

NOV. 9 VS. INDIANA STATE
Offense: Austin Sumner, Alex Parker
Defense: Andrew Brown
Special Teams: Ethan Sawyer, Jesse Bobbit
Scout Offense: Jacob Menage
Scout Defense: Matt Swallow
Scout Special Teams: Nick Farina

NOV. 16 AT SOUTH DAKOTA
Offense: Austin Sumner, Taylor Suess
Defense: Doug Peete, Charles Elmore
Special Teams: Winston Wright
Scout Offense: Dalton Douglas, Taylor Bloom
Scout Defense: Matt Romano
Scout Special Teams: Nick Farina

NOV. 23 AT YOUNGSTOWN STATE
Offense: Austin Sumner, Taylor Suess
Defense: Defensive Line
Special Teams: Marshall Peugh
Scout Offense: Dallas Goedert
Scout Defense: Austin Benson
Scout Special Teams: Jacob Menage

NOV. 30 AT NORTHERN ARIZONA
Offense: Zach Zenner, Bryan Witzmann
Defense: Defensive Line, Je Ryan Butler
Special Teams: Ethan Sawyer
Scout Offense: Brady Mengarelli
Scout Defense: Nate Meixell
Scout Special Teams: Kane Louscher

DEC. 7 AT EASTERN WASHINGTON
Offense: Trevor Tiefenthaler, Taylor Suess
Defense: R.C. Kilgore
Special Teams: Justin Syrovatka
Scout Offense: Dalton Douglas
Scout Defense: Mikias Alipate
Scout Special Teams: Bryson McCabe
POSTSEASON AWARDS

ALL-MISSOURI VALLEY FOOTBALL CONFERENCE FIRST TEAM
- R.C. Kilgore, Sr., LB
- Jason Schneider, Jr., WR
- Bryan Witzmann, Sr., OL
- Winston Wright, Sr., DB
- Zach Zenner, Jr., RB

ALL-MVFC SECOND TEAM
- Vince Benedetto, Sr., FB/TE
- Chase Douglas, Sr., DL

HONORABLE MENTION ALL-MVFC
- Je Ryan Butler, So., KR/DB
- Doug Peete, Sr., DL
- Austin Sumner, Jr., QB

MVFC ALL-NEWCOMER TEAM
- Cole Langer, Fr., DL

AFCA ALL-AMERICA TEAM
- Zach Zenner, RB

COLLEGE SPORTING NEWS FCS FABULOUS FIFTY ALL-AMERICA TEAM
- Bryan Witzmann, OL
- Zach Zenner, RB

SPORTS NETWORK ALL-AMERICA FIRST TEAM
- Bryan Witzmann, OL
- Zach Zenner, RB

SPORTS NETWORK ALL-AMERICA THIRD TEAM
- Winston Wright, DB

ASSOCIATED PRESS FCS ALL-AMERICA FIRST TEAM
- Zach Zenner, RB

ASSOCIATED PRESS FCS ALL-AMERICA SECOND TEAM
- Bryan Witzmann, OL

WALTER CAMP FOOTBALL FOUNDATION ALL-AMERICA TEAM
- Zach Zenner, RB

WALTER PAYTON AWARD FINALIST
- Zach Zenner, RB

COLLEGE FOOTBALL PERFORMANCE AWARDS ELITE PERFORMANCE AWARD
- Zach Zenner, RB

CONFERENCE, NATIONAL PLAYER OF THE WEEK AWARDS

MISSOURI VALLEY FOOTBALL CONFERENCE OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK
- Zach Zenner (Sept. 7, Sept. 21)
- Brandon Hubert (Oct. 26)
- Austin Sumner (Nov. 23)

MISSOURI VALLEY FOOTBALL CONFERENCE DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK
- Dallas Brown (Sept. 14)
- Winston Wright (Oct. 12)

MISSOURI VALLEY FOOTBALL CONFERENCE NEWCOMER OF THE WEEK
- Dallas Brown (Sept. 14)

SPORTS NETWORK FCS NATIONAL OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK
- Zach Zenner (Sept. 7)

SPORTS NETWORK FCS NATIONAL FRESHMAN OF THE WEEK
- Dallas Brown (Sept. 14)

COLLEGE FOOTBALL PERFORMANCE AWARDS FCS NATIONAL PERFORMER OF THE WEEK
- Zach Zenner (Sept. 7)

COLLEGE FOOTBALL PERFORMANCE AWARDS FCS RUNNING BACK OF THE WEEK
- Zach Zenner (Sept. 7, Sept. 21, Nov. 23)

COLLEGE FOOTBALL PERFORMANCE AWARDS FCS LINEBACKER OF THE WEEK
- Dallas Brown (Sept. 14)
- Charles Elmore (Oct. 5)

OTHER NATIONAL AWARDS

ALL-STATE AFCA GOOD WORKS TEAM
- Winston Wright

WILLIAM V. CAMPBELL TROPHY SEMIFINALIST
- Brandon Hubert

ACADEMIC AWARDS

MISSOURI VALLEY FOOTBALL CONFERENCE ALL-ACADEMIC FIRST TEAM
- Jason Schneider
- Zach Zenner
- Taylor Suess

MVFC ALL-ACADEMIC SECOND TEAM
- Brandon Hubert

MVFC ALL-ACADEMIC HONORABLE MENTION
- R.C. Kilgore
- Ethan Sawyer

CAPITAL ONE ACADEMIC ALL-DISTRICT
- Brandon Hubert
- Taylor Suess
- Jason Schneider
- Zach Zenner

CAPITAL ONE ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA FIRST TEAM
- Jason Schneider
- Zach Zenner

FCS ATHLETIC DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION ACADEMIC ALL-STAR TEAM
- Brandon Hubert
- Zach Zenner

NATIONAL FOOTBALL FOUNDATION HAMPSTEAD HONOR SOCIETY
- Andrew Brown
- Brandon Hubert
- Josh Kage
- R.C. Kilgore
- Alex Parker
- Taylor Suess
- Trevor Tiefenthaler
- Bryan Witzmann
- Winston Wright

TEAM SCHOLAR-ATHLETE AWARD
- Jason Schneider

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The 2013 season was another banner season both on the field and in the classroom for the South Dakota State University football team. For the fifth consecutive year, the Jackrabbits were presented with the Missouri Valley Football Conference Team Academic Award. SDSU which received the award each of its first five seasons in the conference, compiled a 3.02 team grade-point average during the 2012-13 season.

Several Jackrabbit football players were honored individually for their work in the classroom, highlighted by Capital One Academic All-America First Team honorees Jason Schneider and Zach Zenner. South Dakota State and Michigan State were the only Division I programs with multiple players named to the First Team, which is selected by College Sports Information Directors of America.

A wide receiver, Schneider has compiled a 3.98 GPA while majoring in pharmacy.

Zenner, a second-team Academic All-American in 2012, moved up to the first team with a 3.85 GPA while majoring in biology and pre-medicine. He continued a line of Jackrabbit running backs to earn Academic All-America recognition, joining two-time honoree Cory Koenig (2006-07), three-time selection Kyle Minett (2008-10) and Tyler Duffy (2010).

Schneider and Zenner were two of the four Jackrabbit players honored earlier in the season on the Capital One Academic All-District 6 Team.

SDSU swept the wide receiver spots on the Academic All-District Team for the second year in a row with Brandon Hubert and Schneider receiving honors. A senior from Gretna, Neb., Hubert posted a 3.70 grade-point average while majoring in pharmacy. Earlier in the season, Hubert was named a semifinalist for the William V. Campbell Trophy, which is awarded to the top scholar-athlete in college football.

Rounding out the Jackrabbit contingent on the Capital One Academic All-District Team was offensive lineman Taylor Suess. A senior from Columbus, Nebraska, Suess compiled a 3.96 GPA while majoring in mechanical engineering.

Nominees to both the Capital One and MVFC academic teams must be starters or important reserves with at least a 3.20 cumulative grade-point average. Student-athletes must have reached sophomore academic and athletic standing at their institutions and must have completed at least one full academic year at their institution.

The quartet of Academic All-District selections also represented the Jackrabbits on the Missouri Valley Football Conference All-Academic Team. Schneider, Suess and Zenner were first-team honorees, with Hubert repeating on the second team. Senior linebacker R.C. Kilgore and junior punter Ethan Sawyer were honorable mention selections.

The Jackrabbits have led the Missouri Valley Football Conference in number of academic all-team selections in five of their six seasons as a member of the league. Previously, SDSU led the Great West Football Conference in all-academic honorees from 2005-07.

Concluding the academic honors, a league-high 67 members of the South Dakota State University football team were recognized on the 2013-14 Missouri Valley Football Conference Honor Roll, as announced by conference officials in June.

Outgoing seniors Brandon Hubert and Taylor Suess were recipients of the league’s highest academic honor as they were named recipients of the President’s Council Academic Excellence Award. To receive the award, a student-athlete is required to have a minimum 3.5 cumulative grade-point average, be within 18 hours of graduation and participated in athletics for at least two years.

In addition, 23 Jackrabbit student-athletes were named recipients of the Commissioner’s Academic Excellence Award for compiling a GPA of at least 3.2 for the previous two semesters. Freshmen are not eligible for the award.

The 67 Jackrabbits named to the MVFC Honor Roll recorded at least a 3.0 GPA during the fall 2013 semester, and were enrolled in at least 12 credits. More than 450 student-athletes league-wide were honored.

2013 MISSOURI VALLEY FOOTBALL CONFERENCE ALL-ACADEMIC FIRST TEAM
• Corey Boemer, Southern Illinois, Jr., OL, 3.93, Biological Sciences
• Ryan Drevlow, North Dakota State, Sr., NG, 3.69, Electrical Engineering
• Jake Farley, Northern Iowa, Jr., 3.72, Finance
• Kurt Hess, Youngstown State, Sr., QB, 3.43, Early Childhood Education
• Jimmy Holtschlag, Western Illinois, Jr., OL, 3.94, Agricultural Science
• Austin Pucylowski, Southern Illinois, Sr., P, 4.00, Biological Sciences
• Caleb Schaffitzel, Missouri State, Jr., S, 3.92, Wildlife Conservation & Mgmt.
• Jason Schneider, SDSU, Jr., WR, 3.98, Pharmacy
• Taylor Suess, SDSU, Sr., OL, 3.96, Mechanical Engineering
• Tyler Williamson, Southern Illinois, Jr., OL/B, 3.73, Management
• Zach Zenner, SDSU, Jr., RB, 3.85, Biology/Pre-Medicine

2013 MISSOURI VALLEY FOOTBALL CONFERENCE ALL-ACADEMIC SECOND TEAM
• Collin Albrecht, Northern Iowa, Sr., DL, 3.55, Biochemistry
• Kyle Emanuel, North Dakota State, Jr., DE, 3.59, Construction Management
• Jordan Gacke, Northern Iowa, Sr., LB, 3.47, Criminology
• Andrew Grothman, North Dakota State, Sr., FB, 3.58, Agricultural Econ.
• Chip Holtschlag, Western Illinois, Jr., DL, 3.71, Biology
• Brandon Hubert, SDSU, Sr., WR, 3.70, Pharmacy/Certified ACS Chemistry
• Danny Luecke, North Dakota State, Sr., DT, 3.84, Math Education
• Ryan Smith, North Dakota State, Sr., WR, 3.57, Business Administration
• Matt Swan, Missouri State, Sr., TE, 3.57, Business Administration
• Esley Thornton, North Dakota State, Jr., LB, 3.89, Exercise Science
• Josh Vander Maten, South Dakota, Jr., QB/WR, 3.53, Kinesiology/Sports Science

HONORABLE MENTION

2013-14 MISSOURI VALLEY FOOTBALL CONFERENCE HONOR ROLL

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Honor Roll: Brandon Andrews; Chris Balster; Austin Benson; Taylor Bloom; Jesse Bobbit; Andrew Brown; Bryan Burke; Je Ryan Butler; Jay Carlson; Christian Custer; Chase Douglas; Nick Farina; Tyler Finnes; Reggie Gandy; Jake Gentile; Shayne Gottlob; Trevor Greger; Charlie Harmon; Ezechiel Herndon; Brandon Hubert; Troy Hunhoff; Josh Kage; R.C. Kilgore; Kevin Kloczek; Blake Krings; Auston LaBlance; T.J. Lally; Tanner Lambert; Connor Landberg; Caleb Lang; Cole Langer; Seth Lansman; Manson Leiseth; Kate Louscher; Bryson McCabe; Nick Mears; Andrew Mueller; Alex Parker; Doug Peete; Matt Peitz; J.R. Ploite; Nick Purcell; Matt Raymond; Ethan Sawyer; Jason Schneider; Patrick Schuster; Bryce Siverling; Joe Stephens; Taylor Suess; Justin Syrovatka; Trevor Tiefenthaler; Joe Tjovold; Thayer Trenhaile; Bridge Tusler; Jason Van Winkle; Jake Wieeneke; Bryan Witzmann; Dom Wright; Winston Wright; Zach Zenner.
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**Inaugural NCC Champion**

C.A. “JACK” WEST

9 years, 44-17-9

3 NCC titles (1922, ’24, ’26)

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202 57

34 Dakota Wesleyan 0
7 North Dakota State 0
34 Northern State 0
13 South Dakota 0
24 Morningside 26
0 Creighton 13
121 85

16 Buena Vista 3
14 North Dakota State 0
7 Dakota Wesleyan 3
34 North Dakota 0
7 South Dakota 0
24 Morningside 26
0 Creighton 7
91 28

16 North Dakota State 0
21 North Dakota State 0
0 South Dakota 0
10 South Dakota 0
34 Northern State 0
13 South Dakota 0
57 Wisconsin 20

189 St. Regis 7
157 –

182 California 7
131 85

120 Wisconsin 20
202 57

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67 Carleton 25
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**T.C. “CY” KASPER**
6 years, 30-22-3
1 NCC title (1933)

**R.H. “RED” THRELFA LL**
4 years, 17-19-2
1934 (W-6, L-4)

**JACK BARNES**
3 years, 14-10-1
1 NCC title (1939)

**THURLO MCCRARY**
5 years, 11-17-3

**RALPH GINN**
22 years, 113-88-9

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**YEAR-BY-YEAR SCORES**

**1928 (W-9, L-1)**
- SDS vs Opp: North Dakota 6, Dakota Wesleyan 0, South Dakota 0, Morningside 6, Northern 7, Michigan Normal 0, Dakota Wesleyan 0, Dakota Wesleyan 0, Dakota Wesleyan 0.
- Opp vs SDS: Loyola 21, Columbia College 0, Minnesota-B" 0, Western Union 0, Loyola 21, Dakota Wesleyan 0, Western Union 0, Western Union 0.

**1929 (W-5, L-4, T-1)**
- SDS vs Opp: Huron College 0, North Dakota 0, Dakota Wesleyan 0, South Dakota 0, Morningside 0, Wisconsin 21, St. Louis University 6, Loyola 21, Dakota Wesleyan 0.
- Opp vs SDS: Loyola 21, Western Union 0, Western Union 0, Western Union 0, Western Union 0, Western Union 0.

**1930 (W-2, L-6, T-1)**
- SDS vs Opp: Southern 0, Minnesota 48, St. Olaf 20, North Dakota 21, Southern 6, Morningside 13, Wisconsin 58, Dakota Wesleyan 0, Western Union 0.

**1931 (W-6, L-3)**
- SDS vs Opp: North Dakota 34, Dakota Wesleyan 0, South Dakota 10, Morningside 0, Southern 0, Dakota Wesleyan 0, Wisconsin 13, Northern 0, Augustana 0.
- Opp vs SDS: DePaul 34, DePaul 34, DePaul 34, DePaul 34, DePaul 34, DePaul 34, DePaul 34, DePaul 34, DePaul 34.
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- NCC Co-Champion
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**DEAN PRYOR**

- 2 years, 5-15

**JOHN GREGORY**

- 10 years, 55-50

**DAVE KRAGTHORPE**

- 1 year, 3-7

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**JOHN GREGORY**

- 10 years, 55-50

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Game: 42, by Kevin Klappodt at Nebraska-Omaha, 10-1-1988
Season: 351, by Zach Zener, 2013
Career: 1,131, by Josh Ranek, 1997-2001

NET YARDS
Game: 295, by Zach Zener vs. Eastern Illinois, 11-24-2012 (FCS playoff game); and at North Dakota, 9-7-2013
Season: 2,055, by Josh Ranek, 1999 (11 games)
Career: 6,744, by Josh Ranek, 1997-2001 (44 games)

Per Game Average, Season: 186.8, by Josh Ranek, 1999
Combined Yards By Two Opposing Backs: 533, by Kevin Lowe, Wyoming (302) and Rick Wegher, SDSU (231), 11-10-1984

PASSING

ATTEMPTS
Game: 57, by Mike Busch at Northern Arizona, 9-7-1985
Season: 408, by Austin Sumner, 2013
Career: 1,085, by Austin Sumner, 2011-present

COMPLETIONS
Season: 256 (of 395), by Ryan Berry, 2008
Career: 631, by Austin Sumner, 2011-present

INTERCEPTIONS THROWN
Game: 5, by Larry Armstrong at Mankato State, 10-19-1970; Fred Richardson vs. Morningside, 11-6-1971; Mark Dolan vs. North Dakota, 11-1-1986; Ryan Berry at Iowa State, 8-28-2008
Season: 24, by Mike Law, 1983
Career: 46, by Mike Law, 1981-83

NET YARDS PASSING
Game: 460, by Dan Fjeldheim vs. St. Cloud State, 9-28-2002
Season: 3,141, by Brad Nelson, 2003
Career: 7,824, by Austin Sumner, 2011-present

TOUCHDOWN PASSES
Game: 7, by Ryan Berry vs. Illinois State, 11-8-2008
Season: 30, by Ryan Berry, 2008
Career: 56, by Ryan Berry, 2005-08

TOTAL OFFENSE

ATTEMPTS
Game: 68, by Marty Higgins vs. Augustana (24 rush, 44 pass), 10-31-1981
Season: 500, by Austin Sumner, 2013 (14 games)
Career: 1,314, by Austin Sumner, 2011-14

NET YARDS
Game: 439, by Ted Wahl at North Dakota, 10-29-1988 (123 rush, 316 pass)
Season: 3,009, by Ryan Berry, 2008 (12 games)
Career: 7,678, by Austin Sumner, 2011-present (37 games)

Per Game Average, Season: 269.5, by Ted Wahl, 1986
Per Game Average, Career: 201.2, by Ted Wahl, 1985-88

RECEIVING

RECEPTIONS
Game: 16, by Josh Davis (164 yards) vs. Western Washington, 10-5-2002
Season: 78, by Jason Schneider, 2013
Career: 283, by Josh Davis, 2002-05

YARDS
Game: 256, by Jeff Tiefenthaler at North Dakota, 9-27-1986 (12 receptions)
Season: 1,534, by Jeff Tiefenthaler, 1985
Career: 3,621, by Jeff Tiefenthaler, 1983-86

TOUCHDOWNS
Game: 4, by Don Bartlett vs. North Dakota State, 1949
Season: 13, by Jeff Tiefenthaler, 1985
Career: 32, by Jeff Tiefenthaler, 1983-86

Consecutive Games Catching TD Pass: 14, by Jeff Tiefenthaler, from Oct. 27, 1984, through Nov. 9, 1985
Games In Which Caught At Least One TD Pass: 25, by Jeff Tiefenthaler (36 games)*
* Records were also NCAA Division II records at the time

SCORING

TOUCHDOWNS
Game: 20, by Parker Douglass vs. Western Oregon, 2-11-2012
Season: 28, by Josh Ranek, 1999
Career: 69, by Josh Ranek, 1997-2001

POINTS
Game: 48, by Ross Owen vs. Columbus College, 1922
Season: 170, by Josh Ranek, 1999 (28 TDs, 1-2-PAT)
Career: 426, by Josh Ranek, 1997-2001

POINTS KICKING
Game: 20, by Parker Douglass vs. Western Oregon, 9-18-2004 (6 FGs, 2 PATs)
Season: 99, by Parker Douglass, 2005 (19 FGs, 42 PATs)
Career: 321, by Parker Douglass, 2004-07 (62 FGs, 135 PATs)

EXTRA POINTS – KICK
Game: 9, by Parker Douglass vs. Valparaiso (Ind.), 9-10-2005
Season: 49, by Justin Syrovatka, 2013 (49-of-50)
Career: 135, by Parker Douglass, 2004-07
Attempts, Career: 138, by Parker Douglass, 2004-07

Best Percentage, Season: 1.000, by Tony Harris, 1979 (28-of-28), by Russ Meier, 1981 (21-21), and by Parker Douglass, 2004 (29-of-29) and 2006 (22-of-22)
Consecutive PAT, Season: 33, by Justin Syrovatka, 2013
Consecutive PAT, Career: 66, by Parker Douglass, 2005-07

FIELD GOALS
Game: 6, by Parker Douglass vs. Western Oregon, 9-18-2004 (34, 39, 27, 23, 43, 39)
Season: 19, by Parker Douglass, 2005 (19-of-26)

PUNT RETURNS

Season: 34, by Paul Aanonson, 2007
Career: 63, by Paul Aanonson, 2004-07
Yards, Season: 482, by Paul Aanonson, 2007
Yards, Career: 798, by Paul Aanonson, 2004-07

INTERCEPTIONS

Game: 4, by Mike Jaunich vs. Morningside, 10-2-1993
Season: 9, by Charlie Clarksean, 1972
Career: 14, by Charlie Clarksean, 1970-73

SACKS

Game: 6, by Mark Dunbar vs. St. Cloud State, 9-2-1978
Season: 21, by Mark Dunbar, 1978

KICKOFF RETURNS

Game: 9, by Jerry Welch vs. Iowa State, 1952
Season: 36, by Rick Wegher, 1984
Career: 107, by Rick Wegher, 1981-84*
Yards, Game: 258, by Jerry Welch at Iowa State, 1952
Yards, Season: 824, by Rick Wegher, 1984
Yards, Career: 2,150, by Rick Wegher, 1981-84
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ALL-PURPOSE

ATTEMPTS
Game: 47, by Darwin Gonnerman vs. Augustana, 11-11-1967 (41 rushes, 2 rec., 3 PR, 1 KOR)
Career: 1,215, by Josh Ranek, 1997-01

YARDS
Game: 371, by Josh Davis at North Dakota State, 9-7-2013
Season: 2,608, by Josh Ranek, 2001
Career: 7,946 by Josh Ranek, 2004-07

Attempts, Game: 8, by Parker Douglas vs. Western Oregon, 9-18-2004
Attempts, Season: 26, by Parker Douglass, 2005 (19 FGM)
Attempts, Career: 91, by Parker Douglass, 2004-07
Percentage, Season: .823, by Brett Gorden, 1995 (12-of-13) (min. 10 attempts)
Percentage, Career: .697, by Tony Harris, 1979-80 (23-33) and by K.C. Johnson, 1984-86 (23-33) (min. 20 attempts)
Consecutive Made: 15, by Justin Syrovatka, 2012-13
Longest: 57 yards, by Parker Douglass, vs. Stephen F. Austin (Texas), 9-29-2007
### TEAM RECORDS

#### LONGEST PLAYS
- **Run From Scrimmage:** 99 yards, by Zach Zenner, at Kansas, 9-1-2012
- **Pass Play:** 91 yards, Ted Wahl to Jeff Tiefenthaler, vs. St. Cloud State, 11-8-1986
- **Kickoff Return:** 95 yards, by Darwin Gonnerman, vs. North Dakota State, 10-1-1966
- **Interception Return:** 100 yards, by Kevin Brown, vs. Minnesota State, Mankato, 11-16-2002, and by Tyrel Kool, vs. Western Illinois, 10-13-2012
- **Punt Return:** 99 yards, by Tyler Koch, vs. Southern Utah, 11-10-2007

#### RUSHING
- **ATTEMPTS**
  - Game: 84, vs. Augustana, 1952
  - Season: 645, in 1973
- **YARDS**
  - Game: 567, vs. Missouri-Rolla, 10-22-2005
  - Season: 3,685, in 2000
- **Fewest Net Yards, Game:** minus-52, vs. North Dakota State, 10-30-1989
- **Fewest Net Yards, Season:** 509, in 1965

#### PASSING
- **ATTEMPTS**
  - Game: 57, at Northern Arizona, 9-7-1985
  - Season: 415, in 2008
- **COMPLETIONS**
  - Game: 37, at St. Cloud State, 9-28-2002
  - Season: 270, in 2008
- **YARDS**
  - Game: 460, vs. St. Cloud State, 9-28-2002
  - Season: 3,255, in 2003
- **Touchdown Passes**
  - Game: 7, vs. Illinois State, 11-8-2008
  - Season: 31, in 2008

#### TOTAL OFFENSE
- **ATTEMPTS**
  - Game: 100, vs. Morningside, 10-17-1987
  - Season: 870, in 1973
- **YARDS**
  - Game: 689, vs. Missouri-Rolla, 10-22-2005
  - Season: 5,385, in 2013
- **Per Game:** 437.7, in 1951

#### SCORING
- **POINTS**
  - Game: 85 vs. Columbus College, 1922
  - Season: 427 in 2008 (12 games)
- **Per Game:** 38.1 in 1950 (381 points in 10 games)
- **Margin of Victory:** 85 vs. Columbus College, 1922

#### FIRST Downs
- **MOST - GAME**
  - Rushing: 30, at Morningside, 10-8-1977
  - Passing: 20, vs. South Dakota, 9-14-1986
  - **FEWEST - GAME**
    - Total: 3, at Morningside, 11-6-1971
    - Rushing: 0, vs. North Dakota State, 9-28-2013
    - Passing: 0, nine times (last: vs. South Dakota, 9-27-1980)

#### FUMBLES
- **TOTAL FUMBLES**
  - Game: 11, vs. North Dakota, 1952 (lost 5) and vs. North Dakota State, 10-20-1951 (lost 7)
  - Season: 62, in 1952
- **FUMBLES LOST**
  - Season: 39, in 1952

#### INTERCEPTIONS
- **TOTAL INTERCEPTIONS**
  - Game: 6, vs. Augustana, 1950, and vs. St. Cloud State, 1952
  - Season: 27, in 1993
- **YARDS**
  - Game: 171, vs. Southern Utah, 11-10-2007
  - Season: 469, in 2007
- **Penalties**
  - Game: 159, vs. Morningside, 9-30-2000
  - Season: 887, in 2000

#### PUNTING
- **TOTAL PENALTIES**
  - Game: 19, vs. McNeese State (La.), 9-30-2006
  - Season: 84, in 2000
- **YARDS**
  - Game: 174, by McNeese State (La.), 9-30-2006
  - Season: 772, in 2000
- **Fewest, Game:** 1, for 1 yard, by Morningside, 11-2-1957
### Top Performances

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   • Parker Douglass, 2007 .......................... 16
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### Single-Season Rushing Yards

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* indicates school record at the time
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1906-07: Charles Coughlin
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1909: Ray Atkinson
1910: Irwin J. Bibby
1911: not available
1912: Lacey Caldwell
1913: Harold Hoover
1914: Jay Sheehan
1915: Nelson
1916: Holling Jennings
1917: John Stone, FB, Hendricks, Minn.
1918: Roger Eischens, E, Canby, Minn.
1919: Dean Koster, QB, Lake Benton, Minn.
1920: Gary Hyde, FB, Castlewood
1921: Dave Porter, C, Gallup, Ohio
1923: Clayton Sonnensexual, FB, Pierre
1924: John Green, C, Lakefield, Minn.
1925: Clyde Hagen, TE, Webster
1928: Lovell Hiner
1929: Harry Hadler
1930: Ray Jennisen, Ray Schultz
1931: Maynard Tollefson, Nuier Salem
1932: Dale Palmer
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1934: Fred Johnson
1935: Dick Emmerich
1936: Ed Lienhart
1937: Charles Stansn
1938: Lloyd Ptak, Malaska, Kan.
1939: Jim Decker, HB, Cold Spring, Minn.
1940: Paul Konrad, FB, Mitchell
1941: George Gehant, Ervin "John"
1942: Bylander
1943-44: no football — World War II
1945: Robert Schreyer
1946: Fritz Norgaard, Bill Melody
1947: Paul Gilbert, Arnie Cook
1948: Marv Larson, Forest Lorhop
1949: Tom Taber, Madison
1950: Roger Anderson, T, Spearfish
1951: Doug Eggers, G, Wagner
1952: Marv Kool, E, Hawarden, Iowa
1953: Roger Anderson, T, Spearfish
1954: Mike McKnight, DT, Silver Bay, Minn.
1955: Jack Nitz, T, Brookings
1956: Jerry Welch, HB, Minneapolis, Minn.
1957: Alan Evans, Aberdeen
1958: Jerry Acheson, E, Flandreau
1959: Larry Korver, B, Orange City, Iowa
1960: Bob Betz, FB, Madison
1961: Les Panjes, G, Milbank
1962: Wayne Rasmussen, HB, Howard
1963: Jerry Ochs, C, Aberdeen
1964: Doug Peterson, QB, Watertown
1965: Ed Maras, E, Wandoom, Minn.
1966: Jim Nevsold, FB, Madison, Minn.
1967: Gary Hyde, FB, Castlewood
1968: Darwin Gormaner, RB, Adrian, Minn.
1969: Tom Roth, B, Madison, Minn.
1970: Tim Burns, TE, Brookings
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1973: Bill Mast, QB, Tiffin, Ohio
1974: Jere Rombow, DB, Raymond, Minn.
1975: Fred Schmidt, C, Schleswig, Iowa
1976: Paul Konrad, FB, Mitchell
1977: Paul Erickson, S, Austin, Minn.
1978: Chuck Benson, FB, Fulton
1979: Chuck Leeon, E, Lake Mountain, Minn.
1980: Mark Johnson, QB, Madison, Minn.
1981: Mike Breske, CB, Rock Rapids, Iowa
1983: Dave Fremark, LB, Miller
1984: Paul Prost, FB, Sioux City, Iowa
1985: Mike Busch, QB, Huron
1986: Dennis Thomas, TE, Parkston
1987: Dan Sonnek, RB, Easton, Minn.
1988: Mark Diesch, OT, Bloomington Prairie, Minn.
1989: Jim Decker, HB, Castlewood
1990: Chad Peters, LB, Huron
1991: Randy Pirner, CB, Wagner
1992: Bo Helm, S, Childress, Texas
1993: Mike McKnight, DT, Silver Bay, Minn.
1994: Mike Breske, CB, Rock Rapids, Iowa
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1996: Jeff Sohler, DT, Sioux Falls
1997: Mike Rupert, LB, Holstein, Iowa
1998: Tim Burns, TE, Brookings
1999: Adam Timmernar, OT, Cherokee, Iowa
2000: Todd McDonald, QB, Minnetonka, Minn.
2001: Matt Berry, C, Spearfish
2002: Kevin Brown, CB, Commerce City, Colo.
2004: Justin Landis, S, Colman
2006: Mike McCall, CB, Algona, Iowa
2007: Andy Kardoes, CB, Algona, Iowa
2008: Marty Kranz, LB, Watertown
2009: Kevin Robling, OL, Jordan, Minn.
2010: Eric Schroeder, DL, Stewartville, Minn.
2011: Casey Basset, TE, Wyanette, Minn.
2012: Matt Behr, WR, Fife, Wash.
2013: Austin Sumner, CB, Brandon
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2029: Ryan Berry, QB, Watertown
2030: Brock Campbell, DB, Cherokee, Iowa
Throughout John Stiegelmeier's 16-year tenure as head coach, SDSU has made many memorable comebacks. In all games listed below, the Jackrabbits trailed by at least two scores in the second half before rallying for the victory.

- Sept. 16, 2000 — SDSU 25, Augustana (S.D.) 24: The Jackrabbits trailed 24-0 at the half before dominating the second half at Howard Wood Field in Sioux Falls. Josh Ranek scored two touchdowns and a pair of two-point conversions to lift SDSU to the victory.

- Sept. 22, 2001 — SDSU 30, St. Cloud State (Minn.) 24: SDSU again overcame a 24-0 halftime deficit, this time at home. Frank Blalark returned the second half kickoff to jump-start the Jackrabbits, and SDSU held off a Husky first-and-goal situation in the closing minutes.

- Oct. 12, 2002 — SDSU 23, Western Washington 19: The Jackrabbits trailed 19-3 at halftime at Coughlin-Alumni Stadium, then scored three second-half touchdowns. Josh Davis set an SDSU single-game record with 16 receptions, including a 7-yard touchdown.

- Sept. 30, 2006 — SDSU 20, McNeese State (La.) 17: SDSU rallied for 14 points in the final minutes of the game, which was played in Lake Charles, La. Parker Douglass kicked two field goals, including the game-winning 46-yarder with 14 seconds remaining. Also in the rally, Andy Kardoes hooked up with JaRon Harris on a 40-yard touchdown pass and a two-point conversion pass to Luke Grevig tied the game at 17-17.

- Oct. 21, 2006 — SDSU 29, Cal Poly 28: Andy Kardoes and JaRon Harris connected for three touchdown passes in the final eight minutes as SDSU outscored fourth-ranked Cal Poly 23-0 in the fourth quarter. After the final touchdown brought the Jackrabbits to within 28-27 with 1:05 remaining, Kardoes scored the two-point conversion pass to Luke Grevig to give the Jacks the win.

- Oct. 28, 2006 — SDSU 22, UC Davis 21: Behind 21-10 entering the fourth quarter, the Jackrabbits' late-game heroics continued as Dusty Snyders scored on a 9-yard pass from Andy Kardoes with 1:08 left in the game. SDSU's Eric Schroeder blocked a short UC Davis field goal late in the third quarter to keep the Jackrabbits within striking distance.

- Sept. 27, 2008 — SDSU 50, Stephen F. Austin (Texas) 48: They say everything is bigger in Texas, and this was the largest comeback in school history. Kyle Minett scored from a yard out as time expired, rallying the 20th-ranked Jackrabbits from a 28-point deficit midway through the third quarter for the victory in Nacogdoches, Texas.

SDSU trailed 34-6 with 9 minutes, 9 seconds left in the third quarter before scoring 35 straight points to take a 41-34 lead with 5:24 remaining in the game.

The Jackrabbits' first lead of the game lasted all of 12 seconds as SFA returned the ensuing kickoff 94 yards to paydirt to re-tie the game.

SDSU appeared on the verge of sealing the victory on its next possession. A nine-play, 37-yard drive stalled before Peter Reifenrath nailed a 42-yard field goal to go ahead 44-41 with 1:19 left.

Five plays later after SFA took possession at its own 40, Jeremy Moses connected with Tyrone Ross on a 14-yard touchdown pass with 41 seconds to play.

The comeback finally became complete as Berry and Minett moved the Jackrabbits back down the field. With the ball at their own 44 with two timeouts remaining, Ryan Berry completed three passes for 54 yards to move the ball to the SFA 2. The Lumberjacks were then called for offsides, setting up SDSU at the 1-yard line with two seconds left.

On the final play, Berry rolled right on an option play before pitching the ball to Minett, who dragged a defender across the goal line for the game-winning score.

Other notable comebacks include:
- Oct. 26, 1968 — SDSU 23, Youngstown State 20: Down 20-0 at the half, the Jackrabbits scored 21 third-quarter points and added a safety in the fourth at Coughlin-Alumni Stadium. Darwin Gonnerman rushed for two touchdowns, including a 60-yarder, and Ron Schneider recovering it in the end zone. Tony Harris added the extra point, then rounded out the scoring at the 2:07 mark with a 22-yard field goal.

- Sept. 27, 1980: SDSU 21, South Dakota 13: SDSU scored 18 fourth-quarter points to erase a 13-3 deficit in the Beef Bowl. Dan Johnson's 2-yard touchdown run and the subsequent Marty Higgins run for two, trimmed the gap to 13-11 at the 11:15 mark. Just 93 seconds later, Milton Stuckey blocked a Coyote punt, with Ron Schneider recovering it in the end zone. Tony Harris added the extra point, then rounded out the scoring at the 2:07 mark with a 22-yard field goal.

- Sept. 19, 1981 — SDSU 21, South Dakota State 20: Less than a year after scoring 18 fourth-quarter points to beat USD in the Beef Bowl, the Jackrabbits did it again, this time in more dramatic fashion on their home field. Trailing 20-3 in the fourth, Mike Law gave SDSU fans hope with his 11-yard scoring run to pull the Jackrabbits within 20-9 despite a failed two-point play.

Minutes later, Brad Christianson intercepted a pass, setting up Brian Bunkers' 1-yard plunge to bring the Jacks to within 20-15 at the 4:52 mark, as again SDSU missed a two-point try.

USD had a chance to run out the clock, but Dave Larsen hopped on a Coyote fumble, which gave SDSU possession at the USD 20. Four plays later, Steve Sundet scored on a 1-yard run to tie the score. Russ Meier made the extra point to give the Jacks the win.

- Sept. 3, 1988 — SDSU 31, Central Missouri State 24: In the 1988 season opener at Coughlin-Alumni Stadium, SDSU scored on three straight possessions to rally from a 24-10 third-quarter deficit.

Ted Wahl capped an 11-play, 56-yard drive with a 16-yard scramble to bring SDSU within 24-17. On the last play of the third, Wahl connected with J.D. Berreth on a 60-yard pass play, tying the game at 24-24.

The Jackrabbits would regain possession and drive 74 yards in 13 plays, with Wahl running in from four yards out at the 10:37 mark for the decisive score.


Trailing 28-14 early in the fourth, the Jacks got back within striking distance on a 44-yard touchdown pass from Brook Parent to Rusty Lemmers with 13:06 remaining.

After the missing the two-point attempt, SDSU still trailed 28-20, but put together two 90-plus-yard drives to earn the victory. Parent capped a 10-play, 95-yard drive with a 7-yard run at the 8:42 mark, and scored the game-winner on a 1-yard run with 2:11 left to finish off an eight-play, 94-yard drive.
ALL-TIME AWARD WINNERS

CONFERENCE MVPs

1950: Herb Bartling
1954: Jerry Welch
1957: Len Spanjers
1961: Joe Thorne (back)
1962: Roger Eischen (line)
1963: Wayne Rasmussen (back)
1968: Darwin Gonnerman (back)
1974: Lynn Boden (off. line)
1977: Bill Matthews (def. line)
1978: Rick Reese (def. back)
1979: Gary Maffett (off. back)
1985: Mike Busch (off. back)
1987: Dan Sonnek (off. back)
1988: Ted Wahl (off. back)
1992: Doug Miller (def. back)
1994: Adam Timmerman (off. line)
2001: Josh Ranek (off. back)
2005: Parker Douglass (spec. teams)
2006: Parker Douglass (spec. teams)
2006: Danny Batton (co-defensive)

1957: Ellis Jensen, E; Wayne Haensel, T; Korver, B; Betz, B; Dick Steiner, B; Larry "Bubb" Herting, E; Ray Jenison, T; Harry "Henry" Halder, G; Roman Schafer, B; Weert Engelmann, B; Lemme
1954: Jack Nitz, T; Roger Kerns, G; Harold Denker, B; Eggers, G; Pete Retzlaff, B; Dallas Hoff, B.
1950: Don Bartlett, E; Dale Bowyer, T; Volk, B.
1949: Don Bartlett, E; Dale Bowyer, T; Volks, B.
1948: Tom Olson, LB; Mike Ethier, WR; Bohlinger, OG; Dean Herrboldt, WR; Paul Klinger, RB.
1947: Jeff Tiefenthaler, WR; Todd Wahl, QB; Dan Sonnek, RB; Brian Sisley, NG; Darrin Thurston, LB; Tom Sieh, SS.
1985: First Team: Dan Sonnek, RB; Second Team: Ted Wahl, QB; Norm Lingle, OT; Dan Zielziger, CB; J.J. Weems, DT.
1996: First Team: Lance Prouty, QB; Dan Tetzlaff, LB; Ross Shafrath, LB; Christian Johnson, LB; Kevin Robling, OL; Eric Schroeder, DL; Chris Wagner, TE.
1992: First Team: Tim Bloom, QB; Second Team: Darren Brickman, APB.
2001: First Team: Danny Batton, QL; Second Team: Mike Garvey, DE; Adam Timmerman, OT; Paul Keizer, OL; Dave Peterson, DB.
2002: First Team: Clint Boling, C; Second Team: Mike Garvey, DE; Adam Timmerman, OT; Paul Keizer, OL; Dave Peterson, DB.
2003: First Team: Scott Nedved, RB; Kevin Brown, DB.
2004: First Team: Anthony Watson, RB; Joey Abell, DL; Chris Couette, LB; Neal Bainbridge, P; Second Team: Taylor Murray, OL; Paul Keizer, TE; Hank McCall, DB.
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ALL-GREAT WEST FOOTBALL CONFERENCE

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1974: Bob Gissler (2)
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1978: Paul Kippley (2)
1979: Tony Harris (1)
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1981: No selections
1982: Mike Law, QB
1983: Mark Diesch, OL
1984: No selections
1985: Mark Diesch, OL
1986: Dan Sonnek, DB
1987: Dan Sonnek, RB
1988: Dan Duitscher, OL
1989: Mike Tenk, OL
1990: Tom Haensel, DB
1991: Kevin Tetzlaff, DB
1992: Doug Miller, FB
1993: Jake Hines, TE
1994: Kyle Minett, RB
1995: Rusty Lenners, WR
1996: Matt Beier, WR
1997: Sterne Akin, TB
1998: Brett Gorden, K
1999: Brad Beck, OL
2000: Brad Beck, OL
2001: Josh Ranek, RB
2002: Paul Aanonson, KR
2003: Chris Coauette, LB
2004: Travis Ahrens, DL
2005: Paul Aanonson, WR/KR
2006: Matt Anderson, TE
2007: Paul Aanonson, KR
2008: Ryan Berry, QB
2009: Tyler Duffy, RB (1)
2010: Zach Buchner, OL (2)
2011: Bo Helm, DB (2)
2012: Seth Daughters (2)
2013: Brand Hubert (2)
2014: Tyrel Kool (2)
2015: Alex Olinger (1)
2016: Nick Purcell (2)
2017: Jason Schneider (1)
2018: Zach Zenner (2)
2019: Taylor Suess (2)
2020: Jack Stoner, OL
2021: Alex Olinger (1)
2022: Brian Janecek, WR
2023: Alex Olinger (1)
2024: Brand Hubert (2)
2025: Tyrel Kool (2)
2026: Nick Purcell (2)
Forty-two football players have been honored with All-America honors during their playing days at South Dakota State. Following is a complete listing of these Jackrabbit All-Americans:

- **FRANK KELLEY, halfback, 1926**
  Kelley was the spark plug who ignited the Jackrabbits to an undefeated season in 1926.
  The team’s leading rusher, Kelley also gained nationwide attention for his drop kicks, particularly in games against St. Louis University and Hawaii, where his toe accounted for the winning points. He also posed a threat passing, and during the season either ran, passed or kicked for all of the Jackrabbits’ points in North Central Conference play.
  A Tyndall native, Kelley earned eight letters as a Jackrabbit, starting in both football and basketball, while also running on the track team. He broke two world records in 1925, running the 45-yard low hurdles in 5.8 seconds and the 50-yard high hurdles in 6.3 seconds.
  Following graduation, he played in 17 games for the champion New York Giants.

- **WEERT ENGLEMANN, halfback, 1929**
  Called the “Flying Dutchman of Miller”, Englemann broke up several tight games with explosive bolts through the line. An all-conference choice in both 1928 and 1929, he led the Jackrabbits in both rushing and scoring.
  Englemann also excelled in track and field, winning a record 12 individual North Central Conference titles. He also became the first South Dakotan to win an event at the Drake Relays, capturing the top spot in the triple jump in 1929 before winning the discuss in 1930.
  Englemann went on to star on the defensive side of the ball for the Green Bay Packers from 1930-33.

- **AL ARNDT, guard, 1934**
  A two-way player, Arndt starred at offensive guard and defensive tackle for the Jackrabbits. A mainstay in the line for three seasons, he led the team in tackles as a senior and was twice named all-North Central Conference.
  Also a starter in basketball, Arndt went on to play professional football for the Pittsburgh Steelers and Boston Redskins.

- **PAUL “WHITEY” MILLER, halfback, 1935**
  One of SDSU’s most explosive runners, Miller led the Jacks to an upset victory over Wisconsin, where he scored on a 75-yard interception return.
  During his senior year, he ran or passed for 11 of SDSU’s 17 touchdowns, including two 70-yard runs. He played three seasons (1936-38) with the Green Bay Packers.

- **HERB BARTLING, quarterback, 1950**
  Bartling spearheaded one of the most talented backfields in SDSU history, leading the Jackrabbits to an undefeated season in 1950 as he earned North Central Conference Most Valuable Player honors.
  He was also a two-time all-NCC performer in basketball.

- **HERB BACKLUND, center, 1954**
  Backlund didn’t play center until his senior season, but proved to be a powerful downfield blocker and excellent pass blocker for quarterback Jerry Welch, who joined him on the All-America team that season.

- **JERRY WELCH, quarterback, 1954**
  Welch stepped in at quarterback after a season-opening loss to Iowa State and guided the Jackrabbits to a 7-1 record the rest of the way.
  A triple threat at running, passing and kicking, his nine touchdowns in 1954 included a 91-yard run from scrimmage and a 77-yard punt return. Many of his punt return records stood for more than 40 years.
  Welch went on to play in the Canadian Football League with the Calgary Stampeders.

- **LEN SPANJERS, guard, 1957**
  A three-time all-North Central Conference selection, Spanjers paced the 1957 Jackrabbit squad to the league crown.
  Playing both offense and defense, the Milbank native was named the NCC’s Most Valuable Player. Co-captain as a senior, he was also named the team’s punter.
  In 1955, he was the only sophomore named to the all-conference squad.

- **JOE THORNE, fullback, 1961**
  Called “the best all-around player in the history of football at SDSU” by coach Ralph Ginn, Thorne paced the 1961 Jackrabbits to the North Central Conference title and an 8-2 season.
  He tallied 958 rushing yards (5.5 ypc) his senior year, despite carrying the ball only twice in the fourth quarter all season. A two-time all-NCC selection, he piled up more than 2,000 career rushing yards and also played defensive back.
  Thorne was drafted by the Green Bay Packers, but passed up the opportunity to play professionally. He died in 1965 while serving as a helicopter pilot in Vietnam.

- **MIKE STERNER, guard, 1961**
  Mike Sterner teamed with his twin brother, John, to give SDSU opponents a dose of double trouble during a conference championship season in 1961, earning first-team all-NCC honors.
  Sterner went on to a successful career as a wrestling coach at Southwest Minnesota State University and is a member of the NAIA Wrestling Hall of Fame.

- **ROGER EISCHENS, end, 1962**
  A two-sport star, Eischens was also an All-America wrestler for the Jacks. Named to the all-North Central Conference grid team twice, the Canby, Minn., native was the first SDSU player to gain more than 1,000 yards receiving for his career, tallying 1,094 yards on 65 receptions.
  Also a defensive standout, his 85-yard interception return against Toledo (Ohio) in 1962, stood as the longest in program history for 45 years.

- **JOHN STONE, linebacker/kicker, 1963**
  A native of Hendricks, Minn., Stone was named All-America after leading the nation in field goal kicking. Stone kicked nine field goals and 24 extra points for 51 points that season, his first as a kicker.
  Stone also led the team in interceptions in 1962 and was one of the team’s leading tacklers.

- **WAYNE RASMUSSEN, halfback, 1963**
  The 1963 College Athlete of the Year in South Dakota, Rasmussen was all-North Central Conference in three sports: football, basketball and baseball.
  The league’s Most Valuable Back, Rasmussen rushed for 874 yards and caught 29 passes for 463 yards in leading the Jackrabbits to an unbeaten record in NCC play and a 9-1 overall record. He also was the team’s leading kickoff and punt returner, and intercepted seven passes.
  Following his career at SDSU, Rasmussen plated 10 seasons with the Detroit Lions.

- **DARWIN GONNERMAN, fullback, 1967 and 1968**
  The Adrian, Minn., powerhouse became SDSU’s first two-time All-American when he put together back-to-back 1,000-yard seasons and became the school’s career rushing leader.
  A classic all-purpose player, Gonnerman set 13 school records, including the longest punt return in school history, 95 yards against North Dakota State, a record that still stands today.
  Also a standout kicker, Gonnerman played two seasons with the Ottawa Roughriders in the Canadian Football League. In 1969, he was voted South Dakota College Football Player of the Decade.

- **LYNN BODEN, guard, 1974**
  Boden had the distinction of being the only North Central Conference player ever picked in the round of the National Football League Draft, when he was selected by the Detroit Lions in 1975.
The NCC’s Most Valuable Offensive Lineman as a senior, the Osceola, Neb., native was a Kodak first-team All-American in 1974.

**BILL MATTHEWS, defensive end, 1977**

Matthews came from a nine-man football program at Wessington to star three years for the Jacks — not only as a player, but as a student. By the time he left SDSU, he had: earned first-team Academic All-America honors twice (1975, 1977); earned first-team Associated Press Little All-America recognition (1977); been named North Central Conference Most Valuable Defensive Lineman (1977), and was named to the all-NCC team twice (1976, 1977).

Matthews started at defensive tackle for two seasons before moving to defensive end as a senior. He was selected in the fifth round of the NFL Draft by the New England Patriots. He also played professionally for the New York Giants and the United States Football League’s Denver Gold.

**CHUCK LOEWEN, offensive tackle, 1985**

Loewen was a first-team Kodak All-American after helping lead the Jackrabbits to the 1979 NCAA Division II playoffs. He also earned third-team All-America honors from the Associated Press.

A first-team all-North Central Conference performer both as a player and academically, Loewen was awarded an NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship. He was drafted in the seventh round by the San Diego Chargers in 1980 and played five seasons in the NFL.

**RICK WEGHER, running back, 1984**

Wegher put together a career year during his senior season, finishing second in the nation in rushing (119.7 ypg) and fourth in scoring.

He also put his name in the NCAA record book twice. The first came when Wegher and Wyoming’s Kevin Lowe co-authored an NCAA record for most yards gained by two opposing backs with 533 (Wegher tallied 231). He also finished his career with an all-divisions NCAA-record 107 kickoff returns.

Wegher, who became the first player to rush for more than 1,000 yards in an NCC season, later signed with Calgary of the CFL.

**DENNIS THOMAS, tight end, 1985**

A three-year starter from Parkston, Thomas set a then-SDSU record for career pass receptions with 123.

A two-time all-North Central Conference selection, Thomas caught at least one pass in 29 consecutive games, totaling 1,441 career receiving yards. He was signed as a free agent by the Denver Broncos in 1986, then by Cincinnati in 1987.

**JEFF TIEFENTHALER, wide receiver, 1985 and 1986**

Tiefenthaler generated national attention when he set an NCAA record by catching at least one touchdown pass in 14 consecutive games. He added another national mark by catching at least one touchdown in 25 different games in his career.

The Armour native set nine school records and also set seven North Central Conference records as his career totals included 173 receptions for 3,621 yards and 32 touchdowns. He was a consensus All-America pick in 1986 and was one of three finalists for the Harlon Hill Award as the Division II Player of the Year. He also became the first SDSU player ever selected to play in the Senior Bowl.

**DAN SONNEK, tailback, 1987**

Sonnek came to SDSU as a walk-on, but ended his career by earning second-team Little All-America recognition from the Associated Press and first-team NCAA Division II All-America honors from The Football News.

The Easton, Minn., native set school records for rushing in a game (268), season (1,518) and career (3,304). He led Division II in rushing as a sophomore and was the North Central Conference Most Valuable Back in 1987, after setting the league’s career rushing mark.

In addition, Sonnek was a first-team Academic All-America selection and recipient of an NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship.

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**ALL-AMERICANS DURING THE STIEGELMEIER ERA**

**KEVIN TETZLAFF, nose guard, 1991**

Tetzlaff became the second member of his family to earn All-America honors for the Jacks, following older brother, Mark, who was an All-American on the 1984-85 basketball team which finished runner-up in NCAA Division II.

A Hayti native, Tetzlaff earned first-team Little All-America honors from The Associated Press and the Football Gazette. He also earned GTE Academic All-America honors.

He later was named the winner of the Stan Marshall Award as the top male scholar-athlete in the North Central Conference for 1991-92.

After missing the entire 1990 season because of injury, was selected to play in the Kelly Tire Blue-Gray All-Star Game following the 1991 season.


**DOUG MILLER, linebacker, 1991 & 1992**

Miller was a consensus All-American as a senior (Kodak, The Associated Press, Football Gazette, C.M. Frank). He played in the Kelly Tire Blue-Gray All-Star Game, and was a seventh-round draft pick of the San Diego Chargers.

He earned all-conference honors as a junior and senior, and was named Most Valuable Defensive Lineman in the NCC as a senior.

As a junior, Miller led the Jacks in tackles (114 in 10 games) and earned first-team NCAA Division II All-America honors from the Football Gazette and third-team Little All-America by The Associated Press.

Miller also earned academic all-conference honors twice, and was a member of the GTE-CoSIDA Academic All-District team as a senior.

A Sturgis native, Miller was killed on July 21, 1998, when struck by lightning while camping in Colorado.

**ADAM TIMMERMAN, offensive tackle, 1993 & 1994**

Timmerman was a consensus All-American in 1993 and 1994, earning first-team All-America honors on all five recognized teams (The Associated Press, Football Coaches Association, Football Gazette, CoSIDA Division II and C.M. Frank) in 1994.

He earned the Jim Langer Trophy as the NCAA Division II Offensive Lineman of the Year in 1994 when he was the Most Valuable Offensive Lineman in the NCC, and was named Most Valuable Offensive Lineman in the 1995 Snow Bowl.

Timmerman was a seventh-round draft pick of the Green Bay Packers and started in two Super Bowls. In 1999, he signed with the St. Louis Rams and played in two more Super Bowls, as well as the Pro Bowl.

At SDSU, Timmerman played his way into the starting lineup in 1990, then missed the 1991 season because of a broken ankle. He earned first-team all-North Central Conference honors in 1992, 1993 and 1994.

In 1993, he was a first-team All-America selection on the C.M. Frank and CoSIDA/NCAA Division II teams, and was second team on The Associated Press Little All-America and Football Gazette teams.
A native of Cherokee, Iowa, Timmerman was also a two-time first-team academic all-NCC selection and was named to the GTE-CoSIDA Academic All-District VII Team.

**JAKE HINES, tight end, 1994**

Hines earned All-America honors both as a player (first-team CoSIDA and Football Gazette) and academically (GTE-CoSIDA second-team Academic All-America).

He was also SDSU’s North Central Conference Honor Athlete for 1994-95 (top senior athletically and academically) and was one of three players from NCAA Division II football to earn an NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship, after compiling a 3.78 grade-point average in HPER. He completed his master’s degree at Delta State (Miss.).

Hines lettered as a first-year freshman in 1991 after graduating from Harmony High School in Minnesota. He played in all 42 SDSU games during his career, finishing with 86 career receptions, seven for touchdowns, and 1,081 yards, making him just the second tight end in SDSU to reach 1,000 yards receiving.

**ADAM VINATIERI, punter, 1994**

The hero of two Super Bowl victories for the New England Patriots, Vinatieri led the North Central Conference in punting three straight years and left SDSU holding just about every school record for punting and place-kicking.

He was a first-team selection on two All-America teams in 1994, CoSIDA and Football Gazette. He set the single-season record for punting average at 43.5 yards per attempt in 1994, set the SDSU mark for the longest field goal at 51 yards (accomplished twice) and held the SDSU record for most points scored by a placekicker, at 195. He also set SDSU records for most career PATs, 104, and most career field goals, 27.

Vinatieri was a first-team all-NCC selection as a punter three straight years (1992-93-94) and earned second-team all-NCC honors as a placekicker in 1992. He was also a two-time first-team academic all-NCC selection, earning first-team all-district and second-team GTE-CoSIDA Academic All-America honors as a senior.

A graduate of Rapid City Central High School, Vinatieri embarked on a professional career with Amsterdam in the World League of American Football (now NFL Europe), before signing with the New England Patriots during the summer of 1996. He currently is a member of the Indianapolis Colts.

**TOM O’BRIEN, punter, 1996, 1997 and 1998**

O’Brien inherited the SDSU punting duties from All-American Adam Vinatieri and promptly broke the SDSU single-season record by averaging 44.5 yards for 60 punts as a sophomore in 1996.

He led the nation (NCAA Division II) in punting in 1996, then improved his average, to 44.8, in 1997 but finished second in the nation.

O’Brien, who also handled kickoff duties for the Jackrabbits, earned first-team All-America honors on five different teams in 1996: The Associated Press, the American Football Coaches Association, CoSIDA, Football Gazette, and Football Quarterly.

The Chaska, Minn., native was selected to the AP and Football Gazette All-America teams in 1997, and was a third-team honoree by Football Gazette in 1998.

**BRETT GORDEN, kicker, 1998**

Gorden earned third-team All-America honors from the Football Gazette in 1998.

A native of Winona, Minn., Gorden was SDSU’s first four-time academic all-conference selection in football and was a second-team GTE academic all-district selection as a senior. He also was a Burger King scholar-athlete and SDSU’s NCC Honor Athlete, as the top senior male student-athlete.

He earned first-team all-conference honors as a senior, as well as second-team Daktronics all-region recognition.

Gorden was SDSU’s kicker for all 43 games during his career and broke several SDSU records previously held by NFL kicker Adam Vinatieri. Gorden scored 214 points kicking, including school records for most field goals, 36 (Vinatieri had 27), and most PATs, 106 (of 111). He also held the SDSU record for longest field goal, 52 yards against St. Cloud State in 1997 (since broken), and made 11 consecutive field goals in one stretch. He also had a string of 28 consecutive PATs.

**STEVE HEIDEN, tight end, 1998**

Heiden was on the third team of the Football Gazette Division II All-America team in 1998, and was later a third-round draft pick of the San Diego Chargers.

A native of Rushford, Minn., Heiden led SDSU in receiving two straight years, finishing his career with 112 catches for 1,499 yards. He earned first team all-North Central Conference honors in 1998, after being an honorable mention selection in both 1996 and 1997.

Heiden closed out his collegiate career by playing in the 1999 Snow Bowl (Division II all-star game).

After played in San Diego for four seasons before being traded to Cleveland, where he played from 2003-09.

**JOSH RANEK, running back, 1998, 1999 and 2001**


And in 2001 he was one of three finalists for the Harlon Hill Trophy as the Division II Player of the Year.

He was also a three-time academic all-North Central Conference selection, and was on the Verizon Academic All-America team in 2001.

A Tyndall native and graduate of Bon Homme High School, Ranek left SDSU as the school’s career rushing leader but also for the North Central Conference. He just missed the NCAA Division II career rushing mark, finishing with 6,794 yards, including 5,257 yards in NCAA games.

He led the NCC in rushing each of his three All-America seasons, and also set the NCC single-season scoring record with 132 points in 1999. Ranek rushed for more than 200 yards 13 times in his career, and was NCC Player of the Week 12 times. For 44 games, he averaged 154.4 yards per game rushing.
Ranek redshirted in 1996, then was slated to start in 1997 but an early season injury ended the season. He was granted injury hardship status, making him a third-year freshman in 1998.

He set an SDSU single-game record with 291 yards versus St. Cloud State in 1999. In 1999, as a sophomore, he became the SDSU career leader in rushing scoring, earning first-team All-America (Daktronics, Football Gazette) and finished fourth overall in the voting for the Harlon Hill Award as the Division II Player of the Year.

After a tryout with the Dallas Cowboys, he signed with the Ottawa Renegades of the Canadian Football League, where he started as a rookie.

**MATT BERRY, center, 1999**

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A native of Columbus, Neb., Douglass set an SDSU single-season record for a kicker with 99 points. His 19 field goals made in 26 attempts also set Jackrabbit single-season marks, and his average of 1.9 field goals per game would have led Division I-AA if the Jackrabbits had been eligible for postseason consideration.

Honored as the Great West Football Conference Special Teams Player of the Year, Douglass extended his school-record streak of 52 consecutive PATs to come to an end during the 2005 season. However, he did establish other Jackrabbit records with a 54-yard field goal and nine PATs in one game, against Valparaiso (Ind.).

In all, Douglass set 19 single-game, single-season and career records during his four-year career from 2004-07, including most career field goals (62) and points by a kicker (321).

**MITCH ERICKSON, offensive lineman, 2006 and 2007**

The anchor of the Jackrabbit offensive line, Mitch Erickson earned a spot on The Associated Press Division I-AA All-America Third Team in 2006.

During his senior season, Erickson was nearly a consensus All-American, earning first-team honors from the American Football Coaches Association, The Associated Press, College Sporting News and College Sports Report.com. He also was an honorable mention pick by the Sports Network after helping lead the Jackrabbits to the Great West Football Conference title—the program’s first league title in 44 years.

Erickson, who started every game in his Jackrabbit career, split time between guard and tackle, earning all-GWFC honors three consecutive years (2005, 2006, 2007).

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Batten also finished third in the balloting for the Buck Buchanan Award, which is presented to the top defensive player in the Football Championship Subdivision. He was selected in the sixth round of the 2010 NFL Draft by the Buffalo Bills.

• KYLE MINETT, running back, 2009 and 2010

Minett became the first Jackrabbit running back to earn All-America honors at the Division I level, receiving third-team recognition from the Associated Press following the 2009 season and third-team honors from both the AP and Sports Network during his senior season in 2010.

A native of Ruthton, Minn., Minett became the first SDSU rusher to turn in three consecutive 1,000-yard seasons.

In 2009, Minett posted his second straight 1,000-yard season, tallying 1,304 yards and 16 touchdowns while averaging 4.8 yards per carry. Minett ranked fifth in the Football Championship Subdivision with an average of 108.7 yards per game, topping the 100-yard mark in seven of 12 games.

During his senior season in 2010, Minett recorded eight consecutive 100-yard games as he again crossed the 1,000-yard mark with 1,208 yards and 12 touchdowns. He remained on the ballot throughout the season for the Walter Payton Award as the top offensive player in the Football Championship Subdivision, finishing 18th.

For his career, Minett finished second on the all-time Jackrabbit rushing charts with 4,277 yards and scored 47 rushing touchdowns. He added 107 career receptions for 912 yards and seven scores.

• RYAN McKNIGHT, center, 2010

McKnight was nearly a consensus All-America selection during his senior season, receiving honors on five different honor squads. A Sioux Falls native, McKnight anchored a relatively inexperienced Jackrabbit offensive line that allowed only six sacks all season while averaging 344 yards of total offense per game. He started nine games at center and two at left guard.

McKnight received first-team recognition from the Walter Camp Football Foundation, along with second-team honors from the Associated Press, Phil Steele Publications and Sports Network. He rounded out his post-season accolades by being named to the College Sporting News Sweet 63 FCS All-America Team, which is comprised of players regardless of position.

• BRYAN WITZMANN, offensive tackle, 2012 and 2013

Witzmann earned All-America honors in both 2012 and 2013 in helping lead the Jackrabbits to back-to-back berths in the FCS playoffs.

He received a pair of All-America honors following the 2012 campaign, earning first-team accolades from the Sports Network and second-team recognition from the Associated Press. In 2013, Witzmann repeated on both the Sports Network and AP All-America teams, while also being honored on the College Sporting News FCS Fabulous Fifty.

A native of Houlton, Wis., Witzmann anchored a Jackrabbit offensive line that paved the way for running back Zach Zenner to gain 2,000 yards in consecutive seasons, including leading the FCS ranks in rushing in 2012.

Witzmann started all 49 of the Jackrabbits’ games at left tackle during his four-year career. He was selected to play in the College All Star Bowl after his senior season.

• ZACH ZENNER, running back, 2012 and 2013

Zenner burst on to the national scene in 2012, leading the Football Championship Subdivision in both total rushing yards (2,044) and average rushing yards per game (157.2). A year later, he became only the second running back in FCS history to post two 2,000-yard seasons, gaining 2,015 yards to rank third with an average of 143.9 yards per game.

In 2012, Zenner was a consensus All-American, including earning first-team All-America honors from the American Football Coaches Association, Sports Network and Walter Camp Football Foundation. He moved up to the Associated Press All-America First Team in 2013, while repeating on AFCA, Sports Network, Walter Camp Football Foundation and College Sporting News FCS Fabulous Fifty.

He also finished seventh and sixth, respectively, in the balloting for the Walter Payton Award during the 2012 and 2013 seasons as the top offensive player in the Football Championship Subdivision.

During the 2012 season, Zenner topped 200 yards three times, including a school-record 295 yards in the opening round of the FCS playoffs versus Eastern Illinois. Zenner averaged 6.8 yards per carry and scored 13 touchdowns, including a school-record 99-yarder in the 2012 season opener at Kansas. He matched his school-record single-game rushing total with 295 yards in a 2013 game at North Dakota.

• WINSTON WRIGHT, cornerback, 2013

Wright capped a stellar Jackrabbit career by being named to the Sports Network All-America Third Team.

A native of Lee’s Summit, Mo., Wright shared the team lead with four interceptions during the Jackrabbits’ playoff season in 2013, including one that he returned 82 yards for a touchdown to seal a road win at the University of South Dakota. He also totaled 52 tackles, a sack, a team-high four forced fumbles and a blocked kick.

A two-year team captain, Wright was named to the Allstate Good Works Team by the American Football Coaches Association earlier in the 2013 season.
• JEFF TIEFENTHALER, Harlon Hill Trophy, 1986

Tiefenthaler was one of three finalists for the inaugural presentation of the Harlon Hill Trophy in 1986.

Tiefenthaler gained national attention a year earlier as he began an NCAA-record streak of catching at least one touchdown pass in 14 straight games. During the 1986 season, Tiefenthaler compiled school records of 73 receptions and 1,534 receiving yards with 11 touchdowns, including a 91-yarder.

The Armour native set nine school records and also set seven North Central Conference records as his career totals included 173 receptions for 3,621 yards and 32 touchdowns. He was a consensus All-America pick in 1986 and also became the first SDSU player ever selected to play in the Senior Bowl.

Tiefenthaler added another national mark by catching at least one touchdown in 25 different games in his career.

• ADAM TIMMERMAN, Jim Langer Trophy, 1994

Timmerman capped a standout collegiate career in 1994 by earning the Jim Langer Trophy — named after the South Dakota State Hall of Famer — as the NCAA Division II Offensive Lineman of the Year. He also was named Most Valuable Offensive Lineman at the 1995 Snow Bowl, a Division II all-star game played in Fargo, N.D.


A two-time Pro Bowl selection, Timmerman played 12 years in the NFL with the Green Bay Packers and St. Louis Rams. He played on two Super Bowl champion teams — one each with the Packers and Rams.

• JOSH RANEK, Harlon Hill Trophy, 2001

Ranek's selection as one of three finalists for the Harlon Hill Trophy in 2001 was as much for his career achievements as it was for his stellar senior season.

During the 2001 campaign, Ranek rushed for 1,804 yards and 18 touchdowns, including a 94-yarder at in-state rival South Dakota. He eclipsed the 100-yard mark in seven of the team's 11 games and surpassed 200 yards four times. In his final collegiate game, Ranek rushed 40 times for 272 yards in a victory over Minnesota State, Mankato.

The Tyndall native ended his career ranked second on the NCAA Division II career rushing charts with 6,794 yards — a total that still ranks fifth more than a decade later. He also scored 69 career touchdowns and finished his career with 426 points.

An All-American in 1998, 1999 and 2001, Ranek led the North Central Conference in rushing all three seasons. His 132 points in conference play during the 1999 set an NCC record, as did his 5,257 rushing yards in league games.

In 44 career games, Ranek averaged 154.4 yards per contest. He tallied 13 games of 200 or more yards.

Ranek went on to a playing career in the Canadian Football League.

• Ryan Berry, Draddy Trophy, 2008

South Dakota State University quarterback Ryan Berry defined the term student-athlete during a record-setting career in a Jackrabbit uniform.

Berry set eight individual school records during the 2008 campaign, including single-season marks for completions (256), attempts (395) and passing touchdowns (30). He ended his career with Jackrabbit career records for completions (485), attempts (834), passing yards (6,023) and touchdown passes (56) in leading SDSU to back-to-back seven-win seasons.

The Watertown, S.D. native also directed the Jackrabbit offense to a school-record 427 points in 2008 — an average of 35.6 points per game.

In the fall of 2008, Berry was named one of 15 finalists for the Draddy Trophy (now the William V. Campbell Trophy), which is presented annually to the top collegiate football scholar-athlete. As a finalist, Berry earned a trip to New York for the awards ceremony, during which he was presented with the Robert A. Simms National Scholar-Athlete Award and an $18,000 postgraduate scholarship.

Berry, who is pursuing a career in the medical profession, would go on to receive $12,500 more in postgraduate scholarships as he was honored with a $7,500 NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship, as well as a $5,000 scholarship from the Football Championship Subdivision Athletic Directors Association.

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• Kyle Minett, Walter Payton Award, 2010

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The first Jackrabbit running back to rush for 1,000 yards in three consecutive seasons, Minett gained 1,208 yards, averaging 5.2 yards per carry. He rushed for at least 100 yards in eight consecutive games and scored 12 touchdowns.

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Minett also was honored as a Capital One Academic All-American three times (2008, 2009, 2010).
In 2013, Zenner topped the century mark in 12 of 14 games, including a 30-carry, 249-yard performance that included an 87-yard touchdown in a playoff victory over Northern Arizona.

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### 2012 WALTER PAYTON AWARD VOTING RESULTS

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### AUSTIN SUMNER, Jerry Rice Award, 2011

Sumner finished third in the balloting for the inaugural Jerry Rice Award as the top freshman player in the Football Championship Subdivision.

A native of Brandon, Sumner took over the starting quarterback duties in the fourth game of the season and finished with a Missouri Valley Football Conference freshman record of 2,382 yards passing. He led all FCS freshman quarterbacks with 16 touchdown passes and topped the 300-yard mark five times, including a season-best 377 yards in a double-overtime win over Missouri State.

In addition, Sumner tied the Jackrabbit single-game record with 37 completions against nationally ranked Northern Iowa.

### T.J. LALLY, Jerry Rice Award, 2012

Lally emerged as one of the top young defensive players in the Football Championship Subdivision, finishing seventh in the voting for the 2012 Jerry Rice Award.

A linebacker from Chicago, Lally finished second on the team with 107 tackles, while sharing the team lead with six sacks. He also tallied eight total tackles for loss, two forced fumbles and two interceptions.

A second-team all-Missouri Valley Football Conference selection and member of the MVFC All-Newcomer Team, Lally was honored as the conference’s newcomer of the year.

### ZACH ZENNER, Walter Payton Award, 2012 and 2013

Zenner established himself as one of the top running backs in the Football Championship Subdivision, leading the nation in total rushing yards with 2,044 yards during the 2012 season.

A consensus All-America selection, Zenner finished seventh in the balloting for the Walter Payton Award as the top offensive player in the FCS ranks. He moved up one spot to sixth place in the voting for the 2013 Jerry Rice Award.

In 13 games during the 2012 season, Zenner crossed the 100-yard mark in nine games and topped 200 yards three times, including a single-game school-record 295 yards in the opening round of the FCS playoffs versus Eastern Illinois. For the season, Zenner averaged 6.8 yards per carry and scored 13 touchdowns, including a school-record 99-yarder in the 2012 season opener at Kansas.

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### WINSTON WRIGHT, Allstate Good Works Team, 2013

Wright became the first Jackrabbit player honored on a national level for his community service efforts, earning a spot on the 22-member Allstate AFCA Good Works Team.

Throughout his Jackrabbit career, Wright organized or participated in numerous service activities, including leading groups of SDSU students to Harmons, Jamaica, and assisting in the building of homes.

Wright also has participated in shoe donations and sports camps on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation through the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Samaritan’s Feet, along with mentoring children and speaking at local schools and churches about making positive decisions.
The South Dakota State University football program has a long history of developing players who have gone on to professional playing careers. Jackrabbit football alumni include Pro Football Hall-of-Famer Jim Langer, who starred on the offensive line for the Super Bowl champion Miami Dolphins in the early 1970s, as well as recent All-Pro selections Adam Timmerman and Adam Vinatieri.

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Adam Timmerman played on Super Bowl-winning teams for both the Green Bay Packers and the St. Louis Rams during a professional career that spanned from 1995-2006. A native of Cherokee, Iowa, Timmerman was an All-Pro selection in both 1999 and 2001. He was inducted into the Jackrabbit Sports Hall of Fame in the fall of 2012.

Jim Langer, left, is pictured with legendary Miami Dolphins head coach Don Shula during Langer’s induction into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1987. Langer played center on every offensive down during the Dolphins’ perfect season in 1972. He was a first-team All-Pro four times and was selected to play in six Pro Bowl games. He played with the Dolphins from 1970-79 before returning to his home state to finish his career with the Minnesota Vikings from 1980-81. Langer is the only former North Central Conference player enshrined in the Canton, Ohio, hall of fame. A replica of his bust and other memorabilia is on display in the Dykhouse Student-Athlete Center at South Dakota State University.
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Note: Number in parentheses indicates round selected.

### Other Recent Jackrabbits Who Have Received Pro Tryouts

- Casey Bender, offensive lineman, Cleveland Browns and Indianapolis Colts
- Cole Brodie, defensive back, Jacksonville Jaguars
- Zach Carter, defensive lineman, Buffalo Bills
- JaRon Harris, wide receiver, Green Bay Packers
- Chris Johnson, linebacre, Arizona Cardinals and Chicago Bears
- Ryan McKnight, offensive lineman, Cincinnati Bengals
- Dale Moss, wide receiver, Green Bay Packers and Carolina Panthers
- Eric Schroeder, defensive lineman, Minnesota Vikings
- Chris Wagner, tight end, Oakland Raiders
- Andrew Wagstrom, offensive lineman, Miami Dolphins

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*Pete Retzlaff was one of the NFL’s top receivers in the 1950s and 60s as a member of the Detroit Lions and Philadelphia Eagles.*

*Ed Maras was drafted in both football and baseball following a standout athletic career at South Dakota State.*

*Steve Heiden played 11 years in the NFL, splitting time between the San Diego Chargers and Cleveland Browns.*

*Danny Batten was the most recent Jackrabbit player to be drafted, when he was selected by Buffalo in the sixth round of the 2010 draft.*
Heading into the start of the 2014 football season, at least four former South Dakota State standouts were expected to be in training camps of National Football League teams, continuing the Jackrabbits’ long tradition of developing players into pro prospects.

Headlining the list is Adam Vinatieri of the Indianapolis Colts. Vinatieri has earned a reputation as one the most consistent and clutch kickers in the NFL. After two Pro Bowl selections (2002, 2004), he left New England following the 2005 season as the team’s career scoring leader. Vinatieri’s career totals include 448-of-540 on field goal attempts, 83 percent, and 2,006 career points. He ranks fifth in career scoring, seventh in career field goals and 15th in career field goal percentage in NFL history. He holds the second-longest streak of consecutive 100-point seasons to start a career in NFL history with 13 — a streak that ended during an injury-plagued 2009 campaign — and is tied for the all-time NFL record with 16 career 100-point seasons.

Vinatieri also has excelled in the postseason. He holds the distinction of being the only kicker in NFL history to play in five different Super Bowl games, and made a field goal in four of those games. He kicked last-second game-winning field goals in Super Bowl XXXVI against St. Louis and Super Bowl XXXVIII versus Carolina, as well as a game-tying 45-yard field goal in a snowstorm against Oakland in the 2001 AFC Playoffs. His career postseason totals include 51-of-61 on field goals, and he shares the NFL single-game postseason record with five field goals — a feat he has accomplished twice. Vinatieri’s field goal totals also are NFL postseason records, as are his 213 points.

Vinatieri began his professional career with the Amsterdam Admirals of NFL Europe before signing with the New England Patriots in 1996.

Also expected to be in training camps this summer are three Jackrabbit standouts who completed their collegiate careers in 2013. Doug Peete and Bryan Witzmann reached free-agent agreements with the Houston Texans, while Winston Wright will suit up for the Tennessee Titans.

Peete was a four-year letterman at defensive end who earned second-team all-Missouri Valley Football Conference honors in 2012, when he led the team with 13.5 tackles for loss and shared the team lead with six sacks. Peete closed his career by earning honorable mention all-MVFC accolades after tallying 70 total tackles, including 10 tackles for loss and five sacks.

Witzmann started all 49 of his games of his Jackrabbit career at left tackle. He was a two-time All-America selection from both The Sports Network and Associated Press.

Wright was a three-year starter at cornerback who earned all-MFVC honors his sophomore and senior seasons. A two-time team captain, he earned third-team All-America honors from the Sports Network after sharing the team lead with four interceptions and adding 52 tackles.

The late Doug Miller made a Super Bowl appearance with the San Diego Chargers during the 1994 season.

Scott Connot played parts of three seasons with the Kansas City Chiefs after previously playing in NFL Europe.

Brad Seely, right, pictured with head coach Jim Harbaugh, has been special teams coach of the San Francisco 49ers since 2011. Seely has coached in the NFL for more than 20 years, helping lead teams to five Super Bowl appearances.

\[JACKRABBITS IN THE SUPER BOWL\]

For South Dakota State University fans, the 2002 Super Bowl game was the second Adam Bowl.

In the 1997 Super Bowl, two former Jackrabbits faced each other in the game between the Green Bay Packers and the New England Patriots. Adam Timmerman, was the starting right guard for the Packers, while Adam Vinatieri was the placekicker for the Patriots.

In 2002, they met again; this time Timmerman with the St. Louis Rams and Vinatieri with the Patriots. Vinatieri not only kicked the winning field goal in that game, but did it again in the 2004 Super Bowl.

Timmerman played in two Super Bowls for the Packers, then signed with St. Louis as a free agent and started for the 2000 Super Bowl champs, also going on to play in the Pro Bowl.

Vinatieri has, in effect, provided the winning points in three Super Bowls since his field goal in the 2005 game was the margin of victory.

Timmerman and Vinatieri are the fourth and fifth former SDSU players to appear in a Super Bowl game. Jim Langer was the starting center for the Miami Dolphins in three Super Bowls.

The Jacks in the Super Bowl:
• Jim Langer, Miami Dolphins, 1972-73-74;
• Bruce Klostermann, Denver Broncos, 1988, 1990;
• Doug Miller, San Diego Chargers, 1995;
• Adam Timmerman, Green Bay Packers, 1997-98, and St. Louis Rams, 2000, 2002; and

In addition, former Jackrabbit player Brad Seely (1975-77) was the special teams coach for the Patriots in four Super Bowls. Seely currently is special teams coach and assistant head coach with the San Francisco 49ers, and made his fifth appearance in a Super Bowl this past winter. Seely also has coached with the Indianapolis Colts, New York Jets, Carolina Panthers and Cleveland Browns. He was named NFL Special Teams Coach of the Year in both 2009 and 2011.

Several other former Jackrabbit players and coaches continue to have ties to the professional game, including:
• Steve Heiden (player from 1995-98), assistant special teams/tight ends coach for the Arizona Cardinals;
• Reed Burkhardt (player from 2004-07), college scout for the Minnesota Vikings;
• Glen Fox (player from 2006-09), pro scout with the Arizona Cardinals;
• Shawn Mennenga (assistant coach from 2009-10), assistant special teams coach with the Cleveland Browns;
• Trent Baalke (assistant coach from 1991-95), general manager of the San Francisco 49ers.
The date – November 2, 1912.
The event – first Hobo Day at State College.

Hobo Day is said to have originated with several students eating ice cream and talking at a local drug store in 1912. The topic of conversation was a way to rescue the sagging school spirit, caused to some degree when State lost its first two football games of the season: 34-0 to Carleton, and 73-7 to the University of South Dakota.

Many ideas of a homecoming day were brought up, but none were taken with any enthusiasm until someone mentioned an idea that had been attempted elsewhere. Although the idea wasn’t very successful in other places, it did seem to hold some potential for South Dakota State.

Thus, the biggest one-day event in South Dakota was born.

Prior homecoming activities had featured a traditional “nightshirt parade” with snake dance which led the students through Brookings until they arrived at the train depot in time to meet the night train.

That practice continued until one fall when the college authorities decided it was undignified for female students to take part in this activity.

Thus the idea for any new tradition had to include the female students.

Costumes conceived in 1912 had males dressed as hoboes and girls as maidens.

Even the first Hobo Day would prohibit the use of the razor. Student regulations that year stated that any male student show shaved after the Monday morning preceding the festivities would be initiated into the Bull Moose Club with a barrel and an oak lathe. Girls had to wear their hair in a braid and anyone who failed to do so would be “painted with red ink and have their hair braided.”

Students, dressed in costumes, assembled at the “Old North Chapel” before they marched to the depot to meet the Yanke ton College football team.

The parade started toward the train depot with a Hobo Band and the entire student body following to meet the Yanke ton team.

The Industrial Collegian reported: “At the rally, onlookers couldn’t tell whether they were in an 1849 Indian village or a twentieth century division point of the Northwest railroad.”

On the way back to campus, most students stopped at Brookings residents’ back doors and “bummed” ingredients for mulligan stew.

Weary Willie made his first appearance in 1950 and Dirty ‘Lil became an annual attraction in 1976.

The Industrial Collegian of Nov. 5, 1912, reported: “the first Hobo Day was one of the biggest days SDSC has ever seen.” And they hadn’t seen anything yet.

For the record, the initial idea worked — the Jacks won the football game 6-3.

**Hobo Day Scores**

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Overall Record  

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*While the records show 100 Hobo Day games, there have been 102 Hobo days. There was no game in 1918 during World War I and in 1943, the game was between two Army special training teams from campus.*

**Hobo Day Opponents**

- 1912: Yankton College W, 6-3  
  1965: South Dakota W, 30-14
- 1913: South Dakota Mines W, 36-0  
  1966: North Dakota L, 0-43
- 1914: North Dakota W, 14-3  
  1967: South Dakota W, 42-14
- 1915: South Dakota L, 0-7  
  1968: North Dakota L, 16-21
- 1916: North Dakota W, 14-7  
  1969: South Dakota W, 20-14
- 1917: North Dakota State W, 21-14  
  1970: North Dakota L, 3-36
- 1918: No game — World War I  
  1971: South Dakota L, 18-37
- 1919: North Dakota W, 9-7  
  1972: North Dakota L, 21-51
- 1920: Hamline W, 14-0  
  1973: South Dakota L, 10-36
- 1921: North Dakota W, 27-14  
  1974: Augustana W, 35-6
- 1922: South Dakota L, 7-7  
  1975: South Dakota W, 22-22
- 1923: Creighton W, 27-20  
  1976: North Dakota W, 28-6
- 1924: South Dakota W, 10-3  
  1977: South Dakota L, 10-15
- 1925: Creighton L, 0-19  
  1978: South Dakota L, 7-24
- 1926: South Dakota T, 0-0  
  1979: South Dakota W, 26-21
- 1927: Morningside W, 44-7  
  1980: North Dakota State L, 16-23
- 1928: South Dakota W, 13-0  
- 1929: South Dakota W, 16-7  
  1982: Augustana L, 3-10
- 1930: South Dakota W, 13-6  
  1983: North Dakota State L, 12-24
- 1931: North Dakota L, 6-34  
  1984: Nebraska-Omaha L, 24-27
- 1932: South Dakota T, 0-0  
  1985: South Dakota W, 24-12
- 1933: North Dakota W, 18-2  
  1986: North Dakota State L, 7-49
- 1934: South Dakota W, 19-0  
  1987: Nebraska-Omaha W, 28-24
- 1935: North Dakota T, 6-6  
  1988: Augustana W, 37-22
- 1936: South Dakota L, 5-1  
  1989: Morningside W, 13-12
- 1937: Wichita State W, 20-6  
  1990: Augustana L, 0-31
- 1938: South Dakota L, 0-7  
  1991: South Dakota W, 21-18
- 1939: North Dakota W, 14-13  
  1992: Nebraska-Omaha W, 21-0
- 1940: South Dakota L, 0-26  
  1993: Augustana W, 35-25
- 1941: North Dakota L, 15-33  
  1994: Morningside W, 56-17
- 1942: South Dakota L, 0-7  
  1995: North Dakota State L, 17-26
- 1943: Two Army Special Training

Teams played to 6-6 tie

1944: SDS Army W, 6-0
1945: Hamline W, 25-0
1946: Augustana W, 26-6
1947: South Dakota L, 7-36
1948: Augustana W, 20-6
1949: South Dakota W, 27-25
1950: North Dakota T, 21-21
1951: South Dakota L, 6-26
1952: North Dakota W, 60-6
1953: St. John’s (Minn.) L, 13-26
1954: North Dakota W, 34-20
1955: South Dakota W, 27-7
1956: North Dakota W, 14-13
1957: South Dakota W, 21-13
1958: North Dakota L, 12-30
1959: South Dakota W, 12-7
1960: North Dakota L, 23-27
1961: South Dakota W, 34-6
1962: North Dakota W, 26-0
1963: South Dakota W, 63-0
1964: North Dakota L, 28-35

1996: Morningside W, 31-13
1997: St. Cloud State W, 21-16
1998: Neb-Omaha (2 OT) W, 30-27
1999: North Dakota W, 21-7
2000: Minn. State, Mankato L, 17-21
2001: Augustana W, 31-21
2002: North Dakota L, 13-21
2004: Augustana W, 38-9
2005: Missouri-Rolla W, 64-28
2006: UC Davis W, 22-21
2007: Stephen F. Austin W, 45-0
2008: McNeese State (3 OT) L, 44-46
2009: Northern Iowa W, 24-14
2010: Youngstown State W, 37-22
2011: Southern Illinois W, 45-34
2012: Youngstown State W, 41-28
2013: Southern Illinois L, 24-27

SDSU has played 52 Hobo Day games at Coughlin-Alumni Stadium, with a 31-21-0 record. The games have attracted 568,037 fans, an average of 10,924 per game.
Hobo Day has been a tradition at South Dakota State University for 100 years, with the Jackrabbits holding a .596 winning percentage in their annual homecoming game. The following is a recap of 10 of the most memorable Hobo Day games in Jackrabbit football history.

1. 1985: Jacks knock off No. 1 USD
   On an absolutely perfect day to watch football a then-record crowd of 16,193 showed up to watch SDSU avenge an earlier loss and crush previously undefeated and No. 1 ranked South Dakota, 24-22. SDSU had earlier lost to the Coyotes 33-18.
   The Jacks recorded a safety in the end zone of tying the game. With the score 21-20 in UND’s favor and SDSU’s Jerry James with 6:40 remaining in the game.
   The Jackrabbits would come out on top this day, winning a squeaker over the University of North Dakota, 14-13.
   Earlier in the year this game was seen as a game by two of the toughest teams in the nation, but a rash of injuries caused this game to lose some of its luster—at least on paper.
   SDSU, the defending league champion, was still smarting from early-season injuries going into the game. Despite not having running back Bill McDonald in the lineup, the Jacks unleashed a lethal ground attack, racking up 261 yards, led by Bob Betz’s 122 yards. The Jacks’ pass defense was the real story on the day, picking off four passes.

2. 1963: Running roughshod over USD
   In the largest margin of victory ever on Hobo Day, the Jackrabbits pounded USD 61-0 en route to the North Central Conference championship. On the day, eight different Jackrabbits found the end zone with running back Reed Sanderson scoring twice. The Jackrabbits added four second-quarter touchdowns to go up 34-0 at the half, out-rushing USD 137-11.
   The second half was more of the same as SDSU scored four more touchdowns and outmaneuvered the Coyotes 516-74 in total offense for the game.

3. 1997: Hail Mary delivers victory
   In one of the best Hobo Day finishes ever, South Dakota State defeated St. Cloud State, 21-16.
   The Jacks carried the lead going into the fourth quarter up 13-0. With 6:20 remaining in the game St. Cloud State tied the game at 13-all, but the Huskies were flagged for excessive celebration after the touchdown. With the extra point attempt missed the Jacks on the board when he swept around the right side and brought the Jacks within an extra point of tying the game.
   The Jacks would come out on top this day, winning a squeaker over the University of North Dakota and ended dead even at 21-21 after four hard-fought quarters. It was the only game the 9-0-1 conference champs from Brookings didn’t win that season.

4. 1979: Tripping the U in playoff year
   The Jackrabbits were outplayed by USD for the first three quarters but managed to win a close one to keep their playoff dreams alive with a 26-21 win.
   SDSU scored a second-quarter touchdown and Tony Harris added a field goal to put the Jacks up 10-7 at the half. Harris added another chip shot in the third as SDSU went into the final quarter up by six.
   The fourth began with USD striking first, going in from two yards out. SDSU would answer right back with two consecutive touchdowns with one coming from Lionel Macklin and the other coming from Jerry James with 6:40 remaining in the game.

5. 1956: Sweetening a sour season
   In one of the best Hobo Day finishes ever, South Dakota State defeated Nebraska-Omaha 30-27 in double overtime.
   Unlike all previous Hobo Day games, the 1956 Hobo Day game took longer than sixty minutes to decide. Playing the first overtime game in school history, the Jackrabbits defeated Nebraska-Omaha 30-27 in double overtime.
   The Jacks broke a tie in the fourth quarter on Andy Rennerfeldt’s 68-yard pass to Steve Heiden. UNO answered right back to knot the score at 24. With 51 seconds left, UNO was whistled for an illegal motion penalty as the Mavericks set up for a 36-yard field goal attempt. The ensuing 41-yard field goal was no good, sending the game into overtime.
   In the first overtime, SDSU’s Brett Gorden and UNO’s Paul Kosel traded long field goals to send the game into a second OT. UNO took possession first, but Kosel fell victim again, missing a 42-yard field goal all but sealing the deal for the Jacks. Gorden’s 23-yard field goal sailed through the uprights to give South Dakota State a 22-17 lead. SDSU would answer right back to tie the game.

6. 1998: A double-overtime thriller
   The 2006 Jackrabbit football team made a habit of winning close games, and the Hobo Day game was no exception.
   Trailing UC Davis 21-10 entering the fourth quarter, the Jackrabbits’ late-game heroics continued as Dusty Nieds scored on a 9-yard pass from Andy Kardoes with 1:08 left in the game. The Jackrabbit defense came up big late in the third quarter as Jeff Hegge dragged down an Aggie ball carrier at the 1-yard line and Eric Schroeder later blocked a short field goal attempt.

7. 1975: Game-winning field goal
   It was a game of missed opportunities as the Jacks could have blown the game open in the second half, but had to rally in the closing seconds to win a nail-biter over the University of South Dakota, 24-22.
   Leading 21-14 early in the fourth quarter and the Jacks driving for another score, USD’s Gary Culver picked off SDSU’s Greg Hart’s pass in the end zone and gave the Coyotes new life. It was the second costly turnover on the day for the Jacks as they had earlier fumbled into the end zone for a touchback.
   USD quickly capitalized on the interception, scoring a touchdown and a two-point conversion with 5:35 left in the fourth quarter to put the Coyotes up 27 in double overtime.
   With the score 21-20 in UND’s favor and SDSU’s George Medchill digging in for the PAT, UND blocked the kick to give USD an apparent win on this Hobo Day. However, the officials ruled USD offsides and gave Medchill another chance. Medchill redeemed himself, knocking it through the uprights, securing a 21-20 win. Williamson would later say that he didn’t really remember the end of the game because he had gotten hit so hard on his touchdown run.

8. 1979: Tripping the U in playoff year
   The Jackrabbits were outplayed by USD for the first three quarters but managed to win a close one to keep their playoff dreams alive with a 26-21 win.
   SDSU scored a second-quarter touchdown and Tony Harris added a field goal to put the Jacks up 10-7 at the half. Harris added another chip shot in the third as SDSU went into the final quarter up by six.

9. 1989: Two days of Hobo heroics
   Day I: In a game that really could have been remembered as the 76th and 77th edition of Hobo Days, the Jackrabbits scored twice in the second half and hung on for a 13-12 win against Morningside.
   Morning captured the game over a two-day span after lightning caused the game to be suspended.
   Morningside got on the board with two first-half field goals to take a 6-0 halftime lead. SDSU came firing out of the locker room after halftime and scored when a fumbled punt was pounced on by D.J. Wessel in the end zone to tie the game at 6. SDSU later pulled ahead when Shane Bouché and J.D. Berreth hooked up on a 78-yard pass play to put the Jacks up 13-6.
   The game was suspended by lightning, but the coaches, by mutual agreement, decided to finish the suspended game the following day.
   Day II: SDSU and Morningside resumed the game with 9:01 remaining in the contest. Morningside would score a touchdown on Day II, but Doug Miller blocked the extra point attempt that would have tied the game, preserving a wild 13-12 SDSU victory.

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The Dakota Marker, a replica of the 7-foot by 10-inch square stone monuments planted in the early 1890s, is the name of a traveling trophy that SDSU and North Dakota State began competing for during the 2004 season.

The original idea for the trophy came from the Blue Key Honor Society at NDSU. The student associations at both schools share dual ownership of the trophy.

Creation of the trophy coincided with SDSU’s and NDSU’s entry into NCAA Division I-AA football (currently Football Championship Subdivision). And it signaled a revised rivalry between two schools that have a football history against each other dating back to 1903.

The Dakota Marker stands about three feet tall with the letters “SD” on one side and “ND” on the other side, just like its 720 namesakes that dot the 366-mile border. The trophy stands about three feet high and weighs 78 pounds. The black granite base used to display the trophy weighs another 181 pounds.

The Dakota Marker series has provided many memorable moments throughout its nine-game history. Three times the winner of the game has decided a conference regular season title, including the Missouri Valley Football Conference title during the 2012 season. The Jackrabbits and Bison also played for the Great West Football Conference championship in both 2006 and 2007.

Overall, North Dakota State leads the Dakota Marker series by a 6-4 count. Six of the games have been decided by seven points or less.

Following are some of the more memorable moments in the Dakota Marker series:

- **Oct. 9, 2004 — SDSU 24, North Dakota State 21**: Wide receiver Chris Molitor teamed with Brad Nelson for a 22-yard touchdown pass with 39 seconds remaining in the game as SDSU rallied to defeat North Dakota State, 24-21, in the inaugural Dakota Marker game at Coughlin-Alumni Stadium.

  The winning touchdown capped a 14-play, 80-yard drive that took less than two minutes.

  Nelson completed seven passes on the drive, including a pair of fourth-down pitches which kept the drive alive. The winning drive was further aided by a pass interference call, which gave the Jackrabbits a first down on the NDSU 22. Two plays later, Nelson hooked up with Molitor, who evaded a couple of tackles and ran into the end zone.

- **Nov. 17, 2007 — SDSU 29, North Dakota State 24**: Cory Koenig scored the go-ahead touchdown on a 42-yard run midway through the fourth quarter and the Jackrabbits made big plays on special teams to defeat previously undefeated North Dakota State and claim both the Great West Football Conference and the Dakota Marker with a 29-24 win at Coughlin-Alumni Stadium.

  The game, which was sealed by a Brock Gentle interception in the closing minutes, was played before an SDSU-record crowd of 16,345.

  Leading 3-0, the Jackrabbits held NDSU to 242 yards of total offense, as the Bison reclaimed the Dakota Marker.

- **Nov. 12, 2010 — North Dakota State 31, SDSU 24**: South Dakota State intercepted four South Dakota State passes, leading directly to 17 points, as the Bison reclaimed the Dakota Marker with a 31-24 victory at the Fargodome.

  North Dakota State put the first points on the board with a two-yard touchdown by Mike Steffen, lifting SDSU to a 25-24 win at the Fargodome.

  The win was SDSU’s first in Fargo since 1962 and marked the first time the road team claimed the Dakota Marker.

  The Jackrabbit heroics came after Berry left the game in the first quarter due to injury before returning in the fourth.

  Peter Reifenrath added three field goals of 40-plus yards in the Jackrabbit victory.

- **Oct. 17, 2009 — SDSU 28, North Dakota State 13**: Kyle Minett rushed 34 times for 164 yards and two touchdowns to lead SDSU to its third consecutive win over North Dakota State, at Coughlin-Alumni Stadium.

  After a Derek Domino 16-yard interception return for touchdown gave SDSU a 14-7 lead, the Jackrabbit ground game put the contest out of reach as Tyler Duffy scored on a 22-yard run early in the second quarter and Minett capped the scoring with a 20-yard scamper in the opening minute of the fourth quarter.

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- **Oct. 22, 2011 — North Dakota State 38, SDSU 14**: South Dakota State squandered a couple of early scoring opportunities and North Dakota State scored three fourth-quarter touchdowns en route to a 38-14 victory.

  Ryan Smith’s 41-yard punt return for a TD started the Bison onslaught in the fourth quarter.

The black granite base used to display the trophy stands about three feet high and weighs 78 pounds. The red quartzite monuments that define the border between South Dakota and North Dakota signify a football rivalry between the two states.

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South Dakota State University and the University of South Dakota forged a new component to their long-standing rivalry with the implementation of the South Dakota Showdown Series during the 2012-13 athletics season.

The Showdown Series, presented by South Dakota Corn in conjunction with Learfield Sports, uses a point system in which each school can earn a maximum of 24 points per year based on head-to-head competition and Summit League championship finishes in 17 men’s and women’s sports. Academics play an essential role as well, and the university compiling the most points by the end of the school year receives the specially designed traveling trophy.

South Dakota State has captured the South Dakota Showdown Series each of the first two years of competition. The Jackrabbits bested USD, 14-13, in the inaugural series during the 2012-13 academic year, and retained the title during the 2013-14 season by posting an 18-9 victory.

“For years, this storied rivalry has captivated our state on the fields of play. Now, the South Dakota Corn Showdown Series spotlights academic and philanthropic achievements in addition to athletics,” said Justin Sell, Director of Athletics, South Dakota State University.

“We’re proud to showcase the successes of our student athletes, celebrate their victories and help them become lifelong champions.”

The most recent SDSU victory was fueled in part by the Jackrabbits’ 27-12 football victory at USD on Nov. 16, 2013. The annual football matchup is worth two points.

In 2012, the Jackrabbits’ 31-8 victory before a crowd of 15,278 at Coughlin-Alumni Stadium provided the winning margin in the series. It marked the first time the two schools had met on the gridiron since SDSU made the move to Division I after the 2003 season.

During the 2013-14 season, the Jackrabbit men’s and women’s basketball teams each earned two points by sweeping the regular season series. SDSU’s other athletic points came from women’s soccer, men’s and women’s cross country, women’s tennis, men’s and women’s swimming and diving, men’s and women’s golf and women’s outdoor track and field. Both SDSU and USD earned three academic points.

“We are proud to be a part of this historic rivalry between state’s two largest universities featuring the state’s top student-athletes,” said South Dakota Corn Utilization Council President Mark Gross. “With its enormous popularity, the Showdown Series offers our organization a unique opportunity to tell the story of the state’s number one industry, agriculture to an ever growing fan base.”

Another critical complement to the Showdown Series is the year-long effort demonstrated by both universities to assist Feeding South Dakota, the competition’s designated non-profit organization. In February, a total of 3,583 backpacks were filled when USD and SDSU athletic departments, student-athletes and Learfield Sports’ personnel teamed up for Feeding South Dakota’s BackPack program. Additionally, nearly 32,000 meals from monetary donations and pounds of food collected during the entire athletic season have gone to directly benefit families in the immediate region.

Repeating as the champion of the South Dakota Showdown Series caps a banner year both in competition and in the classroom for Jackrabbit Athletics. SDSU swept through the Summit League by winning the Commissioner’s Cup, the Dr. William Steinbrecher Men’s All-Sports Award and the Dr. Helen Smiley Women’s All-Sports Award. In addition, the Jackrabbit football team made a repeat appearance in the FCS playoffs, while the men’s cross country and women’s basketball teams claimed Summit League titles.

The South Dakota Showdown Series returns for a third season during the 2014-15 academic year. The Jackrabbit football team will host USD in the regular season finale Nov. 22 at Coughlin-Alumni Stadium.
South Dakota State University is home to the original Beef Bowl.

The Beef Bowl was started as SDSU’s way of recognizing those individuals and firms involved in the beef industry in South Dakota.

Festivities include a pre-game barbecue with proceeds going toward scholarships in the Animal and Range Sciences Department, as well as presentation of the SDSU Friends of the Beef Industry Award. Proceeds from a live steer auction at halftime benefit the Jackrabbit Athletic Department.

Outside of Hobo Day, SDSU’s annual homecoming celebration, the Beef Bowl usually ranks second for home-game attendance. More than 10,000 people have attended each of the last nine Beef Bowls and 11 times overall.

The Beef Bowl will celebrate its 48th anniversary Sept. 20, when SDSU hosts Wisconsin-Oshkosh.

### CEREAL BOWL

Further showcasing South Dakota State University’s ties to agriculture was the annual celebration of the Cereal Bowl.

As part of the Cereal Bowl festivities, state commodity groups were recognized for providing research and scholarship dollars totaling more than $1 million annually to the Plant Science Department within the College of Agriculture and Biological Sciences. Commodity groups include the South Dakota Wheat Commission, South Dakota Crop Improvement Association, South Dakota Soybean Research and Promotion Council, South Dakota Corn Utilization Council and the South Dakota Oil Seeds Council.

In 2014, the Cereal Bowl will be replaced with the inaugural Dairy Drive to showcase the state’s dairy industry. The Dairy Drive kicks off Sept. 6, when the Jackrabbits host Cal Poly.

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**OUTSTANDING PLAYERS OF THE BEEF BOWL**

- 1977: Gary Maffett, quarterback, South Dakota State
- 1978: Mark Dunbar, defensive end, South Dakota State
- 1979: Bill O’Connor, running back, Augustana
- 1980: Marty Higgins, quarterback, South Dakota State
- 1981: Mike Law, quarterback, South Dakota State
- 1982: Mike Law, quarterback, South Dakota State
- 1983: Tom Nelson, quarterback, St. Cloud State
- 1984: Tony Mazzu, running back, North Dakota
- 1985: Dan Sonnek, running back, South Dakota State
- 1986: Tom Sah, defensive back, South Dakota State
- 1987: Chad Andersen, quarterback, South Dakota State
- 1988: Tony Satter, running back, North Dakota State
- 1989: Chris Simdorn, quarterback, North Dakota State
- 1990: Lance Dunn, quarterback, Mankato State
- 1991: Arden Beachy, quarterback, North Dakota State
- 1992: Shannon Burnell, running back, North Dakota
- 1993: Dan Nelson, running back, South Dakota State
- 1994: Darnell Brooks, running back, Northern Colorado
- 1995: Todd Bouman, quarterback, St. Cloud State
- 1996: Sterne Akin, linebacker, South Dakota State
- 1997: Zach Witt, quarterback, Mankato State
- 1998: Kelly Howe, defensive back, North Dakota
- 1999: Josh Ranek, running back, South Dakota State
- 2000: Dale Heiden, defensive back, South Dakota State
- 2001: Josh Ranek, running back, South Dakota State
- 2002: Dan Fjeldheim, quarterback, South Dakota State
- 2003: John Bowenkamp, quarterback, North Dakota
- 2004: Brad Nelson, quarterback, South Dakota State
- 2005: Anthony Garnett, quarterback, Cal Poly
- 2006: Eric Schroeder, defensive linemen, South Dakota State
- 2007: Kyle Minett, running back, South Dakota State
- 2008: Danny Batten, defensive linemen, South Dakota State
- 2009: Ryan Crawford, quarterback, South Dakota State
- 2010: Kyle Minett, running back, South Dakota State
- 2011: Shakir Bell, running back, Indiana State
- 2012: Ross Shafrath, linebacker, South Dakota State
- 2013: Andrew Brown, defensive back, South Dakota State
- 2014: Dan Nelson, running back, South Dakota State

**SDSU has played 47 Beef Bowl games, compiling a 27-20 record.**
THE JACKRABBIT WAY

Program Philosophy
“Everything in our program is governed by our philosophy termed ‘The Jackrabbit Way.’ We have solid and consistent principles that we live by. Some of those principles are:

- Team First
- Excel
- Character
- Belief
- Effort
- Family

I have studied many programs that have trouble defining what they stand for. We know exactly what we stand for — ‘The Jackrabbit Way.’”

Goal-Oriented
“Collegiate athletics is a very competitive arena. Every athlete in each program across America works extremely hard to accomplish his or her goals. The bottom line is, we at South Dakota State University Football want to stand at the top of any experience into which we enter. Whether it be the academic arena at South Dakota State University or the social arena in Brookings, we will work to be the best. Surely in the Missouri Valley Football Conference, we work to be the best. Making the playoffs and being ranked highly in the Gridiron Power Index is proof of that hard work. The ultimate goal is to stand at the top of all FCS football at the end of the season, having earned the National Championship. That is the goal.”

Football Academic Tradition and Expectations
“SDSU Football has very high expectations for each player in the classroom. Our football team has won the Missouri Valley Football Conference All-Academic Award in the first five years of competition and is ‘studying’ to continue that success. We also have led our conference in all-academic selections seven of the last eight years. In our FCS history we have had two FCS Athletic Directors Postgraduate Scholarship winners. Our players work hard to define the term ‘student-athlete’. The term ‘excel’ applies as much to the classroom as it does to the field.”

Future Facility Improvements
“It is great to be part of a University where the leadership is always pushing to improve. With the leadership of President Chicoine and Athletic Director Justin Sell, South Dakota State football is moving ahead with the completion of our Sanford-Jackrabbit Athletic Complex and the start of the construction on a 19,000-plus seat Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium. It is great to have a vision for the future. SDSU and Jackrabbit Football have a championship vision and we are completing it in the area of facilities. These facilities will continue to aid our program and players in the vision for an FCS National Championship.

Recruiting Approach
“We see recruiting as a process to help student-athletes make one of the most important decisions in their lives. Our job is to educate recruits on South Dakota State University, Jackrabbit Football and the community of Brookings.

We will be open and up front with the recruit and his family. One area we will be different than some schools is the fact that we will not do something in recruiting just to do it or because other schools are doing it. What we do in recruiting will have substance and there will be a reason for it. For the recruit, that is really an early glimpse of our program.

We talk all the time that you never know when your effort will make a difference. Everything we do in our program is important and we will do it to the best of our ability.”

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OCT 18  
@ Northern Iowa*  
  4:00 PM  

OCT 25  
Youngstown State  
  [Hobo Day]*  
  2:00 PM  

NOV 01  
@ North Dakota State  
  [Dakota Marker]*  
  2:30 PM  

NOV 08  
@ Indiana State*  
  12:00 PM  

NOV 15  
Western Illinois  
  [Military Appreciation]*  
  2:00 PM  

NOV 22  
South Dakota  
  [SD Corn Showdown Series]*  
  2:00 PM  

NOV 29  
FCS Playoffs  
  TBD

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