

USD COYOTES GAME DAY 4-5 (3-3 MVFC) VS Griz 7-2 (4-2 Big Sky)

1 p.m., DakotaDome (10,000 Vermillion)
Radio: 106.3 FM, 91.1 FM
TV: Midco Sports



SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	USD	Opp
Aug. 31	vs. UC Davis	10	7
Sept. 7	at Kansas	14	31
Sept. 14	at Northern Arizona	16	22
Sept. 28	at Western Illinois	10	24
Oct. 5	vs. Missouri State	17	14
Oct. 12	vs. Indiana State	17	14
Oct. 19	at Northern Iowa	38	31
Oct. 26	at Illinois State	14	28
Nov. 2	vs. Youngstown State	34	38
Nov. 9	vs. Montana (1 p.m.)		
Nov. 16	vs. South Dakota State (1 p.m.)		
Nov. 23	at North Dakota State (2:30 p.m.)		

STAT LEADERS

RUSHING

Player	Att	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Trevor Bouma	133	619	4.7	23	2
Jordan Roberts	97	405	4.2	25	3
Josh Vander Malen	78	281	3.6	21	3
COYOTES	361	1335	3.7	25	11
Opponents	383	1614	4.2	54	15

PASSING

Player	Com	Att	Yds	Int	TD
Kevin Earl	107	195	1259	6	7
Josh Vander Malen	39	84	304	2	2
COYOTES	147	280	1682	2	9
Opponents	115	216	1284	10	11

RECEIVING

Player	No	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Terrance Terry	32	302	9.4	63	2
Trevor Bouma	22	131	6.0	18	1
Riley Donovan	21	337	16.0	48	2
COYOTES	130	1453	11.2	63	7
Opponents	93	1001	10.8	43	9

PLACE KICKING

Player	EPm	EPa	FGm	FGa	Long
Miles Bergner	18	19	9	16	43

PUNTING

Player	No	Avg	Long	In20
Miles Bergner	52	40.6	57	11

DEFENSIVE LEADERS

Player	Tack	TFL	Sack	INT	FR
Devin Taverna	62	2	—	1	1
Keyen Lage	54	9	2	—	—
Auston Johnson	54	7.5	—	—	—
Tyler Starr	53	14	8	1	—
Kyle Guziec	42	1	—	1	—
Drew Iddings	39	7	1.5	—	—
COYOTES	632	66	27	10	8
Opponents	633	41	16	8	8

PROBABLE STARTERS

COYOTE OFFENSE

Pos	No	Name	Ht	Wt	Yr
QB	14	Kevin Earl	6-6	215	So.
RB	21	Trevor Bouma	5-11	210	Rfr.
FB	41	Draw Potter	6-3	240	Fr.
WR	6	Terrance Terry	5-9	185	Jr.
WR	84	Riley Donovan	6-1	180	Fr.
TE	15	Tyler Wilhelm	6-4	235	Sr.
LT	70	Matt Huffer	6-7	300	Jr.
LG	66	Steve Nelson	6-4	305	Sr.
C	67	Cody O'Neill	6-3	305	Sr.
RG	72	Andrew Schofield	6-5	290	Jr.
RT	65	Derek Chancellor	6-5	295	So.

COYOTE DEFENSE

Pos	No	Name	Ht	Wt	Yr
DE	51	Emilious Davis	6-2	275	Sr.
DT	56	Nick Jacobs	6-4	285	Sr.
DE	94	Drew Iddings	6-6	260	So.
OLB	11	Tyler Starr	6-5	250	Sr.
ILB	54	Kyle Guziec	6-4	235	Jr.
ILB	1	Auston Johnson	5-11	225	Jr.
OLB	33	Keyen Lage	6-3	230	So.
CB	7	Dylon Knox	5-9	185	Sr.
FS	9	Aaron Swift	5-8	175	Sr.
SS	2	Devin Taverna	6-2	205	So.
CB	22	Jarri Bryant	6-4	195	Sr.

Series: Montana leads 10-6; Last Meeting: Montana 35, South Dakota 24 (2012)



South Dakota safety Devin Taverna (right) celebrates an interception in USD's Oct. 19 double overtime win at Northern Iowa. The Coyotes host No. 10 Montana today (Saturday) at the DakotaDome in Vermillion.

STANDINGS

Team	Conf	All
North Dakota State	5-0	8-0
Youngstown State	4-0	8-1
Illinois State	4-2	5-4
Missouri State	4-2	4-6
South Dakota	3-3	4-5
Southern Illinois	3-2	5-4
South Dakota State	2-3	5-4
Western Illinois	1-5	3-7
Northern Iowa	0-5	4-5
Indiana State	0-5	1-8

CONDITIONS

Indoors, AstroTurf. With no rain in the forecast, it should be a great afternoon for football. Sunny and high in the low 50s.

ONLINE

The Press & Dakotan's Jeremy Hoeck will post updates on Twitter during every South Dakota home football game. Find it online at twitter.com/jhoeck. Complete coverage will be available in Monday's Press & Dakotan.

PREDICTION

Faced with playing another top-10 team at home, the Coyotes were challenged with contending with Montana in a month that already includes games with South Dakota State and North Dakota State. The Grizzlies, though, might be the best offense USD faces all season.

MONTANA 34, COYOTES 27

MATCHUPS

COYOTE OFFENSE VS. UM DEFENSE

The Grizzlies haven't exactly shut teams down, they've allowed 42 and 48 points the last two weeks. The Coyotes, meanwhile, are coming off a 34-point outburst, but are limited in the run game due to injuries. QB Kevin Earl will need to have a big day for the USD offense to keep pace with the Grizzlies. Slight edge here to USD.

COYOTE DEFENSE VS. UM OFFENSE

Montana QB Jordan Johnson, in short, does not make mistakes. He has thrown only one interception in 251 attempts, and averages 15.8 yards per completion. The Coyotes will have to get pressure on him to break up his comfort zone, and on top of that will need to pressure receivers. Significant edge here to Montana.

SPECIAL TEAMS

On top of being the top receiving threat for the Grizzlies, Ellis Henderson also averages 13.8 yards on punt returns and 23 yards on kick returns. Slowing him down and forcing Montana into long fields will be a huge key today for the Coyotes. Edge to the Grizzlies.

INTANGIBLES

Crowd noise. Montana fans travel very well for road games and are expected to bring nearly 600 fans to the DakotaDome today. The Coyote crowds, meanwhile, could be served well to provide consistent noise. Slight edge to USD.



SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	UM	Opp
Aug. 31	vs. Appalachian State	30	6
Sept. 14	at North Dakota	55	17
Sept. 21	vs. Oklahoma Panhandle State	47	14
Sept. 28	at Northern Arizona	16	34
Oct. 5	vs. Portland State	55	27
Oct. 12	at UC Davis	42	7
Oct. 19	vs. Cal Poly	21	14
Oct. 26	vs. Eastern Washington	37	42
Nov. 2	at Sacramento State	51	48
Nov. 9	at South Dakota (1 p.m.)		
Nov. 16	vs. Weber State (1 p.m., Central)		
Nov. 23	at Montana State (1 p.m., Central)		

STAT LEADERS

RUSHING

Player	Att	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Jordan Canada	138	658	4.8	33	12
Trevon Veen	79	459	5.8	42	4
Joey Counts	41	207	5.0	31	1
GRIZZLIES	355	1733	4.9	54	19
Opponents	326	1248	3.8	41	8

PASSING

Player	Com	Att	Yds	Int	TD
Jordan Johnson	145	251	2294	1	24
Shay Smithwick-Hann	3	9	29	0	2
GRIZZLIES	151	265	2385	1	27
Opponents	198	315	2297	13	17

RECEIVING

Player	No	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Ellis Henderson	30	650	21.7	60	12
Jamaal Jones	28	495	17.7	54	1
Cam Warren	24	313	13.0	35	2
GRIZZLIES	151	2385	15.8	70	27
Opponents	198	2297	11.6	86	17

PLACE KICKING

Player	EPm	EPa	FGm	FGa	Long
Ben Worst	29	29	8	13	50

PUNTING

Player	No	Avg	Long	In20
Stephen Shaw	33	44.7	64	8

DEFENSIVE LEADERS

Player	Tack	TFL	Sack	INT	FR
Brook Coyle	89	7	—	—	—
Jordan Tripp	69	4.5	1.5	2	2
Matt Hermanson	67	2	1	—	1
John Kanongata'a	66	6.5	3	—	—
Zack Wagenmann	41	11.5	3.5	—	—
Bo Tully	40	0.5	—	3	2
GRIZZLIES	752	55	17	13	9
Opponents	695	47	11	1	7

PROBABLE STARTERS

GRIZZLIES OFFENSE

Pos	No	Name	Ht	Wt	Yr
QB	10	Jordan Johnson	6-1	195	Jr.
RB	26	Jordan Canada	5-9	190	Jr.
FB	34	Jamaal Wilson	5-11	238	So.
WR	6	Jamaal Jones	6-1	188	So.
WR	7	Ellis Henderson	6-0	165	So.
TE	76	Danny Kisler	6-8	315	Sr.
RG	75	William Poehls	6-8	345	Sr.
C	69	Kjelby Oiland	6-4	290	Sr.
LG	72	Trevor Poole	6-5	290	Jr.
LT	74	John Schmaing	6-7	291	So.
TE	46	Clay Pierina	6-3	239	Sr.

GRIZZLIES DEFENSE

Pos	No	Name	Ht	Wt	Yr
DE	58	Zack Wagenmann	6-3	293	Jr.
DT	92	Alex Biseneman	6-2	285	Sr.
NT	95	Tonga Takai	6-2	315	Jr.
DE	91	Tyrone Holmes	6-4	245	So.
LB	2	John Kanongata'a	5-11	215	Sr.
LB	56	Brook Coyle	6-2	245	Sr.
LB	37	Jordan Tripp	6-3	237	Sr.
CB	11	Nate Harris	5-10	180	So.
CB	1	Anthony Goodwin	6-1	180	Sr.
FS	12	Matt Hermanson	6-1	198	Jr.
SS	30	Bo Tully	6-2	199	Sr.

JACKRABBITS GAME DAY 5-4 (2-3 MVFC) VS INDIANA STATE 1-8 (0-5 MVFC)

2 p.m., Coughlin-Alumni Stadium (15,000), Brookings • Radio: 570 AM
Series: South Dakota State leads 3-2; Last Meeting: SDSU 24, Indiana State 10 (2012)

Quick Hitters

■ Junior quarterback Austin Sumner, already the SDSU career leader in passing yards, needs 99 yards to reach the 7,000 mark for his career.

■ SDSU is plus-14 in turnover margin this season to rank in a tie for second in the FCS, forcing nine lost fumbles and intercepting 15 passes.

■ In league games, the Jackrabbits are the least-penalized team in the Missouri Valley Football Conference, committing only 14 penalties for 141 yards in five contests.

■ Junior running back Zach Zenner enters Saturday's game with

1,235 yards to rank fourth in the FCS ranks. Zenner's 1,235 yards 10th most in a season by a Jackrabbit.

■ Despite losing four of its last six games, SDSU remains ranked No. 19 in the Sports Network media poll this week.

■ The schedule has not been an easy one as the Sycamores opened the season with back-to-back road games at Big Ten Conference members Indiana and Purdue (Ind.), and ISU has played only three home games thus far this season.

Key Matchup

SDSU Offensive Line Vs. ISU Front Seven: Indiana State line-backer Connor Underwood boasts a

team-high six sacks to go along with 12 tackles for loss. The Jacks have struggled protecting Austin Sumner this season, having allowed 33 sacks. In their last game, though, the Jackrabbit offensive line gave up only two sacks.

From The Coach

■ SDSU coach John Stiegelmeier on the Sycamores: "Their defense is very young, at least on paper, so there's always going to be growing pains. I don't care what level you play. I respect the quarterback, Mike Perish, I think he's a good player, and he has some good players around him."

Ponder's Status Uncertain

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. (AP) — The Minnesota Vikings are unsure if Christian Ponder will be healed in time for their next game.

Ponder dislocated his non-throwing left shoulder trying to dive for a touchdown at the end of a run late in the third quarter during Minnesota's victory over Washington on Thursday night.

Coach Leslie Frazier said Friday that an MRI test on Ponder's arm showed no further damage. His ability to play next Sunday at Seattle will depend on how much strength he's able to gain back in the joint. Matt Cassel replaced Ponder against the Redskins, but Frazier said he hasn't decided yet whether Cassel or Josh Freeman would start in case Ponder can't play against the Seahawks.

Opener