

# USD COYOTES GAME DAY 2-6 (0-4 MVFC) vs Y 6-2 (3-1 MVFC)

1 p.m., Stambaugh Stadium (20,630)  
Youngstown, Ohio

Radio: 106.3 FM  
TV: KDLT, ESPN3.com



## SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	USD	Opp
Aug. 30	at Oregon	13	62
Sept. 6	vs. William Penn	41	16
Sept. 13	at Montana	20	28
Sept. 20	vs. Northern Arizona	28	21
Oct. 4	at Southern Illinois	10	41
Oct. 11	vs. Northern Iowa	16	27
Oct. 18	at Missouri State	12	31
Oct. 25	vs. North Dakota State	7	47
Nov. 1	at Youngstown State (1 p.m.)		
Nov. 8	vs. Western Illinois (4 p.m.)		
Nov. 15	vs. Illinois State (1 p.m.)		
Nov. 22	at South Dakota State (2 p.m.)		

## STAT LEADERS

### RUSHING

	Att	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Jasper Sanders	96	537	5.6	45	4
Trevor Bouma	106	508	4.8	32	3
Ryan Saeger	43	195	4.5	36	4
Jordan Roberts	29	147	5.1	13	0
<b>COYOTES</b>	<b>324</b>	<b>1,484</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>336</b>	<b>1,878</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>18</b>

### PASSING

	Com	Att	Yds	Int	TD
Kevin Earl	66	122	855	4	2
Ryan Saeger	48	88	632	3	2
<b>COYOTES</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>1,315</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>1,602</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>16</b>

### RECEIVING

	No	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Eric Shufford	31	365	11.8	31	2
Riley Donovan	22	257	11.7	37	1
Josh Vander Maten	14	109	7.8	23	0
<b>COYOTES</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>1,193</b>	<b>11.9</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>1,371</b>	<b>14.4</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>13</b>

### PLACE KICKING

	EPm	EPa	FGm	FGa	Long
Miles Bergner	13	14	12	12	47

### PUNTING

	No	Avg.	Long	In20
Miles Bergner	42	39.5	59	8

### DEFENSIVE LEADERS

	Tack	TFL	Sack	INT	FR
Tyson Graham	73	0.5	—	1	—
John Wessel	58	—	—	—	—
Keyen Lage	44	4.5	—	—	—
Colin Buscarni	41	2.0	—	—	—
Drew Iddings	26	6.5	1.0	—	—
Sean Bredl	24	1.5	—	1	—
<b>COYOTES</b>	<b>602</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>582</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>

## PROBABLE STARTERS

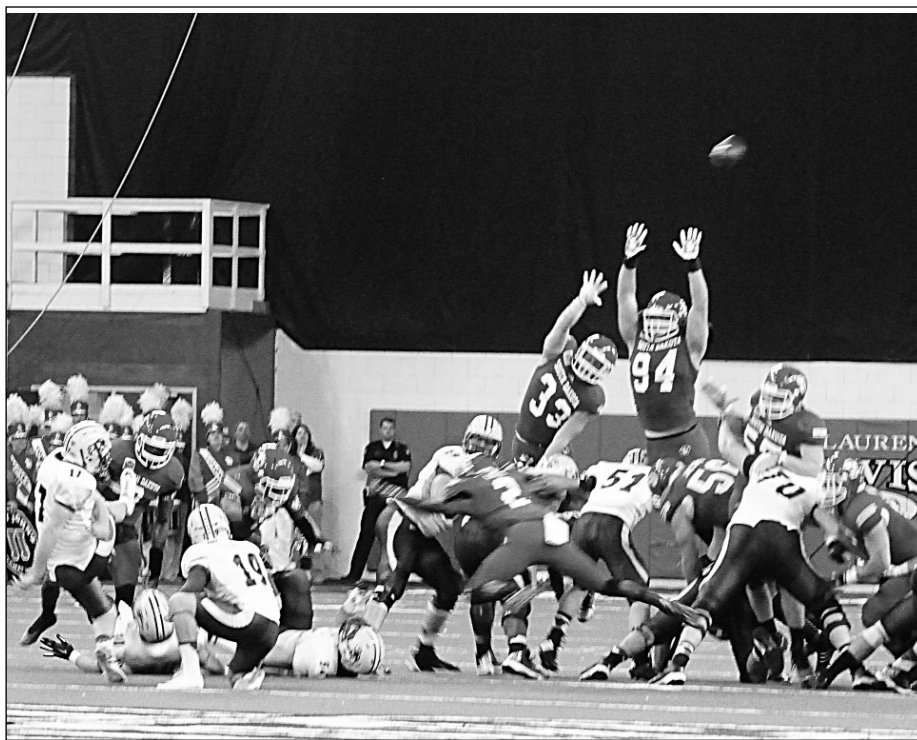
### COYOTE OFFENSE

Pos	No	Name	Ht	Wt	Yr
QB	14	Kevin Earl	6-4	215	Jr.
RB	3	Jasper Sanders	5-10	200	Sr.
FB	41	Drew Potter	6-2	250	So.
WR	1	Riley Donovan	6-1	185	So.
WR	7	Josh Vander Maten	6-1	215	Sr.
WR	11	Eric Shufford	5-11	185	Jr.
TE	89	Kayl Barkley	6-3	250	Jr.
LT	70	Matt Huffer	6-7	300	Sr.
LG	62	Nile Banks	6-5	295	So.
C	51	Sam McLeran	6-2	305	Rfr.
RG	72	Andrew Schofield	6-5	295	Sr.
RT	64	Stetson Dagle	6-4	275	Rfr.

### COYOTE DEFENSE

Pos	No	Name	Ht	Wt	Yr
DE	55	Sean Bredl	6-4	260	So.
DT	56	Nick Jacobs	6-2	280	Jr.
DE	94	Drew Iddings	6-2	290	Jr.
OLB	4	Ryan Hillier	6-1	230	Jr.
ILB	28	John Wessel	6-2	230	So.
ILB	37	Colin Buscarni	6-1	220	Jr.
OLB	33	Keyen Lage	6-3	240	Jr.
CB	17	Steve Tellefsen	6-1	190	Sr.
FS	8	Tyson Graham	6-2	200	So.
SS	24	Jacob Warner	6-0	195	Jr.
CB	26	Chris Tyler	6-2	200	Jr.

Series: Youngstown State Leads 2-0; Last Meeting: YSU 38, USD 34 (2013)



SHAUNA MARLETTE/P&D  
**South Dakota defensive lineman Drew Iddings (94) leaps to try to block a field goal attempt during the Coyotes' Oct. 25 matchup with North Dakota State. USD heads to Youngstown State today (Saturday).**

## STANDINGS

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

## CONDITIONS

Outdoors, SprinTurf. When fans talk about "football weather," they had today in mind. Chance of snow before the game, chance of rain during the game and temps in the low 40s.

## ONLINE

The Press & Dakotan's Jeremy Hoek posts updates to his Twitter page during every South Dakota home game. Find it at [twitter.com/jhoek](http://twitter.com/jhoek). Complete coverage will be

## PREDICTION

Earlier this season, the Penguins allowed Western Illinois to pass for nearly 300 yards and barely came away with a win. If QB Kevin Earl has a better performance today, the Coyotes could pull the upset. Do we expect it? No, but we do see a close game.

**PENGUINS 27, COYOTES 24**



## SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	YSU	Opp
Aug. 30	at Illinois	17	28
Sept. 6	vs. Duquesne	34	23
Sept. 13	vs. Butler	44	14
Sept. 20	vs. St. Francis (Pa.)	52	23
Oct. 4	at Missouri State	14	7
Oct. 11	Western Illinois	24	30
Oct. 18	vs. Southern Illinois	26	14
Oct. 25	at South Dakota State	30	27
Nov. 1	vs. South Dakota (2 p.m.)		
Nov. 8	at Illinois State (2 p.m.)		
Nov. 15	vs. Indiana State (2 p.m.)		
Nov. 22	at North Dakota State (3:30 p.m.)		

## STAT LEADERS

### RUSHING

	Att	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Martin Ruiz	174	854	4.9	46	7
Jody Webb	64	453	7.1	81	6
Andre Stubbs	14	104	7.4	55	0
<b>PENGUINS</b>	<b>325</b>	<b>1,634</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>279</b>	<b>1,063</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>4</b>

### PASSING

	Com	Att	Yds	Int	TD
Hunter Wells	69	104	1,051	1	8
Dante Nania	50	87	784	1	6
<b>PENGUINS</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>1,835</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>1,836</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>17</b>

### RECEIVING

	No	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Jelani Berassa	30	518	17.3	72	6
Andrew Williams	28	541	19.3	61	3
Andre Stubbs	23	291	12.7	35	0
<b>PENGUINS</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>1,835</b>	<b>15.4</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>1,836</b>	<b>12.3</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>17</b>

### PLACE KICKING

	EPm	EPa	FGm	FGa	Long
Joey Cejudo	26	27	13	14	42

### PUNTING

	No	Avg.	Long	In20
Joey Cejudo	36	41.1	59	11

### DEFENSIVE LEADERS

	Tack	TFL	Sack	INT	FR
Deubem Nwadiogbu	70	7.5	1.0	—	1
Donald D'Alesio	53	1.5	—	1	—
Julius Childs	53	—	—	—	—
Tre Moore	49	3.5	—	3	—
Derek Rivers	35	11.5	8.0	—	—
Terrell Williams	34	4.0	4.0	—	—
<b>PENGUINS</b>	<b>524</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>

## PROBABLE STARTERS

### PENGUIN OFFENSE

Pos	No	Name	Ht	Wt	Yr
RT	61	Justin Spencer	6-5	295	Rfr.
RG	67	Brock Eisenhuth	6-5	335	So.
C	65	Stephen Page	6-4	295	Sr.
LG	77	Dylan Colucci	6-6	320	So.
LT	55	Trevor Strickland	6-7	300	Jr.
TE	44	Nate Adams	6-5	250	Sr.
WR	4	Andre Stubbs	5-7	170	Jr.
WR	2	Christian Bryan	5-10	190	Sr.
WR	8	Jelani Berassa	6-4	210	Sr.
WR	80	Andrew Williams	6-4	190	Jr.
QB	6	Hunter Wells	6-5	195	Fr.
TB	29	Martin Ruiz	5-11	195	So.

### PENGUIN DEFENSE

Pos	No	Name	Ht	Wt	Yr
BCB	61	Julius Childs	6-0	180	Sr.
FS	8	Donald D'Alesio	6-0	190	Sr.
SS	2	Tre Moore	5-10	200	Jr.
FCB	27	Nate Dortch	6-0	170	So.
NB	14	Eric Thompson	6-0	190	So.
SAM	7	Desmond Williams	6-1	250	Sr.
MIKE	40	Jaylin Kelly	6-2	235	So.
WILL	22	Deubem Nwadiogbu	6-2	235	Jr.
DE	11	Derek Rivers	6-5	240	So.
DT	93	Emmanuel Kromah	6-2	280	Jr.
NT	92	Oclavius Brown	6-0	300	Sr.
DE	59	Terrell Williams	6-3	250	Jr.

# JACKRABBITS GAME DAY 5-3 (2-2 MVFC) vs NDSU 8-0 (4-0 MVFC) NORTH DAKOTA STATE

2:30 p.m., Fargodome (18,700), Fargo, N.D. • Radio: 570 AM • TV: Midco Sports, ESPN3.com  
Series: NDSU leads 56-40-5; Last Meeting: NDSU 20, SDSU 0 (2013)

## Quick Hitters

■ Today's game will mark the 11th time SDSU and NDSU have battled for the Dakota Marker. The Bison hold a 6-4 series advantage, including the last four.

■ SDSU receiver Jake Wieneke has caught a touchdown pass in all four league games. He leads all first-year FCS players with 723 receiving yards and eight touchdowns.

■ SDSU running back Zach Zenner ranks in the top-10 two different FCS categories, rushing yards (sixth, 5,666) and all-purpose yards (ninth, 7,129).

■ The Jacks are 35-15 in November during John Stiegelmeier's

tenure, dating back to 1997.

■ North Dakota State, winners of three straight FCS titles, has won 32 straight games, including last week at the University of South Dakota. The Bison have also won five straight over the Jackrabbits.

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## Key Matchup

**SDSU's Zach Zenner vs. The NDSU Defense.** No team has stymied the MVFC's all-time leader rusher as has NDSU. The senior running back has 5,666 career rush-

ing yards, but only 127 of them are against the Bison, averaging a measly 2.9 yards per carry against the three-time defending champs, less than half his career average. SDSU will need a big game from their Walter Payton Award candidate to have a chance to upset the Bison.

## From The Coach

■ "We're not in awe of that. We're going to rise up to the challenge and see if we can play our best football," SDSU head coach John Stiegelmeier about facing the No. 1-ranked Bison.

# Racing | NASCAR Sprint Cup Johnson: New Title Format 'Has Seemed Bizarre'

BY STEPHEN HAWKINS  
AP Sports Writer

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Jimmie Johnson says NASCAR's new championship format has "seemed bizarre," but the eliminated six-time champion knows he has to think about the big picture for racing.

Johnson was among 16 drivers who initially made the Chase for the Sprint Cup championship. He's already out of contention for his seventh season title even with three wins and 1,119 laps led this year. Four-time race winner Dale Earnhardt Jr. also can't win the title after the first two championship rounds cut the field to eight drivers.

"It has seemed bizarre since the onset. I, though, feel that I need to take a different approach and think of it differently and think of what is good for the sport," Johnson said Friday. "This is really being put back in the fans' hands. At the end of the day, if there are more people tuning in and watching, we are creating the drama, sponsorship is in the sport, then it is what we need to do. I made that conscious decision when Brian France called me and told me

where things were going for this year."

Among the eight drivers still in contention are Ryan Newman and Matt Kenseth, neither of whom has won a race this season. Newman, who has led only 41 laps all season, was in 16th place when the chase started — two spots ahead of Kenseth.

After Texas and then Phoenix next week, only the top four drivers in the standings will be eligible to win the season title in the finale at Homestead.

"I understand that from an economic standpoint (that) tracks, NASCAR, the race teams for sure, are in a