

USD COYOTES GAME DAY 2-7 (0-5 MVFC) VS WESTERN ILLINOIS LEATHERNECKS 3-6 (1-4 MVFC)

4 p.m., DakotaDome (10,000)
Vermillion

Radio: 106.3 FM
TV: Midco Sports Network



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	17	28
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	116	642	5.5	45	4
Trevor Bouma	106	508	4.8	32	3
Ryan Saeger	43	195	4.5	36	4
Jordan Roberts	33	189	5.7	26	0
COYOTES	356	1,617	4.5	45	12
Opponents	381	2,187	5.7	60	21

PASSING

	Com	Att	Yds	Int	TD
Kevin Earl	80	152	816	5	3
Ryan Saeger	48	88	632	3	2
COYOTES	129	243	1,466	8	5
Opponents	121	227	1,846	6	17

RECEIVING

	No	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Eric Shufford	33	395	12.0	31	2
Riley Donovan	24	295	12.3	37	1
Josh Vander Maten	18	136	7.6	23	0
COYOTES	129	1,466	11.4	38	5
Opponents	121	1,846	15.3	62	17

PLACE KICKING

	EPm	EPa	FGm	FGa	Long
Miles Bergner	15	16	13	13	50

PUNTING

	No	Avg.	Long	In20
Miles Bergner	52	40.7	69	13

DEFENSIVE LEADERS

	Tack	TFL	Sack	INT	FR
Tyson Graham	81	0.5	—	1	—
John Wessel	67	—	—	—	—
Kevin Lage	52	4.5	—	—	—
Jacob Warner	44	3.5	—	1	—
Drew Iddings	27	7.5	2.0	—	—
Ryan Hillier	22	2.5	—	—	—
COYOTES	673	33	3	6	4
Opponents	635	48	29	8	6

PROBABLE STARTERS

COYOTE OFFENSE

Pos	No	Name	Ht	Wt	Yr
QB	14	Kevin Earl	6-6	215	Jr.
HB	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	Kayli Barkley	6-3	250	Jr.
LT	70	Matt Huffler	6-7	300	Sr.
LG	62	Nile Banks	6-5	295	So.
C	79	Nick Olson	6-3	285	Jr.
RG	72	Andrew Schofield	6-5	295	Sr.
RT	64	Stetson Dagal	6-4	275	Rfr.

COYOTE DEFENSE

Pos	No	Name	Ht	Wt	Yr
DE	55	Sean Brell	6-4	260	So.
DE	56	Nick Jacobs	6-2	280	Jr.
DE	94	Drew Iddings	6-6	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: Tied 2-2; Last Meeting: Western Illinois 24, USD 10 (2013)



SHAUNA MARLETTE/P&D

The University of South Dakota football team returns home for the first of two straight home games today (Saturday) against Western Illinois. The Coyotes finish their home slate against Illinois State next week.

STANDINGS

	Conf	All
North Dakota State	5-0	9-0
Illinois State	4-1	7-1
Youngstown State	4-1	7-2
Indiana State	3-2	6-3
Northern Iowa	3-2	5-4
South Dakota State	2-3	5-4
Southern Illinois	2-3	5-4
Missouri State	1-4	4-5
Western Illinois	1-4	3-6
South Dakota	0-5	2-7

CONDITIONS

Indoors. FieldTurf. A cool breezy afternoon for tailgating, with highs expected around 50 and a kickoff temperature slightly below that. Bring your jacket.

ONLINE

The Press & Dakotan's Jeremy Hoeck posts updates to his Twitter page during every South Dakota home game. Find it at twitter.com/jhoeck. Complete coverage will be available online at www.yankton.net.

PREDICTION

Since returning from injury, USD quarterback Kevin Earl is still looking for an all-around solid game. Look for RB Jasper Sanders and WR Josh Vander Maten to have big games today as the Coyotes get their first league win.

COYOTES 27, LEATHERNECKS 21

MATCHUPS

COYOTES OFFENSE VS. WIU DEFENSE

At some point, you've got to figure the USD offense will have a breakout game. The Coyotes have scored just seven touchdowns in five league games, and could be due for a big game today. We see a big game from QB Kevin Earl. Advantage USD.

COYOTES DEFENSE VS. WIU OFFENSE

The Leathernecks, despite their own struggles of late, have one of the league's top receivers in Lance Lenoir (56 rec., 809 yds, 4 TD). If the Coyotes can slow down the run game and force a couple more turnovers (they had three last week), they should be fine. Advantage to USD.

SPECIAL TEAMS

The two kickers in this game have combined to make 21-of-22 field goals, with USD's Miles Bergner still perfect on the season. Bergner was even better last week punting the ball, so look for him to keep that momentum rolling today. Lenoir is also WIU's top return threat, so that's a key for the Coyotes. Advantage USD.

INTANGIBLES

With nothing left to play for but pride, the Coyotes are still in search for their first league win. Today marks the only game this season in which USD plays a team predicted to finish behind the Coyotes. It won't be easy, but look for USD to play loose against the Leathernecks. Advantage USD.



SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	WIU	Opp
Aug. 28	vs. Valparaiso	45	6
Sept. 6	at Wisconsin	3	37
Sept. 13	vs. Drake	38	13
Sept. 20	at Northwestern	7	24
Sept. 27	at Southern Illinois	17	34
Oct. 4	vs. North Dakota State	10	17
Oct. 11	at Youngstown State	30	24
Oct. 18	vs. Illinois State	34	37
Oct. 25	vs. Northern Iowa	13	27
Nov. 8	at South Dakota (4 p.m.)		
Nov. 15	at South Dakota State (2 p.m.)		
Nov. 22	vs. Indiana State (1 p.m.)		

STAT LEADERS

RUSHING

	Att	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
J.C. Baker	178	887	5.0	66	3
Devon Moore	45	164	3.6	16	4
Kyle Hammonds	35	155	4.4	15	1
LEATHERNECKS	332	1,337	4.0	66	9
Opponents	343	1,303	3.8	69	14

PASSING

	Com	Att	Yds	Int	TD
Trenton Norvell	168	293	2,175	9	15
LEATHERNECKS	168	294	2,175	9	15
Opponents	181	300	2,057	6	13

RECEIVING

	No	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Lance Lenoir	56	809	14.4	75	4
Hi-C Scott	37	453	12.2	69	4
Joey Borsellino	25	341	13.6	35	2
J.C. Baker	21	168	8.0	40	2
LEATHERNECKS	168	2,175	12.9	75	15
Opponents	181	2,057	11.4	51	13

PLACE KICKING

	EPm	EPa	FGm	FGa	Long
Nathan Knuffman	23	24	8	9	30

PUNTING

	No	Avg.	Long	In20
Nathan Knuffman	41	38.4	58	5

DEFENSIVE LEADERS

	Tack	TFL	Sack	INT	FR
Kevin Kintzel	72	3.5	1.5	—	1
Luke Venegoni	69	6.0	0.5	—	—
J.J. Raffelson	63	6.0	—	—	—
David McDaniel	51	1.0	—	2	1
Kris Harley	30	6.0	3.5	—	—
Gavin Ricketts	25	7.0	1.0	—	1
LEATHERNECKS	678	57	19	6	7
Opponents	681	30	16	9	8

PROBABLE STARTERS

LEATHERNECK OFFENSE

Pos	No	Name	Ht	Wt	Yr
LT	70	Tyler Bode	6-7	325	Jr.
or	77	James Torgerson	6-5	290	Rfr.
LG	63	Ryan Ricketts	6-3	290	Jr.
C	67	Brandon DeLaCruz	6-3	290	Jr.
RG	68	Sean Sullivan	6-2	300	Jr.
RT	73	Matt Zobrist	6-3	290	So.
QB	14	Trenton Norvell	6-5	220	So.
RB	2	J.C. Baker	5-8	190	Sr.
TE	39	Larry Harris	6-1	230	Jr.
WR	7	Lance Lenoir	6-0	190	Jr.
WR	1	Joey Borsellino	5-11	195	So.
WR	19	Hi-C Scott	5-9	190	Sr.

LEATHERNECK DEFENSE

Pos	No	Name	Ht	Wt	Yr
DE	50	Gino Durlay, Jr.	6-2	260	Sr.
T	92	Kris Harley	6-1	290	Jr.
N	98	Gavin Ricketts	6-1	290	Jr.
DE	99	Edjy Holtschlag	6-4	255	Jr.
or	71	Chip Holtschlag	6-2	225	Sr.
WLB	17	Kevin Kintzel	6-2	230	Sr.
MLB	44	Brett Taylor	6-2	230	Rfr.
SLB	46	Luke Venegoni	6-3	235	Sr.
CB	3	Richard Chungkong	6-0	165	Sr.
FS	22	David McDaniel	5-11	190	Sr.
SS	4	Jonathan Rollins	5-11	200	Sr.
CB	5	Martinez Davis	5-10	190	Sr.

JACKRABBITS GAME DAY 5-4 (2-3 MVFC) VS INDIANA STATE 6-3 (3-2 MVFC)

noon, Memorial Stadium (12,734), Terre Haute, Ind. • Radio: 570 AM

Series: SDSU leads 4-2; Last Meeting: SDSU 29, Indiana State 0 (2013)

Quick Hitters

■ SDSU QB Austin Summer made just his second start of the season last week, going 14-28 for 187 yards and a TD. He was injured in the season opener at Missouri.

■ SDSU RB Zach Zenner is two away from being atop another all-time MVFC list, career touchdowns. He has 50, two behind Southern Illinois great Tom Koutsos (1999-2003).

■ SDSU is 35-16 in the month of November under head coach John Stiegelmeier.

■ Indiana State is +14 in turnover margin this season, and has a 98-10 advantage in points off turnovers. The Sycamores lead the FCS in that category.

■ With 1.5 sacks last week against Missouri State, Illinois State junior linebacker Connor Underwood became the Sycamore's career sack leader with 26. He has 19.5 tackles for loss this season, which leads the MVFC and ranks third in the FCS, and 11 sacks.

■ The Sycamores are 1-1 against FBS opponents this year, beating Ball State 27-20 on Sept. 13 and opening with a 28-10 loss at Indiana on Aug. 30.

Key Matchup

Indiana State QB Mike Perish vs. SDSU Secondary: Perish has thrown for 2,066 yards and 15 TDs in 8 games, completing 62.4 percent of his passes and throwing just two in-

terceptions in 303 attempts. The Jacks are averaging better than an interception a game, but will need a strong effort to keep that pace.

From The Coach

■ "We had some lofty goals, and some of those are maybe gone, but there are still some tangible goals. And the only way we're going to accomplish those is if we win every play. It starts in practice. It starts in the game. It's coaches, players, coming with a single focus to do my very best on this play. That's easily measured, and we need to do that." **SDSU**