



(5-1 MVFC)

1 p.m., DakotaDome (10.000) Vermillion

Radio: 106.3 FM



### **UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA** COYOTES

	SCHEDULE		
Date Aug. 30	Opponent at Oregon	USD 13	<b>Opp</b> 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	29	44
Nov. 15.	vs. Illinois State (1 p.m.)		
Nov. 22	at South Dakota State (2 p.m.)		

STAT LEADEDS

RUSHING					
Jasper Sanders	<b>Att</b> 128	Yds 697	<b>Avg</b> 5.4	Long 45	TD 5
Trevor Bouma	106	508	4.8	32	3
Jordan Roberts	41	245	6.0	26	0
Ryan Saeger	43	195	4.5	36	4
COYOTES	387	1,775	4.6	46	13
Opponents	422	2,401	5.7	60	22
PASSING					
Kevin Earl	Com 100	<b>Att</b> 190	Yds 1.067	Int 5	TD 5
Ryan Saeger	48	88	632	3	2
COYOTES	149	281	1.717	8	7
Opponents	141	255	2,133	6	22
RECEIVING					
Eric Shufford	<b>No</b> 41	Yds 494	<b>Avg</b> 12.0	Long 31	TD 3
Riley Donovan	25	305	12.0	37	1
Josh Vander Maten	19	146	7.7	23	Ċ
COYOTES	149	1.717	11.5	42	7
Opponents	141	2,133	15.1	62	22
PLACE KICKING					
Miles Bergner	<b>EPm</b> 17	<b>EPa</b> 19	<b>FGm</b> 16	<b>FGa</b> 16	Long 50
PUNTING					
Miles Bergner		<b>No</b> 58	<b>Avg.</b> 41.1	Long 69	In20 15
DEFENSIVE LEADERS					
Tyson Graham	Tack 85	TFL 0.5	Sack	INT 1	FR
John Wessel	76	2.5	1.5	1	
Keyen Lage	56	4.5	-		_
Jacob Warner	51	40	_	1	_
Colin Buscarini	50	3.5	1.0	_	_
Drew Iddings	33	7.5	2.0	_	1
COYOTES	740	40	6	6	4
Opponents	696	54	31	8	7

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PR	ROB	ABLE STARTERS			
		COYOTE OFFENSE			
Pos QB HB FB WR WR TE LT LG	No 14 3 41 1 7 11 89 70 62	Name Kevin Earl Jasper Sanders Drew Potter Riley Donovan Josh Vander Maten Eric Shufford Kayl Barkley Matt Huffer Mile Banks	Ht 6-6 5-10 6-2 6-1 6-1 5-11 6-3 6-7 6-5	Wt 215 200 250 185 215 185 250 300 295	Yr Jr. Sr. So. Sr. Jr. Jr. Sr. So.
C RG RT	79 72 64	Nick Olson Andrew Schofield Stetson Dagel	6-3 6-5 6-4	285 295 275	Jr. Sr. RFr.
		COYOTE DEFENSE			
Pos DE DT DE OLB ILB ILB OLB CB FS SS CB	No 55 56 94 4 28 37 33 17 8 24 2	Name Sean Bredl Nick Jacobs Drew Iddings Ryan Hillier John Wessel Colin Buscarini Keyen Lage Steve Tellefsen Tyson Graham Jacob Warner Mike Lilly	6-4 6-2 6-6 6-1 6-2 6-1 6-3 6-1 6-2 6-0 5-9	260 280 290 230 230 220 240 190 200 195 160	Yr So. Jr. Jr. So. Jr. Sr. So. Jr. Jr.

Series: Illinois State leads 3-0; Last Meeting: ISU 28, USD 14 (2013)



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South Dakota's Josh Vander Maten (7) tries to escape the William Penn defense during the Coyotes' home opener on Sept. 6. The guarterback-turned-receiver is one of nine seniors who will play their final game in the DakotaDome today (Saturday).

## **STANDINGS**

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North Dakota State	5-1	9-1
Illinois State	5-1	8-1
Youngstown State	4-2	7-3
Northern Iowa	4-2	6-4
South Dakota State	3-3	6-4
Southern Illinois	3-3	6-4
Indiana State	3-3	6-4
Western Illinois		4-6
Missouri State	1-5	4-6
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### CONDITIONS

Indoors. FieldTurf. Only the heartiest of individuals will be tailgating today, as temps will hover in the low 20s all morning, with snow possible around gametime

### 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

### PREDICTION

With some of the nation's top offensive weapons at running back and quarterback, Illinois State has rolled its way into the top-10. The Coyotes, meanwhile, are trying to avoid a 12th

**REDBIRDS 42, COYOTES 21** 

### **MATCHUPS**

### **COYOTE OFFENSE VS. ISU DEFENSE**

After breaking through for 23 points in the first half last week, the Covotes stalled after halftime. They'll find it tough against a Redbirds defense that boasts 19 sacks from its front four. Significant edge to ISU.

### **COYOTE DEFENSE VS. ISU OFFENSE**

This will be an even bigger challenge for USD, facing an Illinois State offense that averages 37 points and 231 rushing yards. The big play hurt the Coyotes a week ago, so look for the Redbirds to try some deep routes. Edge to ISU.

### **SPECIAL TEAMS**

The lone highlight for USD this season has been kicker Miles Bergner, who is a perfect 16-for-16 with 18 straight dating back to last season. He's been able to at least get the Coyotes points on drives that stall. Edge to USD.

### **INTANGIBLES**

Illinois State is fighting for a playoff seed, while the Coyotes are simply looking for anything positive at this point whether it be points, defensive turnovers or big plays. Don't expect a big crowd today. We'll give the edge to ISU.



### **ILLINOIS STATE** UNIVERSITY REDBIRDS

### SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	ISU	Орр
Sept. 6	vs. Mississippi Valley State	62	- 6
Sept. 13	vs. Eastern Illinois	34	15
Sept. 27	vs. Austin Peay	55	6
Oct. 4	vs. South Dakota State	45	10
Oct. 11	at Indiana State	20	18
Oct. 18	at Western Illinois	37	34
Oct. 25	vs. Missouri State	21	7
Nov. 1	at Northern Iowa	28	42
Nov. 8	vs. Youngstown State	35	21
Nov. 15	at South Dakota (1 p.m. ET)		
Nov. 22	vs. Southern Illinois (1 p.m. ET)		

### STAT LEADERS

RUSHING					
	Att	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Marshaun Coprich	210	1,302	6.2	76° 37	17
Tre Roberson James Traham	99 26	509 127	5.1 4.9	37 17	5 0
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REDBIRDS Opponents	377 351	2,077 1.184	5.5 3.4	76 31	24 7
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PASSING					
Tre Roberson	<b>Com</b> 108	<b>Att</b> 196	Yds 1,653	Int 9	TD 17
REDBIRDS	115	209	1.767	10	19
Opponents	135	266	1,648	12	9
RECEIVING					
RECEIVING	No	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Lechein Neblett	30	590	19.7	66	5
Cameron Meredith	30	505	16.8	33	4
James O'Shaughnessy	17	310	18.2	51	5
Anthony Warrum	12	168	14.0	47	2
REDBIRDS	115	1,767	15.4	66	19
Opponents	135	1,648	12.2	75	9
PLACE KICKING					
Nick Aussieker	<b>EPm</b> 33	<b>EPa</b> 35	FGm 8	<b>FGa</b> 9	Long 41
PUNTING					
C.J. Laros		<b>No</b> 45	<b>Avg.</b> 41.9	Long 72	In20 12
DEFENSIVE LEADERS					
	Tack	TFL	Sack	INT	FR
Pat Meehan	70	5.0	2.0	1	1
Teddy Corwin	63	10.0	5.5	2	_
Alex Donnelly	54 47	2.0 7.5	1.0 3.0	2	_
Oshay Dunmore Bradon Prate	47	7.5 6.0	3.0 4.0	2	2
David Perkins	40 39	7.0	5.0	1	1
REDBIRDS	655	54	27	12	6
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### PROBABLE STARTERS

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		REDBIRDS OFFEN	SE		
Pos	No	Name	Ht	Wt	Υ
LT	59	Mike Liedtke	6-3	305	Sr
LG	77	Kyle Avaloy	6-5	330	So
С	54	Mark Spelman	6-3	280	So
RG	71	Rocco Ammons	6-5	330	Sr
RT	70	Jermaine Barton	6-7	315	Sr
TE	80	James O'Shaughnessy	6-4	245	Sr
WR	38	Jamal Towns	5-6	175	So
WR	19	Cameron Meredith	6-3	200	Sr
WR	85	Lechein Neblett	6-0	185	Sr
QB	5	Tre Roberson	6-0	205	Jr
RB	25	Marshaun Coprich	5-9	205	Jr
FB	30	Brady Tibbits	5-10	240	So
		REDBIRDS DEFENS	SE		
Pos	No	Name	Ht	Wt	Υ
DE	87	Teddy Corwin	6-5	250	Jr
DT	99	Bradon Prate	6-4	285	Sr
DT	23	Collin Keoshian	6-3	260	Sr
DE	4	David Perkins	6-2	225	Jr
SLB	28	Oshay Dunmore	6-2	215	So
MLB	33	Pat Meehan	6-1	225	Jr
WLB	40	Alex Donnelly	6-0	225	Jr
CB	24	Mike Banks	5-7	185	Sr
FS	1	Tevin Allen	5-9	175	Sr
SS	3	Dontae McCov	6-0	210	Sr

# WESTERN

2 p.m., Coughlin-Alumni Stadium (15,000), Brookings • Radio: 570 AM Series: SDSU leads 7-4; Last Meeting: SDSU 38, WIU 14 (2013)

## **Quick Hitters**

■ SDSU quarterback Austin Sumner enters three touchdown passes away from tying Ryan Berry's school record of 56 career touch-

■ SDSU freshman wide receiver Jake Wieneke leads all FCS freshmen with 982 receiving yards and 11 TD catches.

■ Western Illinois quarterback Trenton Norvell threw a career-high five touchdown passes at USD last week. He has 2.462 vards and 20 TD's on the season.

■ Former Leathernecks who played in the NFL include Mike Wagner, who won four Super Bowls with

Pittsburgh, and Rodney Harrison, who won two Super Bowls with New England. San Diego punter Mike Scifres and Carolina linebacker

Jason Williams also played for WIU. ■ SDSU will celebrate "Military Appreciation Day" in conjunction with todav's game.

■ SDSU will open the Sanford-Jackrabbit Athletic Complex to fans from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Activities in the SJAC will include a fun zone with inflatables and Jackrabbit redshirt freshmen football players running interactive drills and signing autographs. Hot chocolate and coffee will be available while supplies

### **Key Matchup**

Austin Sumner vs. WIU secondary: While the SDSU QB has only two starts on the season because of an injury in the opener, he is one of the best to play the position for the Jacks. He threw for 265 yards and three scores against the Leathernecks a year ago, and WIU enters this year's matchup ranked 10th in the MVFC in pass defense.

### From The Coach

■ "I think we played the best game we've played all year," SDSU head coach John Stiegelmeier on the Jackrabbits' 32-17 victory over Indiana State on Nov. 8.

## **INDIANA STATE**

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2:30 p.m., Camp Randall Stadium (80,321), Madison, Wis. • Radio: 93.1 FM • TV: ABC Series: Tied 4-4; Last Meeting: Wisconsin 70, Nebraska 31 (2012 Big Ten Championship Game)

### **Quick Hitters**

■ Wisconsin defense leads country in allowing just 251.1 yards per contest.

■ Wisconsin's Melvin Gordon leads nation with 166.8 yards per

■ Nebraska's Ameer Abdullah is active major college career leader in all-purpose yards with 6,605.

■ Winner gets Freedom Trophy, the latest addition to the Big Ten trophy game slate.

### **Key Matchup**

Nebraska QB Tommy Armstrong Jr. vs. Wisconsin front seven. Abdullah practiced at mid-

week wearing a brace on his sprained left knee. If sidelined or slowed by the injury for Wisconsin. more burden could fall on dual-threat QB Armstrong. The Badgers have had trouble in the past against mobile quarterbacks, though Wisconsin's top-ranked defense has stiffened over the last four games. The pass rush is getting to the guarterback, and the linebacking corps is

### stocked with playmakers. (AP)

From The Coach ■ "What more could you really ask for in college football as a fan, a coach or a player?" Wisconsin coach Gary Andersen about today's matchup with Nebraska.

### **B1G Standings**

West Division

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West Division	Coni	All
Nebraska	4-1	8-1
Wisconsin	4-1	7-2
Minnesota	4-1	7-2
lowa	3-2	6-3
Northwestern	2-4	3-6
Illinois	1-4	4-5
Purdue	1-4	3-7
East Division	Conf	All
Ohio State	5-0	8-1
Michigan State	4-1	7-2
Maryland	3-2	6-3
Michigan	3-3	5-5
Penn State	2-4	5-4
Rutgers	1-4	5-4
Indiana	0-5	3-6

# No. 11 Nebraska, No. 22 Wisconsin Could Be Classic

get much better in the Big Ten than Saturday's game between No. 11 Ne-

braska and No. 22 Wisconsin. Two Heisman Trophy candidates. Tricky defensive matchups. Division title hopes on the line.

With chilly, see-your-breath weather in the forecast, the clash of West contenders has all the makings of a classic. "What more could you really ask

for in college football as a fan, a coach or a player?" Wisconsin coach Gary Andersen said. The Cornhuskers (8-1, 4-1, CFP No. 16) and Badgers (7-2, 4-1, CFP No. 20)

are tied with Minnesota for first in the division. A loss makes it much tougher to win the West and get to the conference championship game.

But that won't even be biggest story line at Camp Randall Stadium. This will be a showcase game for

Nebraska's Ameer Abdullah and fellow star running back Melvin Gordon of Wisconsin to make statements to Heisman voters. The country's leader in all-pur-

pose yards (Abdullah, 187.9) on one side; the leader in yards rushing (Gordon (166.8) on the other. There is so much hype about the tailback matchup, that the solid defenses have been overlooked.

That gives us extra motivation because it shows how good of an offense that they are to have a Heisman Trophy candidate being talked about," Badgers linebacker Derek Landisch said. "It brings a sense of urgency to this defense.'

Some things to watch in the teams' first meeting since Wisconsin throttled Nebraska 70-31 in the 2012 Big Ten championship game:

AMEER'S HEALTH: Abdullah wore a brace on his injured left knee in practice earlier this week. The Cornhuskers hoped that was a good sign that the standout senior would be ready for Saturday's showdown. Abdullah declined interviews after practice. Offensive coordinator Tim Beck said Abdullah looked good in drills.

"I don't know how it's going to play out. We go a little bit off of how he's feeling," coach Bo Pelini said.

'We'll find out Saturday.' UP THE GUT: Gordon can break away for a touchdown on any carry. with the jet sweep being his signature big play. Nebraska defensive coordinator John Papuchis is just as worried about how much damage Gordon can cause up the middle behind a typically stout Wisconsin offensive line.

One of the areas in which the 6foot-1, 213-pound Gordon has improved most this year is running between the tackles.

Yeah, we're going to have to hold up inside. That's going to be the key to this thing. If they run between the tackles on us, it could be a long day for us," Papuchis said.

UP FRONT: Nebraska doesn't have pushovers on the defensive line, though. Andersen is worried about a group that he described as including a bunch of guys on that defense that a lot of defensive coaches in the country would like to coach." He is especially worried about 6-6 end Randy

Gregory, who has 5 1/2 sacks this sea-

The Huskers are ninth in the Big Ten in total defense at 339.8 yards per game, but first in the league in pass defense efficiency in allowing opponents to complete just 46.9 percent of attempts.

JUMP AROUND: The Badgers are no slouches themselves on defense. They boast the top-ranked unit in the country in allowing just 251.3 yards

The defense has surged over the last three games, bolstered by the returns of top defensive lineman Warren Herring and run-stopping linebacker Marcus Trotter from injuries. Landisch and outside linebacker Vince Biegel lead a stepped-up pass rush that must now contend with Nebraska dual-threat quarterback Tommy Armstrong Jr. He's coming off an 8-of-21 outing two weeks ago against Purdue. Armstrong threw two interceptions and struggled several times with center-quarterback exchanges.

TWO-TIMING: Wisconsin goes with two quarterbacks, a system that is finally gaining traction after good outings for both starter Joel Stave and Tanner McEvoy last week against the Boilermakers. Stave is more of the pocket passer, while McEvoy can

change the pace with his mobility. The Badgers started alternating by play at times last week, a rotation that Andersen hinted would continue against Nebraska. The hope in Madison is that the improved quarterback play can help balance the Gordon-led

## If Star RBs Stopped, QBs Ready

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — The Big Ten West matchup between No. 11 Nebraska and No. 22 Wisconsin is considered a showcase for star running backs Ameer Abdullah and Melvin Gordon.

Don't forget about the quarterbacks If Nebraska's Abdullah is shut down, or ineffective because of his left knee sprain, Tommy Armstrong Jr. will fill in as playmaker against the toughest defense he's faced this season. If Wisconsin's Gordon is kept under wraps, the same goes for Joel Stave and Tanner McEvov.

Nebraska (8-1, No. 16 CFP) and Wisconsin (7-2, No. 20 CFP) are 4-1 in the Big Ten along with Minnesota. The win ner in Madison will have sole possession of first place in the West Division, barring a Minnesota upset of Ohio

Armstrong is coming off a dismal performance in a 21-point home win over Purdue two weeks ago. He struggled a half dozen times with centerquarterback exchanges, completed only 8 of 21 passes and was intercepted

The Badgers, who beat Purdue by 18 points on the road last week, are 40 and averaging 40 points and 475 yards with Stave and McEvoy rotating. Still, the highest-ranked defense the Badgers have beaten this season is Purdue, which is 82nd nationally.

Nebraska's defense is No. 25 and trending upward the last three games. However, Wisconsin's defense is statis-

## tically the best in the land.

The last time Armstrong went against a high-quality defense, at Michigan State last month, he committed three turnovers and was sacked five times. He's looking for redemption.

The quarterbacks always have the ball in their hands every snap, and it's what they do with it that determines the game," Armstrong said. "When I take care of the football, our offense is unstoppable."

Armstrong was sharp in a 41-31 win over a Miami team that brought a top-10 defense to Lincoln in September. Of course, it didn't hurt that Abdullah ran for 229 yards that night.

Overall, Armstrong's numbers have been nothing special. He's completing 53 percent of his passes with 13 touchdowns against eight interceptions. It's not his passing that concerns the Badg-

"Designed runs, he's really, really good," linebacker Marcus Trotter said. What Nebraska does really well is get defenses out of place and out of position. When they're out of position, Abdullah and Armstrong have a very good knack to the ball in terms of just running through the chute and not even being touched.'

The Huskers' open date last week was fortuitous, giving Armstrong extra time to put his outing against Purdue behind him. Nebraska coach Bo Pelini said he's confident Armstrong's mind is right for Wisconsin.