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2-3 MVFC

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA COYOTES

SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	USD	Opp
Sept. 5	at Kansas State	0	34
Sept. 12	at UC Davis	27	17
Sept. 19	vs. Drake	52	0
Oct. 3	vs. Youngstown State	3	31
Oct. 10	at Western Illinois	21	40
Oct. 17	at North Dakota State	24	21
Oct. 24	vs. Missouri State	40	10
Oct. 31	at Northern Iowa	7	20
Nov. 7	vs. Southern Illinois (1 p.m.)		
Nov. 14	vs. South Dakota State (1 p.m.)		
Nov. 21	at Illinois State (noon)		

STAT LEADERS

RUSHING					
	Att	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Trevor Bourna	72	435	6.0	63	6
Michael Fredrick	106	401	3.8	26	2
Ryan Saeger	87	274	3.1	37	1
Nate Gunn	36	153	4.2	26	2
COYOTES	333	1,387	4.2	63	12
Opponents	313	1,136	3.6	60	9

PASSING					
	Com	Att	Yds	Int	TD
Ryan Saeger	110	195	1,425	5	8
COYOTES	112	197	1,453	5	9
Opponents	117	222	1,460	8	10

RECEIVING					
	No	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Eric Shufford	28	384	13.7	55	2
Brandt Van Roekel	27	373	13.8	44	4
Nick Meyer	14	166	11.9	38	1
Trevor Bourna	11	164	14.9	73	0
COYOTES	112	1,453	13.0	73	9
Opponents	117	1,460	12.5	75	10

PLACE KICKING					
	EPm	EPa	FGm	FGa	Long
Miles Bergner	21	21	9	16	53

PUNTING					
	No	Avg.	Long	In20	
Miles Bergner	41	43.4	63	13	

DEFENSIVE LEADERS					
	Tack	TFL	Sack	INT	FR
Keyen Lage	60	8.5	1.0	—	—
John Wessel	52	3.0	—	—	—
Tyson Graham	50	1.0	—	3	—
Jacob Warner	46	—	—	—	—
Andrew Van Ginkel	44	14.0	8.0	—	1
Colin Mertik	30	6.5	2.0	—	—
Drew Iddings	16	5.5	1.0	—	1
COYOTES	542	46	14	8	7
Opponents	540	38	16	5	10

PROBABLE STARTERS

OFFENSE					
Pos	No	Name	Ht	Wt	Yr
QB	2	Ryan Saeger	6-4	220	Jr.
HB	14	Michael Fredrick	5-10	165	Fr.
FB	41	Drew Potter	6-3	250	Jr.
WR	88	Brandt Van Roekel	6-4	210	So.
WR	11	Eric Shufford	5-11	195	Sr.
TE	80	Aaron Ramsey	6-3	230	So.
or	83	Ethan Fenchel	6-4	240	RFr.
LT	76	Nick Jensen	6-6	285	RFr.
LG	62	Niles Banks	6-5	305	Jr.
C	70	Thomas McGuire	6-4	280	Sr.
RG	78	Ed Kennedy	6-4	285	So.
RT	65	Derek Chancellor	6-5	305	Sr.

DEFENSE					
Pos	No	Name	Ht	Wt	Yr
DE	45	Colin Mertik	6-2	230	Jr.
DT	94	Drew Iddings	6-6	285	Sr.
DT	56	Nick Jacobs	6-4	280	Sr.
DT	17	Andrew Van Ginkel	6-4	230	RFr.
LB	33	Keyen Lage	6-3	235	Sr.
LB	28	John Wessel	6-2	230	Jr.
LB	4	Ryan Hillier	6-1	220	Sr.
CB	26	Chris Tyler	6-2	200	Sr.
FS	8	Tyson Graham	6-2	210	Jr.
SS	24	Jacob Warner	6-0	200	Jr.
CB	2	Mike Lilly	5-9	165	Sr.

USD COYOTES
GAME DAY

1 p.m., DakotaDome (10,000), Vermillion • Radio: KVHT (106.3 FM)

Series: Southern Illinois leads 1-0; Last Meeting: SIU 41, USD 10 (2014)



JEREMY HOECK/P&D

South Dakota wide receiver Brandt Van Roekel (88) celebrates after a touchdown catch during the Coyotes' game at Northern Iowa on Oct. 31. He has a touchdown catch in three of the last four games.

MVFC STANDINGS

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

CONDITIONS

Indoors. FieldTurf. A sunny, crisp day, perfect for late-season tailgating. A chilly start to the morning, but should reach 52 before fans go into the DakotaDome.

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

A loss today wouldn't necessarily eliminate USD from playoff contention, but it would be a huge blow. A win, however, would be critical. How do the Coyotes respond to that opportunity? This was a tough one to call this week, but we see Southern Illinois coming out on top.

SALUKIS 34, COYOTES 24

MATCHUPS

USD ON OFFENSE
It's simple: The Coyotes need their run game to get going. Last week's 54-yard performance was the first time in league play this season USD hadn't rushed for 100 yards. And now the Coyotes will face a Southern Illinois defense that surrendered 397 yards last week. We'll give the edge to USD.

USD ON DEFENSE
This will be one of those barometers in which we'll find out how improved the USD defense this season. Southern Illinois can rack up a lot of yards and points. If QB Mark Iannotti has a big game, the Salukis should roll. Let's give the edge to SIU.

SPECIAL TEAMS
This could be an advantage for USD. Daquan Isom, SIU's all-purpose leader, was suspended indefinitely this week, which means its top weapon is out. USD's kicker Miles Bergner has been especially effectively lately on both placekicking and punting. We'll give the edge to USD.

INTANGIBLES
Early momentum. The Coyotes will likely need to start early today, otherwise they could find themselves down early to SIU's explosive offense. USD isn't in a position where it could come back from a, say, two or three touchdown deficit. Let's give a slight edge to SIU.

3-5

2-3 MVFC



SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY SALUKIS

SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	SIU	Opp
Sept. 5	at Indiana	47	48
Sept. 12	at Southeast Missouri	24	27
Sept. 26	vs. Liberty	34	13
Oct. 3	at Western Illinois	36	37
Oct. 10	vs. Missouri State	73	26
Oct. 17	at Indiana State	36	39
Oct. 24	vs. Youngstown State (OT)	38	31
Oct. 31	vs. North Dakota State	29	35
Nov. 7	at South Dakota (1 p.m.)		
Nov. 14	vs. Illinois State (2 p.m.)		
Nov. 21	at Northern Illinois (4 p.m.)		

STAT LEADERS

RUSHING					
	Att	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Mark Iannotti	122	536	4.4	61	7
Daquan Isom	66	403	6.1	49	2
Matt McIntosh	31	164	5.3	17	1
Aaron Stanton	46	162	3.5	21	1
SALUKIS	347	1,680	4.8	64	16
Opponents	367	1,815	5.0	80	16

PASSING					
	Com	Att	Yds	Int	TD
Mark Iannotti	187	273	2,351	7	17
SALUKIS	194	284	2,439	8	19
Opponents	139	250	1,965	4	13

RECEIVING					
	No	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Billy Reed	35	519	14.8	63	2
Jimmy Jones	31	437	14.1	60	6
Daquan Isom	28	340	12.1	80	3
Israel Lamprakes	27	337	12.5	54	3
SALUKIS	194	2,439	12.6	80	19
Opponents	139	1,965	14.1	85	13

PLACE KICKING					
	EPm	EPa	FGm	FGa	Long
Austin Johnson	32	34	13	19	51

PUNTING					
	No	Avg.	Long	In20	
Derek Mathewson	29	41.1	61	8	

DEFENSIVE LEADERS					
	Tack	TFL	Sack	INT	FR
Kenny James	93	2.0	—	2	—
Chase Allen	89	6.5	1.5	—	2
Markese Jackson	70	1.5	0.5	—	1
D.J. Cameron	46	1.5	—	1	—
Brandon Williams	38	7.5	3.5	—	—
Leonard Garron	28	4.5	1.0	—	1
SALUKIS	749	47	12	4	7
Opponents	706	33	5	8	8


PROBABLE STARTERS

OFFENSE					
Pos	No	Name	Ht	Wt	Yr
LT	75	Austin Olsen	6-5	302	So.
LG	76	Reid Sealby	6-3	267	Jr.
C	60	Matt Griffin	6-2	268	Sr.
RG	59	David Meyerherff	6-8	271	Jr.
RT	77	Ethan Wirth	6-7	283	Sr.
QB	19	Mark Iannotti	6-2	220	Sr.
RB	2	Aaron Stanton	5-5	180	Jr.
FB	48	Hans Camien	6-2	233	So.
TE	87	Adam Fuehne	6-7	257	Sr.
WR	17	Billy Reed	6-1	203	Jr.
WR	20	Jimmy Jones	5-9	179	R-Fr.
WR	1	Israel Lamprakes	5-11	180	Sr.

DEFENSE					
Pos	No	Name	Ht	Wt	Yr
DE	99	Dakota Upchurch	6-5	277	So.
NT	93	Raysean Golden	6-0	310	Sr.
DE	41	Khari Walthe-Alexander	6-0	255	So.
OLB	82	Brandon Williams	6-5	254	Sr.
ILB	13	Markese Jackson	5-11	218	So.
ILB	5	Chase Allen	6-3	240	Jr.
OLB	9	Leonard Garron	6-2	251	Jr.
CB	21	Ryan Neal	6-2	175	So.
SS	2	D.J. Cameron	6-1	204	Sr.
FS	1	Anthony Thompson	6-1	208	Sr.
CB	24	Jefferson Vea	6-2	185	R-Fr.

JACKRABBITS

GAME DAY



6-2

(3-2 MVFC)

vs

7-1

(5-0 MVFC)

ILLINOIS STATE

2 p.m., Coughlin-Alumni Stadium (15,000), Brookings • Radio: 570 AM • TV: Midco SN

Series: Illinois State leads 3-2; Last Meeting: ISU 45, SDSU 10 (2014)

Quick Hitters
■ This will be the final game at Coughlin-Alumni Stadium, the Jackrabbits' home since 1962. Should SDSU earn a home playoff game, it will be held at Howard Wood Field in Sioux Falls.
■ The SDSU defense has allowed just three touchdowns in the last 18 quarters, including a shutout at Missouri State last week.
■ Jake Wienke needs just 58 yards to become the second Jackrabbit with back-to-back 1,000-yard seasons.
■ Illinois State has advanced to the FCS quarterfinals twice in the past three seasons, including losing to NDSU in the championship last season.
■ ISU has won the last three

meetings, including a 35-point rout a season ago.
■ ISU has the longest road win streak in FCS football, a run of 17 straight games.
■ SDSU ranks fourth in FCS in scoring defense, allowing just 13.9 points per game. The Jacks have not allowed an opposing QB to go for over 200 yards in a game this season.
■ SDSU's Jay Carlson earned MVFC Special Teams Player of the week, hitting four field goals, including three of more than 40 yards, in the 39-0 rout of Missouri State. He hit a career-long 47-yard field goal and just missed a 49-yarder at the end of the first half.

Key Matchup
ISU RB Marshaun Coprich vs. SDSU defense. The Redbirds' explosive back, who rushed for 174 yards and 4 TDs against SDSU in 2014, has 1,150 yards and 13 touchdowns on the season, as well as 12 catches to rank second on the team. The SDSU defense has allowed 4.6 yards per carry on the season, and will need to do better in order to keep Coprich from having a big day.

From The Coach
■ "It's always difficult to win a Missouri Valley game, but particularly on the road. We've got a ranked opponent and they're very good. And they're always good." **ISU head coach Brock Spack** (Jackrabbit Sports Network)

HUSKERS

GAME DAY

3-6

(1-4 B1G)

vs

8-0

(4-0 B1G)

MICHIGAN STATE

7 p.m., Memorial Stadium (86,047), Lincoln • Radio: 93.1 FM • TV: ESPN

Series: Nebraska leads series 7-2; Last Meeting: MSU 27, Nebraska 22 (2014)

Quick Hitters
■ Michigan State has won 12 straight games, the program's longest since 1955-56.
■ MSU QB Connor Cook needs just three touchdown passes to break Kirk Cousins' career TD pass record (67) for the Spartans.
■ The Spartans are the 10th unbeaten to visit Nebraska in the month of November. The Huskers are 5-3-1 in those games.
■ Freshman running back and kick returner Jordan Stevenson and senior offensive lineman Matt Finnin have left the Nebraska football team, according to an announcement by the program.
■ Nebraska QB Tommy Armstrong, Jr., returns after missing the Purdue loss due to injury.
■ Nebraska is 42-5 in night games at Memorial Stadium, including 16 straight victories.

Key Matchup
MSU QB Connor Cook vs. Nebraska D. One of the most polished quarterbacks in the country, Cook is throwing for almost 260 yards a game and leads the Big Ten with 17 touchdown passes. The Huskers are 125th out of 128 FBS teams in pass defense. They get back CB Jonathan Rose from suspension and S Byerson Cockrell, who missed the Purdue game because of a death in his family. (AP)

From The Coach
■ "You go through 40 years of coaching and there's all different kinds

of seasons, great ones, hard ones, intermediate ones. Hopefully you learn the one thing you can do is make it better." **Nebraska head coach Mike Riley** about fixing the 3-6 program.

B1G Standings		
West Division	Conf	All
Iowa	8-0	4-0
Wisconsin	7-2	4-1
Northwestern	6-2	2-2
Illinois	4-4	1-3
Minnesota	4-4	1-3
Purdue	2-6	1-3
Nebraska	3-6	1-4
East Division	Conf	All
Michigan State	4-0	8-0
Ohio State	4-0	8-0
Penn State	4-1	7-2
Michigan	3-1	6-2
Rutgers	1-4	3-5
Maryland	0-4	2-6
Indiana	0-4	4-4

Mitchell

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"Coach Mitchell is very proactive in his efforts to improve the quality of sports in South Dakota," Sahli said. "Coach Dan Mitchell is held in high esteem by coaches and athletes for his hard work ethic, desire to learn and push himself and for his professionalism and expertise with the area of strength and conditioning."
Both Mitchell and head football coach Arlin Likness work with YHS athletes – regardless of the sport – in the spring and summer. Mitchell is also up in the weight room during the winter months.
"I've been spending a lot of time in the weight room with kids," Mitchell said for a 2014 article. "It doesn't matter what they're in. If they come up to the weight room, we'll work with them all."
For much of his time at Yankton High School, Mitchell has been behind the scenes. His head coaching experience consists of one year at the helm of the wrestling program and one football game in the 2014 season when Likness was under the weather.
But not all of Mitchell's work is in the background. He currently serves as the president of the South Dakota Football Coaches Association, a post he took over in 2014. (He also serves as the group's webmaster.)
"Dan is such a hard and willing worker. He loves football and athletics in general," SDFBCA secretary Virg Polak said for a 2014 article. "There's nothing he won't do for a fellow coach. I appreciate being able to call him a friend and a fellow coach."
The NSCA honor adds to an impressive resume for Mitchell, includ-



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