

SOUTHERN UTAH UNIVERSITY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA

SCHEDULES

**COYOTES**  
3-2 (0-0 Great West)

Date	Opponent	USD	Opp
Sept. 3	at Air Force	20	37
Sept. 10	Eastern Washington	30	17
Sept. 17	Northwestern Oklahoma State	48	10
Sept. 24	at Wisconsin	10	59
Oct. 1	Lindenwood	30	0
Oct. 8	Southern Utah (4 p.m.)		
Oct. 15	at Illinois State (3 p.m.)		
Oct. 22	UC Davis (4 p.m.)		
Oct. 29	at Cal Poly (8:05 p.m.)		
Nov. 12	Missouri S&T (noon)		
Nov. 19	at North Dakota (1 p.m.)		

**SO. UTAH**  
3-2 (0-1 Great West)

Date	Opponent	SUU	Opp
Sept. 3	at South Dakota State	28	28
Sept. 10	Sacramento State	35	14
Sept. 17	Texas-San Antonio	45	22
Sept. 24	at UNLV	41	16
Oct. 1	North Dakota	20	26
Oct. 8	at South Dakota (4 p.m.)		
Oct. 15	at Cal Poly (6:05 p.m.)		
Oct. 22	at Weber State (4 p.m.)		
Oct. 29	UC Davis (1 p.m.)		
Nov. 12	at Northern Iowa (6 p.m.)		
Nov. 19	at Northern Arizona (3:05 p.m.)		

PROBABLE STARTERS

**COYOTE OFFENSE**

Pos	No	Name	Ht	Wt	Yr
TE	85	Michael Neilson	6-3	224	Sr
LT	76	Tom Compton	6-6	314	Sr
LG	74	Matt Porisch	6-7	294	Sr
C	69	Tim Ross	6-2	286	Sr
RG	64	Brent Johnson	6-5	309	Sr
RT	78	R.J. Polley	6-6	320	Sr
WR	17	Will Powell	6-1	206	Jr
WR	1	Dustin Nowotny	6-3	215	Sr
RB	20	Chris Ganious	5-7	190	Sr
FB	87	Quintin McMartin	6-1	234	Jr
QB	2	Dante Warren	6-0	196	Sr

**COYOTE DEFENSE**

Pos	No	Name	Ht	Wt	Yr
TE	11	Tyler Starr	6-5	236	So
NG	96	Jesse Weisbrod	6-5	277	Sr
DT	91	David Giese	6-3	280	Jr
DE	29	Andrew Meier	6-4	228	Sr
LB	44	Adam Broders	6-2	227	Sr
LB	42	Shea Williams	6-2	224	Sr
LB	43	Darius Hogans	6-1	215	Jr
CB	7	Chris Frierson	6-1	180	So
SS	8	Shane Potter	6-2	207	Sr
FS	26	Aaron Swift	5-8	164	So
CB	12	Alphonso Valdez	5-9	177	Jr

**THUNDERBIRDS OFFENSE**

Pos	No	Name	Ht	Wt	Yr
X-R	88	Easton Pedersen	6-3	209	R-Fr
Z-R	5	Jared Ursua	5-11	192	Sr
H-R	84	Brady Meason	5-9	165	Fr
LT	50	Brandon Beddes	6-5	312	Jr
LG	73	Zach Brackus	6-5	325	So
C	72	Russell Peterson	6-4	319	So
RG	67	Trevor Schauerhammer	6-5	324	Jr
RT	65	Devin Tavana	6-3	300	Sr
TE	15	Abbel Alono	6-3	265	Sr
RB	6	Decker Alexander	5-7	178	Sr
or	2	Austin Minefee	5-10	195	Sr
FB	24	Daryl Brown	6-1	235	Sr
QB	4	Brad Sorensen	6-5	225	Jr

**THUNDERBIRDS DEFENSE**

Pos	No	Name	Ht	Wt	Yr
RE	32	Tyler Osborne	6-2	245	Sr
T	58	Cody Larsen	6-4	272	Jr
NT	98	Nick Wilzmann	5-11	270	Jr
BE	99	Jeff Tukuafu	6-4	262	Jr
SLB	34	Blake Fenn	6-1	224	Sr
MLB	11	Chad Hansen	6-3	225	So
WLB	39	Herman Sword	5-11	215	Sr
SS	22	Erion Vonner	5-11	188	Sr
FS	23	Brennan Fjord	6-0	195	Jr
CB	17	Marlon Hogains	5-11	175	So
CB	21	Dion Turner	6-0	195	Jr

**GAME DAY**  
4 p.m., DakotaDome (10,000), Vermillion  
Radio: 102.7 FM, 1450 AM, 91.1 FM  
Series: USD 2-1; Last Meeting: SUU 31, USD 13 (2010)



JAMES D. CIMBUREK/P&D

**South Dakota backup quarterback Josh Vander Maten (16) calls out a play during the Coyotes' 30-0 victory over Lindenwood Oct. 1. Vander Maten may be forced into duty again today (Saturday), as Dante Warren was injured last week and may not be at full strength.**

STANDINGS



Team	W	L	T
North Dakota	1-0	3-2	
South Dakota	0-0	3-2	
Southern Utah	0-1	3-2	
UC Davis	0-0	1-3	
Cal Poly	0-0	1-3	

CONDITIONS

Indoors. Rain may dampen the Dakota Days festivities, as there is an 80 percent chance of the wet stuff. Game time temp near 70.

ONLINE

The Press & Dakotan's Jeremy Hoeck does a live chat during every Coyote home game. Find it online at [www.yankton.net/coyotegameday](http://www.yankton.net/coyotegameday). Complete coverage will be available in Monday's Press & Dakotan.

MATCHUPS

COYOTE OFFENSE VS. SUU DEFENSE

With starting quarterback Dante Warren likely to be limited today because of injury, the Coyotes will rely on the running game with Chris Ganious and Marcus Sims. USD rushed for only 81 yards in last year's meeting with Southern Utah.

COYOTE DEFENSE VS. SUU OFFENSE

Unless USD can get pressure on Southern Utah quarterback Brad Sorensen, the Coyotes could be in for a long afternoon. Sorensen ranks seventh nationally in completions and ninth in passing yards. But he's never faced USD defensive end Tyler Starr, who is relentless in his attack on the quarterback.

SPECIAL TEAMS

USD sophomore kicker Kevin Robb is having an amazing season, with a 15-of-16 clip on extra points and 9-of-9 on field goals. His three field goals last week played key roles in the Coyotes' win. SUU's Colton Cook is 5-of-6 on field goals.

INTANGIBLES

The Coyotes were embarrassed last season out in Cedar City, Utah, a loss head coach Ed Meierkort called the "worst" at the FCS level. If USD is to become a serious contender for the Great West title, a win today would go a long way.

USD STAT LEADERS

**RUSHING**

	Att	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Marcus Sims	47	303	6.4	53	3
Chris Ganious	68	284	4.2	26	1
Dante Warren	50	194	3.9	62	3
COYOTES	202	903	4.5	62	7
Opponents	182	787	4.3	80	9

**PASSING**

	Com	Att	Yds	Int	TD
Dante Warren	15	21	131	0	3
COYOTES	63	107	772	6	8
Opponents	107	164	1,174	6	7

**RECEIVING**

	No	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Will Powell	15	219	14.6	45	2
Austin Minefee	13	276	21.2	50	3
Dustin Nowotny	13	109	8.4	14	2
COYOTES	63	772	12.3	50	8
Opponents	107	1,174	11.0	59	7

**PLACE KICKING**

	EPm	EPa	FGm	FGa	Long
Kevin Robb	15	16	9	9	40

**PUNTING**

	No	Yds	Avg	Long	In20
Cole Zwielfelhofer	24	24	42.7	72	7

**DEFENSIVE LEADERS**

	Tack	TFL	Sack	INT	FR
Adam Broders	37	2	—	1	—
Shane Potter	33	2	—	1	—
Shea Williams	31	3	1	—	—
Darius Hogans	30	3	—	—	1
Tyler Starr	26	10	8	—	1
Andrew Meier	12	3	1	—	—
COYOTES	394	35	19	6	4
Opponents	339	28	16	6	0

SUU STAT LEADERS

**RUSHING**

	Att	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Decker Alexander	53	252	4.8	50	2
Austin Minefee	61	196	3.2	27	5
Brad Sorensen	21	-18	-0.9	9	0
T-BIRDS	151	400	2.6	50	7
Opponents	185	760	4.1	34	7

**PASSING**

	Com	Att	Yds	Int	TD
Brad Sorensen	135	199	1,429	6	9
T-BIRDS	139	209	1,447	6	9
Opponents	91	167	890	6	7

**RECEIVING**

	No	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Jared Ursua	31	402	13.0	41	4
Decker Alexander	19	153	8.1	26	2
Daryl Brown	14	141	10.1	25	2
T-BIRDS	139	1,447	10.4	56	9
Opponents	91	890	9.8	32	7

**PLACE KICKING**

	EPm	EPa	FGm	FGa	Long
Colton Cook	12	12	5	6	40

**PUNTING**

	No	Yds	Avg	Long	In20
Tate Lewis	19	19	40.8	55	2

**DEFENSIVE LEADERS**

	Tack	TFL	Sack	INT	FR
Chad Hansen	49	2	—	1	1
Bieke Fenn	41	1	1	1	1
Herman Sword	29	3	—	—	—
Dion Turner	26	2	—	1	—
Tyler Osborne	22	6	4.5	—	2
Cody Larsen	12	4	3	1	1
T-BIRDS	347	26	10	6	7
Opponents	399	22	9	6	2

PREDICTION

Coyote back-up QB Josh Vander Maten is capable of leading the offense. The Coyotes, however, will rely on their defense today.  
**USD 31, SUU 20**

**GAME DAY**

3 p.m., Stambaugh Stadium (20,630), Youngstown, Ohio  
Radio: 102.7 FM, 1450 AM, 91.1 FM  
Series: SDSU 7-5; Last Meeting: SDSU 30, YSU 20 (2010)

Quick Hitters

■ Youngstown State junior tailback Jaime Cook comes into the game just 112 yards away from 2,000 yards for his career. He has posted at least 30 carries in each of the Penguins' last three games, and is averaging 125.2 yards per game.

■ SDSU redshirt freshman quarterback Austin Sumner threw for 305 yards on 26-48 passing last week against Indiana State. He has just one interception in 87 attempts after replacing the departed Thomas O'Brien, who tossed seven picks in 103 attempts.

■ SDSU wide receiver Dale Moss has turned into a valued target for the Jackrabbits. The former basketball player has caught 23 passes in the last three contests for 286 yards.

■ Youngstown State will honor its 1991 national championship team during the game Saturday.

■ The Penguins' last 11 MVFC games have been decided by 10 points or fewer, including six by five points or less.

■ YSU shared its home field with the NFL's San Francisco 49ers last week. The team, owned by Ohio natives John and Denise DeBartolo-York, stayed in

Youngstown rather than travel back west after their win over Cincinnati. The move worked for the 49ers, who followed up the week with a win at Philadelphia.

Key Matchup

**YSU RUNNING GAME VS. SDSU DEFENSE:** Shaker Bell of Indiana State rambled for 199 yards and two touchdowns against SDSU last week. This week, the Penguins bring the top-ranked running game in the MVFC against the Jackrabbits. SDSU has given up over 200 yards a game rushing and 417.6 yards per game total, a number they need to reduce.

MVFC Standings

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

**GAME DAY**

7 p.m., Memorial Stadium (81,091), Lincoln, Neb.  
Radio: 93.1 FM, TV: ABC  
Series: OSU leads 2-0; Last Meeting: OSU 34, NU 7 (1956)

Quick Hitters

■ Nebraska rushed for 159 yards in a 48-17 loss to Wisconsin last week. The Cornhuskers are 0-5 in the last two seasons when rushing for less than 200 yards in a game.

■ The game will mark Nebraska's first home Big Ten football contest. The Huskers also celebrate their 101st homecoming, and are 74-22-4 in homecoming games.

■ Nebraska head coach Bo Pelini is a graduate of Ohio State, playing defensive back for the Buckeyes from 1987-90. He was a two-year starter and served as a co-captain as a senior.

■ Ohio State will be missing the suspended Daniel Herron and DeVier Posey one more game. They, along with OL Marcus Hall, are sitting out for being overpaid for summer jobs.

■ Nebraska is coming off a loss in its conference opener for the second time in four years but only the third time in 37.

Key Matchup

**OHIO STATE OFFENSIVE LINE VS. NEBRASKA FRONT SEVEN:** The Buckeyes allowed nine sacks against Michigan State and 30 of their 69 plays went for no gain or a loss. Ohio State gets left tackle Mike Adams back from suspension. The Huskers love to put pressure on visiting quarterbacks and come into this game with only eight sacks in five games. (AP)

Big Ten Standings

Division	Conf	All
Legends Division	1-0	5-0