

THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA AT ILLINOIS STATE

SCHEDULES

COYOTES
4-2 (1-0 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	24	19
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.)		

ILLINOIS ST.
3-3 (2-2 MVFC)

Date	Opponent	ISU	Opp
Sept. 1	at Eastern Illinois	26	33
Sept. 10	Morehead State	52	21
Sept. 17	at Youngstown State	27	34
Sept. 24	South Dakota State	20	17
Oct. 1	at North Dakota state	10	20
Oct. 8	at Missouri State	38	13
Oct. 15	South Dakota (3 p.m.)		
Oct. 22	Indiana State (1 p.m.)		
Oct. 29	at Southern Illinois (2-30 p.m.)		
Nov. 5	Western Illinois (1 p.m.)		
Nov. 19	Northern Iowa (11 a.m.)		

PROBABLE STARTERS

COYOTE OFFENSE					
Pos	No	Name	Ht	Wt	Yr
QB	2	Dante Warren	6-0	201	Sr
RB	20	Chris Ganius	5-7	190	Sr
FB	87	Quintin McMartin	6-1	234	Jr
WR	17	Will Powell	6-1	206	Jr
WR	1	Dustin Nowotny	6-3	215	Sr
RT	78	R.J. Polley	6-6	320	Sr
RG	64	Brent Johnson	6-5	309	Sr
C	69	Tim Ross	6-2	286	Jr
LG	74	Matt Forsich	6-7	294	Sr
LT	76	Tom Compton	6-6	314	Sr
TE	84	Jay Burns	6-4	245	Jr

COYOTE DEFENSE					
Pos	No	Name	Ht	Wt	Yr
DE	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	43	Darius Hogans	6-1	215	Jr
LB	44	Adam Broders	6-2	227	Sr
LB	42	Shane Williams	6-2	224	Sr
SS	8	Shea Potter	6-2	207	Sr
FS	26	Aaron Swift	5-8	164	So
CB	12	Alphonso Valdez	5-9	177	Jr
CB	10	Marquis Butler	6-1	191	Sr

REDBIRDS OFFENSE					
Pos	No	Name	Ht	Wt	Yr
LT	56	Cody White	6-5	315	So
LG	74	Nick Bledsoe	6-1	295	Sr
C	51	Cal McCarthy	6-2	285	Sr
RG	61	Keenan Wimbley	6-2	295	Sr
RT	60	Milton Owens	6-2	320	Sr
TE	17	Brandon Venson	6-3	245	Sr
WR	12	Tyrene Walker	5-11	200	Jr
WR	85	Lechain Neblett	6-0	175	RFr
WR	11	Matt Younger	6-2	180	So
QB	13	Matt Brown	6-4	215	Jr
RB	5	Ashton Leggett	5-11	230	Sr

REDBIRDS DEFENSE					
Pos	No	Name	Ht	Wt	Yr
DE	4	Nate Palmer	6-3	220	Jr
DT	55	Eric Brunner	6-2	265	Sr
DT	92	Albert Sparks	6-3	330	So
DE	35	Colton Underwood	6-4	245	So
SLB	3	Evan Frierson	6-2	230	Jr
MLB	34	Josh Howe	6-0	235	Sr
WLB	23	Austin Davis	6-1	220	Jr
CB	24	Mike Banks	5-7	195	Fr
SS	14	Matt Goldsmith	6-1	190	So
FS	7	Ben Erickson	6-1	195	Jr
CB	21	Otis Merrill	5-11	185	Sr

GAME DAY
3 p.m., Hancock Stadium (9,500), Normal, Ill.
Radio: 102.7 FM, 1450 AM, 91.1 FM
Series: First Meeting



JAMES D. CIMBUREK/P&D

South Dakota linebacker Adam Broders (44) celebrates after a big play during the Coyotes' victory over Lindenwood on Oct. 1. Broders, a senior from Bloomfield, Neb., had 17 tackles and earned Great West Conference Player of the Week honors this past week, and will be a key for USD again today against Illinois State.

STANDINGS



Team	GWC	All
South Dakota	1-0	4-2
North Dakota	1-0	4-2
Cal Poly	0-0	2-3
UC Davis	0-0	1-4
Southern Utah	0-2	3-3

CONDITIONS

Outdoors, Field Turf. A great afternoon for football and for Illinois State's homecoming, with sun and highs in the low 60s.

ONLINE

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

MATCHUPS

COYOTE OFFENSE VS. ISU DEFENSE

The Coyotes' dual rushing threat will meet tough competition, as the Redbirds rank third in FCS in opponents' rushing yards per game (68.5) while the Coyotes have pounded out nearly 200 yards a game on the ground. But Dante Warren's mobility may be enough to keep the Redbirds at bay.

COYOTE DEFENSE VS. ISU OFFENSE

This will be decided in the trenches. USD has made 41 tackles for loss and 23 sacks (14 TFL and 10 sacks for Tyler Starr alone), but faces an ISU squad that has allowed just three sacks in six games. The Redbirds have also rushed for 1,116 yards and QB Matt Brown has thrown for 1,306 yards while completing nearly two-thirds of his passes.

SPECIAL TEAMS

USD sophomore kicker Kevin Robb is 10-11 in field goals and 18-19 in PATs, while punter Cole Zwiefelhofer averages 42.3 yards per attempt. ISU cannot match the Coyotes at kicker or punter, but are break-even in the return department.

INTANGIBLES

ISU is 2-0 at home, including a big win over Missouri State three weeks ago. The Redbirds are celebrating homecoming, meaning that players and fans will be amped up for the game.

USD STAT LEADERS

RUSHING					
	Att	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Marcus Sims	72	456	6.3	53	3
Chris Ganius	77	316	4.1	26	1
Dante Warren	68	270	4.0	62	5
COYOTES	257	1,150	4.5	62	9
Opponents	199	798	4.0	80	9

PASSING					
	Com	Att	Yds	Int	TD
Dante Warren	61	102	823	7	6
COYOTES	78	126	964	7	9
Opponents	139	208	1,477	6	9

RECEIVING					
	No	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Will Powell	20	336	16.8	45	2
Dustin Nowotny	17	139	8.2	14	2
Jeremy Blount	16	283	20.2	50	3
COYOTES	78	964	12.4	50	9
Opponents	139	1,477	10.6	59	9

PLACE KICKING					
	EPm	EPa	FGm	FGa	Long
Kevin Robb	18	19	10	11	40

PUNTING					
	No	Avg	Long	In20	7
Cole Zwiefelhofer	26	42.3	72		7

DEFENSIVE LEADERS					
	Tack	TFL	Sack	INT	FR
Adam Broders	54	5	3	1	—
Shane Potter	41	2	—	1	—
Shane Williams	38	3	1	—	—
Darius Hogans	32	1	—	—	1
Tyler Starr	31	14	10	—	1
Andrew Meier	12	2	1	—	—
COYOTES	465	41	23	6	5
Opponents	424	33	19	7	0

ISU STAT LEADERS

RUSHING					
	Att	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Ashton Leggett	130	681	5.2	75	7
Cliffon Gordon	30	153	5.1	50	1
Darrellynn Dunn	21	131	6.2	25	1
REDBIRDS	227	1,116	4.9	75	9
Opponents	194	411	2.1	34	5

PASSING					
	Com	Att	Yds	Int	TD
Matt Brown	123	132	1,306	5	12
REDBIRDS	123	188	1,315	5	12
Opponents	122	187	1,601	2	12

RECEIVING					
	No	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Tyron Walker	34	439	12.9	64	6
Lechain Neblett	23	243	10.6	33	0
Marvon Sanders	22	281	12.8	73	2
REDBIRDS	123	1,315	10.7	73	12
Opponents	122	1,601	13.1	91	12

PLACE KICKING					
	EPm	EPa	FGm	FGa	Long
Nick Auszieker	21	23	4	9	27

PUNTING					
	No	Avg	Long	In20	9
Patrick Wright	28	38.3	55		9

DEFENSIVE LEADERS					
	Tack	TFL	Sack	INT	FR
Josh Howe	48	3	—	—	—
Evan Frierson	36	8	3	—	1
Eric Brunner	29	8	4	—	3
Nate Palmer	26	5	5	—	1
Colton Underwood	24	5.5	4	—	—
Ben Erickson	15	2	—	—	3
REDBIRDS	419	48	20	2	9
Opponents	476	20	3	5	6

PREDICTION

After relying on the defense in a win over Southern Utah, the Coyotes get back to leaning heavily on their offense, which again responds to the call.

USD 27, ISU 20



GAME DAY

6 p.m., Coughlin-Alumni Stadium (15,000), Brookings
Radio: 570 AM; Online Video: ESPN3.com

Series: UNI 26-17-2; Last Meeting: UNI 24, SDSU 14 (2010)

Quick Hitters

■ UNI quarterback Tirrell Rennie has rushed for nearly 500 yards and passed for 825 yards this season, earning him a spot on the Walter Payton Award watch list. He is one of four FCS quarterbacks not to have thrown an interception in 2011.

■ SDSU quarterbc Austin Sumner, thrust into the starting lineup after Thomas O'Brien left the team, has increased his offensive output in each of his three starts, including a 22-35, 345-yard, 4 TD performance in the Jacks' win over Youngstown State.

■ UNI is looking for its first 4-0 start to conference play since 2007, when the Panthers finished 6-0 in the league. The Panthers have won four of five meetings with SDSU.

■ SDSU will celebrate Military Appreciation Night in conjunction with the game. All veterans and current service members with a valid military I.D., copy of their DD Form 214 or with a DAV, VA, VFW or American Legion membership card can pick up their two free tickets on the day of the game at Gate 6 of Coughlin-Alumni Stadium. Immediately family members of military personnel currently serving away from home will be allowed to sign in for more than two tickets.

■ SDSU will also induct its 2011 class

for its Jackrabbit Sports Hall of Fame during on-campus ceremonies today. Honorees include Armour native Jeff Tiefenthaler (football, track and field), as well as Dave Lane (baseball), Stan Opp (wrestling) and Audrey (Stavrum) Riggs (cross country, track and field).

Key Matchup

SDSU OFFENSE VS. UNI DEFENSE: Austin Sumner, Tyrel Kool and the Jacks' offense will have their hands full against a Panthers defense that has allowed just three offensive touchdowns in three MVFC games. The Panthers boast two players on the Buck Buchanan Award watch list, defensive tackle Ben Boothby and linebacker L.J. Fort.

MVFC Standings

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

N GAME DAY

Bye Week: Next Game Oct. 22 at Minnesota

Radio: 93.1 FM; TV: ABC

Quick Hitters

■ Nebraska posted its biggest comeback in school history last Saturday, rallying from 21 points down to beat Ohio State 34-27.

■ Nebraska's Jared Crick will miss the rest of the season after he was diagnosed with a torn pectoral muscle. Crick, a senior defensive tackle, ranks eighth on Nebraska's career sacks with 20, including 9.5 in 2009 and 2010. He also has 35 career tackles for loss and 167 career tackles. He was a first-team all-Big 12 selection each of the past two seasons.

■ Nebraska's Rex Burkhead (119 yards) and Taylor Martinez (102 yards) combined to give the Huskers a pair of 100-yard rushing efforts for the 69th time in school history. Burkhead's 119 yards came on a career-high 26 carries and including 96 yards in the fourth quarter.

■ Minnesota, Nebraska's next opponent, is also off this week. The Gophers will

come in with a 1-5 record, including a 37-24 loss to FCS North Dakota State. Minnesota has been outscored 103-17 in its two Big Ten contests.

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

Big Ten Standings