

USD COYOTES GAME DAY

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JACKRABBITS GAME DAY

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4 p.m., UNI-Dome (16,324), Cedar Falls • Radio: 570 AM • TV: ESPN3.com
Series: UNI 27-17-2; Last Meeting: UNI 31, SDSU 14 (2011)

Quick Hitters

■ The Jackrabbits allowed just 60 yards on the ground to Western Illinois last week, including 19 yards in the second half.

■ SDSU is 1-5 against Northern Iowa during the Mark Farley era.

■ Not only is SDSU sophomore RB Zach Zenner first in the FCS in rushing yardage (1,248), he ranks second in all of college football. He is also only the third back in MVFC history to reach the 1,000-yard mark in just five games.

■ The Jackrabbits have won six straight Missouri Valley Football Conference games dating back to 2011.

■ SDSU's last win in the series came in 2009, when the Jacks won 24-14 on the way to an FCS playoff berth.

■ In last year's game against UNI, Jacks quarterback Austin Sumner tied a single-game school record for completions as he connected on 37-of-54 passes for 354 yards. However, he threw four interceptions, including one of the final SDSU offensive play of each half.

■ Northern Iowa has won 19 of its last 23 homecoming games, and is 59-24-7 since 1920.

■ Northern Iowa, despite its struggles, has one of the nation's best QBs in redshirt freshman Sawyer Kollmorgen. Through six games, he has thrown for

1,538 yards and 12 touchdowns. ■ Two of Northern Iowa's losses have been to FBS teams (Iowa and Wisconsin), while its only win came against Division II Central State. Since then, the Panthers have dropped league games to Youngstown State, North Dakota State and Southern Illinois.

Key Matchup

SDSU defense vs. Northern Iowa rushing attack: The Panthers rank last in the Missouri Valley in rushing offense, with 110.3 yards per game. South Dakota State, on the other hand, allows the second-fewest yards on the ground (102). UNI's biggest threat is David Johnson, who averages 64.5 yards and has scored six touchdowns. He rushed for a season-high 118 yards last week against Southern Illinois, and is three touchdowns short of his total (12) last season.

From The Coach

■ "They're one of those teams that many of their games it's one play, and it makes a difference in a game. They could easily be 4-2. That's the world we live in as football coaches and players. They got the short end this year." **SDSU coach John Stiegemeier on Northern Iowa's uncharacteristic 1-5 start.**

6 p.m., Howard Wood Field (10,000), Sioux Falls, SD • Radio: 106.3 FM, 91.1 FM • TV: Midco Sports Network

Series: 79th Meeting (NDSU leads 49-25-3), Last Meeting: 2010 (NDSU 38, USD 16, Fargo)



The North Dakota State defense celebrates a big play during the Bison's 38-16 victory over USD in 2010 at the FargoDome. The defending national champion Bison go to Sioux Falls to face the Coyotes today (Saturday).



SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	USD	Opp
Sept. 1	at Montana	24	35
Sept. 8	vs. Colgate	31	21
Sept. 22	at Northwestern	7	38
Sept. 29	vs. Illinois State	31	34
Oct. 6	vs. Western Illinois	17	24
Oct. 13	at Missouri State	24	27
Oct. 20	vs. North Dakota State (Sioux Falls, 6 p.m.)		
Oct. 27	at Indiana State (1:05 p.m.)		
Nov. 3	at Youngstown State (1 p.m.)		
Nov. 10	vs. Northern Iowa (noon)		
Nov. 17	at South Dakota State (2 p.m.)		

STAT LEADERS

RUSHING					
	Att	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Marcus Sims	81	443	5.5	53	4
Josh Vander Maten	82	305	3.7	35	5
Jasper Sanders	43	129	3.0	11	1
COYOTES	211	865	4.1	53	10
Opponents	280	1219	4.4	47	14

PASSING					
	Com	Att	Yds	Int	TD
Josh Vander Maten	66	148	1059	4	6
COYOTES	87	149	1083	4	6
Opponents	94	154	1210	4	9

RECEIVING					
	No	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Terrance Terry	31	396	12.8	80	3
Will Powell	24	257	10.7	50	0
Quinten McMartin	7	57	8.1	23	0
COYOTES	87	1083	12.4	80	6
Opponents	94	1210	12.9	79	9

PLACE KICKING					
	EPm	EPa	FGm	FGa	Long
Kevin Robb	17	17	5	7	44

PUNTING					
	No	Avg	Long	In20	7
Cole Zwiefelhofer	31	39.5	56		7

DEFENSIVE LEADERS					
	Tack	TFL	Sack	INT	FR
Tim Marlette	52	4.5	1	—	—
Devin Taverna	46	—	—	2	—
Darius Hogans	45	3	0.5	—	—
Tyler Starr	38	4.5	2	—	—
Aaron Swift	36	1	—	—	—
Kyle Guziec	32	1.5	—	1	—
Ryan Hillier	29	—	—	—	—
COYOTES	546	33	10	4	4
Opponents	417	42	14	4	5

PROBABLE STARTERS

COYOTE OFFENSE					
Pos	No	Name	Ht	Wt	Yr
QB	16	Josh Vander Maten	6-2	205	So.
RB	32	Marcus Sims	5-10	200	Sr.
FB	87	Quinten McMartin	6-1	240	Sr.
WR	17	Will Powell	6-1	205	Sr.
WR	83	Austin Koch	6-1	180	Jr.
WR	6	Terrance Terry	5-9	185	So.
RT	65	Derek Chancellor	6-5	290	RFr.
RG	66	Steve Nelson	6-5	310	Jr.
C	67	Cody O'Neill	6-2	310	Jr.
LG	69	Tim Ross	6-2	285	Sr.
LT	70	Matt Huffer	6-7	290	So.
TE	84	Jay Burns	6-4	230	So.

COYOTE DEFENSE					
Pos	No	Name	Ht	Wt	Yr
DE	52	Jordan Eaton	6-5	255	So.
DT	56	Nick Jacobs	6-5	285	RFr.
DE	91	David Giese	6-3	280	Sr.
OLB	11	Tyler Starr	6-5	230	Jr.
MLB	25	Tim Marlette	6-0	225	Sr.
MLB	43	Darius Hogans	6-1	215	Sr.
OLB	4	Ryan Hillier	6-1	215	RFr.
CB	24	Chris Lundy	5-9	160	So.
FS	9	Aaron Swift	5-8	170	Jr.
SS	2	Devin Taverna	6-1	210	Jr.
CB	21	Ricky Reeves	5-10	180	Fr.



SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	NDSU	Opp
Sept. 1	vs. Robert Morris	52	0
Sept. 8	at Colorado State	22	7
Sept. 22	vs. Prairie View A&M	66	7
Sept. 29	at Northern Iowa	33	21
Oct. 6	vs. Youngstown State	48	7
Oct. 13	vs. Indiana State	14	17
Oct. 20	vs. South Dakota (6:07 p.m.)		
Oct. 27	vs. Southern Illinois (2:37 p.m.)		
Nov. 3	at Missouri State (1 p.m.)		
Nov. 10	vs. South Dakota State (2:37 p.m.)		
Nov. 17	at Illinois State (1 p.m.)		

STAT LEADERS

RUSHING					
	Att	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
John Crockett	93	482	5.2	43	6
Sam Ojuri	67	294	4.2	15	3
Devon Dinwiddie	20	145	7.2	38	3
BISON	253	1206	4.8	43	15
Opponents	172	426	2.5	28	1

PASSING					
	Com	Att	Yds	Int	TD
Brock Jensen	100	152	1212	3	10
Carson Wentz	11	14	125	0	1
BISON	111	168	1337	3	11
Opponents	78	131	798	5	5

RECEIVING					
	No	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Zach Vraa	29	454	15.7	69	3
Ryan Smith	21	252	12.0	34	2
Trevor Gebhart	18	197	10.9	23	1
BISON	111	1337	12.0	69	11
Opponents	78	798	10.2	69	5

PLACE KICKING					
	EPm	EPa	FGm	FGa	Long
Adam Keller	27	27	12	15	49

PUNTING					
	No	Avg	Long	In20	8
Ben LeCompte	14	38.4	56		8

DEFENSIVE LEADERS					
	Tack	TFL	Sack	INT	FR
Grant Olson	54	7	—	—	—
Travis Beck	31	4.5	3	—	—
Carlton Littlejohn	23	2	1	1	2
Byran Shepherd	22	0.5	—	—	—
DeShawn Dinwiddie	17	0.5	—	—	—
Christian Dudzik	17	—	—	1	3
BISON	380	41	14	5	8
Opponents	482	20	6	3	3

PROBABLE STARTERS

BISON OFFENSE					
Pos	No	Name	Ht	Wt	Yr
LT	77	Billy Turner	6-5	300	Jr.
LG	64	Josh Colville	6-1	279	RFr.
C	73	Joe Lund	6-2	303	Sr.
RG	71	Tyler Gimmedstad	6-2	298	Jr.
RT	59	Joe Haege	6-5	280	RFr.
TE	85	Kevin Vaadeland	6-4	238	Jr.
QB	16	Brock Jensen	6-3	224	Jr.
HB	22	Sam Ojuri	6-0	206	Jr.
FB	46	Andrew Bonnet	6-2	242	RFr.
WR-X	3	Nate Moody	6-1	192	So.
WR-X	3	Trevor Gebhart	6-1	193	So.

BISON DEFENSE					
Pos	No	Name	Ht	Wt	Yr
LE	53	Kyle Emanuel	6-3	243	So.
DT	69	Leavon Perry	6-3	276	Jr.
NG	60	Ryan Drevlow	6-4	281	Jr.
RE	93	Cole Jirik	6-4	250	Jr.
WLB	52	Travis Beck	6-0	207	So.
MLB	38	Grant Olson	6-0	223	Jr.
SLB	34	Carlton Littlejohn	6-1	216	So.
LGB	6	Andre Martin Jr.	5-10	191	Sr.
SS	10	Bobby Ollman	6-10	201	Sr.
FS	35	Christian Dudzik	5-10	180	So.
RCB	1	Marcus Williams	5-11	194	Jr.

STANDINGS

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MATCHUPS

COYOTE OFFENSE VS. BISON DEFENSE

The Coyotes will find it hard to run the ball against NDSU, which surrenders just 71 yards on the ground and has allowed just one touchdown all season. The 4-3 Bison defense will likely give USD fits all game with its swarming attack.

COYOTE DEFENSE VS. BISON OFFENSE

North Dakota State will be without its top two receivers, leading Sioux Falls native Trevor Gebhart to be the biggest threat. NDSU quarterback Brock Jensen is coming off a 3-interception game, but will likely test USD's secondary.

SPECIAL TEAMS

If the game comes down to returns, look for a relative push. The Coyotes boast speedsters in Marcus Sims, Jasper Sanders and Terrance Terry, while the Bison have their own threat in Ryan Smith. We'll give the edge to USD.

INTANGIBLES

Though officially a home game for USD, it'll feel more like a neutral site game (or, given the NDSU fan base, a road game), so there's no advantage to USD there. We look to the motivation factor as reason to give USD hope: The Coyotes are looking to make a statement. NDSU, however, is a legit title contender again.

PREDICTION

If this game was played at the DakotaDome in Vermillion, we would imagine USD would have a greater chance for an upset. In Sioux Falls, however, it's even more unlikely. The Coyotes haven't won a game away from Vermillion in 2010, and North Dakota State feasts on such advantages. Look for NDSU to roll.

BISON 41, COYOTES 21