

USD COYOTES GAME DAY 1-6 (0-4 MVFC)

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6-2 (4-1 MVFC)

JACKRABBITS GAME DAY 5-2 (3-1 MVFC) Y 4-3 (1-3 MVFC) 2 p.m., Coughlin-Alumni (15,000), Brookings • Radio: 570 AM • TV: Midco Sports Series: SDSU 8-5; Last Meeting: SDSU 35, YSU 28 (2011)

1:05 p.m., Memorial Stadium (12,764), Terre Haute, Ind. • Radio: 106.3 FM, 91.1 FM • TV: ESPN3

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA COYOTES

SCHEDULE table with columns: Date, Opponent, USD, Opp

STAT LEADERS

RUSHING table with columns: Player, Att, Yds, Avg, Long, TD

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PUNTING table with columns: Player, No, Avg, Long, Int20

DEFENSIVE LEADERS table with columns: Player, Tack, TFL, Sack, INT, FR

PROBABLE STARTERS

COYOTE OFFENSE and COYOTE DEFENSE tables with columns: Pos, No, Name, Ht, Wt, Yr



A pair of South Dakota defenders wrap up a Western Illinois ball carrier during the Coyotes' home loss to the Leathernecks on Oct. 8. The USD defense will be tested today (Saturday) by Indiana State's Shakir Bell, one of the top running backs in the nation.

STANDINGS

Standings table with columns: Team, Conf, All

CONDITIONS

Outdoors, FieldTurf. It will be 'football weather' in Terre Haute, with a slight breeze and highs in the low 50s.

ONLINE

The Press & Dakotan's Jeremy Hoeck does a live chat during every Coyote home game. Find it online at www.yankton.net/coyotegameday.

MATCHUPS

COYOTE OFFENSE VS. SYCAMORES DEFENSE: Indiana State's defense is top-5 in the country for a reason. The Sycamores have allowed just three offensive touchdowns over their past four games (all wins).

COYOTE DEFENSE VS. SYCAMORES OFFENSE: Shakir Bell. That's all you need to know about this matchup. The ISU junior averages 144.5 yards rushing each game and has scored nine touchdowns.

SPECIAL TEAMS: South Dakota struggled in this area last weekend to North Dakota State, frequently allowing big returns and again allowing pressure to punter Cole Zwiefelhofer.

INTANGIBLES: We'll point to size on the lines as a key here. Indiana State's four-man defensive line goes 6-3, 235; 6-7, 295; 6-2, 265 and 6-3, 230.

PREDICTION

It would be asking a lot for the Coyotes to rebound from last week and put together the kind of all-around game necessary to upset the 15th-ranked Sycamores.

SYCAMORES 27, COYOTES 17

INDIANA STATE UNIVERSITY SYCAMORES

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Quick Hitters

■ Today marks Hobo Day for South Dakota State, marking the centennial of the homecoming celebration. It is the 99th Hobo Day game, as no game was played in 1918 due to World War I and the 1943 game was played between two Army special training teams.

■ With 170 yards today, SDSU sophomore Zach Zenner will reach 2,000 yards rushing for his career. He has an FCS-leading 1,360 yards through seven games this season, an average of 194.3 yards per contest.

■ In the Jackrabbits' last home game, Oct. 13 against Western Illinois, SDSU senior wide receiver Tyrel Kool returned the opening kickoff 100 yards for a touchdown.

■ Youngstown State sophomore wide receiver Christian Bryan has caught a pass in 18 consecutive games. Teammates Will Shaw (TE) and Kintrell Dishner (WR) have also caught a pass in every game this season.

■ Youngstown State junior quarterback Kurt Hess is three touchdown passes from the Penguins' career mark of 51, set by Tom Zetts from 2003-07.

■ Youngstown State has been shut out in the second half in three consecutive games.

Key Matchup

SDSU Secondary vs. Youngstown State passing game: Youngstown State quarterback Kurt Hess is one of the all-time greats for the storied Penguins program, and the Jackrabbits will be looking to keep him out of the record books.

From The Coach

"We've preached it. We're negative in turnovers, but our guys learned a lesson. Whether we're able to change that now, it'll be up to the guys." SDSU head coach John Stiegelmeier on his team rebounding from last week's 27-6 loss at Northern Iowa.

Quick Hitters

■ The winner gains the inside track to the Legends Division championship. With a win, division leader Michigan would hold a two-game lead over Nebraska. A Michigan loss would leave the Wolverines no worse than tied for first.

■ Nebraska will celebrate the 50th anniversary of its NCAA-record sellout streak. This will be the Huskers' 323rd in a row.

■ Michigan, with its win over Michigan State last week, became the first program in NCAA history to reach 900 victories.

■ Nebraska's 13 lost fumbles are most in the nation.

■ Nebraska's Taylor Martinez became the 18th player in FBS history with 5,000 career passing yards and 2,000 career rushing yards just the seventh player to reach that milestone before their senior season.

Key Matchup

Michigan defense against Nebraska offense. The Wolverines are allowing 9.8 points the past five games and given up three touchdowns. They haven't given up

a rushing TD since Sept. 22 against Notre Dame. Nebraska has the Big Ten's best offense when it's not turning over the ball.

The Huskers struggled against Michigan's varying defensive-line looks in last year's 45-17 loss in Ann Arbor. (AP)

From The Coach

"He's a good football player. They use him well. He's a big part of their offense. They do a lot of things to feature him. When a lot of the offense runs through a particular guy, you've got to pay attention to him." Nebraska head coach Bo Pelini, talking about Michigan quarterback Denard Robinson

Big Ten Standings

Standings table with columns: Division, Team, Conf, All

Large advertisement for 'The Rivalry Returns!' featuring the South Dakota Coyotes vs. South Dakota State University Jackrabbits. Includes logos, a football, a helmet, and contact information for Press & Dakotan and Vermillion Plain Talk.