



(1-0 MVFC)

6 p.m., Saluki Stadium (15,000) Carbondale, III.

Radio: 106.3 FM



UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA COYOTES

SCHEDULE

STAT | FADEDS

Date Aug. 30	Opponent at Oregon	USD 13	Opp 62
Sept. 6	vs. William Penn	41	16
Sept. 13	at Montana	20	28
Sept. 20	vs. Northern Arizona	28	21
Oct. 4	at Southern Illinois (6 p.m.)		
Oct. 11	vs. Northern Iowa (Dakota Days, 3	p.m.)	
Oct. 18	at Missouri State (2 p.m.)		
Oct. 25	vs. North Dakota State (2 p.m.)		
Nov. 1	at Youngstown State (1 p.m.)		
Nov. 8	vs. Western Illinois (4 p.m.)		
Nov. 15.	vs. Illinois State (1 p.m.)		
Nov. 22	at South Dakota State (2 p.m.)		

	Att	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Jasper Sanders	38	308	8.1	45	TD 2
Trevor Bouma	66	296	4.5	22	2
Ryan Saeger	37	200	5.4	36	
Jordan Roberts	24	115	4.8	13	C
COYOTES	186	963	5.2	45	8
Opponents	168	908	5.4	53	10
PASSING					
D 0	Com	Att	Yds 441	Int	TD 2
Ryan Saeger Kevin Earl	35 13	61 26	136	3 0	0
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COYOTES	48	87	577	3	7
Opponents	56	95	750	5	-
RECEIVING					
Eric Shufford	No 11	Yds 131	Avg 11.9	Long 31	TE
Riley Donovan	7	91	13.0	37	(
Trevor Bouma	7	45	6.4	11	Ċ
COYOTES	42	492	11.7	31	1
Opponents	41	507	12.4	62	ė
PLACE KICKING					
Miles Bergner	EPm 10	EPa 10	FGm 8	FGa 8	Long
PUNTING					
FUNTING					
Miles Bergner		No 17	Avg. 35.3	Long 53	In20

PROBABLE STARTERS

John Wessel

COYOTES

		COYOTE OFFENSE			
Pos	No	Name	Ht	Wt	Υ
QB	2	Ryan Saeger	6-4	225	Sc
HB	21	Trevor Bouma	5-11	210	Sc
FB	41	Drew Potter	6-2	250	Sc
WR	1	Riley Donovan	6-1	185	Sc
WR	7	Josh Vander Maten	6-1	215	S
WR	11	Eric Shufford	5-11	185	J
TE	89	Kayl Barkley	6-3	250	
LT	70	Matt Huffer	6-7	300	S
LG	62	Nile Banks	6-5	295	Sc
С	68	Mike Meinert	6-3	275	Sc
RG	72	Andrew Schofield	6-5	295	S
RT	65	Derek Chancellor	6-5	305	J
		COYOTE DEFENSE			
Pos	No	Name_	Ht	Wt	Y
DE	55	Sean Bredl	6-4	260	Sc
DT	90	Jon Maag	6-4	270	Sc
DE	94	Drew Iddings	6-6	290	J
OLB	4	Ryan Hillier	6-1	230	J
ILB	28	John Wessel	6-2	230	Sc
ILB	37	Colin Buscarini	6-1	220	J
OLB	33	Keyen Lage	6-3	240	J
CB	17	Steve Tellefsen	6-1	190	S
FS	31	Zeke Lewis	5-10	205	Sc
SS	24	Jacob Warner	6-0	195	J
CB	26	Chris Tyler	6-2	200	J

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Series: First Meeting



JAMES D. CIMBUREK/P&D

South Dakota defensive lineman Drew Iddings (94) and a host of Coyotes meet a William Penn ball carrier during the Coyotes' home opener earlier this season. USD opens MVFC play today (Saturday) at Southern Illinois.

STANDINGS

	Conf	All
Southern Illinois	· · · ·	,
North Dakota State	0-0	4-0
Illinois State	0-0	3-0
Indiana State	0-0	3-1
Missouri State	0-0	3-1
South Dakota State	0-0	3-1
Youngstown State	0-0	3-1
South Dakota	0-0	2-2
Northern Iowa S. S. O. D. R. T. W. A. Western Illinois	0-0	2-2
Western Illinois TBALLICONE		2-3

CONDITIONS

Outdoors, FieldTurf. Cool and breezy, with game time temps around 52, falling to the upper 30s by the end of the

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

As many league games are likely to be this season, we see this game coming down to the very end. Expect South Dakota to put a scare into the top-25 Salukis at home, but we see SIU scratching this one out.

SALUKIS 31, COYOTES 27

MATCHUPS

COYOTES OFFENSE VS. SIU DEFENSE

Salukis coach Dale Lennon specifi-

cally referenced USD's 304-yard rushing performance a week ago as "concerning." The Covotes average 241 vards on the ground, while SIU allows 123. What gives today? We'll give USD the slight edge.

COYOTES DEFENSE VS. SIU OFFENSE

USD will have its hands full defending SIU guarterback Mark Jannotti, who throws for 232 yards a game, and tight end MyCole Pruitt, who already has 35 catches. The Salukis have allowed five sacks and the Coyotes have a total of one. Significant edge to SIU.

SPECIAL TEAMS

If you like kickers, this is the game for you. South Dakota kicker Miles Bergner is a perfect 8-for-8 on field goals, while SIU's Thomas Kinney earned league Player of the Week honors this week. The Salukis, though, boast Tay Willis who averages 32 yards on kick returns. Let's give the edge to SIU.

INTANGIBLES

Quick start. That's what USD will need tonight. The Salukis out-score opponents 83-13 after halftime, while the Coyotes have allowed 21 points in the same span in each of the last two games. We like SIU at



RUSHING

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY SALUKIS

SCHEDULE

Date Aug. 28	Opponent vs. Taylor	SIU 45	Орр
Sept. 6	at Eastern Illinois	38	21
Sept. 13	vs. Southeast Missouri	50	23
Sept. 20	at Purdue	13	35
Sept. 27	vs. Western Illinois	34	17
Oct. 4	vs. South Dakota (6 p.m.)		
Oct. 11	at North Dakota State (1 p.m.)		
Oct. 18	at Youngstown State (3 p.m.)		
Oct. 25	vs. Indiana State (6 p.m.)		
Nov. 8	at Missouri State (2 p.m.)		
Nov. 15	vs. Northern Iowa (2 p.m.)		
Nov. 22	at Illinois State (1 p.m.)		

STAT LEADERS

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	Att	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Malcolm Agnew	86	544	6.3	65	7
Mika'il McCall	37	243	6.6	20	2
SALUKIS	176	898	5.1	65	10
Opponents	193	613	3.2	20	5
PASSING					
Mark lannotti	Com 99	Att 155	Yds 1,159	Int 5	TD 12
SALUKIS	106	166	1.240	6	13
Opponents	87	177	1,065	4	5
RECEIVING					
MyCole Pruitt	No 35	Yds 412	Avg 11.8	Long 47	TD 5
Tay Willis	16	187	11.7	60	1
LaSteven McKinney	16	176	11.0	42	2
SALUKIS	106	1.240	11.7	62	13
Opponents	87	1,065	12.2	50	5
PLACE KICKING					
Thomas Kinney	EPm 22	EPa 22	FGm 6	FGa 10	Long 50
PUNTING					
Nick Neidig		No 14	Avg. 42.1	Long 75	In20 7
DEFENSIVE LEADERS					
Chase Allen	Tack 40	TFL 4.0	Sack 1.0	INT	FR
Tyler Williamson	35	3.0	3.0	_	1
D.J. Cameron	31	_	_	1	1
Lamonte Edwards	21	4.0	2.5	_	_
Raysean Golden	20	4.0	1.5	_	_
Adam Brandt	12	3.0	3.0	1	_
SALUKIS	357	29	19	4	6

PROBABLE STARTERS

		SALUKI OFFENSE			
Pos LT	No 76	Name Kijana Evans	Ht 6-5	Wt 300	S
LG	72	Cory Boemer	6-4	300	5
С	65	Tanner Crum	6-3	315	5
RG	74	Jake Notario	6-4	321	S
RT	77	Ethan Wirth	6-6	306	
QB	19	Mark lannotti	6-2	227	
RB	31	Malcolm Agnew	5-9	207	5
FB	48	Hans Carmien	6-2	230	RI
TE	4	MyCole Pruitt	6-3	255	5
WR	17	Billy Reed	6-2	208	S
WR	18	Tay Willis	5-8	169	5
WR	21	LaSteven McKinney	5-9	168	5
		SALUKI DEFENSE			
Pos	No	Name	Ht	Wt	
DE	97	Blake Miller	6-3	245	5
NT	93	Raysean Golden	6-0	280	
DE	82	Brandon Williams	6-4	245	
OLB	24	Tyler Williamson	6-2	234	5
ILB	22	Jordan Poole	6-0	227	5
ILB	28	Chase Allen	6-4	240	S
OLB	7	Lamonte Edwards	6-2	213	9
CB	2	Courtney Richmond	5-11	182	
SS	6	D.J. Cameron	6-1	194	S
FS	36	Ryan Neal	6-2	175	F
CB	11	Keith Suggs	5-10	183	9

JACKRABBITS ILLINOIS STATE

2 p.m., Hancock Stadium (13,391), Normall, Ill. • Radio: 570 AM Series: tied 2-2; Last Meeting: Illinois State 20, SDSU 13 (2011)

Quick Hitters

■ After helping Illinois State improve to 3-0 with a win against Austin Peay (Sept. 27), ISU senior offensive lineman Rocco Ammons was named the Missouri Valley Football Conference Offensive Lineman of the Week by the league offi ce.

■ SDSU has scored in 15 of 16 quarters so far this season — the lone scoreless quarter so far has been the fourth quarter in the Aug. 30 opener at Missouri.

■ Since joining the MVFC at the start of the 2008 season, the Jackrabbits have compiled a 32-16 record — tying with North Dakota State and Northern Iowa for the best league record in that span.

■ While Walter Payton Award candidate Zach Zenner gets much of the attention for SDSU, wide receiver Jason Schneider has quietly become one of the top receivers ever to play for the Jacks. He has moved into the SDSU career top 10 for receptions and stands 48 receiving yards away from joining the career top 10 in that category. He has 17 career touchdown catches, including three this

■ Over the past five seasons, the Redbird defense has scored 10 touchdowns, including a pair in 2013. The ISU defense recorded four interceptions against Eastern Illinois on

Key Matchup

SDSU front seven vs. ISU's Marshaun Coprich. Coprich has rushed for 430 yards and six touchdowns in three games as the Redbirds have rolled opponents by an average of 50-7 this season. The Jacks have allowed 4.3 yards per carry, but may be tested to keep that

From The Coach

■ "This is why we play college football, and this is what our league is all about." Illinois State coach Brock Spack on hosting SDSU in a matchup of top-25 teams.

7:14 p.m., Spartan Stadium (75,005), East Lansing, Mich. • Radio: 93.1 FM • TV: ABC Series: Nebraska leads 7-1: Last Meeting: Michigan State 41, Nebraska 28 (2013)

Quick Hitters

■ The Huskers haven't beaten a Top 10 opponent on the road since Washington in 1997.

■ Michigan State has won 10 straight against Big Ten opponents since 2012. ■ Nebraska RB Ameer Abdul-

lah, with 663 career carries, is six carries from the Husker school record for career carries (Mike Rozier).

■ Michigan State RB Jeremy Langford, who set a school record by rushing for more than 100 yards in eight straight games last year, picked up his first 100-yard game of 2014

Key Matchup Nebraska RB Ameer Abdullah

vs. Michigan State front seven. The Spartans have held 28 opponents under 100 yards rushing since 2011. The Cornhuskers have proved to be one of the few teams able to run against the Spartans. Abdullah already has three 200-vard games this season and has emerged as a legitimate Heisman Trophy candidate. (AP)

From The Coach

■ "Historically it doesn't really mean that much to me. This is about this team and what we're trying to accomplish. Obviously it's extremely important, but every game we play is going to be. I'm not going to make

any more of it than what it is." Nebraska's Bo Pelini, on the possibility of NU's first 6-0 start since 2001.

B1G Standings

West Division	Coni	-
Nebraska	1-0	5-
lowa	1-0	4-
Minnesota	1-0	4-
Northwestern	1-0	2-
Wisconsin	0-0	3-
Illinois	0-1	3-
Purdue	0-1	2-
East Division	Conf	A
Maryland	1-0	4-
Penn State	1-1	4-
Michigan State	0-0	3-
Ohio State	0-0	3-
Rutgers	0-1	4-
Indiana	0-1	2-
Michigan	0-1	2-

Spartans, Huskers Have Gaudy Offensive Numbers

Associated Press

EAST LANSING, Mich. (AP) - Michigan State is off to a historic start on offense and welcomes another high-scoring team to begin Big Ten play against Nebraska at 8 p.m. Saturday at Spartan Sta-

MSU (3-1) is ranked No. 10 in the AP poll and has scored 201 points through four games, best in school history. No. 19 Nebraska (5-0 overall, 1-0 Big Ten) is averaging 45.4 points per game.

Two competitive football teams, two teams that don't want to lose," MSU coach Mark Dantonio said. "You can feel the emotion from both football teams. . That's what makes college football so great, so unique.'

Emotions will be higher than usual Saturday in what could be a preview of this year's Big Ten championship game in Indianapolis. MSU must run the table in conference play if it hopes to earn a playoff berth, and Nebraska might be the toughest remaining opponent on the Spartans' schedule. So this is certainly a game with big postseason implications for both teams.

"I think it's gonna be a classic Big Ten game," left tackle Jack Conklin said. "It's a night game with another great Big Ten team, especially for me going against a guy like (Nebraska defensive end) Randy Gregory. It doesn't get much better for me competition-wise.

The Spartans are first in the Big Ten in scoring offense with the Cornhuskers No. 2 — an interesting dynamic considering Dantonio and Nebraska coach Bo Pelini are former defensive coordinators. Nebraska beat MSU 28-24 in 2012 at Spartan Stadium, but this game should fea-

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MICHIGAN STATE LEFT TACKLE JACK CONKLIN

ture more offensive highlights.

"It doesn't seem like it's out of the norm in this day and age in college football," Dantonio said of high-scoring affairs. "There are so many different ways people are lining up and creating motion and creating different formations, and it's sort of cutting edge. You see that from our offense as well.'

The Spartans showed some new wrinkles on offense during a 56-14 win over Wyoming Saturday. Co-offensive coordinators Dave Warner and Jim Bollman called a variety of end-around plays for the wide receivers and stretched the defense in different ways. Five different players had rushing touchdowns, and wideout Keith Mumphery tallied 46 rushing vards and one score on three carries. MŠÚ has gained more than 300 vards in its last two games, but Nebraska boasts

the top rushing attack in the conference. "We definitely want to keep up our run game and we want to be known as the run team in the Big Ten," Conklin said. "We're supposed to be this power team that runs the ball right at you, and it's gonna be a good game with two strong, physical teams.

Nebraska is looking to stay in first

place of the West Division coming off a 45-14 win over Illinois Saturday, during which star running back Ameer Abdullah racked up 208 rushing yards and three touchdowns. Backup tailback Imani Cross also ran for 100-plus yards.

It's a tough challenge for a Spartans defense that is giving up more big plays than the 2013 installment, a unit that was No. 1 in the nation in total defense for most of last season. Dantonio said he isn't as concerned as some, with MSU playing six new starters on defense this

"Last year's defense set the bar very high," Dantonio said. "Our defense is not broke. I know that we gave up a whopping 14 points last week, but our defense is not broke.

Michigan State defensive end Shilique Calhoun isn't satisfied with the Spartans' defense through four games, so Saturday is the perfect opportunity to make a conference-wide statement.

'We have been giving up too many points," Calhoun said. "Can we be at our best this week? They're a great team and we want to be known as a great team. . It's time for us to fix our mistakes.

Coyotes From Page 13

Warner said this week. "It's just that sometimes the ball doesn't bounce your way, but we have to make plays happen."

South Dakota, which is receiving votes in both FCS polls, had last Saturday off following a win over nationallyranked Northern Arizona. The week off allowed certain players to heal up in time to rejoin the mix.

Among those are redshirt freshman center Sam McLeran and sophomore safety Zeke Lewis. Sophomore running back Jordan Roberts, however, will miss the game (concus-

"We definitely needed that work, to let our bodies rest, and get an extra week to game plan," sophomore safety Tyson Graham Jr. said. "It's an extra week of motivation for

Not that much extra motivation is needed to play another top-25 team — UŠD's seventh consecutive against FCS competition dating back to last year.

The Salukis have not only dominated the second halves this season (to the tune of an 83-13 edge), but are particularly good in special teams.

Tay Willis averages 32.1 yards on kick returns, while LaSteven McKinney averages 18.9 yards on punt returns.

"They've set their offense up in great field position, and they do a great job on both returns," Glenn said. "We've got to be really good out in space."

It's a challenge the Coyotes don't mind facing, according to Graham.

"Knowing you're going against the best, that's what you want," said Graham, who ranks second on the team with 26 tackles. "You have to love competition in this league."

To that end, the Coyotes and Salukis have never played each other. Southern Illinois replaces Indiana State on the 2-year league rotation for USD.

"They haven't seen us either and what we can do," Graham said.

Following today's game at Southern Illinois, the Coyotes will next face four consecutive ranked MVFC opponents. In fact, the only remaining opponent not ranked in one of the polls is Western Illinois.

"Those blowout games are never fun," Warner said. 'We're not going to have any easy games, it's going to be a battle every week.

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