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### **UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA COYOTES**

	SCHEDULE	_	
Date Sept. 5 Sept. 12 Sept. 19 Oct. 3 Oct. 10 Oct. 17 Oct. 24 Oct. 31 Nov. 7 Nov. 14 Nov. 21	Opponent at Kansas State at UC Davis vs. Drake vs. Youngstown State at Western Illinois at North Dakota State (2:30 p.m.) vs. Missouri State (2 p.m.) at Northern lowa (1 p.m.) vs. Southern Illinois (1 p.m.) vs. South Dakota State (1 p.m.) at Illinois State (noon)	USD 0 27 52 3 21	Opp 34 17 0 31 40

STAT LEA	DERS				
RUSHING					
	Att	Yds	Avg	Long	TE
Trevor Bouma	52	341	6.6	63	6
Michael Fredrick	54	216	4.0	26	
Ryan Saeger	51	176	3.5	24	(
Nate Gunn	25	108	4.3	26	•
COYOTES	198	891	4.5	63	9
Opponents	203	734	3.6	29	-
PASSING					
	Com	Att	Yds	Int	TE
Ryan Saeger	67	125	815	2	
COYOTES	68	126	838	2	
Opponents	76	149	993	7	
RECEIVING					
	No	Yds	Avg	Long	TE
Eric Shufford	15	194	12.9	55	
Brandt Van Roekel	13	190	14.6	44	
Nick Meyer	9	107	11.9	35	
Trevor Bouma	9	84	9.3	20	(
COYOTES	68	838	12.3	63	
Opponents	76	993	13.1	75	
PLACE KICKING					
	EPm	EPa	FGm	FGa	Long
Miles Bergner	13	13	4	10	4
PUNTING					
Miles Bergner		No 27	Avg. 41.9	Long 58	In20
willes bergrier		21	41.9	30	
DEFENSIVE LEADERS					
	Tack	TFL	Sack	INT	FF
Jacob Warner	34	_	_	3	-
John Wessel	34	0.5	_	_	-
Keyen Lage	34	4.5	_	_	-
Tyson Graham	31	_	_	2	-
Andrew Van Ginkel	27	9.0	5.0	_	•
Colin Mertlik	18	3.5	1.0	_	-

Pos	No	Name	Ht	Wt	Yr
QB	2	Ryan Saeger	6-4	220	Jr.
HB	21	Trevor Bouma	5-11	210	Jr.
FB	41	Drew Potter	6-3	250	Jr.
WR	88	Brandt Van Roekel	6-4	210	So.
WR	11	Eric Shufford	5-11	195	Sr.
TE	80	Aaron Ramsey	6-3	230	So.
or	83	Ethan Fenchel	6-4	240	RFr.
LT	76	Nick Jensen	6-6	285	RFr.
LG	62	Niles Banks	6-5	305	Jr.
С	70	Thomas McGuire	6-4	280	Sr.
RG	78	Ed Kennedy	6-4	285	So.
RT	65	Derek Chancellor	6-5	305	Sr.
DEFE	NSE				
Pos	No	Name	Ht	Wt	Yr
DE	45	Colin Mertlik	6-2	230	Jr.
DT	94	Drew Iddings	6-6	285	Sr.
DT	56	Nick Jacobs	6-4	280	Sr.
DT	17	Andrew Van Ginkel	6-4	230	RFr
LB	33	Keven Lage	6-3	235	Sr.

PROBABLE STARTERS



USD's Michael Fredrick (14) finds running room after making a catch during the Coyotes' matchup with Youngstown State on Oct. 10 at the DakotaDome. He will be looking for running room against the North Dakota State defense today (Saturday).

MVFC	STAN	IDIN	GS

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

### **CONDITIONS**

Indoors. AstroTurf. If this were an outdoor game, we'd say it was "football weather," but it's still great tailgating weather, dry with highs in the mid 50s.

### 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

### PREDICTION

The fact that USD needed three games in this series to finally score (last year) tells you all you need to know. North Dakota State is just too experienced, too potent, too dominating right now for the Coyotes to be able to contend. This one is over quick.

**BISON 41, COYOTES 7** 

### **MATCHUPS**

### **USD ON OFFENSE**

After struggling in the conference opener, the Coyote offense got going a bit last week, rolling up 345 yards. Quarterback Ryan Saeger, however, struggled, completing just 17-of-29 passes. The Coyotes aren't going to have much luck moving the ball against the Bison. Edge to NDSU.

### **USD ON DEFENSE**

North Dakota State quarterback Carson Wentz, a likely NFL Draft pick, has accounted for 1,466 yards and 18 TD this season, with only two interceptions on 151 throws. Look for the Bison receivers (namely Zach Vraa and R.J. Urzendowski) to have a big game today. Edge to NDSU.

### **SPECIAL TEAMS**

This is an area NDSU has controlled throughout its title run over the last four years. The Bison have a quality punter in Ben LeCompte, a solid kicker in Cam Pedersen and a host of return weapons. USD's kicker Miles Bergner, meanwhile, has made just 4-of-10 field goals this season. Edge to NDSU.

### **INTANGIBLES**

North Dakota State just does not lose at home. It has won 26 straight games at the Fargodome, the longest streak in all of Division I football. That streak is not in jeopardy today, as the Bison have dominated USD since the Coyotes joined the Missouri Valley. Edge to NDSU.



### **NORTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY BISON**

SCHEDULE Aug. 29 Sept. 12 Sept. 19 Oct. 3 North Dakota at South Dakota State Oct. 10 vs. Northern Iowa 28 Oct. 17 Oct. 24 Oct. 31 vs. South Dakota (2:30 n.m.) at Southern Illinois (2 p.m.) vs. Western Illinois (2:30 p.m.) at Youngstown State (1 p.m.) vs. Missouri State (2:30 p.m.

RUSHING				
10 E :	Att	Yds	Avg	Long
King Frazier Carson Wentz	67	318	4.7	35
	49 35	207 138	4.2	27
Chase Morlock			3.9	40
BISON	225 136	992	4.4 3.2	40
Opponents	136	440	3.2	83
PASSING				
	Com	Att	Yds	Int
Carson Wentz	98	151	1,259	2
BISON	98	151	1,259	2
Opponents	75	159	1,044	4
RECEIVING				
	No	Yds	Avg	Long
Zach Vraa	24	256	10.7	37
R.J. Urzendowski	20	275	13.8	42
Darrius Shepherd	17	245	14.4	41
Chase Morlock	11	195	17.7	55
BISON	98	1,259	12.8	55
Opponents	75	1,044	13.9	68
PLACE KICKING				
	EPm	EPa	FGm	FGa
Cam Pedersen	17	17	5	5
PUNTING				
		No	Avg.	Long
Ben LeCompte		23	45.9	73
DEFENSIVE LEADERS				
	Tack	TFL	Sack	INT
Nick DeLuca	35	3.0	2.0	1
Jordan Champion	28	2.0	1.0	_
M.J. Stumpf	24	1.0	_	_
Greg Menard	24	7.5	4.5	_
Brad Ambrosius	15	3.5	0.5	_
BISON	285	26	13	4
Opponents	424	26	7	2

	10	JAD BOTAIN			
<b>OFFE</b>	NSE				
Pos	No	Name	Ht	Wt	Yr
WR	82	Zach Vraa	6-2	202	Sr.
LT	59	Joe Haeg	6-6	310	Sr.
LG	70	Jack Plankers	6-7	321	Jr.
or	66	Zack Johnson	6-4	326	RJr.
С	73	Zack Ziemer	6-4	291	So.
RG	54	Jeremy Kelly	6-6	300	Sr.
RT	78	Landon Lechler	6-7	301	Jr.
TE	46	Andrew Bonnet	6-3	250	Sr.
QB	11	Carson Wentz	6-6	235	Sr.
FB	30	Jedre Cyr	6-0	234	Sr.
RB	25	Chase Morelock	6-0	221	Jr.
or	22	King Frazier	5-11	213	Jr.
WR	16	R.J. Urzendowski	5-11	195	So.
DEFE	NSE				
Pos	No	Name	Ht	Wt	Yr
LE	97	Brad Ambrosius	6-4	246	Jr.
DT	61	Brian Schaetz	6-1	287	Sr.
NG	99	Nate Tanguay	6-4	285	So.
RE	96	Greg Menard	6-2	239	So.
SLB	47	Pierre Gee-Tucker	6-1	217	Jr.
MLB	49	Nick DeLuca	6-3	244	Jr.
WLB	41	M.J. Stumpf	6-2	218	Jr.
CB	6	C.J. Smith	5-11	188	Sr.
SS	1	Chris Board	6-1	218	So.
or	28	Andrew Smith	6-0	193	Jr.
FS	3	Tre Dempsey	5-10	175	So.
CB	5	Jordan Champion	5-9	189	Sr.

PROBABLE STARTERS

## **JACKRABBITS**

**Quick Hitters** 

in 12th straight games.

■ Youngstown State snapped the Jackrabbits' six-game win streak in the

■ YSU guarterback Hunter Wells

has set a school record with a TD pass

■ True freshman QB Taryn Chris-

tion made his SDSU debut last week,

rushing for 99 yards and a score and throwing for 221 yards and a TD in the

Jackrabbits' 24-7 victory over Indiana

State. He started due to an injury to

■ SDSU sophomore receiver

Jake Wieneke continues to rack up the numbers. After his five-catch,

90-vard performance against Indiana

State, he sits at 107 career catches

for 2,061 yards and 22 touchdowns in

series with a close victory in 2014.

Chris Tyler Tyson Graham

Jacob Warner

LB CB FS SS CB

Drew Iddings COYOTES



6-2 6-2 6-2 6-0 5-9 230 220 200 210 200 165 Jr. Sr. Sr. Jr. Jr. Sr.



(1-1 MVFC)

3 p.m., Stambaugh Stadium (15,000), Youngstown, Ohio • Radio: 570 AM • TV: ESPN3.com

Series: SDSU leads 10-6; Last Meeting: Youngstown State 30, SDSU 27 (2014)

just 19 games. He already ranks fifth

chart, 180 yards behind JaRon Harris

■ YSÚ allowed a season-high 145

passing yards in a 31-29 loss to Illinois

■ This is just SDSU's second trip

this season. The Jackrabbits opened at

at home. SDSU plays four of its last six

on the road, including at South Dakota

Key Matchup SDSU Defensive Front vs.

Youngstown State run game. The

Penguin tag team of Jody Webb (467

on Nov. 14

State last week. In contrast, SDSU

away from Coughlin-Alumni Stadium

FBS Kansas, then played four games

passes for 313.6 yards per game.

on the Jacks' career receiving yards





with a victory.



yards, 4 TDs) and Martin Ruiz (395 yards, 3 TDs) have torched opponents

this season. Shane Kuhn only had 13

carries but also has 4 TDs for YSU.

The Jackrabbit defense has allowed

185.2 yards per game on the ground

and will need a strong performance to

keep the Penguins from running away

From The Coach

■ "If you're going to play at the

championship level, yards have to be

championship without a great defense

and we're getting there." SDSU head

tough. No team is going to win the

coach John Stiegelmeier on his

team's defense. (Jackrabbit Sports

YOUNGSTOWN STATE

# (0-2 B1G)

2:30 p.m., TCF Bank Stadium (52,525), Minneapolis • Radio: 93.1 FM • TV: ESPN2

### Series: Minnesota leads 31-22-2; Last Meeting: Minnesota 28, Nebraska 24 (2014)

Quick Hitters ■ Minnesota is the only team in the country scheduled to face both current

HUSKERS

No. 1 Óhio State and No. 2 TCU. ■ Nebraska QB Tommy Armstrong, Jr., is tied for 4th on the Huskers' all-time TD pass chart with Tommie Frazier (43 TDs). He currently ranks 3rd in career passign yards (5,161), 4th in completions (362) and third in

total offense (6,274). ■ Minnesota also has a strong quarterback in Mitch Leidner, who has 3,426 career passing yards (20 TDs) and 19 career rushing touchdowns, which ranks second to Rickie Foggie

■ Running back Rodney Smith has been a workhorse for the Gophers. rushing for 447 yards and 1 TD on the

### season. Shannon Brooks has a teambest 3 rushing TDs for Minnesota. which has rushed for 1,032 yards as a

#### **Key Matchup** Huskers vs. The Clock. All four of Nebraska's losses this season are

on their opponents' last offensive play or in overtime, including Wisconsin's game-winner with four seconds left last week. The Huskers need to figure out how to manage late-game situations to get back on track.

### From The Coach

■ "You know, you play Nebraska, and you'd better be ready to play. It's going to be a physical game. But every game from here on out is going to be the same. So you'd better play each week, don't worry about the next week. Try to get better each week. Minnesota head coach Jerry Kill on playing Nebraska.

**MINNESOTA** 

## **B1G Standings** All 6-0 5-1 4-2 4-2 4-2 1-5 All 6-0 6-0 5-1 4-2 2-3 2-4 **East Division** Michigan State Ohio State Michigan Penn State Indiana

## **Coyotes**

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Lage said. "Obviously, we can't deny the fact that NDSU is a powerhouse and they're a great team, but we have that David factor going for

Does that mean USD is embracing the underdog

"It's automatically given to us, so we might as well embrace it," Lage said. "You can't fight something that's already given to you. We embrace it and we work our butts off to make something happen."

Considering what has happened the last two weeks, the Coyotes are looking for small signs of progress out of a game where there isn't likely many good things to happen.

Having entered conference play with back-to-back wins, USD has since lost games by 28 and 19 points in its first two league games – extending its streak of double-digit Missouri Valley losses to 12 in a row.

Despite that, spirits have remained high in Vermillion, according to senior receiver Eric Shufford.

We have to remain high; we have to continue to build each other up and grow as

"We've got to continue to remain hungry and keep fighting. As long as you keep working, it'll eventually pay off."

### **USD RECEIVER ERIC SHUFFORD**

a program," he said. "We can't allow a couple losses to derail our season."

In order to see results on the field, Glenn said, the Coyotes need to put together a game where all three areas – offense, defense, special teams – click at the same time. In the league opener against Youngstown State, the USD offense struggled but the defense impressed, and then last week at Western Illinois, the offense got things going a bit but the defense struggled.

Could that be a turning point if it all comes together?

"If we make some big plays, make the plays we make in practice; the sky's the limit, I think," Glenn said.
"I'd like to see us play a really clean game and move the football."

Doing that against the Bison has proven nearly impossible for the Coyotes since they joined the Missouri Valley. In the past three matchups, NDSU has outscored 143-7.

And this year, the Bison lead the nation in average time of possession and third down defense – two key areas that have been staples of their title run.

What the Coyotes aren't going to do, however, is suddenly want to play harder this week, Shufford said.

"We're not going to say, because it's NDSU, we have to come out and play well,' he said. "The only thing that matters is what you do and how you prepare.'

And even if that means USD loses another conference game, the Coyotes have to keep battling, he added. 'We've got to continue

to remain hungry and keep fighting," Shufford said. "As long as you keep working, it'll eventually pay off."

Asked about USD this week, NDSU head coach Chris Klieman said he's well aware of what a Glenncoached team can bring to the table.

"I've got a tremendous amount of respect for coach Glenn, and he'll have them ready to play a clean football

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## **Bucks**

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with a 79-yard drive that was capped off by a Nate Stephenson 2-yard touchdown sneak on fourth down.

Yankton then scored a pair of touchdowns in the second quarter, the first on a Frick 7-yard run and later on a Frick 44-yard catch from Stephenson to lead 21-6 at halftime.

Caskey's 10-yard touchdown run was the only scoring in the third quarter, and Frick caught a 24-yard touchdown pass from Stephenson in the fourth quarter.

"The offense and defense were really solid," Likness

said. "In the second half, I thought we really executed out of some different forma-

Douglas' offensive was held scoreless until Branson Taylor found Torren Rogers for a 34-yard touchdown pass with 2:42 left in the game.

The Patriots, however, saw senior quarterback Tucker Severson complete 1-of-12 passes for negative three yards. He was also held to negative three yards rushing on four carries. One issue for Yankton

came on special teams. The Bucks allowed that kickoff for a touchdown, and then fumbled four times — three on punt returns. Those turnovers were

big, but we were able to overcome them," Frick said.

Now the attention turns to next Thursday's regular season finale at Harrisburg and Yankton's bid for a home game in the playoffs.

"This was a big confidence booster for us with one game left before playoffs," Frick

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D — Jerod Boswell, kickoff return (kick blocked).

11:46 Y — Nate Stephenson, 2-yard run (Cameron Krejci kick), 6:20 Second Quarter

Y — Tanner Frick, 7-yard run (Krejci kick), 11:55 Y — Frick, 44-yard catch from Stephenson (Krejci kick), 0:45 Third Quarter

Y — Brendon Caskey, 10-yd run (conversion failed), 8:45 Fourth Quarter
Y — Frick, 24-yard catch from Stephenson (Jared Rafferty kick), 10:51

D — Torren Rogers, 34-yard catch from Branson Taylor (conversion good), 2:42

## **Cross**

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blistering pace of 4:52. Senior Isaac Allen finished as the Coyotes' second runner in 73rd place with a time of 25:12.3.

Both freshman Nathan

Wendt and sophomore Brice Cowman dropped nearly two minutes off their season bests, finishing in 117th and 122nd, respectively. Wendt clocked 25:39.2 and Cowman finished in 25:42.4.

Sophomore Matthew Schilmoeller rounded out the Coyote scorers in 178th place with a time of 26:26.9.

In the open race, South

Dakota State senior Austin Hamm (Bloomfield, Nebraska) finished 27th in 26:30.5, while junior Kipp Kinsley (Yankton) finished 29th in 26:43.8.

South Dakota toes the line for the Summit League Championship in Brookings on Oct. 31. SDSU will run at the Mount Marty Invitational Oct. 24 in Yankton.

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