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2 p.m., DakotaDome (10,000) Vermillion

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UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA COYOTES

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STAT LEADERS

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RUSHING					
	Att	Yds	Avg	Long	
Trevor Bouma	72	435	6.0	63	
Ryan Saeger	67	268	4.0	37	
Michael Fredrick	59	222	3.8	26	
Nate Gunn	25	108	4.3	26	
COYOTES	240	1,084	4.5	63	
Opponents	234	859	3.7	29	
PASSING					
D 0	Com	Att	Yds	Int	
Ryan Saeger	79	145	1,017	3	
COYOTES	80	146	1,040	3	
Opponents	92	177	1,188	7	
RECEIVING					
	No	Yds	Avg	Long	
Eric Shufford	20	263	13.1	55	
Brandt Van Roekel	14	198	14.1	44	
Trevor Bouma	11	164	14.9	73	
Nick Meyer	10	114	11.4	35	
COYOTÉS	80	1,040	13.0	73	
Opponents	92	1,188	12.9	75	
PLACE KICKING					
	EPm	FPa	FGm	FGa	Lo
Miles Bergner	16	16	5	12	
Willes Dergrief	10	10	5	12	
PUNTING					
		No	Avg.	Long	In
Miles Bergner		31	42.8	61	
DEFENSIVE LEADERS					
	Tack	TFL	Sack	INT	
John Wessel	45	2.0	_	_	
Keyen Lage	44	4.5	_	_	
Jacob Warner	39	_	_	3	
Tyson Graham	36	_	_	2	
		40.0	6.0	_	
Andrew Van Ginkel	35	10.0			
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PROBABLE STARTERS

Pos	No	Name	Ht	Wt	Yr
QB	2	Ryan Saeger	6-4	220	Jr.
ΗВ	14	Michael Fredrick	5-10	165	Fr.
В	41	Drew Potter	6-3	250	Jr.
ΝR	88	Brandt Van Roekel	6-4	210	So.
ΝR	11	Eric Shufford	5-11	195	Sr.
ΓE	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.
0	70	Thomas McGuire	6-4	280	Sr.
RG	78	Ed Kennedy	6-4	285	So.
RT	65	Derek Chancellor	6-5	305	Sr.
DEF	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	Keyen Lage	6-3	235	Sr.
LB	28	John Wessel	6-2	230	Jr.
LB	4	Ryan Hillier	6-1	220	Sr.
	26	Chris Tyler	6-2	200	Sr.
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CB FS	8	Tyson Graham	6-2	210	Jr.
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Series: Missouri State leads 2-1; Last Meeting: MSU 31, USD 12 (2014)



South Dakota QB Ryan Saeger (2) hurdles a defender during a home victory on Sept. 19. With leading rusher Trevor Bouma out for the season, Saeger and freshmen Michael Fredrick and Nate Gunn will be expected to carry more of the running load.

MVFC STANDINGS

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2-1	5-1
2-1	4-2
2-1	4-2
1-2	3-3
1-2	3-3
1-2	2-4
0-3	2-4
0-3	1-5
	3-0 3-0 2-1 2-1 2-1 1-2 1-2 1-2 0-3

CONDITIONS

Indoors. FieldTurf. Another great day for tailgating: no chance of rain, a light breeze and high of 61. Bring a coat if you're starting early.

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

If USD is going to eventually prove that the NDSU win wasn't a fluke, dominating a game like today would be step one. This is a game the Coyotes should win handily, now they have to go out and do it.

COYOTES 37, BEARS 13

MATCHUPS

USD ON OFFENSE

Without Trevor Bouma carrying the ball, the Coyotes will turn to a pair of freshmen to carry the load. Can they respond? Today might be the perfect opportunity to break them in, against a struggling defense. Missouri State ranks second-to-last nationally in total offense. Edge to the Coyotes.

USD ON DEFENSE

A week ago, the Coyote defense frustrated North Dakota State, taking the Bison out of certain things (play action, etc.) they like to do. Look for USD to bring pressure on the Bears, particularly edge guys Andrew Van Ginkel and Colin Mertlik. Edge to the Coyotes

SPECIAL TEAMS

This could be one area where the game is event. Missouri State's Deion Holliman leads the nation in combined kick return average and is second in punt return average. USD's Paul Anderson has been close to breaking a return for a touchdown. Let's give USD the slight edge with kicker/punter Miles Beraner.

INTANGIBLES Momentum. USD has the kind of momentum it has been looking for since joining the Missouri Valley in 2012. Fresh off the upset of the Bison, look for the Coyotes to come out fired up. They've tasted victory. It's a dangerous position for Missouri



MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY BEARS

Date Sept. 5	Opponent at Memphis	ULE		MSI	IJ 7	Opp 63
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Sept. 19 Oct. 3	at Arkansas Sta vs. Indiana Stat			2	7 8	70 56
Oct. 10	at Southern Illin			2		73
Oct. 17 Oct. 24	vs. Illinois State at South Dakota				2	38
Oct. 31	vs. South Dako	ta State (2:				
Nov. 7 Nov. 14	at Youngstown vs. Northern Ion					
Nov. 21	at North Dakota					
	STAT LEA	DERS		-		
RUSHING						
		Att	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Ryan Heast		58	242	4.2	35	2

	Att	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Ryan Heaston	58	242	4.2	35	2
Calon Crowder	50	237	4.7	34	2
Jason Randall	50	222	4.4	31	2
Breck Ruddick	38	166	4.4	55	1
BEARS	253	974	3.8	55	7
Opponents	280	1,785	6.4	76	21
PASSING					
Brodie Lambert	Com 55	Att 96	Yds 444	Int 5	TD 2
Breck Ruddick	55 49	90	364	ວ 1	2
BEARS	104	190	808	6	4
Opponents	118	172	1,528	3	18
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RECEIVING					
Malik Earl	No 22	Yds 272	Avg 12.4	Long 59	TD 2
eMarcus Stewart	14	107	7.6	23	0
Eric Christophel	14	106	7.5	46	1
BEARS	104	808	7.8	59	4
Opponents	118	1,528	12.9	75	18
PLACE KICKING					
PLACE RICKING	EPm	FPa	FGm	FGa	Long
Marcelo Bonani	6	7	2	3	28
Shelby Harris	5	5	0	1	_
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PUNTING					
		No	Avg.	Long	In20
Chris Sullens		54	37.1	57	13
DEFENSIVE LEADERS					
	Tack	TFL	Sack	INT	FR
Dylan Cole	64	5.0	1.0	_	1
Christian Hoffmann	39	1.0	1.0	_	1
Sean Bernard	37	_	_	_	
Colby Isbell	24	3.0	2.5	_	_
Alexz Jones	18	3.5	1.0	_	_
BEARS	408	23	8	3	4
Opponents	415	35	9	6	

PROBABLE STARTERS

Pos	No	Name	Ht	Wt	Yr
.T	77	Jordan Turner	6-6	311	RFr.
_G	60	Robert Booker	6-3	314	Sr.
)	65	Riley Shantz	6-4	307	Jr.
RG	79	Aaron Clardy	6-5	309	RFr
RT	68	Marquis Prophete	6-5	270	Fr.
TE	88	Richard Darden	6-3	238	Sr.
QΒ	9	Brodie Lambert	6-1	211	Jr.
TB	28	Calan Crowder	6-1	205	So.
K-WR	17	Malik Earl	6-3	203	So.
H-WR	12	Eric Christophel	5-10	179	Sr.
Z-WR	6	Willis Chambers	6-4	195	So.
DEFE	NSE				
Pos	No	Name	Ht	Wt	Yr
LE	96	Tony Jones	6-7	258	So.
DT	93	James Barnes	5-10	238	Sr.
DT	91	Daryl Coburn	6-1	306	So.
RE	90	Colby Isbell	6-3	253	So.
N-LB	31	Dylan Cole	6-1	236	Jr.
M-LB	45	Christian Hoffman	6-1	227	Sr.
S-LB	44	Alexz Jones	6-2	228	So.
	10	Eric Phillips	5-10	163	So.
L-CB R-CB	3	Vashon Landers	6-1	182	Sr.

JACKRABBITS

Quick Hitters

■ The Jackrabbits will celebrate

game. SDSU has lost 2 straight Hobo

■ While the Panthers are 0-3 in

MVFC play, they have not been push-

overs. Ranked foes Illinois State, North

Dakota State and Western Illinois have

■ Former Sioux Falls Roosevelt

standout Taryn Christion made his sec-

ond straight start at QB for the Jacks

passing for 122 yards and rushed 13

touchdown run in the fourth quarter.

■ In last week's loss to WIU,

UNI cornerback Deiondre' Hall set a

last week. The true freshman was 8-14

times for 75 vards, including a 70-yard

won by a combined 16 points, includ-

ing a 21-16 loss to WIU last week.

Hobo Day in conjunction with the







2 p.m., Coughlin-Alumni Stadium (15,000), Brookings • Radio: 570 AM

Series: Northern Iowa leads 28-19-2; Last Meeting: SDSU 31, UNI 28 (2014)

school record for interception returns

career pick-six. It was his 10th career

Schmadeke is the FCS active leader in

field goal percentage (.865) and field

goals made per game (1.52). He is 5-8 in field goals and 16-17 on PAT kicks

■ SDSU sophomore receiver

Jake Wieneke ranks among the FCS

leaders with 36 catches for 696 yards

and seven TDs this season. He cur-

rently has 23 career TDs, one behind

JaRon Harris (2005-08) for third on the

Jacks' career list and nine behind Jeff

Tiefenthaler (1983-86) for the team's

for touchdown, recording his fourth

■ Panthers kicker Michael

this season.





Key Matchup

interceptions.

SDSU passing game against

UNI secondary. Whether Christion or

junior Zach Lujan is at quarterback for

UNI secondary. The Panthers start

four seniors and has recorded seven

From The Coach

■ "We've got a good situation.

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meier on the Jacks' QB situation. Zach

SDSU head coach John Stiegel-

Lujan, who has missed the last two

weeks due to an ankle injury, could re-

turn to action this week. Taryn Christion

has played well in his absence, earning

MVFC Newcomer of the Week in both

starts. (Jackrabbit Sports Network)

SDSU, he will have tested by a veteran

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11 a.m., Memorial Stadium (86,047), Lincoln • Radio: 93.1 FM • TV: ESPN2 Series: Nebraska leads 6-2; Last Meeting: Nebraska 38, Northwestern 17 (2014)

Quick Hitters

State. Edge to the Coyotes.

■ Nebraska will honor its 1995 national championship team as part of its Weekend of Champions celebration.

■ With three TD passes last week, Husker QB Tommy Armstrong Jr. has 46 on his career, ranking second in school history in that category. (Taylor Martinez, 56)

■ Northwestern running back Justin Jackson needs just 69 yards to pass Stanley Davenport for 10th on the Wildcats' all-time rushing list. The sophomore enters today's game with 1,878 career yards. He has been the 'Cats' leading rusher in all 19 of his career games.

■ Northwestern ranks last in the Big Ten in three offensive categories. including total offense (331.6 ypg)

and scoring (19.6 ppg). Nebraska ranks last in four categories, including penalties (8.57) and penalty yards

Key Matchup

Armstrong vs. Northwestern front seven. While the Wildcats have struggled to find victories, they have recorded eight sacks in three conference games and rank 12th in FBS in scoring defense (16.1). The Huskers QB is coming off a strong game against Minnesota and will need another solid showing to bring Nebraska to the .500 mark.

From The Coach ■ "We did some good things

(against Minnesota) and when you

have a game like that you can build on it and keep growing. Anytime you can complete some balls like we did and move the ball well, everybody should be more confident going into this one. Nebraska OC Danny Langsdorf

B1G Standings

lowa	3-0	7-
Wisconsin	2-1	5-
Illinois	1-1	4-
Northwestern	1-2	5-
Minnesota	1-2	4-
Nebraska	1-2	3-
Purdue	0-3	1-
East Division	Conf	Α
Michigan State	3-0	7-
Ohio State	3-0	7-
Michigan	2-1	5-
Penn State	2-1	5-
Rutgers	1-2	3-
Maryland	0-2	2-
Indiana	0-3	4-

Quarterback Situation A Question As Jacks Prep For UNI

BY TYLER TEAL

Jackrabbit Sports Service

BROOKINGS – A lopsided win over Youngstown State last weekend has left No. 6-ranked South Dakota State with a problem as the Jackrabbits prepare to meet Northern Iowa on Saturday in the annual Hobo Day

Who is going to start at quarterback?

In the last two weeks, with starter Zach Lujan on the sideline with a high ankle sprain, true freshman Taryn Christion has led the Jacks to wins over two ranked opponents – Youngstown State and Indiana State.

Coach John Stiegelmeier says he'll make this tough decision toward the end of the week, but he's putting a positive spin on it.

"We've got a good situation," Stiegelmeier insisted. "We've got two starting quarterbacks.'

Indeed the Jacks do. Christion has completed 23 of 38 attempts for 343 yards and has carried the ball 29 times for 174 yards. The youngster is 2-0 as a starter and oh, by the way, has also been selected as the Missouri Valley Football Conference Newcomer of the Week twice, for what it's worth.

Lujan, meanwhile, is no slouch himself. He is 8-3 in his career as a starter and this year became the fastest Jackrabbit to throw for 1,000 yards in a season, reaching that mark in the third game before being hurt against North Dakota State.

So it's no easy decision that awaits

'It'll be an end-of-the-week deal," Stiegelmeier said. "(Lujan) did not practice (Tuesday), but I expect him to be back this week, I really do. It's the timeline of his injury."

Stiegelmeier has long said that a starting player won't lose his job because of an injury. When Austin Sumner went down early last season, Lujan stepped up and led the Jacks to a 5-2 record to help the team reach the playoffs. But once Sumner got healthy, he returned to the starting lineup.

This season could end up playing out in similar fashion.

Whoever starts Saturday will be leading an SDSU offense that is No. 3 in conference, putting up 33.2 points per game. The 5-1 (2-1 MVFC) Jacks will face a Northern Iowa defense that is giving up 27 points per game.

Quarterback isn't the only position to benefit from a healthy competition. Three tailbacks have been sharing the load and each has experienced success:

• Freshman Isaac Wallace had 24 carries for 118 yards against Kansas in the opener;

 Junior Brady Mengarelli leads the team with 364 yards rushing and piled up 143 yards against Southern Utah;

 And junior Kyle Paris has been coming on as of late. Against Indiana State two weeks ago, Paris touched the ball 12 times for 49 yards and a touchdown. He broke out at

Youngstown State, where he had 128 yards and two touchdowns in 27 attempts.

As far as the competition at tailback, Stiegelmeier likes it and the players have adopted a positive attitude.

"It's tremendous. They all root for each other but they want the reps,' Stiegelmeier said. "I never thought we would have a running back out of those three carry the ball 27 times a game. I expected it to be 17 and 10 thing, but Kyle was hot (against Youngstown). He was running physical and that's what we needed.

The Jacks will stick with the running-back-by-committee attack because, according to Stiegelmeier, they're all different and that can cause problems for defenders.

"It builds comradery," Paris said of the competition. "We're a family and brothers fight you know, but you're going to love each other in the end and fight by each other's side.'

That's just what the Jacks will have to do against a UNI team that has a 6-3 record against SDSU since The Panthers have had their own

success running the ball, averaging 178 rushing yards per game and just less than 4.5 yards a rush. Aaron Bailey and Tyvis Smith lead

the Panthers. Bailey has 470 yards on the season, including 87 rushing yards against NDSU's top-rated defense, and Smith has reeled off 208 yards on 46 touches.

The Panthers will face an SDSU de-

fense that is on the rise. The Jackrabbits have been getting more pressure on the quarterback and have been ranked No. 1 in scoring defense, allowing only 16.8 points per game. The Jacks have given up two touchdowns in the past 10 quarters.

Contributing to that pressure is one of the defensive line anchors, Cole Langer, who hasn't allowed a cast on his right hand slow him down.

'We want to keep getting better every week," Langer said. "We've worked on things we need to like pass rush. Hopefully we keep it going in the right direction. We're still going to really prepare because UNI is a really good team, they've got a really good offense.

'They've got really good athletes all over the field," Langer added. "Cole Morgan (quarterback), the Bailey kid who can run. Their offensive line is pretty big, so it'll be a test,"

In his 15th season as Northern Iowa coach, Mark Farley said that preparation is key in a game against

"They're a sound football team, they don't beat themselves," Farley said. "This is a team that isn't going to make mistakes and hurt themselves. You really have to go play a great game because they're very sound and disciplined."

Said Stiegelmeier: "Surely the last two weeks we've gotten better in some phases ... but there's always work to be done. And if we make those improvements, we'll play our best football."

Nebraska, Northwestern Trending In Different Ways

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Nebraska's game against Northwestern is all about mojo. The Cornhuskers are trying to build on theirs. The Wildcats are trying to get theirs back.

The winner Saturday will stay within striking distance of idle Iowa in the Big Ten West while the loser will set sights on bowl eligibility and a best possible postseason destination.

"Our whole objective is just to win as many games as we can," Nebraska quarterback Tommy Armstrong Jr. said. "We'll let that set us up down the road, but as far as right now, we're taking it one week at a time and making sure that we win each and every week and not put ourselves in situations like we did — you know, 5-10 seconds away from being 5-1. Right now, we're 3-4 and we've just got to keep winning.

Armstrong turned in a strong performance and the defense shut down Minnesota's running game in a 48-25 victory last week that, unlike five of Nebraska's first

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