

THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA AT AIR FORCE ACADEMY

SCHEDULES

COYOTES
0-0 (0-0 Great West)

| Date | Opponent | USD | Opp |
|----------|--------------------------------------|-----|-----|
| Sept. 3 | at Air Force (1 p.m.) | | |
| Sept. 10 | Eastern Washington (4 p.m.) | | |
| Sept. 17 | Northwestern Oklahoma State (4 p.m.) | | |
| Sept. 24 | at Wisconsin (11 a.m.) | | |
| Oct. 1 | Lindenwood (4 p.m.) | | |
| Oct. 8 | Southern Utah (4 p.m.) | | |
| Oct. 15 | at Illinois State (3 p.m.) | | |
| Oct. 22 | UC Davis (4 p.m.) | | |
| Oct. 29 | at Cal Poly (8:05 p.m.) | | |
| Nov. 12 | Missouri S&T (noon) | | |
| Nov. 19 | at North Dakota (1 p.m.) | | |

AIR FORCE
0-0 (0-0 Mountain West)

| Date | Opponent | AFA | Opp |
|----------|-----------------------------|-----|-----|
| Sept. 3 | South Dakota (noon MT) | | |
| Sept. 10 | Texas Christian (1:30 p.m.) | | |
| Sept. 24 | Tennessee State (1 p.m.) | | |
| Oct. 1 | at Navy (noon) | | |
| Oct. 8 | at Notre Dame (3:30 p.m.) | | |
| Oct. 13 | San Diego State (6 p.m.) | | |
| Oct. 22 | at Boise State (1:30 p.m.) | | |
| Oct. 29 | at New Mexico (noon) | | |
| Nov. 5 | Army (1:30 p.m.) | | |
| Nov. 12 | Wyoming (noon) | | |
| Nov. 19 | UNLV (4 p.m.) | | |
| Nov. 26 | at Colorado State (4 p.m.) | | |

PROBABLE STARTERS

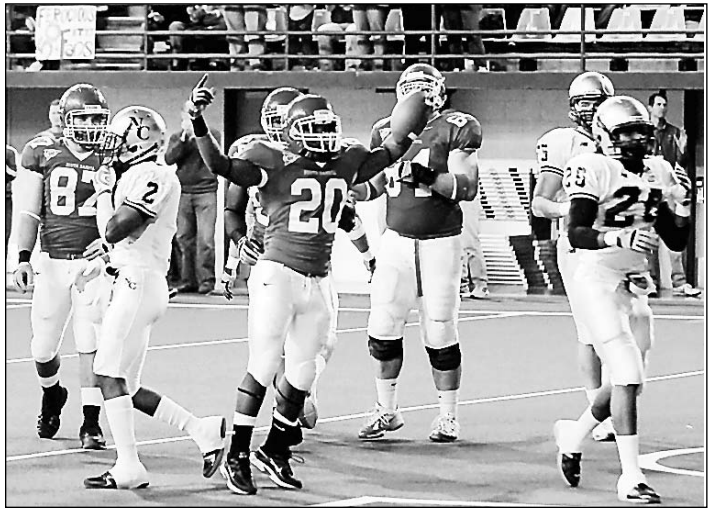
| Pos | No | Name | Ht | Wt | Yr |
|-----|----|-----------------|-----|-----|----|
| TE | 85 | Michael Neilson | 6-3 | 224 | Sr |
| LT | 76 | Tom Compton | 6-5 | 314 | Sr |
| LG | 74 | Matt Porsch | 6-7 | 294 | Sr |
| C | 69 | Tim Ross | 6-2 | 286 | Sr |
| RG | 64 | Brent Johnson | 6-5 | 309 | Sr |
| RT | 78 | R.J. Polley | 6-6 | 320 | Sr |
| WR | 17 | Will Powell | 6-1 | 206 | Jr |
| WR | 1 | Dustin Nowotny | 6-3 | 215 | Sr |
| RB | 20 | Chris Ganious | 5-7 | 190 | Sr |
| FB | 87 | Quinn McMartin | 6-1 | 234 | Jr |
| QB | 2 | Dante Warren | 6-0 | 196 | Sr |

| Pos | No | Name | Ht | Wt | Yr |
|-----|----|----------------|-----|-----|----|
| DE | 11 | Tyler Starr | 6-5 | 236 | So |
| NT | 96 | Jesse Weisbrod | 6-5 | 277 | Sr |
| DT | 91 | David Giese | 6-3 | 280 | Jr |
| OLB | 29 | Andrew Meier | 6-4 | 228 | Sr |
| ILB | 44 | Adam Broders | 6-2 | 227 | Sr |
| ILB | 42 | Shea Williams | 6-2 | 224 | Sr |
| OLB | 43 | Darius Hopkins | 6-1 | 215 | Jr |
| CB | 7 | Chris Frierson | 6-1 | 180 | So |
| SS | 8 | Shane Potter | 6-2 | 207 | Sr |
| FS | 26 | Aaron Swift | 5-8 | 164 | So |
| CB | 10 | Marquis Butler | 6-0 | 191 | Sr |

| Pos | No | Name | Ht | Wt | Yr |
|-----|----|--------------------|------|-----|----|
| TE | 81 | Joshua Freeman | 6-3 | 200 | Sr |
| OL | 75 | Jason Korns | 6-4 | 255 | Jr |
| OL | 67 | Jordan Eason | 6-3 | 255 | Jr |
| C | 54 | Michael Hester | 6-3 | 250 | Sr |
| OG | 73 | A.J. Wallerstein | 6-4 | 285 | Sr |
| OL | 70 | Kevin Whitt | 6-3 | 260 | Sr |
| RB | 35 | Wes Cobb | 5-9 | 186 | Jr |
| WR | 15 | Jonathan Warzeka | 5-10 | 180 | Sr |
| WR | 10 | Mikel Hunter | 5-9 | 170 | Jr |
| RB | 17 | Asher Clark | 5-8 | 190 | Jr |
| QB | 7 | Tim Jefferson, Jr. | 6-0 | 205 | Sr |

| Pos | No | Name | Ht | Wt | Yr |
|-----|----|-------------------|------|-----|----|
| DL | 51 | Zach Payne | 6-3 | 255 | Sr |
| DL | 86 | Ryan Gardner | 6-2 | 260 | Sr |
| DL | 88 | Ben Kopacka | 6-5 | 250 | Sr |
| LB | 9 | Alex Means | 6-5 | 230 | Jr |
| LB | 32 | Jordan Waiwaiole | 6-3 | 230 | Sr |
| LB | 41 | Brady Amack | 6-0 | 227 | Sr |
| LB | 44 | Patrick Hennessey | 6-2 | 225 | Sr |
| DB | 5 | Anthony Wright | 5-10 | 200 | Sr |
| DB | 31 | Brian Lindsay | 6-1 | 220 | Jr |
| DB | 6 | Jon Davis | 6-1 | 210 | Sr |
| DB | 14 | Josh Hill | 6-0 | 185 | Sr |

GAME DAY
1 p.m., Falcon Stadium (8,500), USAF Academy, Colo.
Radio: 102.7 FM, 1450 AM, 91.1 FM
Series: First Meeting



JAMES D. CIMBUREK/P&D
South Dakota's Chris Ganious (20) celebrates after scoring his second touchdown of the game during the Coyotes' 34-6 victory over Northern Colorado during the 2010 season. The Coyotes head to Division I FBS Air Force to open the 2011 season today.

STANDINGS



| North Dakota | GW | All |
|---------------|-----|-----|
| 0-0 | 1-0 | |
| South Dakota | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| Cal Poly | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| Southern Utah | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| UC Davis | 0-0 | 0-1 |

CONDITIONS

Outdoors, FieldTurf, game time temp of 68, chance of thunderstorms by the end of the game.

ONLINE

The Press & Dakotan's Jeremy Hoeck does a live chat during every Coyote home game. Find it online at www.yankton.net/coyotegameday. Complete coverage will be available in Tuesday's Press & Dakotan.

MATCHUPS

COYOTE OFFENSE VS. AFA DEFENSE

While the Coyotes have much of their offense from a year ago intact, the Falcons return a ton of defensive talent. USD has a size advantage on the line, but Air Force has speed in their favor.

COYOTE DEFENSE VS. AFA OFFENSE

While USD returns much of its starting lineup from a season ago, Air Force returns a 1,000-yard rusher, Asher Clark, and a quarterback who, with his next victory, will tie the Academy's record for career victories at the position, Tim Jefferson, Jr. The Falcons also run a quirky offense that is tough to prepare for.

SPECIAL TEAMS

The Coyotes have one of the best punters in the nation, regardless of division, in the left-footed Cole Zwiefelhofer. USD also has a sophomore kicker, Kevin Robb, who earned several preseason accolades. Air Force returns its kicker but will start a new punter.

INTANGIBLES

It is hard not to go with Air Force on this one. Mental and physical toughness are a pillar of any program at the Academy, and especially in football.

USD STAT LEADERS

| RUSHING | Att | Yds | Avg | Long | TD |
|---------------|-----|-------|-----|------|----|
| Chris Ganious | 188 | 817 | 4.3 | 62 | 4 |
| Dante Warren | 96 | 393 | 4.1 | 36 | 6 |
| Marcus Sims | 52 | 286 | 5.5 | 37 | 1 |
| COYOTES | 392 | 1,660 | 4.2 | 62 | 12 |
| Opponents | 398 | 1,863 | 4.7 | 74 | 19 |

| PASSING | Com | Att | Yds | Int | TD |
|--------------|-----|-----|-------|-----|----|
| Dante Warren | 161 | 252 | 2,137 | 6 | 18 |
| COYOTES | 168 | 314 | 2,278 | 8 | 19 |
| Opponents | 198 | 294 | 2,503 | 10 | 15 |

| RECEIVING | No | Yds | Avg | Long | TD |
|----------------|-----|-------|------|------|----|
| Will Powell | 47 | 933 | 19.9 | 75 | 10 |
| Dustin Nowotny | 34 | 489 | 14.4 | 46 | 1 |
| COYOTES | 168 | 2,278 | 13.6 | 75 | 19 |
| Opponents | 198 | 2,503 | 12.6 | 58 | 15 |

PLACE KICKING

| EPm | EPa | FGm | FGa | Long |
|------------|-----|-----|-----|------|
| Kevin Robb | 29 | 32 | 12 | 49 |

PUNTING

| No | Yds | Avg | Long | Int |
|-------------------|-----|------|------|-----|
| Cole Zwiefelhofer | 53 | 45.2 | 60 | 18 |

DEFENSIVE LEADERS

| Shea Williams | Tack | TFL | Sack | INT | FR |
|----------------|------|-----|------|-----|----|
| Shea Williams | 89 | 6.5 | 3.0 | — | 2 |
| Shane Potter | 76 | 1.0 | — | — | — |
| Adam Broders | 75 | 6.5 | 0.5 | 1 | 1 |
| Aaron Swift | 61 | 1 | — | 1 | 1 |
| Marquis Butler | 48 | 1.5 | — | 1 | — |
| Andrew Meier | 48 | 1.5 | — | 1 | — |
| COYOTES | 785 | 53 | 18 | 10 | 9 |
| Opponents | 755 | 79 | 21 | 8 | 4 |

AFA STAT LEADERS

| RUSHING | Att | Yds | Avg | Long | TD |
|------------------|-----|-------|-----|------|----|
| Asher Clark | 182 | 1,031 | 5.7 | 26 | 3 |
| Tim Jefferson | 154 | 794 | 5.2 | 59 | 15 |
| Jonathan Warzeka | 41 | 312 | 7.6 | 54 | 4 |
| FALCONS | 748 | 3,985 | 5.3 | 59 | 41 |
| Opponents | 549 | 2,620 | 4.8 | 65 | 24 |

PASSING

| Com | Att | Yds | Int | TD | |
|---------------|-----|-----|-------|----|----|
| Tim Jefferson | 82 | 159 | 1,459 | 6 | 10 |
| FALCONS | 88 | 168 | 1,551 | 6 | 12 |
| Opponents | 176 | 321 | 1,921 | 12 | 10 |

RECEIVING

| No | Yds | Avg | Long | TD | |
|------------------|-----|-------|------|----|----|
| Jonathan Warzeka | 18 | 406 | 22.6 | 63 | 3 |
| Zack Kauth | 16 | 274 | 17.1 | 39 | 4 |
| Mikel Hunter | 5 | 106 | 21.2 | 37 | 1 |
| FALCONS | 88 | 1,551 | 17.6 | 63 | 12 |
| Opponents | 176 | 1,921 | 10.9 | 59 | 10 |

PLACE KICKING

| EPm | EPa | FGm | FGa | Long |
|----------------|-----|-----|-----|------|
| Erik Soderberg | 42 | 44 | 5 | 30 |

PUNTING

| No | Yds | Avg | Long | Int |
|---------------|-----|------|------|-----|
| Tim Jefferson | 12 | 45.2 | 71 | 8 |

DEFENSIVE LEADERS

| Jordan Waiwaiole | Tack | TFL | Sack | INT | FR |
|-------------------|-------|------|------|-----|----|
| Jordan Waiwaiole | 98 | 7.5 | 2.0 | 1 | 1 |
| Jon Davis | 93 | 2.0 | — | 3 | 1 |
| Brady Amack | 82 | 4.5 | 1.5 | 1 | — |
| Patrick Hennessey | 60 | 10.0 | 2.0 | — | 2 |
| Zach Payne | 55 | 6.5 | 1.0 | — | — |
| FALCONS | 936 | 61 | 14 | 12 | 10 |
| Opponents | 1,053 | 54 | 5 | 6 | 11 |

PREDICTION

USD will put up a fight, but the quickness and discipline of Air Force will make it a tough go, especially in a season opener.
Air Force 42, USD 14

GAME DAY



Southern Utah at SDSU, 6 p.m., Coughlin-Alumni

Radio: 570 AM
Series: SDSU 3-1; Last Meeting: SDSU 52, SUU 27 (2007)

Quick Hitters

■ Tonight marks the 16th annual "Ce-renal Bowl" for South Dakota State.

■ Southern Utah quarterback Brad Sorensen, a junior, was named the preseason Offensive Player of the Year for the Great West Conference. He passed for a school-record 3,163 yards and 21 touchdowns in leading the Thunderbirds to the league title a year ago.

■ With 64 yards tonight, SDSU junior Thomas O'Brien will join the top 10 in career passing yards for the Jackrabbits.

■ After leading the team in receptions (64) and receiving yards (808) a year ago — twice his nearest teammate — Yankton native Tyrel Kool (Sr.) returns to running back for the Jacks.

■ Another player transitioning for SDSU is Dale Moss, who was a standout guard for the Jackrabbits' men's basketball team. He joined the Jacks during spring drills and is penciled in as a No. 2 receiver in the X-back position.

■ Longtime WNAX announcer Steve Imming will be honored at halftime of tonight's game. Imming was the voice of the

Key Matchup

SUU Offensive Line vs. SDSU Defensive Line: Southern Utah returns its entire starting offensive line, with four starters tipping the scales at 300 pounds or more. SDSU returns three starters and several others with experience in the front four, led by three-year starter Jake Steffen.

MVFC Standings

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

GAME DAY

Chattanooga at UNL, 2:30 p.m., Memorial Stadium

Radio: 93.1 FM; TV: Big Ten Network
Series: First Meeting

Quick Hitters

■ Nebraska has not lost a season opener since 1985 (Florida State).

■ Right tackle Tyler Moore will be the first true freshman to start on the offensive line in an opener for Nebraska.

■ The Mocs, under coach Russ Huesman, have had back-to-back winning seasons for the first time in nearly 20 years. Chattanooga won five Southern Conference games last season, the Mocs' highest total since 1985.

■ Chattanooga has been a good luck charm to the FBS teams they have played. In each of the past three years, the Mocs have played a team that played for the national championship, including champions Alabama (2009) and Auburn (2010). The Mocs have also played against three straight Heisman Trophy winners: Oklahoma's Sam Bradford (2008), Alabama's Mark Ingram (2009) and Cam Newton of Auburn (2010).

■ Chattanooga will get \$475,000 for playing Nebraska at Memorial Stadium.

Key Matchup

Chattanooga QB B.J. Coleman vs. Nebraska's secondary. Coleman, a big-time recruit who transferred from Tennessee in 2009, is an NFL prospect beginning his third year as the starter. He'll surely try to take advantage of Andrew Green, who appeared in one game last season and will be starting in place of star CB Alfonso Dennard (leg muscle strain). (AP)

Big Ten Standings

| Legends Division | Conf | All |
|------------------|------|-----|
| Nebraska | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| Iowa | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| Michigan | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| Michigan State | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| Minnesota | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| Northwestern | 0-0 | 0-0 |