

NORTHWESTERN OKLAHOMA STATE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA

SCHEDULES

COYOTES
1-1 (0-0 Great West)

Date	Opponent	USD	Opp
Sept. 3	at Air Force	20	37
Sept. 10	Eastern Washington	30	17
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.)		

NOSU
0-2 (0-0 CSFL)

Date	Opponent	NOSU	Opp
Sept. 1	Southwestern Okla. St.	28	31
Sept. 10	at Colorado State-Pueblo	0	41
Sept. 17	at South Dakota (4 p.m.)		
Sept. 24	at Texas State (2 p.m.)		
Oct. 1	Missouri S&T (3 p.m.)		
Oct. 8	Southern Nazarene (2 p.m.)		
Oct. 15	at Bacone College (2 p.m.)		
Oct. 22	Langston University (2 p.m.)		
Oct. 29	Southwestern Assemblies of God (4 p.m.)		
Nov. 5	at Oklahoma Panhandle State (2 p.m.)		

PROBABLE STARTERS

COYOTE OFFENSE

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

COYOTE DEFENSE

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 Hogans	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

RANGER STARTERS NOT AVAILABLE

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GAME DAY
4 p.m., DakotaDome (10,000), Vermillion
Radio: 102.7 FM, 1450 AM, 91.1 FM



P&D FILE PHOTO

South Dakota's Will Powell (17) gets behind the Northwestern Oklahoma State for a touchdown reception during USD's 48-14 victory last season at the DakotaDome. The Rangers return to the DakotaDome today (Saturday), again facing a Coyotes team coming off a major victory.

STANDINGS



Team	GWC	All
South Dakota	0-0	1-1
Southern Utah	0-0	1-1
North Dakota	0-0	1-1
UC Davis	0-0	0-2
Cal Poly	0-0	0-2

CONDITIONS

Indoors. A brisk day for tailgating. Cloudy, but only a slight chance of rain. Temps in the mid 60s during the afternoon.

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 Monday's Press & Dakotan.

MATCHUPS

COYOTE OFFENSE VS. NOSU DEFENSE

In last year's matchup, South Dakota rolled up 455 total yards, with 118 coming on the ground from Chris Ganious. Look for the Coyotes to utilize the rushing game again, with many back-ups seeing action as well.

COYOTE DEFENSE VS. NOSU OFFENSE

USD held Eastern Washington, the defending national champions, to just 11 yards rushing on 19 attempts last week. And in last year's game with the NAIA Rangers, the Coyotes allowed only one offensive touchdown. Look for those trends to continue today.

SPECIAL TEAMS

The Coyotes will hold the edge in this category against most teams, with punter Cole Zwielfelhofer averaging 42.2 yards a kick and Kevin Robb coming off a game last week where he had three field goals. The Rangers average just 16 yards on punt returns and 19.4 yards on kickoffs.

INTANGIBLES

While it might be hard for USD to maintain the intensity that carried them to last week's big win, the Coyotes can't get caught looking toward Wisconsin just yet. The crowd won't be as loud as last week, which would favor the visitors.

USD STAT LEADERS

RUSHING

	Att	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Chris Ganious	30	164	5.5	26	0
Dante Warren	32	120	3.8	21	1
Marcus Sims	17	79	4.6	11	1
COYOTES	87	382	4.4	26	2
Opponents	80	402	5.0	80	4

PASSING

	Com	Att	Yds	Int	TD
Dante Warren	23	41	310	4	3
COYOTES	23	41	310	4	3
Opponents	42	69	465	4	3

RECEIVING

	No	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Will Powell	8	104	12.8	33	1
Dustin Nowotny	7	55	7.9	14	1
Jeremy Blount	4	97	24.2	48	2
COYOTES	23	310	13.5	48	3
Opponents	42	465	11.1	55	3

PLACE KICKING

	EPm	EPa	FGm	FGa	Long
Kevin Robb	5	6	3	3	33

PUNTING

	No	Avg	Long	In20
Cole Zwielfelhofer	10	42.2	72	3

DEFENSIVE LEADERS

	Tack	TFL	Sack	INT	FR
Adam Broders	15	2	—	—	—
Shea Williams	15	2	—	—	—
Darius Hogans	14	1	—	—	—
Marquis Butler	13	—	—	1	—
Tyler Starr	12	3	—	—	1
Jim Thompson	3	—	—	2	—
COYOTES	167	11	4	4	1
Opponents	139	11	9	4	0

NOSU STAT LEADERS

RUSHING

	Att	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Jared Jackson	40	167	4.2	42	2
Jerrill Martin	10	32	3.2	11	0
Kyle Jech	13	8	0.6	12	0
RANGERS	66	207	3.1	42	2
Opponents	67	361	5.1	—	—

PASSING

	Com	Att	Yds	Int	TD
Kyle Jech	36	68	455	3	2
RANGERS	36	68	455	3	2
Opponents	40	62	431	1	3

RECEIVING

	No	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Kent McDonald	15	224	14.9	28	2
Taylor Hooper	9	72	8.0	14	0
Andrew King	5	113	22.6	37	0
RANGERS	36	455	12.6	37	2
Opponents	40	431	10.8	—	3

PLACE KICKING

	EPm	EPa	FGm	FGa	Long
Edgar Colmenares	4	4	4	4	—

PUNTING

	No	Avg	Long	In20
P.J. Stimson	8	38.8	47	0

DEFENSIVE LEADERS

	Tack	TFL	Sack	INT	FR
Michael Ray	14	1	—	1	—
Michael Harmon	13	0.5	—	—	—
Chris Jones	10	1	—	—	1
Zenario Shuler	10	2.5	—	—	—
Gusie Jones	10	—	—	—	—
Chris Hill	10	0.5	—	—	1
RANGERS	140	12	0	1	2
Opponents	—	—	—	3	0

PREDICTION

A strong start will be key for the Coyotes, who will look to bring some back-ups and third-stringers in the second half. The inexperienced Rangers, with many freshmen and sophomores, will have trouble doing much of anything against a swarming USD defense.
USD 45, NOSU 10



GAME DAY

6:05 p.m., Spanos Stadium (11,075), San Luis Obispo, Ca
Radio: 570 AM
Series: CP 4-2 Last Meeting: CP 21, SDSU 14 (2009)

Quick Hitters

■ Today's game will mark the seventh football meeting between SDSU and Cal Poly. The former Great West Conference rivals played every year from 2004-09, and the Mustangs hold a 4-2 series advantage.
■ The Jackrabbits have put points on the board every time they have traveled inside the opponent's 20-yard line. In the season opener against Southern Utah, SDSU was a perfect 5-for-5, and only made one such trip last week at Illinois.
■ SDSU has been out-scored 28-0 in the first and fourth quarters this season, and has out-scored opponents 32-28 in the second and third quarters.
■ Of Cal Poly's 139 offensive plays over the first two games, 110 have been rushing attempts. Jake Romanelli leads the Mustangs with 133 rushing yards and two touchdowns.
■ Cal Poly has yet to record a quarterback sack or interception this season, and has allowed 443 yards and six touchdowns through the air through the first two games.

Key Matchup

SDSU DEFENSE VS. CAL POLY OFFENSE: The Mustangs ran an option offense predicated on pounding the ball on the ground from multiple players. Eighty percent of Cal Poly's offensive plays have been rushing attempts, so the key for the SDSU defense will be slowing down those runs. Cal Poly quarterback Andre Broadous is also a threat, having run for 110 yards and two touchdowns.

MVFC Standings

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

N GAME DAY

2:30 p.m., Memorial Stadium (81,091), Lincoln, Neb.
Radio: 93.1 FM; TV: ABC
Series: Tied 4-4-1. Last Meeting: UW 19, UNL 7 (2010 Holiday Bowl)

Quick Hitters

■ Nebraska quarterback Taylor Martinez has fumbled 21 times in the 14 games he's quarterbacked for the Cornhuskers. The Huskers have either recovered or saw the ball go out of bounds on 16 of Martinez's 21 fumbles and all five this season.
■ Nebraska ranks 93rd nationally and last in the Big Ten in turnover margin through two games, with two more giveaways than takeaways.
■ It's the third meeting between the two teams in 364 days, and this is the rubber match. Nebraska won 56-21 in Seattle last September, then lost 19-7 in a rematch in the Holiday Bowl.
■ Washington is 2-0 for the first time since 2007 and looking to go 3-0 for the first time since 2001.
■ Washington quarterback Keith Price has thrown seven touchdowns passes against one interception. He shouldn't be fazed by Memorial Stadium. He started in place of an injured Jake Locker at then-No. 1 Oregon last year.

Key Matchup

WASHINGTON RUNNING BACK CHRIS POLK VS. NEBRASKA'S DEFENSE: Polk, averaging 116 yards through two games, gashed the Cornhuskers for 177 in the Holiday Bowl. Nebraska has proved vulnerable to the run. Fresno State's Robbie Rouse ran for 169 yards against the Huskers last week, the fourth-highest total by an opposing back in Memorial Stadium history. (AP)

Big Ten Standings

Division	Team	Conf	All
Legends Division	Nebraska	0-0	2-0
	Michigan	0-0	2-0
	Michigan State	0-0	2-0
	Northwestern	0-0	2-0
	Iowa	0-0	1-1
Leaders Division	Minnesota	0-0	0-2
	Illinois	0-0	2-0
	Ohio State	0-0	2-0
	Wisconsin	0-0	2-0
	Penn State	0-0	1-1
Purdue	0-0	1-1	
Indiana	0-0	0-2	

Coyotes

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need to jump up to levels above us to fill out the schedule.
"We've had, without a doubt, the toughest opening three games for this school."
The Rangers have been out-

scored 41-7 in the first half of their two games so far, so coming out strong against the Coyotes is especially important.
NOSU did that last season, pulling ahead 7-6 early in the first quarter on an 85-yard kickoff return for a touchdown.
Not helping matters is the Rangers' youth. Barefield estimates that his roster is 80 percent freshmen or sophomores. Last year's squad boasted 15 seniors,

but has just four this season.
"It's a tall order for a bunch of freshmen and sophomores to go up there and compete," Barefield said. "But we've got a good group of kids who play hard and will come in and give their best for four quarters."
Though the game will likely be one-sided once again, the Rangers yet again have the potential to eat up some yards through the air. Through two games, quarterback

Kyle Jech is 36-of-68 for 455 yards and two touchdowns, and last season against the Coyotes passed for 251 yards — but threw five interceptions.
Despite having so many young players this season, the Rangers can at least benefit from having played in an FCS environment, Barefield said.
"For those kids back from last year, it won't be a new experience," he said. "Prior to the game

last year, our guys were wide-eyed and taken back in all the scenery. I think they maybe lost some focus in the fact that we'll be lining up against a team that beat a Big Ten school.
"It won't be as brand new for them, but for our young guys, those older guys will have to explain to them certain things."
In the case of the Coyotes, today could provide them with a chance to rest some key players in

the second half and give the back-ups time in a game setting.
Still, USD will have to keep the focus on Northwestern Oklahoma State and do the little things to pick up a win, Meierkort said.
"It's a game that if we take care of our business, we should win, and we understand that," he said. "We get into a similar situation the week after, when we go to Wisconsin where we'll be monster underdogs."

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