

THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA

SCHEDULES

**COYOTES**  
0-0 (0-0 MVFC)

Date	Opponent	USD	Opp
Sept. 1	at Montana (2:30 p.m.)		
Sept. 8	vs. Colgate (2 p.m.)		
Sept. 22	at Northwestern (TBA)		
Sept. 29	vs. Illinois State (2 p.m.)		
Oct. 6	vs. Western Illinois (1 p.m.)		
Oct. 13	at Missouri State (2 p.m.)		
Oct. 20	vs. North Dakota State (Sioux Falls, 6 p.m.)		
Oct. 27	at Indiana State (1:05 p.m.)		
Nov. 3	at Youngstown State (1 p.m.)		
Nov. 10	vs. Northern Iowa (noon)		
Nov. 17	at South Dakota State (2 p.m.)		

**Griz** MONTANA  
0-0 (0-0 Big Sky)

Date	Opponent	UM	Opp
Sept. 1	South Dakota (3:30 p.m. MT)		
Sept. 8	at Appalachian State (4:30 p.m. MT)		
Sept. 15	Liberty (1:30 p.m. MT)		
Sept. 22	Northern Arizona (1:30 p.m. MT)		
Sept. 29	at Eastern Washington (5 p.m. MT)		
Oct. 6	at Northern Colorado (1:30 p.m. MT)		
Oct. 13	at Northern Colorado (1:30 p.m. MT)		
Oct. 20	at South Dakota (1:30 p.m. MT)		
Oct. 27	Idaho State (1:30 p.m. MT)		
Nov. 3	at Weber State (1:30 p.m. MT)		
Nov. 17	Montana State (1:30 p.m. MT)		

PROBABLE STARTERS

**COYOTE OFFENSE**

Pos	No	Name	Ht	Wt	Yr
QB	16	Josh Vander Maten	6-2	205	So.
RB	32	Marcus Sims	5-10	200	Sr.
FB	67	Quintin McMartin	6-1	240	Sr.
WR	17	Will Powell	6-1	205	Sr.
WR	83	Austin Koch	6-1	180	Jr.
RT	77	Marc Murtha	6-6	300	Jr.
RG	72	Andrew Schofield	6-5	285	So.
C	69	Tim Ross	6-2	285	Sr.
LT	67	Cody O'Neill	6-2	310	Jr.
LT	70	Matt Huffer	6-7	290	So.
TE	84	Jay Burns	6-4	230	Sr.

**COYOTE DEFENSE**

Pos	No	Name	Ht	Wt	Yr
DE	92	Jordan Eaton	6-5	255	Sr.
DE	56	Nick Jacobs	6-5	285	RFr.
DE	94	Drew Iddings	6-6	265	RFr.
OLB	11	Tim Marlette	6-5	230	Jr.
MLB	25	Tim Marlette	6-0	225	Sr.
MLB	43	Darius Hogans	6-1	215	Sr.
OLB	4	Ryan Hillier	6-1	215	RFr.
FS	9	Aaron Swift	5-8	170	Jr.
SS	2	Devin Lundey	6-1	210	Jr.
CB	24	Chris Lundy	5-9	160	So.
CB	7	Chris Frierson	6-1	180	Jr.

**GRIZZLIES OFFENSE**

Pos	No	Name	Ht	Wt	Yr
LT	72	Trevor Poole	6-5	290	RSO.
LG	77	Jake Hendrickson	6-3	300	RSO.
C	69	Kjelby Oiland	6-4	295	Sr.
RG	75	Dannay Poehrs	6-8	340	Jr.
RT	76	Dannay Poehrs	6-8	315	Jr.
WR	80	Greg Hardy	6-5	245	RSO.
WR	29	Sean Haynes	6-3	190	RSO.
WR	29	Bryce Carver	6-1	180	Sr.
QB	8	Sam Gratton	6-0	198	Sr.
WR	11	Trent McKinney	6-0	198	RFr.
RB	28	Peter Nguyen	5-8	182	Sr.

**GRIZZLIES DEFENSE**

Pos	No	Name	Ht	Wt	Yr
DE	58	Zach Wagenmann	6-3	240	RSO.
DT	95	Tonga Takai	6-2	301	RSO.
DT	92	Alan Biemann	6-2	295	Jr.
DE	96	Josh Harris	6-5	251	RSO.
OLB	37	Jordan Tripp	6-3	244	RJr.
OLB	56	Brock Coyle	6-2	240	RJr.
OLB	52	John Kanongata	5-11	230	Jr.
CB	13	Sean Murray	6-1	195	Jr.
SS	30	Bo Tully	6-2	197	Jr.
FS	12	Matt Hermanson	6-1	192	So.
CB	14	Josh Dennard	5-11	180	So.

**GAME DAY**  
2:30 p.m., Washington-Grizzly Stadium (25,217), Missoula, Mont.  
Radio: 106.3 FM, 91.1 FM; TV: KDLT

Series: Montana 9-6; Last Meeting: Montana 45, USD 13 (1999)



JAMES D. CIMBUREK/P&D  
**South Dakota quarterback Josh Vander Maten (16) calls out a play during an appearance in the 2011 season. Vander Maten will make his first career start for the Coyotes as USD travels to Montana today (Saturday).**

STANDINGS

Team	Conf	All
South Dakota	0-0	0-0
South Dakota State	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
Illinois State	0-0	0-0
Youngstown State	0-0	0-0
Southern Illinois	0-0	0-1
Western Illinois	0-0	0-1

CONDITIONS

Outdoors, SprinTurf. With no rain in the forecast, it should be a great afternoon for football. Sunny and high in the low 80s.

ONLINE

The Press & Dakotan's Jeremy Hoek does a live chat during every Coyote home game. Find it online at [www.yankton.net/coyotegameday](http://www.yankton.net/coyotegameday). Complete coverage will be available in Monday's Press & Dakotan.

MATCHUPS

COYOTE OFFENSE vs. UM DEFENSE

USD will have four new starters on the line and a new quarterback in Josh Vander Maten. Montana's linebacking corp could give the Coyotes some problems. Slight edge here to the Grizzlies.

COYOTE DEFENSE vs. UM OFFENSE

Like the Coyotes, the Grizzlies will have a new QB but will rely on a stable of quality backs. Tight end Greg Hardy will present a challenge for the Coyotes' 3-4 defense, even with Tyler Starr roaming around the edge. We'll give the nod here to USD and its veteran secondary.

SPECIAL TEAMS

Montana replaces kicker and punter Brody McKnight, while USD returns fourth punter pre-season kicker Kevin Robb (17-of-20 on field goals) and punter Cole Zwielfhofer (43.1-yard average). Significant edge to USD.

INTANGIBLES

Where to start? Montana is looking to move on from off-season legal issues and USD is looking to start the Joe Glenn era off on the right foot. The Grizzlies, in their home stadium, have the obvious advantage.

USD 2011 LEADERS

**RUSHING**

	Att	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Marcus Sims	127	660	5.2	53	4
Chris Ganious	117	471	4.0	33	3
Dante Warren	134	415	3.1	62	9
COYOTES	444	1,740	3.9	62	17
Opponents	410	1,520	3.7	80	16

**PASSING**

	Com	Att	Yds	Int	TD
Dante Warren	122	202	1,729	7	14
Josh Vander Maten	22	38	221	0	3
COYOTES	145	243	1,954	7	17
Opponents	232	361	2,405	10	18

**RECEIVING**

	No	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Will Powell	42	763	18.2	49	5
Dustin Nowolny	28	323	11.5	57	4
Jeremy Blount	25	467	18.7	67	5
COYOTES	145	1,954	13.5	67	17
Opponents	232	2,405	10.4	59	18

**PLACE KICKING**

	EPm	EPa	FGm	FGa	Long	50+
Kevin Robb	34	36	17	20	51	1

PUNTING

	No	Yds	Avg	Long	In20
Cole Zwielfhofer	48	43.1	72	72	11

DEFENSIVE LEADERS

	Tack	TFL	Sack	INT	FR
Adam Broders	84	5.0	1.0	1	—
Shane Potter	72	5.5	2.0	—	—
Shea Williams	51	19.0	14.0	—	2
Tyler Starr	32	2.0	1.0	—	3
David Giese	26	6.5	5.0	—	—
Jordan Eaton	26	6.5	5.0	—	—
COYOTES	851	66	33	10	12
Opponents	738	70	38	7	5

UM 2011 LEADERS

**RUSHING**

	Att	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Peter Nguyen	151	835	5.5	37	3
Jordan Canada	113	580	5.1	75	9
Jordan Johnson	89	506	5.7	54	4
GRIZZLIES	613	2,952	4.8	80	29
Opponents	517	1,912	3.7	69	13

**PASSING**

	Com	Att	Yds	Int	TD
Jordan Johnson	205	343	2,400	9	21
GRIZZLIES	248	420	2,933	12	25
Opponents	241	435	2,668	19	17

**RECEIVING**

	No	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Jabin Sambrano	36	632	17.6	80	10
Sam Gratton	36	465	12.9	45	3
Anton Moutra	36	459	12.8	42	3
GRIZZLIES	248	2,933	11.8	80	25
Opponents	241	2,668	11.1	81	17

**PLACE KICKING**

	EPm	EPa	FGm	FGa	Long	50+
Brody McKnight	53	54	21	28	51	1

**PUNTING**

	No	Avg	Long	In20
Brody McKnight	53	42.8	75	16

PREDICTION

The Coyotes don't have a strong recent history in road games, but new leadership figures to change all that. It might be asking too much, however, for USD to pull the upset in a place where road teams don't have much success.  
**MONTANA 31, USD 21**

**GAME DAY**  
6 p.m., Memorial Stadium (50,071), Lawrence, Kan.  
Radio: 570 AM

Series: KU 1-0; Last Meeting: Kansas 86, SDSU 6 (1947)

Quick Hitters

■ SDSU broke from tradition by naming two non-seniors — junior DB Winston Wright and sophomore QB Austin Sumner — as team captains. The other three captains are TE Seth Daughters, DB Bo Helm and LB Ross Shafraht.

■ Summer, the 2011 Missouri Valley Football Conference Freshman of the Year, is not expected to play due to injury. Redshirt freshman Eric Kline will get the start under center for the Jacks.

■ Tyrel Kool, a senior from Yankton, will see time both as a receiver and a running back this fall. As a starting receiver in 2010, he led the Jacks with 64 catches (808 yards, 2 TD). He led SDSU in rushing last season with 534 yards and four scores, and added 26 more catches to his career total.

■ Kansas senior D.J. Beshears led the Big 12 in kick return yards (1,014) a year ago, and had 285 all-purpose yards in the Jayhawks' victory over Northern Illinois.

■ Charlie Weis is in his second collegiate head coaching job, after coaching Notre Dame from 2005-09. He coached in

the NFL from 1986-2004, then again in 2010. He served as offensive coordinator at the University of Florida last season.

Key Matchup

**Kansas run game vs. SDSU two backs** — James Sims (727 yards, 9 TD) and Tony Pierson (396 yards, 3 TD) — who combined to tally over 1,100 yards on the ground a year ago. With a young QB and a new coach, Kansas will expect those two to carry the load against an SDSU defense that allowed 4.8 yards per carry last season. The Jackrabbits will have to do better to avoid getting blown over by the Jayhawks.

From The Coach

■ "We'll have to coach our tails off come the end of the first quarter when we see what they run offensively and defensively," SDSU head coach John Stiegelmeier, on facing Kansas, which opens the Charlie Weis era against SDSU.

**GAME DAY**  
2:30 p.m., Memorial Stadium (81,091), Lincoln, Neb.  
Radio: 93.1 FM, Husker Sports Network; TV: ABC

Series: NU leads 2-1; Last Meeting: So. Miss 21, NU 17 (2004)

Quick Hitters

■ Senior I-back Rex Burkhead (1,357 yards, 17 TD) is on several watch lists entering his final season, including the Doak Walker and Walter Camp award watch lists. He and quarterback Taylor Martinez rank as the top returning QB-RB rushing combo in the FBS this season, having combined for 2,231 yards a year ago.

■ Nebraska placed five walk-ons on scholarship prior to this season, including Ponca, Neb., native Justin Blatchford, a senior safety. Seniors kicker Brett Maher, guard Seung Hoon Choi, center Justin Jackson and junior guard Spencer Jackson were the others.

■ The Southern Miss offense must replace its quarterback, top rusher and two top receivers from a year ago, but the Golden Eagles return their top four tacklers.

■ Ellis Johnson will make his debut as the head coach for Southern Miss in this contest. He comes in with a 17-28 career record. He was the defensive coordinator of the South Carolina team that beat Nebraska 30-13 in the 2012 Capital One Bowl.

Key Matchup

Nebraska defense vs. Southern Miss offense: Nebraska's experienced front will try

to contain a Golden Eagles offense that had to replace several key components from a year ago. If Southern Miss can escape that front line rush, it may be able to exploit less experienced linebackers and defensive backs for the Cornhuskers.

From The Coach

■ "Yeah, Rex wants to play every snap. It's up to us to manage that. At the same time, we need to get the ball in his hands and get some carries." Nebraska head coach Bo Pelini on managing Burkhead's workload this week.

Big Ten Standings

Legends Division	Conf	All
Minnesota	0-0	1-0
Nebraska	0-0	0-0
Iowa	0-0	0-0
Michigan	0-0	0-0
Michigan State	0-0	0-0
Northwestern	0-0	0-0

Leaders Division	Conf	All
Wisconsin	0-0	0-0
Illinois	0-0	0-0
Indiana	0-0	0-0
Ohio State	0-0	0-0
Penn State	0-0	0-0
Purdue	0-0	0-0