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Date	Opponent	ทัก	0
Aug. 30	vs. Florida Atlantic	55	
Sept. 6	vs. McNeese State	31	2
Sept. 13	at Fresno State	55	
Sept. 20	vs. Miami	41	
Sept. 27	vs. Illinois (HC, 8 p.m.)		
Oct. 4	at Michigan State (7 p.m.)		
Oct. 18	at Northwestern (6:30 p.m.)		
Oct. 25	vs. Rutgers (TBA)		
Nov. 1	vs. Purdue (TBA)		
Nov. 15	at Wisconsin (TBA)		
Nov. 22	vs. Minnesota (TBA)		
Nov. 28	at Iowa (TBA)		

STAT LEADERS

RUSHING					
Ameer Abdullah	Att 92	Yds 625	Avg 6.8	Long 57	TD 5
Tommy Armstrong, Jr.	40	354	8.9	42	2
Terrell Newby	26	142	5.5	43	2
HUSKERS	186	1,316	7.1	62	11
Opponents	126	464	3.7	66	4
PASSING					
Tommy Armstrong, Jr.	Com 52	Att 94	Yds 886	Int 2	TD 9
HUSKERS	56	103	923	2	10
Opponents	81	157	855	3	5
RECEIVING					
Jordan Westerkamp	No 14	Yds 285	Avg 20.4	Long 70	TD 3
Kenny Bell	14	284	20.4	63	ა 1
Ameer Abdullah	5	108	21.6	58	2
HUSKERS	56	923	16.5	70	10
Opponents	81	855	10.6	40	5
PLACE KICKING					
Drew Brown	EPm 22	EPa 22	FGm 6	FGa 7	Long 44
PUNTING					
Sam Foltz		No 14	Avg . 47.4	Long 61	In20
DEFENSIVE LEADERS					
	Tack	TFL	Sack	INT	FR
Nate Gerry David Santos	25 24	3	_	1	_
Josh Banderas	24 22	2.5	_		_
Greg McMullen	16	5	2.5		_
Vincent Valentine	15	3	2.5	_	_
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HUSKERS	265	28	8	3	- 1

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Series: Nebraska leads 8-2-1; Last Meeting: Nebraska 39, Illinois 19 (2013)



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Nebraska's Ameer Abdullah (8) reaches for the endzone as he is taken down by South Dakota State's Jake Gentile just shy of the goal line during the opening minutes of their football game on last season. Abdullah has rushed for 625 yards in four games this season.

B1G STANDINGS

West Division	Conf	Al
Nebraska	0-0	4-0
Illinois	0-0	3-1
lowa	0-0	3-1
Minnesota	0-0	3-1
Wisconsin	0-0	2-1
Purdue		
Northwestern		
East Division	Conf	Al
East Division Penn State	Conf 1-0	Al 4-0
Penn State	1-0	4-0
Penn State Maryland	1-0	4-0 3-1
Penn State	1-0 0-0	4-0 3-1 2-1
Penn State	1-0 0-0 0-0 2-1	4-0 3-1 2-1
Penn State Maryland Indiana Michigan State Ohio State		4-0 3-1 2-1 0-0
Penn State	1-0 0-0 0-0 2-1 0-0	4-0 2-1 0-0 2-1

CONDITIONS

Outdoors, FieldTurf. A beautiful fall day gives way to a clear evening and a great night for football at an alwayspacked Memorial Stadium. Temps will cool off to about 72 at

PREDICTION

This could be a trap game for the Huskers, who come off a big win over Miami last week and face a stout Michigan State team next week. The Husker defense will be tested, especially with buck linebacker David Santos possibly missing the game due to injury, but the Illini don't have an answer for Ameer Abdul-

HUSKERS 55, ILLINI 21

MATCHUPS

HUSKER OFFENSE VS. ILLINI DEFENSE

The Huskers have some old-school offensive aspects (329 yards per game on the ground), as well as a quarterback who can do some damage both with his arm and his legs. Illinois ranks 12th in the Big Ten in run defense

HUSKER DEFENSE VS. ILLINI OFFENSE

Illinois QB Wes Lunt has thrown for over 1,200 yards and leads the Big Ten with 11 touchdown passes. He likes to use his running backs on check-downs as a substitute for the Illini's weak running game (last in the Big Ten, 110th nationally), testing an already-weak linebacking corps for Nebraska. We'll give the Illini the edge.

SPECIAL TEAMS

The teams rank 1-2 in net punting. though the Huskers have a significant edge in that category (45-41.2). The Illini have the league's best kickoff return average (26.3 yards per return), but will have a new kicker (David Reisner) after Taylor Zalewski went 1-3 in field goal attempts. While Nebraska kicker Drew Brown (the younger brother of former Husker kicker Kris Brown) is a freshman, he is 6-7 on field goals and 22-22 on PATs.

INTANGIBLES

This may be a trap game for Nebraska, but Bo Pelini and company won't let the Huskers look to far ahead. Also, Nebraska wants to make a statement to the country and their fan base that they are for real



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SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent State	UI	Opp 17
Aug. 30	vs. Youngstown State	28	
Sept. 6	vs. Western Kentucky	42	34
Sept. 13	at Washington	19	44
Sept. 20	vs. Texas State	42	35
Sept. 27	at Nebraska (8 p.m.)		
Oct. 4	vs. Purdue (11 a.m.)		
Oct. 11	at Wisconsin (TBA)		
Oct. 25	vs. Minnesota (HC, 11 a.m.)		
Nov. 1	at Ohio State (7 p.m.)		
Nov. 15	vs. Iowa (TBA)		
Nov. 22	vs. Penn State (TBA)		
Nov. 29	at Northwestern (TBA)		

Yds Avg

STAT LEADERS

Josh Ferguson Donovonn Young	50 36	316 125	6.3 3.5	75 20	3
ILLINI	110	433	3.9	75	5
Opponents	199	690	3.5	31	5
PASSING					
Wes Lunt	Com 100	Att 152	Yds 1,237	Int 3	TD 11
ILLINI	104	157	1,286	3	11
Opponents	84	137	1,029	2	7
RECEIVING					
Mike Dudek	No 19	Yds 249	Avg 13.1	Long 49	TD 3
Geronimo Allison	16	300	18.8	60	2
Justin Hardee	14	180	12.9	62	1
ILLINI	104	1,286	12.4	62	11
Opponents	84	1,029	12.2	75	7
PLACE KICKING					
David Reisner	EPm 3	EPa 3	FGm 1	FGa 1	Long 19
PUNTING					
Justin DuVernois		No 21	Avg. 45.7	Long 60	In20 4
DEFENSIVE LEADERS					
Toulan Darton	Tack 43	TFL 0.5	Sack	IŅT	FR
Taylor Barton Mason Monheim	43 39	3.5	0.5	1	_
Earnest Thomas III	21	4.0	1.0	_	_
V'Angelo Bentley	18	_	_	1	1
Austin Teitsma	17	6.0	1.0	_	_
Dawuane Smoot	13	3.5	2.5	_	_
ILLINI	359 246	32 19	10 9	2	3 5
Opponents	246	19	9	3	5

PROBABLE STARTERS

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		ILLINI OFFENSE			
Pos LT	No 68	Name	Ht 6-6	Wt 310	5
LG	52	Simon Cvijanovic Alex Hill	6-3	315	S
C	71	Joe Spencer	6-4	300	Si
RG	69	Ted Karras	6-4	310	اد
RT	74	Michael Heitz	6-5	310	Š
QB	12	Wes Lunt	6-5	225	S
RB	6	Josh Ferguson	5-10	195	,
WR	8	Geronimo Allison	6-4	195	
or	86	Malik Turner	6-3	205	Ë
WR	9	Martize Barr	6-0	195	
WR	19	Justin Hardee	6-1	195	5
TE	11	Matt LaCosse	6-6	250	J
and	3	Jon Davis	6-3	240	S
	-	ILLINI DEFENSE			
Pos	No	Name	Ht	Wt	١
DE	17	Jihad Ward	6-6	290	J
NT	44	Austin Teitsma	6-2	290	8
DT	99	Jarrod Clements	6-3	290	S
or	93	Teko Powell	6-3	305	
LEO	90	DeJazz Woods	6-3	255	S
or	91	Dawuane Smoot	6-3	270	S
WLB	43	Mason Monheim	6-1	235	J
MLB	52	T.J. Neal, Jr.	6-3	235	S
STAR	9	Earnest Thomas III	6-2	210	5
CB	2	V'Angelo Bentley	5-10	190	,
SS	21	Zane Petty	6-1	205	5
FS	3	Taylor Barton	6-1	215	S

BYE WEEK

Next Game — at Illinois State on Oct. 4

Quick Hitters ■ Running back Zach Zenner was named to the AFCA Good Works team on Tuesday. It marks the second time in as many years that SDSU has had a player honored

(Winston Wright in 2013). Zenner was also announced as a semifinalist for the Campbell Trophy. Of the 167 semifinalists, up to 16 will receive a NFF National Scholar-Athlete Award, which comes with an \$18,000 post-graduate scholarhip. The Campbell Award will be

presented on Dec. 9. ■ Zenner notched his 25th career 100-yard game and seventh career 200-yard game with his 209 yards against UW-Oshkosh last week. He also went over 5,000 ca-

reer rushing yards.

■ SDSU debuted a 75mm Pack Howitzer M1 cannon for last week's game with Wisconsin-Oshkosh. The cannon, which is sponsored by Culver's, was recently acquired by the SDSU Army ROTC. The cannon, which fires when the Jacks enter the prior to the game and after each SDSU score, was busy last week in SDSU's 41-3 victory.

■ SDSU head coach John Stiegelmeier became the winningest coach in Jackrabbit history with Saturday's win. The 114th victory pushed Stiegelmeier past Ralph Ginn (113-89-9 from 1947-68).

SDSU moved to 28-20 alltime in "Beef Bowl" games with last week's victory.

From The Coach ■ "It's just been a fun experience and a blessed experience." Stiegelmeier after his record-setting victory.

MVFC Standings

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

BYE WEEK

Next Game — at Southern Illinois on Oct. 4

Quick Hitters

■ USD's 28-21 victory over Northern Arizona was the Coyotes' first victory over a ranked team since joining the Missouri Valley Football Conference.

■ Sophomore quarterback Rvan Saeger rushed for a career-high 108 yards and rushed for two touchdowns in the win. He also hit Eric Shufford for a 9-yard touchdown.

■ Sophomore left guard Nile Banks was named the MVFC Offensive Lineman of the week for helping the Coyotes rush for over 300 yards in the game.

■ Junior defensive end Drew Iddings was named the MVFC Defensive player of the week, recording four tackles for loss, including a

sack, against Northern Arizona. He was also credited with a quarterback

hurry in the game. ■ When the Coyotes face Southern Illinois next week in Carbondale. Illinois, it will be the first meeting between the teams. SIU was the only MVFC opponent USD did not face in its first two years in the league. SIU travels to Western Illinois to open MVFC play today.

■ Coming into this week, the MVFC has a 20-1 record against non-league FCS opponents, with the lone loss being USD's 28-20 setback at Montana.

■ When USD returns home to face Northern Iowa on Oct. 11, it will not only mark Dakota Days for the Coyotes, it will also be the MVFC television Game of the Week.

■ Former Coyote lineman Marc Murtha is a volunteer assistant coach for the Yankton High School football team, and was featured in the Yankton Press & Dakotan in Thursday's edition.

From The Coach

■ "You're going to touch gloves and have a fist fight with every team in this league." Joe Glenn on the MVFC's success in non-league games. He also called that success a "shot across the bow" for the FCS playoff selection committee after the MVFC got just two post-season bids a year ago.

Bucks

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fourth quarter on Kuchta's run, only to see the Knights march right down the field and pull ahead 25-22 with 45 seconds left.

Problem for the Bucks? Hardly, said head coach Arlin Likness, in the postgame celebration. The Bucks had a long pass

play from Mason Strahl to Evan Greeneway on the ensuing drive, and Hale kicked a 23-yard field goal as time expired to tie the game.

"These kids have a lot of heart," Likness said. "They put more into Buck football than we've seen in a long

'We're a solid unit; one for all and all for one." Particularly on defense,

when Yankton was backed against the wall in overtime. With each team getting the ball at the 10-yard line in

overtime, Yankton started with a 1-yard touchdown run from Strahl and Hale extra point to lead 32-25.

O'Gorman then got the ball down to the 1-yard line, but was stopped on a run up the middle on fourth down.



Yankton's Matt Fitzgerald, 83, follows the block of Tanner Frick, 20, for a long kickoff return during Friday night's game at Sioux Falls O'Gorman

That set off Yankton's cele-

"The whole game they were getting yards in those situations," Hale said. "But we came in and rallied to the ball.'

And at the perfect time, too, Kuchta added. "I couldn't believe it, it

was so exciting," he said. Defense was the story of the first half for the Bucks, who scored on the game's

opening drive and took a 10-3 lead into the halftime break. From the end of the third

quarter into the fourth quarter, though, O'Gorman scored on consecutive drives. Quarterback Luke Fritsch hit Jack

Peery for a 10-yard touchdown with 6:52 remaining, giving the Knights an 18-10 lead.

Yankton needed fewer than two minutes to respond, as Strahl scored on a 2-yard

run at the 4:54 mark. The ensuing two-point conversion was no good, but the stage was set for a wild finish.

"These guys never quit, they always hang in there," Likness said. "When they (O'Gorman) scored late, we could've given up.

"But we were able to come back and move the ball."

The question now is, according to Likness: How do the Bucks respond next week at Watertown?

"The focus is now improving on what we did here," the coach said. "Even after we beat Brandon Valley, we had to find a way to get better. "And we sure have."

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cond Quarter
Y — Brady Hale, 37-yard field goal, 3:35 Third Quarter
OG — Gunnar Sommervold, 2-yard run (Luke

Fritsch conversion), 1:00 Fritsch conversion), 1:00

Fourth Quarter

OG — Jack Peery, 10-yard pass from Fritsch (Zimprich kick), 6:52

Y — Strahl, 2-yard run (conversion no good), 4:54

Y — Parker Kuchta, 16-yard run (conversion no

good), 2:09

OG — A.J. Martinec, 18-yard pass from Fritsch (Zimprich kick), 0:45

Y — Hale, 23-yard field goal, 0:00

Y — Strahl, 1-yard run (Hale kick), 0:00