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### **UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA COYOTES**

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Date	Opponent	USD	C
Sept. 5	at Kansas (6:10 p.m.)		
Sept. 12	at UC Davis (8 p.m.)		
Sept. 19	vs. Drake (2 p.m.)		
Oct. 3	vs. Youngstown State (2 p.m.)		
Oct. 10	at Western Illinois (3 p.m.)		
Oct. 17	at North Dakota State (2:30 p.m.)		
Oct. 24	vs. Missouri State (2 p.m.)		
Oct. 31	at Northern Iowa (1 p.m.)		
Nov. 7	vs. Southern Illinois (1 p.m.)		
Nov. 14	vs. South Dakota State (1 p.m.)		
Nov 21	at Illinois State (noon)		

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RUSHING					
	Att	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Trevor Bouma	106	508	4.8	32	3
Khorey Kilgore	46	207	4.5	46	0
Ryan Saeger	44	184	4.2	36	4
COYOTES	440	1,994	4.5	53	15
Opponents	504	2,814	5.6	60	27
PASSING					
	Com	Att	Yds	Int	TD
Ryan Saeger	50	92	660	3	3
COYOTES	193	364	2,271	11	11
Opponents	175	214	2,786	6	26
RECEIVING					
	No	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Eric Shufford	53	699	13.2	43	5
Riley Donovan	38	495	13.0	37	1
Aaron Ramsey	12	225	18.8	38	0
COYOTES	193	2,271	11.8	43	11
Opponents	175	2,786	15.9	62	26
PLACE KICKING					
	EPm	EPa	FGm	FGa	Long
Miles Bergner	19	21	16	17	50
PUNTING					
Miles Dasses		<b>No</b> 62	Avg. 2.565	Long 69	In20 17
Miles Bergner		02	2,303	09	17
DEFENSIVE LEADERS					
	Tack	TFL	Sack	INT	FR
Tyson Graham	97	0.5	_	1	_
John Wessel	86	2.5	1.5	1	1
Jacob Warner	67	4.0	_	1	_
Keyen Lage	66	5.5	_	_	1
Colin Buscarini	59	4.5	1.0	_	_
Drew Iddings	37	8.5	3.0	_	1

Pos	No	Name	Ht	Wt	Y
QB	2	Ryan Saeger	6-4	220	Jr
HB	21	Trevor Bouma	5-11	210	Jr
FB	41	Drew Potter	6-3	250	Jr
WR	1	Riley Donovan	6-1	185	Jr
WR	11	Eric Shufford	5-11	195	Sr
TE	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.
С	70	Thomas McGuire	6-4	280	Sr
RG	78	Ed Kennedy	6-4	285	So
RT	65	Derek Chancellor	6-5	305	Sr
DEFE	NSE				
Pos	No	Name	Ht	Wt	Yı
DE	45	Colin Mertlik	6-2	230	Jr.
DT	94	Drew Iddings	6-6	285	Sr.
DT	56	Nick Jacobs	6-4	280	Sr
or	55	Sean Bredl	6-4	270	Jr.
DT	17	Andrew Van Ginkel	6-4	230	RFı
LB	33	Keyen Lage	6-3	235	Sr
LB	28	John Wessel	6-2	230	Jr.
LB	4	Ryan Hillier	6-1	220	Sr
CB	26 8	Chris Taylor Tyson Graham	6-2 6-2	200 210	Sr
			n-2		Jr
FS SS	24	Jacob Warner	6-0	200	Jr

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South Dakota quarterback Ryan Saeger (2) stiff-arms a defender during the Coyotes' 2014 home opener against William Penn. After playing several games due to injury in 2014, Saeger will open the 2015 season as the starting QB.

### **MVFC STANDINGS**

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

#### CONDITIONS

Outdoors, AstroTurf, Hot is an understatement, as gametime temps look to be in the low 90s. It may cool off to the mid 80s by the end of the game

### 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**

Kansas State is simply too powerful and USD is trying to fit the pieces together after a sub-par season. It's too much to ask that the Coyotes go into a Big 12 environment and contend with what was a top-25 team a year ago. USD could hang around early, but this one will get away from the Coyotes.

**WILDCATS 48, COYOTES 17** 

## **MATCHUPS**

### **USD ON OFFENSE**

The Wildcats return six starters to their defense, including a pair of All-Big 12 honorees in the secondary. Look for Kansas State to pressure USD quarterback Ryan Saeger. Will he tuck and run right away? Or will he scan his options before running? Significant edge here to the Wildcats.

#### **USD ON DEFENSE**

With four returning starters on the offensive line (and a new quarterback), look for Kansas State to pound the ball on the ground. That wasn't an area of strength last year for the Coyotes. We'll give the edge here to the Wildcats.

### **SPECIAL TEAMS**

With Miles Bergner, the Coyotes are always going to have an edge in the kicking game; he was nearly perfect on field goals last year. USD will have some new faces on special teams, so look for some longer returns on kicks and punts. We'll give the slight edge to the Coyotes.

## **INTANGIBLES**

Speed. Nobody will be surprised that Kansas State (of the Big 12) will have top notch speed at its skill positions, but the talk of USD's pre-season practices has been on its improved speed. Will newcomers like Michael Fredrick, Shamar Jackson and Danny Rambo have any impact? Slight edge to Kansas State.



RUSHING

#### **KANSAS STATE** UNIVERSITY **WILDCATS**

# SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent
9/5	vs. South Dakota (6:10 p.m.)
9/12	at UTSA (11 a.m.)
9/19	vs. Louisiana Tech (2 p.m.)
10/3	at Oklahoma State (TBA)
10/10	vs. TCU (TBA)
10/17	vs. Oklahoma (TBA)
10/24	at Texas (TBA)
11/5	vs. Baylor (6:30 p.m.)
11/14	at Texas Tech (TBA)
11/21	vs. Iowa State (TBA)
11/28	at Kansas (TBA)
12/5	vs. West Virginia (TBA)

## RETURNING STAT LEADERS

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	Att	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Charles Jones	133	540	4.1	18	13
Joe Hubener	27	142	5.3	20	3
Jarvis Leverett, Jr.	20	67	3.3	9	(
Jesse Ertz	7	46	6.6	20	(
WILDCATS	476	1,745	3.7	53	30
Opponents	440	1,824	4.1	67	17
PASSING					
	Com	Att	Yds	Int	TD
Joe Hubener	9	17	235	1	1
WILDCATS	271	415	3,736	8	23
Opponents	273	439	2,977	15	20
RECEIVING					
	No	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Kody Cook	20	251	12.6	32	1
Deante Burton	17	171	10.1	25	(
Charles Jones	8	75	9.4	17	1
WILDCATS	271	3,736	13.8	74	23
Opponents	273	2,977	10.9	69	20
PLACE KICKING					
	EPm	EPa	FGm	FGa	Long
Matthew McCrane	41	42	18	19	53
PUNTING					
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Nick Walsh		44	41.3	59	15
DEFENSIVE LEADERS					
	Tack	TFL	Sack	INT	FR
Dante Barnett	77	4.0	_	3	_
Danzel McDaniel	59	5.0	1.0	1	_
Morgan Burns	55	3.0	1.0	3	_
Travis Britz	27	5.0	3.0	_	-
Jordan Willis	25	6.5	4.0	_	_
Elijah Lee	19	4.5	4.5	_	_
WILDCATS	825	73	26	15	6

#### PROBABLE STARTERS

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OFFE Pos	No	Name	Ht	Wt	Yr
WR	6	Deante Burton	6-2	205	Jr.
LT	55	Cody Whitehair	6-4	305	Sr.
LG	77	Boston Stiverson	6-4	316	Sr.
С	71	Dalton Risner	6-5	300	RFr.
RG	68	Luke Hayes	6-6	295	Sr.
RT	65	Matt Kleinsorge	6-5	310	Sr.
TE	80	Cody Small	6-5	241	So.
or	88	Dayton Valentine	6-4	262	RFr.
QB	16	Jesse Ertz	6-3	205	So.
FB	48	Glenn Gronkowski	6-3	234	Jr.
or	38	Winston Dimel	6-1	235	RFr.
RB	24	Charles Jones	5-10	206	Jr.
WR	19	Kody Cook	6-1	200	Sr.
WR	4	Dominique Heath	5-9	175	RFr.
DEFE	ENSE				
Pos	No	Name	Ht	Wt	Yr
DE	75	Jordan Willis	6-5	250	Jr.
DT	95	Travis Britz	6-4	293	Sr.
DT	60	Will Geary	6-0	297	So.
DE	45	Marquel Bryant	6-3	254	Sr.
LB	9	Elijah Lee	6-3	218	So.
LB	35	Will Davis	6-0	224	Jr.
LB	52	Charmeachealle Moore	6-0	221	Jr.
CB	33	Morgan Burns	5-11	201	Sr.
SS	22	Dante Barnett	6-1	193	Sr.

# **JACKRABBITS**

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# **Quick Hitters**

■ South Dakota State is looking for its first victory against a FBS opponent since moving to the Division I level. The Jackrabbits are 0-7 against FBS foes since 2008.

■ SDSU is one of six FCS programs to reach the playoffs in each of the past three seasons ■ David Beaty will make his debut

as head coach for Kansas today. It is the first collegiate head coaching position for the 1994 graduate of Lindenwood. ■ Kansas is 31-9-1 all-time against

FCS opponents, including a 31-14 victory over South Dakota in 2013. ■ After starting several games for Austin Sumner due to injury last

season, Zach Lujan takes the helm

at quarterback for the SDSU offense. The Jacks also have to replace one of the nation's top running backs, Zach Zenner, who led the NFL in rushing yards this preseason.

■ More than two dozen Kansas players are expected to make their Division I debut in today's game

■ SDSU punt returner Je Ryan Butler enters the 2015 season just 182 yards and 14 attempts from breaking school records for career returns. He is also the active career leader in interceptions for SDSU with eight.

■ Five Yankton High School gradu ates are on the SDSU roster, including projected starter Kellen Soulek (DL). Sophomore Troy Hunhoff (P) and true freshmen Brady Hale (P), Matt Fitzgerald and Evan Greeneway are also on the roster.

# **Key Matchup**

Kansas KB Montell Cozart vs. SDSU Defense. Cozart has eight career starts, including five last season, and had 701 yards, 5 TDs and 7 INTs in 7 games last season. The SDSU defense returns nine starters, including all three linebackers and three of four

# From The Coach

"We've set the target higher. We've talked about that as a program, to grow as a football team. We've got a decent tradition right now." SDSU head coach John Stiegelmeier on the expectations for 2015.

# **Quick Hitters**

■ Mike Riley will make his debut as Nebraska head football coach today While Nebraska has never faced BYU, Riley has three times, going 1-2.

■ Nebraska has won 29 consecutive season openers, dating back to a 1985 loss to Florida State. It is the longest active streak in FBS football.

■ BYU is one of three independent programs in FBS (Army and Notre Dame), having made that move in

■ BYU QB Taysom Hill is on the watch lists for a number of awards despite only playing in five games in 2014 due to injury. The senior is the only active player with 4,000 yards passing and 2,000 yards rushing in his career after rushing for 460 yards and

passing for 975 yards last season. Nebraska also returns a veteran QB, Tommy Armstrong, Jr. The junior ranks seventh in career passing yards

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(3,661) and completions (252) ■ BYU went 3-0 against "Power 5" conference opponents in 2014, finishing 8-5 overall

■ BYU returns eight starters on

offense and seven starters on defense ■ Nebraska has posted seven straight 9-win seasons, the most since a NCAA record 33 straight from 1969-2001. Alabama and Oregon are the only other programs with seven straight 9-win seasons.

**Key Matchup** BYU Air Attack vs. Nebraska secondary. BYU returns a Heisman-

contending quarterback and two top receivers (Mitch Mathews and Mitchell Juergens), then gave him three new targets to throw to: transfers Devon Blackmon, Nick Kurtz and Colby Pearson. (Kurtz and Pearson were at BYU in 2014 but redshirted.) The Huskers start three seniors and iunior Nate Gerry (Sioux Falls) in the secondary, and those four will be tested all game

# From The Coach

■ "Having a returning guarterback gives you your best chance early in the season. I think. We have the luxury of knowing exactly who we have, and that establishes an identity." BYU coach Bronco Mendenhall on having Heisman Trophy candidate Taysom Hill returning. (AP)

# **Jacks**

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back, but fans shouldn't be surprised to see a variety of players taking handoffs from

Mengarelli rushed for 332 on 61 carries (5.4 yards per carry) last year. The 5-foot-10 195-pound Arizona native said he is confident with the team's zone blocking schemes.

"It's in between the tackles; I really like that," Mengarelli said. "It gives you the option to bounce it out, cut it back, really anything you want to

Other running backs likely to see action are redshirt freshman Isaac Wallace, who Stiegelmeier describes as a special player with a great work ethic, Kyle Paris and Reggie Gandy. Both Paris and Gandy had strong camps.

"It's a good group of guys," the coach said. "It's a good, full-strength group of tailbacks."

The Jacks' offense also returns Jake Wieneke and hopes the 6-foot-4 wideout continues to come up big. As a freshman last year, Wieneke had 73 receptions for 1,404 yards and set a school record with 16 touchdown receptions.

Lost amid all of the chatter about the offense is this: The SDSU defense returns nine starters and 10 of its top 11 tacklers from the 2014 season.

'We have a great leader in T.J. Lally, who really sets the tone for our defense," Stiegelmeier said. "We have veteran corners (seniors Je Ryan Butler and Jimmie Forsythe are the starters) and a great nose guard (Kellen Soulek). We should have a solid defense to start the season.'

Lally, a senior middle linebacker, led the team with 117 tackles last year. He will make his 42nd consecutive start Saturday to continue a streak that started in 2012.

The defense has been working on ways to get more pressure on the opposing quarterbacks whether it's through new blitzes or stronger defensive back coverage. The Jackrabbits aren't happy that they managed only 15 sacks last season.

'Our communication is better; we feel like we can do more things that you maybe couldn't with a less experienced group," Lally said. "We're real excited confidentwise.

The Jacks will face a Kansas team under the direction of first-year coach Dave Beaty. The Jayhawks finished 3-9 overall and 1-8 in the Big 12

last year.

With only six total returning starters and a bleak recent history, Kansas is in a rebuilding mode. 'Honestly, I'm really happy

with where we've come and

where we're at right now,'

Beaty said. "But we still have a milion miles to go." KU has named Montell Cozart as its starting quarterback, which should put the Jackrabbit defenders on their toes as they try to keep

up with KU's new upbeat, no-

huddle offense. Saturday's season opener marks the eighth straight year SDSU will have played a Football Bowl Subdivision opponent and the Jackrabbits hope to break a troubling trend.

SDSU has lost all of the seven previous games, including a 31-17 setback at Kansas

# Cost

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cruiting tools that allow USD coaches to compete on the same level as other schools that offer cost of attendance.

Certain sports like football and basketball may not always be competing for an athlete against Power 5 schools, but sports like track, for example, that may be more common.

"It's a big step; a bit commitment," Huber said. "We've been able to compete at this level, and in order to do that, we have to do this.'

Facilities and an extra \$350 a month for other expenses may not be the main factor for an athlete deciding on a school, but it's certainly part of the decision.

"You want to make sure you give our coaches the resources necessary," Herbster said. "At the same time, this is a portion of it.

"It's one component; but a big one, sure." As is the case in recruit-

ing, the key is keeping pace. You want to be to be able to recruit head and head, and unless you're satisfied with being less than competitive, you rise to meet the competi-

tion," Abbott said. When you're a college athlete, particularly at the Division I level, it can be a challenge to find the time to earn some extra money with the academic and athletic requirements. The cost of attendance money can alleviate that stress for athletes, according to Huber. "Even these kids that go

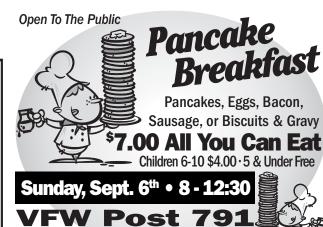
home for the summer, they're training all summer, so this really helps them be able to off-set that," Huber said. "It helps them understand that we're serious and we're supporting you; that you shouldn't have to go find a part-time job to make some money."

And that little extra money circles back to the commitment from the school, Abbott said.

"I'm happy with our student-athletes, they devote an incredible amount of time outside the classroom, so I'm glad we can give them a little more," he said.

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