

USD COYOTES GAME DAY 0-1 (0-0 MVFC) vs 0-1 (0-0 Big Sky)

8:05 p.m. CT, Aggie Stadium (10,849) Davis, Calif. Radio: KVHT (106.3 FM) TV: None

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA COYOTES

SCHEDULE

Table with columns: Date, Opponent, USD, Opp. Shows game schedule from Sept 5 to Nov 21.

STAT LEADERS

RUSHING table with columns: Player, Att, Yds, Avg, Long, TD.

PASSING table with columns: Player, Com, Att, Yds, Int, TD.

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PLACE KICKING table with columns: Player, EPm, EPa, FGm, FGa, Long.

PUNTING table with columns: Player, No, Avg, Long, In20.

DEFENSIVE LEADERS table with columns: Player, Tack, TFL, Sack, INT, FR.

PROBABLE STARTERS

OFFENSE table with columns: Pos, No, Name, Ht, Wt, Yr.

DEFENSE table with columns: Pos, No, Name, Ht, Wt, Yr.

Series: USD leads 3-2; Last Meeting: USD 20, UCD 17 (2013)



Kansas State's Stanton Weber (12) dives on a fumble from South Dakota Coyotes on Sept. 5, 2015 in Manhattan, Kan. USD will look to bounce back from that 34-0 setback as it travels to UC-Davis today (Saturday).

MVFC STANDINGS

Table showing MVFC standings for various teams.

MATCHUPS

USD ON OFFENSE

If USD can get its run game going, look out. Quarterback Ryan Saeger had perhaps his best collegiate performance last week, but it still didn't result in any points for the Coyotes.

USD ON DEFENSE

One of the few bright spots in last week's Kansas State game was the defense for the Coyotes. The Wildcats had only one long play (an improvement for USD), and considering the Coyotes will now face an FCS offense, expect a similar output tonight.

SPECIAL TEAMS

This was an area of concern after last week's performance at Kansas State, where the Coyotes missed two field goals, gave up a kick return for a touchdown and fumbled on a return.

INTANGIBLES

Momentum. That was a popular word this week at practice for USD coach Joe Glenn when talking to his team.

CONDITIONS

Outdoors. Show Sports Turf. The Coyotes go from one scorcher to another. After baking at Kansas last week, USD will face game time temps in the low 90s again this week.

ONLINE

The Press & Dakotan's Jeremy Hoeck posts updates to his Twitter page during every South Dakota home game.

PREDICTION

Recent history hasn't been kind to USD when it comes to road performances (its last non-conference road win was 2010), but considering UC Davis' struggles last year, this could be one of those break-out type games for the Coyotes.

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UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT DAVIS AGGIES

SCHEDULE

Table with columns: Date, Opponent, UCD, Opp. Shows game schedule from Sept 9 to Nov 14.

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JACKRABBITS GAME DAY 1-0 (0-0 MVFC) vs 0-1 (0-0 Big Sky) SOUTHERN UTAH THUNDERBIRDS

6 p.m., Coughlin-Alumni Stadium (15,000), Brookings • Radio: 570 AM • TV: Midco SN

Quick Hitters

■ SDSU comes into the game after its first-ever victory over an FBS opponent, a 41-38 victory at Kansas on Sept. 5.

■ Yankton native Brady Hale made his SDSU debut at punter last week, booming a 56-yarder on his first attempt and putting four of his five punts inside the opponents' 20.

■ Besides being the home opener for the Jackrabbits, today marks the second annual Dairy Drive for SDSU.

From The Coach

■ "It was a great first half (against Kansas), but our defense was spent after the first half. It's not conditioning, cause our guys work tremendously hard.

Key Matchup

■ Jake Wieneke vs. SUU Secondary. SDSU sophomore Jake Wieneke lit up the Kansas defense, making

HUSKERS GAME DAY N 0-1 (0-0 B1G) vs 1-0 (0-0 Sun Belt) SOUTH ALABAMA JAGUARS

7 p.m., Memorial Stadium (86,000), Lincoln • Radio: 93.1 FM • TV: BTN

Quick Hitters

■ Nebraska saw its string of 29 straight season-opening victories end with a 33-28 loss to BYU last week. The Cougars won on a 42-yard pass from Tanner Mangum to Mitch Mathews on the final play of the game.

■ Sioux Falls native Nate Gerry recorded his sixth career interception for Nebraska last week. He led the Huskers with five picks in 2014.

Key Matchup

■ Xavier Johnson vs. Nebraska front seven. Johnson torched the Gardner-Webb defense last week, while the BYU offense gained better than five yards a carry against the Blackshirts.

From The Coach

■ "This probably isn't the best time to be driving into Nebraska, especially after a game like that." South Alabama coach Joey Jones (AP)

B1G Standings

Table showing B1G Standings for various divisions.

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"It makes a big difference, because they haven't gotten to see me play for this school," Lilly said. "It'll be a great feeling, just knowing you have people supporting you."

On the other hand, as Shufford said, just because you have family in the stands doesn't suddenly mean you'll try harder - the Coyotes want to win, regardless of who's watching.

"My mom is my biggest supporter, but she's my biggest critic," Shufford said. "She'll scream at me from the stands. It gets bad."

"It's great hearing her voice up there, but her not being there doesn't affect the way I play."

No, the Coyotes (0-1) have bigger things to worry about than who comes to the game.

Following a season-opening 34-0 loss at Kansas State, USD is relishing the opportunity to play a fellow FCS school to really gauge where it is early in the season.



South Dakota wide receiver Eric Shufford lunges for the endzone during a home game in the 2014 season. Today's (Saturday) game at UC Davis will be a homecoming for Shufford and three other Coyotes who hail from California.

The Aggies and Coyotes met in the 2013 season opener, which USD won 10-7 in Vermillion. Although the Coyotes have regularly played Big Sky Conference teams, there's really not much they can take from those previous matchups - last year against Montana and Northern Arizona.

coach Joe Glenn said. "They struggled last year a little bit and we struggled last year." Both teams won two games last year, and defensive issues played a key role.

12 drives began at the average of the 40-yard line, while USD also allowed a kickoff for a touchdown, missed two field goals and lost a fumble on a punt return.

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for us," Lamb said. "South Dakota State, their program represents everything that we want to be and our players realize that. So it is a test. It is difficult and we accept it, we have no choice."

Most of Southern Utah's offense against Utah State came from wideout Mike Sharp, who grabbed four catches for 40 yards and a touchdown. T-Birds quarterback Ammon Olsen finished 17-for-34 in passing for 111 yards and one touchdown.

The running game produced 52 yards. Those numbers might seem like small potatoes when compared to what SDSU sophomore wideout Jake Wieneke did by himself at Kansas.

Wieneke caught eight passes for 160 yards and two touchdowns, and the rest of the Jackrabbit offensive unit enjoyed a productive day, too.

Quarterback Zach Lujan went 17-for-33 passing for 293 yards and three touchdowns. The ground game, powered by the one-two punch of Brady Mengarelli and Isaac Wallace, accumulated 187 yards and two TD's.

Mengarelli shouldered the load in the first half with 10 rushes that produced 69 yards, including a 25-yard touchdown run. He also scored on a 29-yard swing pass.

Wallace, the redshirt freshman, had a strong outing in his first game as a Jackrabbit. He rushed for 118 yards on 24 carries, including a 3-yard touchdown that proved to be the game's final score.

For a committee approach to the running game, both backs have demonstrated they can move the ball.

"When your number is called, you do what the coaches expect you to do," Wallace said. "When Brady's was called in the first (half) he did what he needed to do and then in the second half, I did what I had to do."

Stiegelmeier has been adamant that every game counts and it doesn't matter if the Jacks are playing a Big 12 Conference foe or someone in their own division. His message has reached the players.

"They're (Southern Utah) a very big defense just like Kansas was, I know they're going to be flying around to the ball," Wallace said. "We're just going to have to play every down and do what we did at Kansas. We're just going to have to win every play."

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