



SOUTH DAKOTA STATE

JACKRABBITS VOLLEYBALL

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2016 SCHEDULE & RESULTS

Overall: 2-13 (Home 1-4, Away 0-3, Neutral 1-6)
(3-set: 2-10; **4-set:** 0-2; **5-set** 0-1)
Summit: 1-2 (Home 1-2, Away 0-0, Neutral 0-0)
(3-set: 1-2; **4-set:** 0-0; **5-set** 0-0)

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
Aug. 26	Green Bay Tournament, Green Bay, Wis. at Green Bay	L, 3-0
	vs. Stephen F. Austin	L, 3-0
Aug. 27	vs. Eastern Illinois	W, 3-0
Aug. 30	at Drake	L, 3-2
Sept. 2	NDSU Classic, Fargo, N.D. vs. Texas Tech	L, 3-0
	vs. Northern Illinois	L, 3-0
Sept. 3	vs. UTEP	L, 3-1
Sept. 4	BRADLEY	L, 3-0
Sept. 9	Valparaiso Popcorn Classic, Valparaiso, Ind. vs. Central Michigan	L, 3-0
	vs. Duquesne	L, 3-0
Sept. 10	at Valparaiso	L, 3-0
Sept. 14	NORTH DAKOTA	L, 3-1
Sept. 23	IUPUI*	L, 3-0
Sept. 30	OMAHA*	W, 3-0
Oct. 1	SOUTH DAKOTA*	L, 3-0
Oct. 7	at Denver*	8 p.m.
Oct. 9	at Oral Roberts*	1 p.m.
Oct. 11	NORTH DAKOTA STATE*	7 p.m.
Oct. 14	at Fort Wayne*	6 p.m.
Oct. 16	at Western Illinois*	1 p.m.
Oct. 21	DENVER*	7 p.m.
Oct. 23	at IUPUI*	2 p.m.
Oct. 28	ORAL ROBERTS*	7 p.m.
Oct. 30	FORT WAYNE**	1 p.m.
Nov. 4	at Omaha*	7 p.m.
Nov. 5	WESTERN ILLINOIS*	7 p.m.
Nov. 10	at North Dakota State*	7 p.m.
Nov. 12	at South Dakota*	6 p.m.
Nov. 18-20	at Summit League Tournament	TBA

All home matches in **Bold CAPS** held in Frost Arena.

AVCA rank at time of match

* - Summit League match

All times Central and subject to change



The South Dakota State volleyball team returns to the road this weekend when it travels to Denver, Colorado, to play Denver Friday at 8 p.m. The Jackrabbits are in Tulsa, Oklahoma, Sunday for a 1 p.m. match at Oral Roberts.

SDSU (2-13, 1-2) split this past weekend's league matches in Frost Arena, defeating Omaha (3-0), but losing to in-state rival South Dakota (3-0) in the South Dakota Corn Showdown Series. The Jackrabbits are sixth in The Summit League standings.

Denver (10-5, 2-1) is fourth in the league standings after opening the league schedule 2-1. This past weekend, the Pioneers lost at Fort Wayne (3-0), snapping a five-match win streak, but rebounded with a win at IUPUI (3-1).

Oral Roberts (8-9, 0-3) enters the weekend on a three-match losing streak after losing at South Dakota (3-0) and Omaha (3-2) last weekend. The Golden Eagles are last in The Summit League standings and host Western Illinois Friday.

Following Along

■ Live stats for the Denver and Oral Roberts matches are available on GoJacks.com this weekend. The Oral Roberts match will also have free live video on GoJacks.com Sunday.

■ Jackrabbit Extra members on GoJacks.com can watch all South Dakota State home matches streaming live on the internet.

Setting the Scene

■ South Dakota State is 23-49 in Summit League road matches since 2007. The Jacks look to end a seven-match road losing streak Friday. Its last road

league win was at Western Illinois Oct. 16, 2015.

■ SDSU and Denver meet for the ninth time with the Pioneers leading the all-time series, 6-2. The Jacks have lost the last six matches to the Pioneers. SDSU's last win was Sept. 16, 1989, when they won 3-0 in the Briar Cliff Invitational in Sioux City, Iowa. State is looking for its first win in Denver.

■ The Jackrabbits and Oral Roberts meet for the 15th time with the Golden Eagles leading the all-time series, 10-4. The Jacks' last win over Oral Roberts was Nov. 11, 2010, when they won in five sets. SDSU has a three-match losing streak vs. ORU and is looking for its first win in Tulsa.

A Quick Glance at South Dakota State (2-13, 1-2)

■ Second-year head coach Nicole Cirillo's probable starters are seniors Nazya Thies (2.20 kps, 2.35 dps) and Ashley Beaner (3.51 kps, 0.55 bps) and freshman Makenzie Hennen (2.37 kps) on the outside; sophomore Sierra Peterson (0.74 bpg) and freshman Ashlynn Smith in the middle (.223, 0.47 bps); sophomore Mattison Munger (9.13 aps) setting and junior Ellie Benson (4.49 dps) as libero.

■ The Jackrabbits are hitting .136 and average 11.14 kills, 15.20 digs and 1.39 blocks per set.

■ In the 15 matches, Beaner has recorded 10-or-more kills 11 times.

Denver (10-5, 2-1)

■ Denver opened The Summit League season on road and went 2-1.

■ The Pioneers are hitting .261 as a team with their offensive attack coming from junior Kayla Principato. The rightside hitter leads the squad in kills per set

2016 Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Yr.	2016 Statistics						Other
				KPS	%	APS	SAPS	DPS	BPS	
1	Sierra Peterson	MH/OH	So.	1.33	.129	0.05	0.02	0.38	0.74	Leads team in blocks
2	Megan Farnham	DS	Sr.	0.00	.000	0.11	0.00	1.34	0.00	
3	Makenzie Hennen	OH	Fr.	2.37	.140	0.10	0.14	1.12	0.37	Valpo All-Tourney Team
4	Ashlynn Smith	MH	Fr.	1.43	.223	0.02	0.12	0.63	0.47	NDSU Classic All-Tourney
5	Brooke Leetham	S	Sr.	0.17	-.182	3.08	0.00	0.92	0.08	
6	Nazya Thies	OH	Sr.	2.20	.083	0.13	0.17	2.35	0.20	
7	Matti Munger	S	So.	0.34	.349	9.13	0.15	2.47	0.19	SL All-Freshman Team
8	Ellie Benson	L	Jr.	0.02	-.083	0.57	0.10	4.49	0.00	Leads team in digs
9	Alexandra Morrison	MH	Fr.	0.25	1.000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.25	Missed first seven matches
10	Fiona Harding	MH	Fr.	--	--	--	--	--	--	Injured
11	Ashley Beaner	RS	Sr.	3.51	.155	0.18	0.18	2.04	0.55	GB All-Tournament Team
12	Emilia Czapiowska	RS	Fr.	0.50	.000	0.17	0.00	0.50	0.00	Injured
14	Mikala Hora	OH	Sr.	0.40	-.106	0.05	0.10	1.05	0.25	
24	Garet Miliner	DS	Sr.	0.00	.000	0.00	0.00	0.62	0.00	
South Dakota State				11.14	.136	10.69	0.92	15.20	68.0	
Opponents				13.90	.275	13.12	1.51	15.92	105.0	

Head Coach: Nicole Cirillo (SDSU Record: 7-40)

Assistant Coach: Hailey Cowles

Graduate Assistant Coach: Alejandro Gonzalez



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2016 Summit League Standings & Schedule

	Summit	Overall
South Dakota	4-0	15-2
Fort Wayne	3-0	7-9
North Dakota State	3-1	5-12
Denver	2-1	10-5
IUPUI	2-2	6-13
South Dakota State	1-2	2-13
Omaha	1-4	4-15
Western Illinois	1-4	4-16
Oral Roberts	0-3	8-9

as of Oct. 5

Oct. 4		
Valparaiso at Western Illinois		6 p.m.
Oct. 7		
IUPUI at South Dakota		6 p.m.
Western Illinois at Oral Roberts		7 p.m.
Fort Wayne at North Dakota State		7 p.m.
South Dakota State at Denver		8 p.m.
Oct. 8		
IUPUI at Omaha		4 p.m.
Fort Wayne at South Dakota		7 p.m.
Oct. 9		
South Dakota State at Oral Roberts		1 p.m.
Western Illinois at Denver		2 p.m.
Oct. 11		
North Dakota State at South Dakota State		7 p.m.
Denver at Oral Roberts		7 p.m.
Iowa State at South Dakota		7 p.m.
Oct. 14		
South Dakota State at Fort Wayne		6 p.m.
South Dakota at Omaha		7 p.m.
Oral Roberts at IUPUI		7 p.m.
North Dakota State at Denver		8 p.m.
Oct. 15		
Oral Roberts at Fort Wayne		6 p.m.
Oct. 16		
South Dakota State at Western Illinois		1 p.m.
South Dakota at Denver		2 p.m.
North Dakota State at Omaha		2 p.m.
Oct. 18		
Fort Wayne at IUPUI		6 p.m.

(2.81).

■ Senior middle hitter Ruth Okoye leads Denver with a .373 hitting percentage and team-best and Summit League-best 1.19 blocks per set.

■ The Pioneers run a 6-2 offense with senior Monique Domme and junior Piyusha Boteju averaging 5.65 and 5.22 set assists, respectively.

■ At the net, Denver has three player with 45-or-more total blocks and are outblocking opponents by 5.5 per set.

■ Defensively, junior libero Cassidy Rooke is recording a team-best 3.86 digs per set and the Pioneers average 13.98 digs per set with three players with 2.0-or-more digs per set.

■ Four Pioneers have 10-or-more service aces with senior outside attacker Nola Basey and sophomore middle hitter Emma Willis leading the way with 13 each.

■ **Series vs. Denver**—Denver leads 6-2.

■ **Last Meeting Oct. 23, 2015**

BROOKINGS, South Dakota—South Dakota State lost 25-21, 25-14 and 25-15 to Denver in Summit League action in Frost Arena.

Ashley Beaner and Mikala Hora each recorded seven kills for the Jacks while Hora added a team-high 10 digs and 3 block assists. Lizzie Palmer collected eight digs, including her 1,000th career dig in the first set.

Cassie Baird led Denver with a match-high 11 kills. Monique Domme registered a double-double with 29 set assists and a match-best 19 digs.

In the first set after tying for the sixth time at 19, Denver used a 5-0 run to take a 24-19 lead. The Jackrabbits battled back to 24-21 with a Pioneer error and a kill from Kacey Herrmann, but DU finished the set with a kill.

Denver raced out to a 22-8 lead in the second set before South Dakota State scored four of the next five points with kills from Hora and Mattison Munger and a pair of DU errors. The Pioneers closed the set with a kill from Baird.

The Jackrabbits fell behind again in the third set, trailing 18-6 before they scored five-straight points fueled by a Herrmann kill and a pair of Munger service aces. Denver outscored SDSU 7-4 to win the match.

Oral Roberts (8-9, 0-3)

■ Oral Roberts enters the weekend looking for its first league win of the season.

■ The Golden Eagles are hitting .209 as a team with their offensive attack coming from junior Laura Milos. The outside hitter leads the squad, The Summit League and the NCAA in kills per set (5.80) and averages 2.41 digs per set.

■ Junior middle hitter Shelby Cox leads Oral Roberts with a .297 hitting percentage.

■ Junior setter Lucija Bojanjac runs the Golden Eagles' offense, averaging 10.14 set assists.

■ Two Oral Roberts players have 40-or-more total blocks, led by Cox's 49.

■ Milos tops the squad and the league with 52 service aces, but has a team-high 47 service errors.

■ Sophomore libero Tori Roe is recording a team-best 3.51 digs per set and Oral Roberts averages 12.98 digs per set with three players with 2.0-or-

more digs per set.

■ **Series vs. Oral Roberts**—ORU leads 10-4.

■ **Last Meeting Oct. 25, 2015**

TULSA, Oklahoma—Ashley Beaner led South Dakota State offensively, but Jackrabbits lost a hard-fought five-set match, 25-13, 21-25, 18-25, 25-18, and 15-10, to Oral Roberts in Summit League action at the Aerobics Center.

Beaner collected a team-best 13 kills while hitting a team-high 455. Nazya Thies and Mikala Hora each had eight kills. Hora also added 11 digs. Wagner Larson recorded seven kills, two solo blocks and two block assists.

Defensively, Lizzie Palmer collected a match-high 23 digs. Ellie Benson added 14 digs and 2 service aces.

Laura Milos led Oral Roberts with a match-high 25 kills, 12 service aces and 11 digs for the triple-double. Karyn Chrisman also had a double-double with 11 kills and 11 digs.

In the first set, the Jackrabbits fell behind early, but used a 4-1 run to pull within three points, 15-12. Hora and Kacey Herrmann recorded a block and Beaner had two of her four kills in the set during the run. Oral Roberts then outscored SDSU 10-1 to win the set.

SDSU raced out to a 12-4 lead in the second set with an 8-0 run. The Jacks got kills from Beaner, Larson and a pair from Thies. Benson had two service aces and Mattison Munger and Larson added a block during the run. The Golden Eagles battled back, scoring seven consecutive points to pull within 18-17, but SDSU outscored ORU 7-4 for the win.

Trailing 10-6 in the third set, South Dakota State used an 11-3 run to take a 17-13 lead. Thies had two kills, Herrmann a kill and a pair of service aces, and Beaner a kill to fuel the run. The Jackrabbits outscored Oral Roberts down the stretch, 9-4, to take a 2-1 lead in the match.

In the fourth set, Oral Roberts took a 12-2 lead before SDSU responded with an 8-1 run to pull within 13-10. The Golden Eagles outpaced the Jacks 11-8 the rest of the set to tie the match.

The teams traded points in the fifth set until ORU's Milos registered three consecutive kills to put the Golden Eagles up 8-6. Oral Roberts outscored the Jackrabbits 9-4 the rest of the way to win the match.

South Dakota State's Last Outing

■ **Oct. 2, 2016—South Dakota 3, SDSU 0**

Ashley Beaner led South Dakota State despite the Jackrabbits falling 25-19, 25-19 and 25-15 to South Dakota in the South Dakota Corn Showdown Series in front of 402 fans in Frost Arena.

Beaner had a match-high 14 kills and added 7 digs and hit .294. Mattison Munger recorded her second consecutive double-double with 24 set assists and 12 digs. Ellie Benson also recorded 12 digs.

Audrey Reeg led the Coyotes with 14 kills and 10 digs.

The Jackrabbits had an early lead on USD as it committed two errors and Beaner and Makenzie Hennen added kills. The teams traded points until SDSU used a 5-0 run to take a 13-9 lead on Nazya

Thies' kill. South Dakota then had a 13-1 run of its own to lead 22-14. USD closed the set on a kill.

Again in the second set, South Dakota State took an early lead, but South Dakota tied the match at 10-10. The Jackrabbits stayed within three points most of the set before the Coyotes used a 5-2 run for the win.

South Dakota led from the beginning in the third set, closing the match with three consecutive kills.

Benson Ties School Record

■ Ellie Benson became just the fifth Jackrabbit in school history to record 30-or-more digs in a match. ■ The libero tied the school record for digs in a four-set match when she recorded a match-high 32 digs vs. North Dakota Sept. 14.

■ Benson tied Shay Birath's record set Oct. 12, 2012, vs. Omaha.

■ In addition to Benson and Shay, Samantha Pearson, Rachel Dahl and Liz Archer have 30-or-more digs in a match in their careers.

More Defense

■ South Dakota State recorded 100 digs against North Dakota Sept. 14. The total ranks eighth in the NCAA for digs in a four-set match.

■ The Jacks' 100 digs also ranks as the third-most digs in school history. The 2016 team is tied with the 2001 and 2011 teams. The school record is 111 set Sept. 22, 2001, vs. Northern Colorado.

Benson Honored by The Summit League

■ Ellie Benson was named The Summit League Defensive Player of the Week Sept. 19 after her dig performance against North Dakota Sept. 14.

■ The last time South Dakota State was honored with The Summit League Defensive Player of the Week was Sept. 17, 2012, when Shay Birath was honored for her back-to-back 20-plus dig perform-

ances in the Jackrabbits' opening weekend in The Summit League.

■ Birath was the last Jackrabbit to win Offensive or Defensive Player of the Week for SDSU Oct. 15, 2012.

Long Rallies

■ SDSU and UND had three long rallies during their match Sept. 14.

■ The American Volleyball Coaches Association named one of the rallies the VolleyMetrics Rally of the Week. The rally lasted 1:21 and can be seen at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rzf4r9KQrik&feature=youtu.be>.

Sweet Home South Dakota

■ The Jackrabbits have played just three home matches in the friendly confines of Frost Arena, but average 429 fans.

■ SDSU's home attendance ranks sixth in The Summit League. North Dakota State (725) leads the league.

Double Trouble

■ Three Jackrabbits have double-doubles this season—Ashley Beaner, Nazya Thies and Mattison Munger.

■ Munger was the latest, recording one against both Omaha Sept. 30 and South Dakota Oct. 3.

■ The setter had 33 set assists and 10 digs vs. the Mavericks and 24 set assists and a team-high 12 digs against the Coyotes.

■ Munger now has eight career double-doubles.

■ Thies recorded her second collegiate double-double in the loss to North Dakota Sept. 14.

■ The outside hitter posted a season-high 14 kills and a career-high 22 digs.

■ Thies and Beaner were double trouble for Drake Aug. 30. The seniors both recorded double-doubles



SUMMIT LEAGUE RANKINGS

as of Oct. 3

Team Category	Stat	Overall
Hitting Percentage	.136	8th
Kills per set	11.14	8th
Assists per set	10.69	8th
Service Aces per set	0.92	9th
Digs per set	15.20	5th
Total Blocks per set	1.39	9th

Individual - Summit League Rankings

Hitting Percentage	Pct.
23. Ashley Beaner	.228

Kills	Avg./S
3. Ashley Beaner	4.78
18. Makenzie Hennen	2.78

Assists	Avg./S
6. Mattison Munger	10.11

Service Aces	Avg./S
1. Makenzie Hennen	0.56

Blocks	Avg./S
14. Mikala Hora	0.67

Digs	Avg./S
3. Ellie Benson	5.44

2016 NUMERICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Cl.	Hometown/Last School(s)
1	Sierra Peterson	OH	6-0	So.	Grand Island, Neb./Bradley
2	Megan Farnham	DS	5-8	Sr.	Mitchell, S.D./Mitchell
3	Makenzie Hennen	OH	5-11	Fr.	Jordan, Minn./Jordan
4	Ashlynn Smith	MH	5-11	Fr.	Laporte, Ind./New Prairie
5	Brooke Leetham	S	5-10	Sr.	Westminster, Colo./Standley Lake
6	Nazya Thies	OH	5-9	Sr.	Winside, Neb./Northeast CC
7	Mattison Munger	S	5-8	So.	Council Bluffs, Iowa/Saint Albert Catholic
8	Ellie Benson	DS	5-7	Jr.	Sioux Falls, S.D./Washington
9	Alexandra Morrison	MH	6-2	Fr.	Oconomowoc, Wis./Catholic Memorial
10	Fiona Harding	MH	6-1	Fr.	Lincoln, Neb./Lincoln East
11	Ashley Beaner	RS	5-11	Sr.	Sioux Falls, S.D./Roosevelt
12	Emilia Czapiewska	OH	6-0	Fr.	St. Paul, Minn./Highland Park
14	Mikala Hora	OH	5-10	Sr.	Yankton, S.D./Yankton
24	Garet Miliner	DS	5-5	Sr.	Apple Valley, Minn./Apple Valley

Head Coach: Nicole Cirillo (Central Arkansas, 2004), second year

Assistant Coach: Hailey Cowles (Un. of Minnesota, 2011), third year

Graduate Assistant Coach: Alejandro Gonzalez (Minnesota State, 2015), first year

Emilia Czapiewska**Chop**-e-eska
Megan Farnham**Farn**-am

Mikala Hora**MA**-kay-la – Hore-ah
Garet Miliner**Mill**-eh-ner

2016 ALPHABETIC ROSTER

Name	No.	Pos.
Ashley Beaner	11	RS
Ellie Benson	8	DS
Emilia Czapiewska	12	OH
Megan Farnham	2	DS
Fiona Harding	10	MH
Makenzie Hennen	3	OH
Mikala Hora	14	OH
Brooke Leetham	5	S
Garet Miliner	24	DS
Alexandra Morrison	9	MH
Mattison Munger	7	S
Sierra Peterson	1	OH
Ashlynn Smith	4	MH
Nazya Thies	6	OH

Nazya Thies.....**NAY**-za- Tee-es

in the match.

■ Beaner's double-double was her second consecutive and Thies' was her first collegiate double-double.

■ The last time a pair of Jackrabbits had double-doubles in the same match was Nov. 1, 2013, at Drake. Mikala Hora had 13 kills and 20 digs and Lexi Fowler had 14 kills and 12 digs.

Beaner Reaches 600

■ Ashley Beaner recorded her 600th career kill in a three-set win over Omaha Sept. 30. The rightside hitter enters this weekend's matches with 624 career kills.

Three Jacks Reach Century Mark

■ Ashley Beaner, Makenzie Hennen and Nazya Thies reached the century mark in kills this past weekend.

■ Beaner leads the team with 172 kills while Hennen has 116 and Thies 101.

■ Last year, Beaner finished the season with 261 kills and Thies with 210.

Block Party

■ South Dakota State has improved its blocking in 2016. It has 10-or-more block assists in 6 of 15 matches, including a season-high 20 vs. UTEP Sept. 3.

■ The Jackrabbits' 13 team blocks and 20 block assists vs. the Miners were the most since Nov. 14, 2014, when the Jacks had 15 total team blocks and 26 block assists against Oral Roberts.

■ Leading the way in blocks are four Jackrabbits. Sierra Peterson tops the team with 29 block assists for 31 total blocks. Ashley Beaner has a solo block and 26 block assists for 27 total. Ashlynn Smith has 23 block assists while classmate Makenzie Hennen has a team-leading four solo blocks to go with 14 block assists for 18 total blocks.

Young Jackrabbits

■ South Dakota State has five true freshmen on the team, making State the third-youngest team in The Summit League. Here's a look at the rookies' performances so far this season:

Freshmen Five

	KPS	Hitting %	DPS	TB
Hennen	2.37	.140	1.12	18
Smith	1.43	.223	0.63	23
Morrison	0.25	1.000	0.00	1
Czapiewska	injured			
Harding	injured			

Cirillo in her Second Season

■ Head coach Nicole Cirillo is 15 matches into her second season as the Jackrabbits mentor. Cirillo was 7-25 in her first season at the SDSU helm and is 2-13 this season.

All-Tournament Accolades

■ A trio of Jackrabbits have earned all-tournament honors this season.

■ At the Valparaiso Popcorn Classic Sept. 9-10, Makenzie Hennen was named to the all-tournament team.

■ The outside hitter averaged 3.33 kills per set, tying a career high with 11 kills vs. Duquesne and adding 10 kills against Valpo.

■ At the Bison Classic Sept. 2-3, Ashlynn Smith was honored after hitting .391 and averaging 2.2 kills per set in three matches.

■ Ashley Beaner was named to the Green Bay Tournament All-Tournament team Aug. 26-27. It is the third time Beaner has earned all-tournament honors.

■ Beaner led the Jackrabbits in kills in all three matches, averaging 4.11 kps on the weekend.

■ The Sioux Falls native had a match-high 11 kills vs. Green Bay and 10 more kills vs. Stephen F.

Austin Aug. 26. On Aug. 27 vs. Eastern Illinois, Beaner recorded her first collegiate double-double with 16 kills and a career-high 11 digs.

900 Wins on the Horizon

■ SDSU volleyball has an all-time record of 889-663-8 after 50 years of play and is looking to record win No. 900 during the 2016 season.

All-Time Summit League Program Records

1. North Dakota State	1,157-542 (51 years)
2. Omaha	1,014-586-7 (45 years)
3. Oral Roberts	919-505-4 (40 years)
4. Fort Wayne	914-494-2 (39 years)
5. South Dakota State	889-663-8 (50 years)
6. IUPUI	703-598 (39 years)
7. Denver	531-551 (32 years)
8. Western Illinois	500-717-8 (39 years)
9. South Dakota	471-861-3 (41 years)

Celebration Season

■ The Jackrabbits are celebrating 10 years in The Summit League and the 45th season of volleyball in the friendly confines of Frost Arena in 2016.

■ The 45th season in Frost Arena opened Sept. 4. The Jackrabbits are 341-174 in Frost Arena all-time.

■ In The Summit League, the Jackrabbits sport a 64-85 all-time record since 2007.

Tournament Time

■ South Dakota State is 24-38 in tournament play since 2011 after finishing 0-3 at the Valparaiso Popcorn Classic and the NDSU Classic and 1-2 in the Green Bay Tournament.

■ Last year, SDSU was 3-8, but 8-4 in 2011 and 7-3 in 2012.

Preseason Poll

■ After leading South Dakota State in kills per set and hitting percentage last season, Ashley Beaner was named to The Summit League Volleyball Watch List released Aug. 18 in conjunction with the 2016 preseason coaches poll.

■ The Sioux Falls native topped the team in kills per set (2.44) and hitting percentage (.237) and was second on the team in kills (261).

■ After winning both the regular season and the league tournament the last two seasons, Denver was picked as the league favorite in the poll, which was conducted by the league's coaches. The Pioneers earned 64 points and eight first-place votes. North Dakota State was picked second in the poll with 52 votes. IUPUI received 48 points and a vote while Oral Roberts earned 44 points.

■ South Dakota was selected fifth in the poll followed by Omaha, Fort Wayne, the Jacks and Western Illinois.

"The Jackrabbit Insider"

■ Fans of SDSU athletics can get a weekly behind-the-scenes look at all 21 Jackrabbits sports team by tuning into "The Jackrabbit Insider."

■ Hosted by Tyler Merriam, the show airs Sundays on MyUTV at 10:30 p.m., followed by broadcasts Sundays at 11 p.m. on KELOLAND-TV.

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#1 Sierra Peterson – 6-0, So., OH, Grand Island, Neb.

2016: Started 13 matches ... collected a career-high 10 kills vs. North Dakota (9/14) ... recorded a personal-best seven block assists vs. UTEP (8/3) ... career high five digs in the season opener at Green Bay (8/26)

Season Highs/Career Highs

Kills10, vs. North Dakota, 9/14/16
Attacks17, twice, last vs. IUPUI, 9/23/16
Set Assists.....1, twice, last vs. North Dakota, 9/14/16
Service Aces0
Digs5, at Green Bay, 8/26/16
Solo Blocks.....1, twice, last vs. Stephen F. Austin, 8/26/16
Block Assists7, vs. UTEP, 9/3/16
Total Blocks7, vs. UTEP, 9/3/16

#2 Megan Farnham– 5-8, Sr., DS, Mitchell, S.D.

2016: Played in 14 matches, starting vs. Eastern Illinois (8/27) ... collected 10 digs in a win over Omaha (9/30) ... posted a career-high 11 digs vs. North Dakota (9/14) ... recorded a personal-best two set assists vs. Texas Tech (9/2) ... collected seven digs at Drake (8/30).

Season Highs

Kills0
Attacks1, twice, last vs. North Dakota, 9/14/16
Set Assists.....2, vs. Texas Tech, 9/2/16
Service Aces0
Digs11, vs. North Dakota, 9/14/16
Solo Blocks0
Block Assists0
Total Blocks.....0

Career Highs

Kills0
Attacks.....2, vs. Western Illinois, 11/9/13
Set Assists2, vs. Texas Tech, 9/2/16
Service Aces0
Digs11, vs. North Dakota, 9/14/16
Solo Blocks0
Block Assists0
Total Blocks.....0

#3 Makenzie Hennen – 5-11, Fr., OH, Jordan, Minn.

2016: Played in 15 matches, starting the last 11 ... registered a personal-best four service aces vs. IUPUI (9/23) ... posted a career high in kills (16) and attack attempts (41) vs. North Dakota (9/14) ... tied personal best in digs (7) vs. Duquesne (9/9) ... career high in set assists (2) and solo blocks vs. Bradley (9/4) ... posted personal bests in block assists and total blocks vs. Texas Tech (9/3) ... recorded career high in digs (11) and block assists (3) at Drake (8/30).

Season Highs/Career Highs

Kills16, vs. North Dakota, 9/14/16
Attacks41, vs. North Dakota, 9/14/16
Set Assists.....2, vs. Bradley, 9/4/16
Service Aces4, vs. IUPUI, 9/23/16
Digs7, three times, last vs. Duquesne, 9/9/16
Solo Blocks.....1, twice, vs. IUPUI, 9/23/16
Block Assists3, twice, last vs. UTEP, 9/3/16
Total Blocks4, vs. UTEP, 9/3/16

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#4 Ashlynn Smith – 5-11, Fr., MB, Laporte, Ind.

2016: Started all 15 matches ... recorded a career-high 28 attack attempts vs. North Dakota (9/14) ... personal-best nine kills vs. UTEP (9/3) ... recorded a personal best in block assists (4) at Drake (8/30) ... posted career highs in service aces (2) and digs (6) in win over Eastern Illinois (8/27).

Season Highs/Career Highs

Kills	9, vs. UTEP, 9/3/16
Attacks	28, vs. North Dakota, 9/14/16
Set Assists	1, vs. Stephen F. Austin, 8/26/16
Service Aces	2, vs. Eastern Illinois, 8/27/16
Digs	6, vs. Eastern Illinois, 8/27/16
Solo Blocks	0
Block Assists	4, at Drake, 8/30/16
Total Blocks	4, at Drake, 8/30/16

#5 Brooke Leetham – 5-10, Sr., S, Westminster, Colo.

2016: Saw time in seven matches ... posted season highs in attacks (1), block assists (1) and total blocks (1) vs. UTEP (9/3) ... season-high five set assists and three digs at Green Bay (8/26)

Season Highs

Kills	2, at Valparaiso, 9/10/16
Attacks	8, at Valparaiso, 9/10/16
Set Assists	20, at Valparaiso, 9/10/16
Service Aces	0
Digs	5, at Valparaiso, 9/10/16
Solo Blocks	0
Block Assists	1, vs. UTEP, 9/3/16
Total Blocks	1, vs. UTEP, 9/3/16

Career Highs

Kills	4, twice, last vs. Pacific, 8/28/15
Attacks	9, vs. Pacific, 8/28/15
Set Assists	29, vs. Stephen F. Austin, 9/5/14
Service Aces	2, twice, last vs. Drake, 9/1/15
Digs	13, twice, last vs. Denver 10/3/14
Solo Blocks	0
Block Assists	2, four times, last at SFA, 9/5/15
Total Blocks	2, four times, last at SFA, 9/5/15

#6 Nazya Thies – 5-9, Sr., OH, Winside, Neb.

2016: Started all 15 matches ... recorded a solo block against Omaha (9/30) and South Dakota (10/2) ... registered second career double-double with a season-high 14 kills and a career-best 22 digs vs. North Dakota (9/14) ... tied a season high with two set assists vs. UTEP (9/3) ... recorded first collegiate double-double with 13 kills and 15 digs at Drake (8/30) ... set a career high in service aces (3) in win vs. Eastern Illinois (8/27) ... recorded 11 kills at Green Bay (8/26).

Season Highs

Kills	14, vs. North Dakota, 9/14/16
Attacks	45, vs. North Dakota, 9/14/16
Set Assists	2, twice, last vs. UTEP, 9/3/16
Service Aces	3, vs. Eastern Illinois, 8/27/16
Digs	22, vs. North Dakota, 9/14/16
Solo Blocks	1, twice, last vs. South Dakota, 10/2/16
Block Assists	2, at Drake, 8/30/16
Total Blocks	2, at Drake, 8/30/16

Career Highs

Kills	15, vs. Northeastern, 9/4/15
Attacks	53, vs. Northeastern, 9/4/15
Set Assists	2, vs. Eastern Illinois, 8/27/16
Service Aces	3, vs. Eastern Illinois, 8/27/16
Digs	22, vs. North Dakota, 9/14/16
Solo Blocks	2, at Western Illinois, 10/16/15
Block Assists	3, vs. Gonzaga, 9/19/15
Total Blocks	3, twice, last vs. Gonzaga, 9/19/15

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#7 Mattison Munger – 5-8, So., S, Council Bluffs, Iowa

2016: Started all 15 matches ... posted back-to-back double-doubles against Omaha (9/30) and South Dakota (10/2), recording 33 set assists and 10 digs vs. UNO and 24 set assists and 12 digs vs. USD ... set season highs with 55 set assists and 19 digs vs. North Dakota (9/14) ... registered a career high with personal bests in solo (1), assisted (2) and total blocks (3) and attack attempts (6) vs. UTEP (9/3) ... recorded first collegiate solo block and posted season highs for set assists (40) and block assists (2) at Drake (8/30).

Season Highs

Kills2, twice, last vs. Bradley, 9/4/16
Attacks6, vs. UTEP, 9/3/16
Set Assists55, vs. North Dakota, 9/14/16
Service Aces1, three times, last vs. North Dakota, 9/14/16
Digs19, vs. North Dakota, 9/14/16
Solo Blocks1, twice, last vs. UTEP, 9/3/16
Block Assists2, twice, last vs. UTEP, 9/3/16
Total Blocks3, vs. UTEP, 9/3/16

Career Highs

Kills4, vs. Oral Roberts, 9/26/15
Attacks9, twice, North Dakota State, 11/13/15
Set Assists60, at W. Illinois, 10/16/15
Service Aces5, vs. Oral Roberts, 9/26/15
Digs20, vs. Columbia, 9/4/15
Solo Blocks1, twice, last vs. UTEP, 9/3/16
Block Assists3, vs. Northeastern, 9/4/15
Total Blocks3, twice, last vs. UTEP, 9/3/16

#8 Ellie Benson – 5-7, Jr., DS, Sioux Falls, S.D.

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2016: Starting libero in 15 matches ... has 10-or-more digs in 10 matches and 20-or-more in two ... tied the school record and set a personal high with 32 digs in a four-set match vs. North Dakota (9/14) ... recorded 21 digs vs. Duquesne (9/9) ... season highs in kills (1) vs. UTEP (9/3) ... career-high 5 set assists vs. Texas Tech (9/2).

Season Highs

Kills1, vs. UTEP, 9/3/16
Attacks2, twice, last vs. North Dakota, 9/14/16
Set Assists5, vs. Texas Tech, 9/2/16
Service Aces1, multiple times, last, vs. North Dakota, 9/14/16
Digs32, vs. North Dakota, 9/14/16
Solo Blocks0
Block Assists0
Total Blocks0

Career Highs

Kills1, twice, last vs. UTEP, 9/3/16
Attacks3 at Omaha, 11/6/15
Set Assists5, vs. Texas Tech, 9/2/16
Service Aces3, twice, last Western Illinois, 11/14/15
Digs32, vs. North Dakota, 9/14/16
Solo Blocks0
Block Assists0
Total Blocks0

#9 Alexandra Morrison – 6-2, Fr., MB, Oconomowoc, Wis.

2016: Played in three matches ... saw first action of the season vs. Bradley (9/4), recording a kill and block assists.

Season Highs/Career Highs

Kills1, vs. Bradley, 9/4/16
Attacks1, vs. Bradley, 9/4/16
Set Assists0
Service Aces0
Digs0
Solo Blocks0
Block Assists1, vs. Bradley, 9/4/16
Total Blocks1, vs. Bradley, 9/4/16

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#10 Fiona Harding – 6-1, Fr., MB, Lincoln, Neb.

2016: Suffered season-ending injury.

Season Highs/Career Highs

Kills	0
Attacks	0
Set Assists	0
Service Aces	0
Digs.....	0
Solo Blocks	0
Block Assists.....	0
Total Blocks.....	0

#11 Ashley Beaner – 5-11, Sr. RS, Sioux Falls, S.D.

2016: Started all 15 matches ... set personal bests in service aces (3) and solo (1), assisted (5) and total blocks (5) vs. Texas Tech (9/2) ... recorded 500th career kill in second set at Drake (8/30) ... registered second career double-double with 14 kills and a career-high 12 digs at Drake ... named to the Green Bay All-Tournament team ... posted first collegiate double-double with a match-high 16 kills and 11 digs in win vs. Eastern Illinois (8/27).

Season Highs

Kills	16, vs. Eastern Illinois, 8/27/16
Attacks	56, vs. North Dakota, 9/14/16
Set Assists	2, twice, last vs. IUPUI, 9/23/16
Service Aces	3, vs. Texas Tech, 9/2/16
Digs.....	12, at Drake, 8/30/16
Solo Blocks	1, vs. Texas Tech, 9/2/16
Block Assists	5, vs. Texas Tech, 9/2/16
Total Blocks	5, twice, last vs. UTEP, 9/3/16

Career Highs

Kills.....	20, at Western Illinois, 10/16/15
Attacks	56, vs. North Dakota, 9/14/16
Set Assists	2, multiple times, last vs. IUPUI, 9/23/16
Service Aces	3, vs. Texas Tech, 9/2/16
Digs.....	12, at Drake, 8/30/16
Solo Blocks	1, multiple times, last vs. Texas Tech, 9/2/16
Block Assists.....	5, twice, last vs. Texas Tech, 9/2/16
Total Blocks	5, twice, last vs. Texas Tech, 9/2/16

#12 Emilia Czapiewska – 6-0, Fr., OH, St. Paul, Minn.

2016: Started two matches ... suffered a season-ending injury in the middle of the Green Bay Tournament ... registered career highs in kills (2) and digs (2) in the season opener at Green Bay (8/26).

Season Highs/Career Highs

Kills	2, at Green Bay, 8/26/16
Attacks	6, vs. Stephen F. Austin, 8/26/16
Set Assists	1, at Green Bay, 8/26/16
Service Aces	0
Digs.....	2, at Green Bay, 8/26/16
Solo Blocks	0
Block Assists.....	0
Total Blocks.....	0

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#14 Mikala Hora – 5-10, Sr., OH, Yankton, S.D.

2016: Saw action in 11 matches, starting the Omaha (9/30) and South Dakota (10/2) matches ... posted season highs with a solo block, two assisted blocks and three total blocks vs. Omaha ... recorded a season-high with three kills and set a season-best with 12 attack attempts vs. Duquesne (9/9) ... posted season highs in kills (3), attack attempts (9), set assists (1), digs (8), blocks assists (1) and total blocks (1) vs. Northern Illinois (9/2) ... recorded a season-high two service aces at Drake (8/30).

Season Highs

Kills3, twice, last vs. Duquesne, 9/9/16
Attacks12, vs. Duquesne, 9/9/16
Set Assists1, vs. Northern Illinois, 9/2/16
Service Aces2, at Drake, 8/30/16
Digs8, vs. Northern Illinois, 9/2/16
Solo Blocks1, vs. Omaha, 9/30/16
Block Assists2, vs. Omaha, 9/30/16
Total Blocks3, vs. Omaha, 9/30/16

Career Highs

Kills25, at Western Illinois, 10/16/15
Attacks65, vs. Oral Roberts, 9/26/15
Set Assists2, three times, last at South Dakota, 11/8/15
Service Aces3, at Omaha, 10/13/13
Digs24, vs. Columbia, 9/4/15
Solo Blocks2, at Western Illinois, 10/11/13
Block Assists4, twice, last at FIU, 9/13/13
Total Blocks4, twice, last at FIU, 9/13/13

#24 Garet Miliner – 5-5, Sr., DS, Apple Valley, Minn.

2016: Played in eight matches ... saw first action of the season at the Valparaiso Popcorn Classic ... posted a season-high four digs vs. the Crusaders (9/10).

Season Highs

Kills0
Attacks0
Set Assists0
Service Aces0
Digs4, at Valparaiso, 9/10/16
Solo Blocks0
Block Assists0
Total Blocks0

Career Highs

Kills0
Attacks1, twice, last vs. Illinois, 9/12/15
Set Assists1, vs. Jacksonville, 9/13/13
Service Aces1, twice, last vs. W. Illinois, 11/9/13
Digs6, twice, last vs. Western Illinois, 11/9/13
Solo Blocks0
Block Assists0
Total Blocks0

South Dakota State
South Dakota State Combined Team Statistics (as of Oct 02, 2016)
All matches

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES	2-13	1-4	0-3	1-6
CONFERENCE	1-2	1-2	0-0	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	1-11	0-2	0-3	1-6

#	Player	sp	Attack				Set		Serve			Dig		Blocking					points			
			k	k/s	e	ta	pct	a	a/s	sa	se	sa/s	re	dig	dig/s	bs	ba	total		blk/s	be	bhe
11	Ashley Beamer	49	172	3.51	91	521	.155	9	0.18	9	10	0.18	2	100	2.04	1	26	27	0.55	5	0	195.0
3	Makenzie Hennen	49	116	2.37	65	365	.140	5	0.10	7	6	0.14	12	55	1.12	4	14	18	0.37	4	0	134.0
6	Nazyia Thies	46	101	2.20	70	375	.083	6	0.13	8	23	0.17	16	108	2.35	2	7	9	0.20	2	2	114.5
4	Ashlynn Smith	49	70	1.43	23	211	.223	1	0.02	6	6	0.12	1	31	0.63	0	23	23	0.47	8	0	87.5
1	Sierra Peterson	42	56	1.33	35	163	.129	2	0.05	1	7	0.02	3	16	0.38	2	29	31	0.74	4	0	73.5
7	Mattison Munger	47	16	0.34	1	43	.349	429	9.13	7	9	0.15	0	116	2.47	2	7	9	0.19	7	16	28.5
14	Mikala Hora	20	8	0.40	13	47	-.106	1	0.05	2	2	0.10	4	21	1.05	1	4	5	0.25	1	0	13.0
12	Emilia Czapiewska	6	3	0.50	3	10	.000	1	0.17	0	0	0.00	0	3	0.50	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	3.0
5	Brooke Leetham	12	2	0.17	4	11	-.182	37	3.08	0	1	0.00	1	11	0.92	0	1	1	0.08	0	5	2.5
9	Alexandra Morrison	4	1	0.25	0	1	1.000	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	1	1	0.25	0	0	1.5
8	Ellie Benson	49	1	0.02	2	12	-.083	28	0.57	5	7	0.10	10	220	4.49	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	6.0
24	Garet Miliner	8	0	0.00	0	0	.000	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	5	0.62	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.0
2	Megan Farnham	44	0	0.00	0	4	.000	5	0.11	0	1	0.00	15	59	1.34	0	0	0	0.00	0	1	0.0
	TEAM	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	SOUTH DAKOTA STA	49	546	11.14	307	1763	.136	524	10.69	45	72	0.92	73	745	15.20	12	112	68.0	1.39	31	24	659.0
	Opponents	49	681	13.90	211	1712	.275	643	13.12	74	88	1.51	45	780	15.92	14	182	105.0	2.14	23	14	860.0

Team Statistics	SDSU	OPP
ATTACK		
Kills	546	681
Errors	307	211
Total Attacks	1763	1712
Attack Pct	.136	.275
Kills/Set	11.1	13.9
SET		
Assists	524	643
Assists/Set	10.7	13.1
SERVE		
Aces	45	74
Errors	72	88
Aces/Set	0.9	1.5
SERVE RECEPTIONS		
Errors	73	45
Errors/Set	1.5	0.9
DEFENSE		
Digs	745	780
Digs/Set	15.2	15.9
BLOCKING		
Block Solo	12	14
Block Assist	112	182
Total Blocks	68.0	105.0
Blocks/Set	1.4	2.1
Block Errors	31	23
Ball handling errors	24	14
ATTENDANCE		
Total	2186	726
Dates/Avg Per Date	5/437	3/242
Neutral site #/Avg	7/88	
Current win streak	0	-
Home win streak	0	-

Date	Opponent	Score	Score by set	Att.
*Aug 26	at Green Bay	L 0-3	17-25,14-25,20-25	231
*Aug 26	vs Stephen F. Austin	L 0-3	10-25,21-25,15-25	112
*Aug 27	vs Eastern Illinois	w 3-0	25-14,25-20,25-20	94
Aug 30	at Drake	L 2-3	25-20,14-25,14-25,25-23,4-15	363
%Sept 2	vs Texas Tech	L 0-3	18-25,17-25,21-25	48
%Sept 2	vs Northern Illinois	L 0-3	17-25,24-26,16-25	83
%Sept 3	vs UTEP	L 1-3	14-25,25-18,17-25,15-25	112
Sept 4	BRADLEY	L 0-3	21-25,21-25,20-25	417
#Sept 9	vs Central Michigan	L 0-3	10-25,19-25,17-25	75
#Sept 9	vs Duquesne	L 0-3	21-25,16-25,18-25	92
#Sep 10	at Valparaiso	L 0-3	13-25,18-25,15-25	132
Sep 14	NORTH DAKOTA	L 1-3	26-24,23-25,15-25,18-25	481
*Sep 23	IUPUI	L 0-3	19-25,23-25,18-25	360
*Sep 30	OMAHA	w 3-0	25-23,25-21,25-22	526
*Oct 2	SOUTH DAKOTA	L 0-3	19-25,19-25,15-25	402

^ Green Bay Tournament - Green Bay, Wis.
 % NDSU Classic - Fargo, N.D.
 # Valparaiso Popcorn Classic - Valparaiso, Ind.
 * Summit League

Record in 3-set matches: 2-10
 Record in 4-set matches: 0-2
 Record in 5-set matches: 0-1