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A HISTORY OF INTERCOLLEGIATE FOOTBALL AT  
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Abstract

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The purpose of this study was to present a history of intercollegiate football at South Dakota State University showing the growth and changes in the football program.

The scope of the study synthesizes seventy-nine years of intercollegiate football at South Dakota State University from 1889 to 1967. The study begins with Chapter I as the introduction. Chapter II covers the period from 1889 to 1911. Chapter III through Chapter IX pertain to the period from 1912 to 1967, as seven head coaches served during this period. Chapter X consists of the summary of intercollegiate football at South Dakota State University.

Gleanings from the investigation indicated that football competition was first instigated within the college by interested students and little stress was placed on organization. Participants were self-coached and furnished their own equipment. Regulations covering eligibility were very lenient. The scheduling of games was limited due to travel and games were played during daylight hours.

The caliber of football improved as the number of participants increased which brought about the addition of qualified coaches to the coaching staff. Pre-season training camps were established. A conference was formed which brought about new rules and regulations. Scheduling of games was made several years in advance and there was a noted up-grading of the schedule as far as playing non-conference games. The erection of lights brought about the playing of night football games. Financial aid was introduced to help student athletes obtain an education. Facilities and equipment were constantly improved to provide for the safety of the athletes.

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## CHAPTER I

### INTRODUCTION TO THE PROBLEM

The football tradition at South Dakota State University has a long and colorful heritage. From the day of the first football engagement of a South Dakota State University team on May 3, 1889, to the present there has been a constant effort to improve the football program at this institution of higher education. The writer is referring to an increased and better trained staff, better facilities, more selective scheduling, and efficient recruiting. Football provides a means by which a student may represent South Dakota State University in a highly organized group activity on and away from the campus in an active, healthful, and socially approved manner.

This study attempts to show how this tradition was established and to describe to the readers some of the interesting football highlights that occurred during the period from 1889 to 1967.

#### I. THE PROBLEM

Statement of the problem. The purpose of this study was to present a history of intercollegiate football at South Dakota State University, showing the growth and changes in the football program.



The purpose of any historical study of an activity involves measuring the progress of that activity.

Importance of the study. The data collected in this study should be of great interest and value to individuals in the Health, Physical Education, and Recreation Department, to the Athletic Committee, alumni, and all people interested in the intercollegiate athletic program at South Dakota State University. This historical study should be of value in serving as a ready reference for those desiring information concerning football without extensive reading or searching. Such research of the past should be of value for public relations and of interest to news media.

## II. METHODS OF OBTAINING DATA

Sources of data. Data were obtained from the following sources:

1. Jack Rabbit, South Dakota State University yearbook
2. The Collegian, South Dakota State University student newspaper
3. The Brookings Register
4. Brookings County Press
5. Sioux Falls Argus-Leader
6. Questionnaire to former coaches
7. Personal interviews with participants, coaches, and observers
8. Previous historical studies completed at South Dakota State University

Presenting the data. This history of football at South Dakota State University is divided into ten chapters.

The first chapter depicts an introduction to the problem. Chapter two covers the period from 1889 to 1911, a period during which nine men held the head football coaching position at South Dakota State University. The period from 1912 to 1967 is divided into coaches' eras. This period is divided into seven chapters as seven different coaches held the position of head football coach. The tenth chapter provides a summary of intercollegiate football at South Dakota State University.

### III. SYNONYMOUS TERMS REFERRED TO IN THIS STUDY

South Dakota State University is referred to as Brookings, South Dakota Agricultural College, South Dakota State College, State College, State University, and the nickname of the Jackrabbits.

The South Dakota State University yearbook, Jack Rabbit, is referred to as The Quirt, The Jackrabbit, and Jackrabbit.

The South Dakota State University student newspaper, South Dakota Collegian, is referred to as The Dakota Collegian and The Industrial Collegian.

In the composite football record of South Dakota State University which appears in Appendix B, institutional abbreviations are sometimes used.

North Dakota State University is referred to as North Dakota Agricultural College, North Dakota State, and the nickname of the Bison.

The University of Northern Iowa is referred to as Iowa State Teachers College, State College of Iowa, and the nickname of the Panthers.

The University of South Dakota is referred to as Vermillion and the nickname of the Coyotes.

Dakota Wesleyan University is referred to as Mitchell.

## CHAPTER II

### THE ERA FROM 1889 TO 1911

Primary and secondary sources, for this research paper, were brief and not always clear. Statements were sometimes made without stating why, how, and where events took place. During the early years it was not clear whether the competition played was a college team, a town team, or a high school team as only the name of the town was mentioned in the sources of information. In some instances the source gave conflicting reports on material gathered.

#### 1889

Football at South Dakota Agricultural College in 1889 was a phase of competitive athletic events which were organized on a state level and held on one day during that year. The first South Dakota Intercollegiate Athletic Association was organized in 1889, and the first state athletic meet was held in Sioux Falls on May 3 of the same year. The institutions that were members of the association were Sioux Falls, Vermillion, Yankton, and Brookings. Brookings and Vermillion played to a 6-6 tie in the football game. The 1904 yearbook stated, "Hermie Harden was the particular star of the game."<sup>1</sup> In spite of the contrasting sizes of the two

<sup>1</sup>The Quirt, 1904 Yearbook, Brookings, South Dakota.

teams, a good game was played which resulted in a draw. Lack of time prevented the game from being played to the finish. Other events besides the football game that were held at the state meet were track and field events, baseball games, tug of war, wheelbarrow races, and a baseball throwing contest.<sup>2</sup>

Memories of the first football game were reported to The Brookings Register, November 5, 1925, by Dean H. B. Mathews, State College professor and alumnus. Football in 1889 was quite different from the football played in 1925 when Dean Mathews gave his account of early football. The game was largely a running type of game in which fast men were superior over heavy men. Passing could be used, but the pass had to be made to someone behind the man with the ball. A touchdown indicated that the ball had to be carried over the goal line between the goal posts rather than just over the goal line. Uniforms were the same type as those worn by track men. There was no coach. It took about two days for the team to travel to Sioux Falls, where the first football game was held, and two days to return to Brookings. The trip was made by horse team and wagon.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>2</sup>The Dakota Collegian, May 1889, p. 100.

<sup>3</sup>The Brookings Register, November 5, 1925, p. 1.

1890

The second and last of the early South Dakota athletic meets was held in Yankton in May 1890. Participation was limited because of hard times and because most of the students were working their way through college. Football was listed in the field of events, but no records of a football game being played were available.

It was decided by the State Association at this time that the next meet should be held in Brookings. Of the institutions that were in the association, three were in the southern part of the state, and one, Brookings, was in the northern part. During the year of 1890, Vermillion decided not to enter the next meet because of charges of professionalism against "some" athletes. Yankton withdrew from the meet because of the distance to travel. After carefully considering the expenses for medals, advertising, and fixing of the grounds, association members cancelled the meet. Thus, the old association was a thing of the past.<sup>4</sup>

An article appeared in The Dakota Collegian in 1890 stating W. S. Bentley's ideas on athletics. Being president of the South Dakota Agricultural College Athletic Association, he was competent to say the following:

What is the matter with crowding athletic sports to the front this year? Let each one of us put our shoulder to the wheel and success will be sure to crown our

<sup>4</sup>The Quirt, op. cit.

efforts. Let each one of us do his part, however great or small it may be, and at the end of the year when a total summing up is made, we will be agreeably surprised by the improvement each has made.

There seems to be a lack of get-up-and-get-to-the-front among a few on account of imaginary ideas that there is no use trying to compete with the old students. Do away with all such misleading ideas and the old proverb that practice makes perfect; with a little practice each day considerable will be accomplished during the term.

It should be the ambition of every student to exert all his influence toward making the college rank with other institutions, and in order to accomplish these results, all must join hands and work in harmony, and contribute all the aid they can.

A few will say "I have no time to throw away and waste in playing ball or practicing the various field sports." Now is such work wasted or thrown away? Not at all. The foremost colleges in the world have expended thousands of dollars in fitting up gymnasiums for the purpose of developing physical culture and encouraging health-invigorating exercises among the students. It is generally conceded that the highest ideal of a perfect man consists of a sound body as well as a sound mind. Do not our earliest writers tell us of the sports of the ancients? They did not think it a waste of time to indulge in field sports. History shows us that these exercises have always been encouraged and are beneficial. We can not do better than to follow the teaching of those gone before.

Perhaps many of us may have a special liking for one or more sports, such as throwing the hammer, playing ball, swinging Indian clubs, jumping, etc. Now with a few minutes practice each day, proficiency will be acquired in a short time. You know the world was not made in a day. Neither can we become proficient in sports in a day, but a continual practice accompanied by a little stick-to-itiveness will bring you out all right. In short, if all go to work with a will, our field sports may be made a success, and we will reap the benefits of our energy and will be amply rewarded in the end.<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>5</sup>The Dakota Collegian, March 1890, p. 55.

During this year a new athletic association constitution was drawn up and ratified by an unanimous vote of all the members. The members were W. S. Bentley, A. D. McKenney, N. M. Wardall, L. C. Ramsdell, Bert Mathews, I. H. Hatfield, and John Grattan.

#### Constitution of the Athletic Association

##### ART. I.

The name and title of this association shall be the "South Dakota Agricultural College Athletic Association."

##### ART. II.

The purpose of this Association shall be the development of physical culture, and the encouragement of health invigorating exercise among the students. For the furtherance of these ends an annual contest in athletic sports and games shall be held during the annual commencement week.

##### ART. III.

The officers of this Association shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and three (3) managers; viz. one foot ball, one base ball, and one general, who shall constitute the executive committee of the Association, and shall be elected at each annual meeting, which shall be held on the second Tuesday of the first term of the college year.

##### ART. IV.

SEC. 1. The executive committee of the Association, shall have charge of the general affairs of said Association. It shall fill all vacancies in its own body, impose assessments, regulate expenses, decide upon prizes, appoint committees on award, referee, starter, etc., and prepare a program for each annual contest. It shall, however, at all times be subject to and be governed by the instructions of the Association.

SEC. 2. The President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary, shall have powers similar to those in like organizations.

SEC. 3. The manager of foot ball shall have charge of all matters pertaining to foot ball, and encourage the practice of the same. The manager of base ball shall do likewise. The manager of general sports shall have control and encourage all other sports not named herein.



SEC. 4. Each manager shall be held responsible for all property belonging to his department.

ART. V.

The President shall be authorized to call special meetings upon the request of ten (10) members, who shall constitute a quorum.

ART. VI.

SEC. 1. Any student of the South Dakota Agricultural College can become a member of the Association by handing his name to the Secretary and paying the sum of ten (10) cents.

SEC. 2. No person will be allowed to use any property, or take part in sports or contests unless he is a member of the Association.

ART. VII.

A local contest under the auspices of the executive committee, shall be held two weeks before the South Dakota Inter Collegiate Athletic Association contest, to determine who shall be eligible to contest in the different sports named by the above Association.

ART. VIII.

SEC. 1. All applications for purchases shall be made to the executive committee, who shall act according to their judgment.

SEC. 2. All bills shall be paid by the treasurer after the approval of the executive committee, and shall bear the name of the name of the President and manager of the respective department.

SEC. 3. All membership fees shall be used exclusively for the purchase of necessary supplies for the Association.

ART. IX.

"Roberts' Rules of Order" shall be the standard of authority in governing the Association unless otherwise provided for in the constitution.

ART. X.

This constitution may be amended at any meeting by a two-thirds vote of the members present.<sup>6</sup>

1891

On account of the withdrawal of Vermillion and Yankton from the State Athletic Association, there was no state

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<sup>6</sup>The Dakota Collegian, April 1890, pp. 81-82.

contest in 1891. In the previous years when the contest was held at places difficult of access for the South Dakota Agricultural College football team, the boys always did their best to make the athletic meet a success and sent as many contestants as was possible under the circumstances.<sup>7</sup>

Now when the contest was to have been held here in Brookings it seems hardly the proper thing for the other schools to kick out and leave the team in the lurch. This is not giving us a fair show.<sup>8</sup>

A football game played during this year was one played July 4 against Flandreau and was won by South Dakota Agricultural College. This closely contested battle was a one-point victory for South Dakota Agricultural College.<sup>9</sup> A search of all sources of information failed to state a score for this contest.

## 1892

At this point the enthusiasm for athletics was somewhat dampened as the South Dakota Inter Collegiate Athletic Association had but two members, Sioux Falls and Brookings. There was an attempt on the part of South Dakota Agricultural College to hold a meet with other colleges not yet members of the Association. As their membership never materialized and Sioux Falls declined to send its athletes

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<sup>7</sup>The Dakota Collegian, May 1891, p. 91.

<sup>8</sup>Ibid.

<sup>9</sup>The Dakota Collegian, July 1891, p. 129.

again this year, the home team felt it frivolous to purchase medals for themselves. No football was played in 1892.<sup>10</sup>  
1893

From this date athletics began to be regarded as of more importance by the different educational institutions of the state. On April 3, 1893, representatives from Brookings, Vermillion, Yankton, and Sioux Falls met and organized the Inter-Collegiate Athletic Association of South Dakota.<sup>11</sup>

One of the requirements for competing in an athletic contest was that a person should be a regularly registered student pursuing at least two studies during the term in which the contest was held. He was also required to bring a certificate verifying his registration signed and "sealed" by the president and secretary of his college. Another interesting feature of the constitution was that all money exceeding \$15.00 was to be equally divided among the local associations at the meeting after each annual contest. Football was included in the contest and intercollegiate rules were followed.<sup>12</sup>

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<sup>10</sup>The Quirt, op. cit.

<sup>11</sup>Ibid.

<sup>12</sup>The Industrial Collegian, April 13, 1894, p. 16.

1894

In 1894 the first state meet was held under the new organization at Sioux Falls. At this meet football was dropped from the list of events.

1895-1896

For athletic competition, field days were held during this period. The importance of football was not felt, and consequently no games were played.

1897

Professor Saunders, instructor in botany, took the position as head coach for the football team in 1897. Football now aroused considerable interest among the student body. The Industrial Collegian stated, "Football suits have been ordered and the players will soon be arrayed in their new uniforms, ready to defeat any team which may cross their path."<sup>13</sup>

The only game played during this year was against the Sioux Falls eleven. The South Dakota Agricultural College was handicapped by the inability to hang on to the pigskin, and the fumbles were responsible for the scoring of many of Sioux Falls' points.<sup>14</sup>

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<sup>13</sup>The Industrial Collegian, November 1897, p. 10.

<sup>14</sup>The Industrial Collegian, December 1897, p. 10.

Other reasons such as the following were given to explain the loss:

The home team were in good physical condition and had it not been for the time-keeper, the city team would have been unable to finish the game, but as it was, they were allowed five minutes time for a drink whenever they wished, and so were able to hold out. The mass play by the home team was their strong hold, but as they struck the line the whistle was blown and so cut off any show for a game. Had the referee allowed us to use our strength in pushing, two touchdowns would have been secured, but it was plainly seen that he was working for his own team, and so cut off our best plays,

Dirty ball seemed to be the object of a few of the Sioux Falls team, but they soon saw they could gain nothing by it, for it was like running against a stonewall.<sup>15</sup>

The final score was 22-0 in favor of Sioux Falls. During this year a touchdown was worth five points and a point after touchdown was worth a single point.<sup>16</sup>

### 1898

During 1898 Professor John H. Wheeler is mentioned for the first time in connection with football at South Dakota Agricultural College. Wheeler had formerly played seven years with the Yale eleven. Three games were played during 1898, the first being an interesting game with the group from Watertown on the fairgrounds at Brookings. The

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<sup>15</sup>The Industrial Collegian, December 1897, p. 10.

<sup>16</sup>Ibid.

Industrial Collegian stated:

It was as interesting as a republican rally, and as one-sided as the late Cervera-Sampson quarrel down in the sunny south. Using the language of a modern phrase, "They are all right in their way but they don't weigh enough." Never did the cruel breezes torment the "cackleing kind" of a hen-yard, any worse than our boys did the aggregation from Watertown last Saturday.

The crowd began to arrive as early as 1:30 o'clock, but it was nearly three before the teams lined up and Brookings proceeded to make touch downs at the rate of one for every three and one-half minutes.<sup>17</sup>

The final score was 62-0 in favor of Brookings.

The two other games played during the season were against Yankton and Sioux Falls, with Yankton and South Dakota Agricultural College playing to a scoreless tie and Sioux Falls winning by a 11-6 score.

1899

After the first victory of the season over Madison, the student body took an interest in football and felt that their first and second teams of the college could hold their own in the state. With confidence high they tried to schedule many more games for the season. The team from Mitchell was invited to Brookings, but since no early reply was received, it was felt that the "Sunday School" boys were either too nice to give them a game or lacked the courage to rub against the "Barn Yard Cadets."

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<sup>17</sup>The Industrial Collegian, September 1898, p. 10.

The Brookings boys did have two more victories, and then came the season's finale with Mitchell.<sup>18</sup> The final score was 57-0 in favor of Mitchell.

### 1900

Football championships in these early days were not decided by a conference winner because there was no conference. Games were played, and after the season various claims were made by the college papers. In some years there were many articles written back and forth among the news media laying claims to the championship, but nothing was ever definitely settled. The same problem was apparent in picking all-state players.<sup>19</sup>

This season proved to be the most successful one of the era-1889-1911, and interest increased in athletics necessitating the need for more football suits.<sup>20</sup>

### 1901

In 1901, James Temple began his work in athletics at South Dakota Agricultural College, and it was felt a marvelous stroke of good luck when he was chosen for the position from the list of applicants.<sup>21</sup>

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<sup>18</sup>The Industrial Collegian, October 1899, pp. 13-14.

<sup>19</sup>Zahorsky, op. cit., p. 27.

<sup>20</sup>The Industrial Collegian, November 1900, p. 4.

<sup>21</sup>The Industrial Collegian, May 1903, p. 3.



*Courtesy Minneapolis Journal.*

**S. D. A. C. FOOTBALL SQUAD, 1901.**

Upper Row—T. Thompson, Fuller, Almond, Windedahl, Malamphy, McGarry.  
Middle Row—Young, C. Thompson, Ortmayer, Prof. Wheeler, trainer; I. Johnson, Ramsey.  
Lower Row—Reimer, A. Johnson, Brosseau, Thomas, Norton, Morrison, Bielski.



Stated as one of the best games ever played on the South Dakota Agricultural College gridiron was a game against Yankton College. The final score was a 17-0 victory for the home team. The backfield during the year consisted of Ortmeyer at quarterback, Reimer at right half, I. B. Johnson at left half, and Bielski at full back.<sup>22</sup>

### 1902

The season of 1902 began with a new coach. Shortly after the season began, Mr. Gilkey was discharged from his position, and football at South Dakota Agricultural College seemed doomed for the season. Professor John H. Wheeler, who came to the college in 1898, was persuaded to take charge of the team, and by his indefatigable energy carried the team through a successful season. Not only did he coach the team well, but he was considered the personal friend of every man on the team. Wheeler was not only a friend of football but also of athletics in general and all forms of legitimate college enterprises.<sup>23</sup>

### 1903

Football was on trial this year. The following bill was introduced by Senator Northrop, by request:

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<sup>22</sup>The Industrial Collegian, November 1901, pp. 9-10.

<sup>23</sup>The Industrial Collegian, December 1902, p. 8.

## A BILL

For an act to prohibit the playing of football within the state of South Dakota and prescribing a penalty for the violation thereof.

Be it enacted by the legislature of the state of South Dakota.

SEC. 1. Whoever sends or causes to be sent or publishes or otherwise makes known, any challenge or agreement to play what is commonly known as foot ball, or shall accept any such challenge or agreement or causes the same to be accepted, or furnishes funds therefor shall upon conviction thereof, be imprisoned in the penitentiary not exceeding two years, or pay a fine of five hundred dollars or by both such fine and imprisonment as the court shall direct.

SEC. 2. Any person who shall upon complaint made before any judge or justice of the peace, appear to be about to engage in any such game of foot ball, may be compelled to enter into bond to keep the peace, as in other cases of threatened breach of peace.

SEC. 3. Whoever by previous appointment of arrangement meets any other person or persons, or engages in playing foot ball, shall upon conviction thereof be imprisoned in the penitentiary not exceeding five years or pay a fine of \$1,000, or by both such fine and imprisonment as the court shall direct.

SEC. 4. All acts or parts of acts in conflict with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

SEC. 5. An emergency is hereby declared to exist and this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval.<sup>24</sup>

Evidently the claims that these persons, requesting the bill, had against football proved to be false. It was felt that the promoters of the bill had never seen a football game and that when the sport was investigated thoroughly, it was found to be an honest, upright, and invigorating sport. Needless to say, the bill failed to pass.<sup>25</sup>

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<sup>24</sup>The Industrial Collegian, February 1903, pp. 3-4.

<sup>25</sup>Ibid., p. 4.

Football at South Dakota Agricultural College appeared to have taken a decided slump. A good schedule of games had been arranged for this fall, but all of the games with the exception of three contests were called off. No reason for the cancellations was given. Of the three games played, South Dakota Agricultural College was victorious in only one.<sup>26</sup>

The Industrial Collegian stated the following in an article following the football season:

When a small denominational school such as Huron College can roll our colors in the mire it is certainly high time for us to be up and doing. Why is it that the best and most progressive educational institution in South Dakota cannot produce a foot-ball team worthy of her prestige?<sup>27</sup>

### 1904

The football team of 1904 was coached by J. Harris Werner. This season was one which marked a new era in college athletics. After the disastrous showing in 1903, the team came within a game of winning the championship of the state. The only defeats of the season were at the hands of Mitchell.<sup>28</sup>

The all-state team picked by Markle, coach of the champion Dakota Wesleyan team, included two South Dakota

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<sup>26</sup>The Industrial Collegian, December 1903, p. 9.

<sup>27</sup>ibid.

<sup>28</sup>The Industrial Collegian, December 1904, p. 5.

Agricultural College players. The individuals picked were Carl Reich, center, and Cecil Skinner, right half.<sup>29</sup>

### 1905

Again this year the football team found itself under the leadership of a new coach, William M. Blaine.

The outlook for the season was at a peak. The hope for a championship team was very high. The following will account for the sad upset:

Bowles sustained an injury to his ankle which will keep him out of the game this fall. Tannar failed to make good with the faculty. Tower, the Aberdeen Normal star was unable to attend college at all. Oliver left to accept a lucrative position. Norton, for reasons unknown to us accompanied him. McGillivray's broken collar bone will keep him out for some time.<sup>30</sup>

The most important game of the season was played on the college gridiron against Mitchell. The team was in fine condition, and the game was considered a toss-up, but Mitchell won by a score of 24-0.<sup>31</sup>

### 1906

William Juneau, graduate of the University of Wisconsin, became the new coach and director of athletics in 1906.

Under the direction of the new coach, a most satisfying victory was achieved. For the first time in the

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<sup>29</sup>The Industrial Collegian, December 1904, p. 5.

<sup>30</sup>The Industrial Collegian, October 1905, p. 8.

<sup>31</sup>Ibid., p. 17.

seventeen-year history of the meetings with Mitchell, South Dakota Agricultural College rose victorious at the end of the football game. When the news of the victory reached Brookings, the students were filled with unbounded joy. They marched up and down the street to the music of the college band.<sup>32</sup>

### 1907

The name of the college was changed to South Dakota State College in 1907, and the name "Jackrabbits" was first introduced.

In the first game of the season South Dakota State College was beaten by Huron. Following is an account of some interesting remarks of the game:

Chamberlin of Huron, the old Wisconsin star, was referee, and Hardy, the Mitchell coach, officiated as umpire. Chamberlin was very fair and no complaint can be made on his work, but the crowd was not so well satisfied with Hardy. He repeatedly penalized Brookings for offside, while he was content to simply warn Huron. Again in the second half a Huron man chocked a Brookings player almost under his feet, but he did not take any notice of it, even after the crowd had called his attention to the dirty work.<sup>33</sup>

This season was successful as the team won five out of seven games. Vermillion at this time informed the college that it had broken its athletic relations with State College. No reason for this decision was reported.

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<sup>32</sup>The Industrial Collegian, November 1906, pp. 11-12.

<sup>33</sup>The Brookings Register, October 17, 1907, p. 1.

In a personal interview with Elmer Sexauer, a prominent Brookings businessman, he revealed that important changes in football during William Juneau's period were brought about to lessen the chance of death to the players and to make the game of football more wide open. He spoke of the changing from three downs to make five yards to four downs to make ten yards. The shape of the ball was changed to facilitate passing which also opened up the game. Mr. Sexauer concluded that the roughness of the game brought about the use of the nose guard and the shin guard which had not appeared before this time.<sup>34</sup>

#### 1908

The quiet, gentlemanly qualities and true sportsmanship of the new coach, J. M. Saunderson, won the respect and admiration of all. He had an exceptional way of handling men and developing athletic programs. Coach Saunderson, who coached the Jackrabbits for the next three years, played four years of football at Albion College, Michigan, and was All-Michigan Inter-Collegiate quarterback and captain of his team in 1907.<sup>35</sup>

<sup>34</sup>Elmer Sexauer, Personal Interview, April 19, 1968.

<sup>35</sup>The Industrial Collegian, May 30, 1911, p. 8.

The football season started out on a good note with a win over Aberdeen Normal. The team was undefeated in the first four games but suffered defeats in the last three games.

### 1909

During the 1909 season, State College had a full schedule of seven games on its agenda, but cancellations permitted only four games to be played. The team met disappointment by dropping three games because of "mental and mechanical errors." The following is a resume of the season:

Vermillion, the State Champions this year claimed to have the best team in their history, yet they only beat Mitchell 6-0 and the latter team barely won over Brookings, scoring a drop kick from the 40 yd line in the last three minutes of play. In the North Dakota game two costly fumbles lost the contest, although Brookings outplayed the northerners two to one. In the Yankton game failure to kick goals after their two touchdowns lost a chance to tie, and a safety made by Yankton through the inexperience of one of the home team's new men made victory possible for the down state team.<sup>36</sup>

### 1910

The Jackrabbits played at South Dakota State College Field for the first time in 1910. It was also the year they first played under the new football rules. One of the new rule changes involved the ball carrier. The man carrying

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<sup>36</sup>The Brookings Register, December 2, 1909, p. 1.

the ball could not be helped by his teammates; thus the failure of one man to do his work greatly lessened his team's chances of victory. As a result of the new rules injuries were much less frequent and the deaths of the season were the results, in most cases, not of dangers particular to football, but of accidents likely to happen in any branch of sport.<sup>37</sup>

Additional changes initiated in football were as follows:

For one thing the time of play is divided into four periods of 15 minutes duration instead of the traditional two halves of 35 minutes each. The usual intermission of 15 minutes is maintained between the second and third periods, but an intermission of three minutes only is allowed between the first and second and third and fourth periods. During this short intermission no player is to be allowed to leave the field, nor will any one be permitted to come on the field save only the individual who looks after the physical condition of the players.

At the beginning of the second and the fourth periods the teams change goals, but the down, the possession of the ball and the distance to be gained remain as they were at the conclusion of the preceding period of play. Another radical change is that governing the flying tackle. This has been entirely eliminated by a new ruling which provides that a player must have one foot at least on the ground when tackling an opponent. The new legislation governing the forward pass which a number of the experts were inclined to abolish altogether, will materially alter the play and aspect of the game.

This year's rules provide that a player is only qualified to receive a forward pass who is at least one yard back of his own line of scrimmage [scrimmage]

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<sup>37</sup>The Industrial Collegian, December 6, 1910, p. 1.



or occupies the position on the end of the said line. No man may make a forward pass or kick the ball unless he is five yards back of the line of scrimmage. The territory forward of the line of scrimmage, and consequently in the enemy's camp, is adjudged neutral for a distance of 20 yards pending the completion of a forward pass or kick. A forward pass is not legal if the ball crosses a line 20 yards in advance of the spot where it was put in play before touching the ground or a player.

In the case of a kick, the players on the defense within the 20 yard zone must not interfere with the ends, or other players in any way until the opponents have advanced 20 yards beyond the line of scrimmage. Interlocked interference, that is, players of the side having the ball taking hold of each other, or using their hands or arms to grasp their teammates in any way, is forbidden, and it is also forbidden for any man on the side having possession of the ball to push or pull in any way the man running with the ball.

Another innovation is to be noted in regard to the substitution of players during a game. A rule has been passed which provides that a player who has been removed for any cause except disqualification or suspension may be returned to the game once at the beginning of any subsequent period. The longitudinal lines formerly marking the field are done away with, as the quarterback may now cross the line of scrimmage at any point.<sup>38</sup>

## 1911

The new coach, Frederick Johnson, and trainer, James Temple, worked with a large squad in 1911. Coach Johnson, who came from Pennsylvania, had won monograms in several college sports. Mr. Temple, who had won a state-wide reputation for his successful training of the athletes at Brookings several years prior to his return this year,

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<sup>38</sup>The Industrial Collegian, October 4, 1910, p. 2.

again devoted his time to bringing out successful teams at Brookings. Mr. Temple was rated as one of the very best trainers in the whole country.<sup>39</sup>

The bucking machine and the tackling dummy made their appearance on the campus in the fall of 1911. Another added feature in football training was the opening of a training table in connection with the boarding club in the basement of "Old North."<sup>40</sup>

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<sup>39</sup>The Brookings Register, September 14, 1911, p. 1.

<sup>40</sup>The Industrial Collegian, October 3, 1911, p. 1.

## CHAPTER III

### THE ERA OF HARRY "BUCK" EWING (1912-1917)

#### 1912

The new head football coach for the 1912 season was Harry "Buck" Ewing. During his high school days at Lincoln, Nebraska, the team of which he was a member won the championship of the United States. Mr. Ewing played his college football at the University of Nebraska where he and his teammates won the Missouri Valley Championship in 1907. He was picked as an All-Missouri Valley Conference guard in 1908 and 1909.<sup>41</sup>

The South Dakota Board of Regents adopted a set of regulations on eligibility for all state institutions.

They cover rigidly the length of time allotted an individual as a player, the scholastic standing, and the migration of an individual from [from] one school to another in the Minnesota-Dakota conference. These rules, coming as they do from an authoritative body will be enforced by the State College within her ranks and it will be expected that the other schools of the state will do likewise.<sup>42</sup>

One of the biggest events in the history of the institution was inaugurated on November 2, 1912. The first

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<sup>41</sup>The Industrial Collegian, September 24, 1912, p. 1.

<sup>42</sup>The Industrial Collegian, October 1, 1912, p. 1.

Hobo Day was held on that day with Yankton meeting State College on the gridiron. It resulted in a victory for State College, the score being 6-3.<sup>43</sup>

The actual celebration for Hobo Day started with a sudden inspiration for a parade which was conceived only as an idea for a good time.

One night the boys donned night shirts and marched down Main Avenue with torches blazing against the blackness of night. The next morning the women students appeared in classes as squaws, and the men attired themselves as bums. The entire student body, led by the squaws and bums, marched to the depot to meet the Yankton team, which had arrived for the football game. After the football game the students went from door to door begging for food. It was planned to make this Hobo Day an annual event.<sup>44</sup>

### 1913

Before the close of the 1912 school year it was decided that to improve the caliber of football at State College, a pre-season training camp should be held. The purpose of the training camp at Lake Oakwood was to get the

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<sup>43</sup>The Brookings Register, November 7, 1912, p. 1.

<sup>44</sup>The Industrial Collegian, October 23, 1940, p. 4.

men more interested in football and to create, among the players, a spirit of good fellowship.<sup>45</sup> This adventure was financed entirely by Brookings businessmen.<sup>46</sup>

Possibly as a result of the pre-season training camp, South Dakota State College had a fairly successful season, winning five and losing three games. The team, however, lost the state championship to Yankton by a score of 20-0.

Through consultation with different coaches and officials, the following South Dakota State College players were named all-state: Chappell, Abbott, and Sheeham.<sup>47</sup>

#### 1914

A football training camp again preceded this season. The State College football team lost its first game to Vermillion, but compiled five consecutive wins over Huron, Yankton, Huron again, Hamline, and the University of North Dakota before being defeated in the last game of the season by Dakota Wesleyan. The impossibility of holding the team at concert pitch for three months was the reason given for the loss to Dakota Wesleyan. State College crumpled before the supposedly weaker Wesleyan team 21-0.<sup>48</sup>

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<sup>45</sup>The Jack Rabbit, 1915 Yearbook, p. 144.

<sup>46</sup>The Industrial Collegian, September 23, 1913, p. 4.

<sup>47</sup>The Industrial Collegian, December 9, 1913, p. 1.

<sup>48</sup>The Industrial Collegian, December 8, 1914, p. 12.

The year 1914 was highlighted by the construction of a new seating facility in anticipation of record attendance during the latter part of the season. A new grandstand was erected on the north side of the field opposite the old outgrown structure and increased the seating capacity by one thousand. Both grandstand sections seated one thousand six hundred.<sup>49</sup>

### 1915

The training camp this year was held at Brookings with the boys residing in the gymnasium.<sup>50</sup> The football team gave its best seasonal performance in State College history as it scored one hundred sixty-three total points to its opponents' seven. However, these seven points cost State College the University Division championship as they were defeated on Hobo Day by the University of South Dakota 7-0.<sup>51</sup>

To State College went the collegiate championship of North and South Dakota, Iowa, and Nebraska when they defeated Dakota Wesleyan of Mitchell 6 to 0. State and Wesleyan had each suffered only one defeat prior to last week's game and that at the hands of the same school, the State University, but those games do not affect the collegiate championship.<sup>52</sup>

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<sup>49</sup>The Industrial Collegian, October 27, 1914, p. 1.

<sup>50</sup>The Brookings Register, September 16, 1915, p. 12.

<sup>51</sup>The Industrial Collegian, November 23, 1915, p. 4.

<sup>52</sup>The Brookings Register, November 25, 1915, p. 2.

1916

At this time many State College athletes were serving their country in World War I and this circumstance resulted in a small football squad.<sup>53</sup>

One of the highlights of the 1916 schedule was the arrangement to play two of the Big Ten schools, the University of Minnesota and the University of Wisconsin. South Dakota State College lost both games, but scored against both teams. After their first two defeats against Minnesota and Wisconsin, the football team bounded back to win four consecutive games and claim undisputed championship of the two Dakotas.<sup>54</sup>

1917

Charles Rowe, a former athlete for State College, assisted with the coaching of the football squad.

When the call came for football candidates in the fall, only one veteran, Harold Hoover, responded. The majority of the superb 1916 machine had deserted the gridiron to play a more perilous game in the trenches.<sup>55</sup>

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<sup>53</sup>The Industrial Collegian, September 19, 1916, p. 1.

<sup>54</sup>The Industrial Collegian, December 5, 1916, p. 1.

<sup>55</sup>The Jack Rabbit, 1919 Yearbook, p. 195.

Some of the modern devices introduced to the football team were charging sleds, improved tackling dummies, and blocking dummies.<sup>56</sup>

In the first game of the season South Dakota State College was outclassed by the University of Minnesota, losing by a score of 64-0. After this defeat, however, the team rebounded to win the remaining five contests.

### 1918

Football was discontinued for this academic year because of World War I.

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<sup>56</sup>The Brookings Register, September 6, 1917, p. 1.



## CHAPTER IV

### THE ERA OF C. A. "JACK" WEST (1919-1927)

1919

C. A. West came to Brookings in 1919 to serve as the new football coach and director of athletics at South Dakota State College. He had previously served in that capacity at Shattuck Military Academy, Faribault, Minnesota. Coach West was formerly a star in football and track at Coe College, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and during this period was twice selected All-Iowa quarterback. He coached at Mason City, Iowa, high school for four years, and during this period his football teams won ninety percent of their games and also the state championship in 1917.<sup>57</sup>

Forty men reported to practice under the direction of Coach West and his assistants, Major Omar N. Bradley, Professor E. J. Voight, and Alex Culhane.

The most important game of this season was played against the University of South Dakota.<sup>58</sup> The importance of this game was that State College had not yet suffered a defeat this season and had never defeated the University of South Dakota in the history of football at State College.

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<sup>57</sup>Brookings County Press, November 6, 1919, p. 2.

<sup>58</sup>General Omar N. Bradley, Questionnaire, April 5, 1968.

Arrangements were made with the Great Northern Railroad to run a special train from Brookings to Sioux Falls for the game between State College and the University of South Dakota. The faculty declared this date a holiday.<sup>59</sup>

The Brookings County Press stated:

Coach West's gridiron warriors won the undisputed championship of the two Dakotas Saturday by riddling the great U machine in a wonderful and thrilling contest, by a score of 13 to 6, on the Sioux Falls field.<sup>60</sup>

### 1920

Assisting Coach West during the 1920 season were Alex Culhane, Reverend Fulenwielder, and Lieutenant Welcome Waltz.

An added highlight during the season was watching for the first time the game between the University of North Dakota and South Dakota State on an electric football scoreboard. The game was given, play by play, upon a board by means of a light representing the position of the ball. Other lights showed the man carrying the ball, the number of yards gained, and the number of downs. While many viewed the game in a Brookings theatre, the actual game was being played at Grand Forks, North Dakota. The only

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<sup>59</sup>The Industrial Collegian, November 18, 1919, p. 1.

<sup>60</sup>Brookings County Press, November 27, 1919, p. 1.

regret connected with this experience was that so many witnessed the defeat of the team by a field goal in the last fifty seconds.<sup>61</sup>

### 1921

Assistant Coach Fred Enke, former University of Minnesota athlete, came to State College in 1921. Coach Enke lettered in football at Minnesota for two years.

It was decided that if enough interest was shown this season all out-of-town games would be shown on the electric football scoreboard.

Thousands of spectators saw the State College Jack-rabbits chase the University Coyotes away from the coveted state championship and then romp away with it themselves. While the actual game was being played in Vermillion, fans crowded into the college chapel to view the game on the electric football scoreboard. Although the scoreboard lights showed each play, the spectators could not see the terrific struggle that was being waged on Dakota Field at that same moment. State's victory over the University was most enjoyable because this was the first time the Coyotes were ever beaten on their own Dakota Field.<sup>62</sup>

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<sup>61</sup>The Industrial Collegian, October 19, 1920, p. 1.

<sup>62</sup>The Industrial Collegian, November 15, 1921, p. 1.

Following is a summation of the successful season as outlined in The Industrial Collegian:

Winning every game but the one against the University of Wisconsin State College won the undisputed championship of the two Dakotas. State hammered and fought her way thru the hardest schedule ever given any team at the local school. Coach West believes in playing the best teams we can schedule whether we win or lose and since he has been at the head of athletics here we have been winning our hard schedules and not losing them.<sup>63</sup>

### 1922

In 1922 Head Coach West was assisted by Fred Enke, Jim Salisbury, and Professor W. H. Saathoff.

Coach West initiated the idea of a north central area conference. The schools showing immediate interest were Morningside College, North Dakota Agricultural College, the University of North Dakota, Creighton University, College of St. Thomas, and South Dakota State College. Others joining the conference were the University of South Dakota, Des Moines University, and Nebraska Wesleyan University; therefore the Big Nine Conference was formed. The purpose of the conference was to facilitate the making of schedules and to increase interest of fans within the conference and over the country at large.<sup>64</sup>

The last game of State College's schedule against undefeated Creighton proved to be the most important game

<sup>63</sup>The Industrial Collegian, November 29, 1921, p. 1.

<sup>64</sup>The Industrial Collegian, February 7, 1922, p. 1.

of the year because the Big Nine championship was at stake. For any school to be recognized as a contender for the championship, at least four conference games had to be played. South Dakota State proved victorious over Creighton 25-14 to achieve the Big Nine championship.<sup>65</sup>

During the season State College made an excellent showing against the University of Wisconsin team, being the only team besides the University of Michigan to score a touchdown against the Badgers.<sup>66</sup>

Following the fall football season the athletic directors of the Big Nine Conference met and adopted new conference rules. Some of these rules follow:

1. A new rule introduced was that players were ineligible to compete who played on professional teams whether they received money or not.
2. The conference opposed the using of officials for games who were professionals in athletics.
3. It was decided that freshmen would be able to compete in intercollegiate athletic contests until 1924.
4. The question of eligibility was placed in the hands of a committee of three professors from conference schools.
5. It was decided that for the year 1923 only three conference games be necessary for the championship.
6. It was necessary for at least one representative, a college professor not associated with athletics, to accompany the athletic director to annual meetings.<sup>67</sup>

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<sup>65</sup>The Industrial Collegian, December 5, 1922, p. 1.

<sup>66</sup>The Jack Rabbit, 1924 Yearbook, p. 212.

<sup>67</sup>The Industrial Collegian, December 12, 1922, p. 1.

Temporarily the conference lost its right to the "Big Nine" nomenclature because of the resignation of the College of St. Thomas.<sup>68</sup>

### 1923

Selected to assist Coach West was Bert Eckberg. Mr. Eckberg also shouldered the responsibility of head track coach.

After dropping the first conference game of the season to a supposedly weaker North Dakota Agricultural College team, South Dakota State College came back to upset Creighton University on Hobo Day by a score of 27-20. State College defeated the strong Creighton team by scoring twenty points in the fourth quarter on a devastating passing attack led by quarterback Frank Welch.<sup>69</sup> After this victory the football team defeated the University of South Dakota. They lost the final three games of the season, however, and finished in fourth place in the conference. An all-conference selection from State College was George Thompson at an end position.

### 1924

The varsity team was inspired under the management of the same two coaches, C. A. "Jack" West and Bert

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<sup>68</sup>The Industrial Collegian, December 12, 1922, p. 1.

<sup>69</sup>Brookings County Press, October 25, 1923, p. 1.

Eckberg; the freshman team was under the leadership of Joseph Carberry, a graduate of the University of Iowa. According to a new conference ruling, similar to a rule in force in the Big Ten and Missouri Valley conferences, freshmen would not be eligible to play varsity ball. It was felt that with this new ruling it was necessary to have someone take over the freshman team so that they could gain experience before coming to the varsity,<sup>70</sup>

The South Dakota State Jackrabbits met their first big obstacle for the conference championship when they faced undefeated University of South Dakota on Hobo Day before an estimated twelve to fifteen thousand spectators. South Dakota State College scored the winning touchdown in the last five minutes of the game on the excellent passing of Frank Welch.<sup>71</sup>

Again the Jackrabbits met an undefeated conference team when they played against Creighton University, but State College remained the undefeated team and conference champions by scoring ten points in the fourth quarter to win by the final score of 10-7.<sup>72</sup>

<sup>70</sup>Arthur Peter Zahorsky, "A History of Intercollegiate Athletics at South Dakota State College" (unpublished Master's thesis, South Dakota State College, Brookings, South Dakota, 1959), pp. 36-37.

<sup>71</sup>The Industrial Collegian, November 1, 1924, p. 1.

<sup>72</sup>The Industrial Collegian, December 2, 1924, p. 1.

1925

Coach West and his assistants, including freshman coach Al Janssen, were impressed by the large turnout for freshman football. Seventy-eight freshman footballers were issued uniforms at the beginning of the season.<sup>73</sup>

Arthur Zahorsky points out that in February of 1925 Coach West signed a contract as athletic director and coach for a period of three years. This was the first time a person connected with athletics at State College had received a contract for more than one year. West placed athletics on a self-supporting basis. All athletic expenses, equipment for the team, the fence around the athletic field, stands, and tennis courts were financed from athletic proceeds without expense to the taxpayers and without contributions from State College alumni or Brookings businessmen.<sup>74</sup>

The writer feels that the highlight of the season was a victory over the University of South Dakota, one of the few victories as State College concluded the season with a 2-3-2 record and fifth place in the conference. All-conference players selected were Clyde Starbeck at cen-

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<sup>73</sup>The Industrial Collegian, October 27, 1925, p. 6.

<sup>74</sup>Zahorsky, op. cit.; p. 37.



ter and George Seeley at right guard. For the first time the use of the huddle to call signals was mentioned.<sup>75</sup>

### 1926

Coach C. A. "Jack" West originated a way of selecting captains for the football squad. Seven seniors acted as captains during the first seven games and at the end of these seven games the team elected the man they felt most competent to serve as captain for the remaining games. This method was designed to eliminate friction among the players and to give each graduating veteran a chance to show his ability at leadership.<sup>76</sup>

Following is a report of the 1926 season:

"The greatest grid season in the history of State College athletics" is the most fitting description that can be given of the '26 football campaign. And last fall's team is well-deserving of this praise for the Jackrabbits played 11 college and university teams without a single defeat, and included in these 11 games, contests with Detroit U, St. Louis U and Hawaii U.<sup>77</sup>

The South Dakota State College Jackrabbits, undefeated in ten football games, left December 11, 1926, for Hawaii, where they played two football games. Eighteen players, Coach West, his assistants, and Mrs. C. A. West traveled by train to San Francisco, California, where they

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<sup>75</sup>The Industrial Collegian, November 17, 1925, p. 4.

<sup>76</sup>The Industrial Collegian, September 21, 1926, p. 1.

<sup>77</sup>The Jack Rabbit, 1928 Yearbook, p. 264.



1926-1927  
SQUAD THAT TOOK HAWAIIAN TRIP

Front row: P.Krug, R.Walters, C.Starbeck, A.Brevik, L.Harding,  
G.Frandsen.

Back row: H.Bowers, G.Seeley, A.Wolters, A.Eggers, L.Schugal,  
R.Eggers, J.Johnson, L.Schweinfurt, Coach C.A.West, H.Biegert,  
R.Ekern, W.Parameter, F.Kelley.

boarded the United States ship, Wilhemena, on December 14. The State College group arrived in Honolulu on December 19. The first football game was played against the University of Hawaii on Christmas Day. The Jackrabbits won 9-2 as Frank Kelley, star of the game, scored the points by three field goals. On New Year's Day, State College was defeated by a Honolulu town team, a professional football team, by a 13-12 score. The group arrived home on January 14, making it approximately a thirty-four day trip. The journey was financed by the University of Hawaii and the Honolulu town team.<sup>78</sup>

Frank Kelley, State College star halfback, won all-conference, all-western, all-American honors, and tried out with the St. Louis Cardinal professional football team.<sup>79</sup>

1927

A reorganization of the North Central Conference took place before this season began. Six members--North Dakota Agricultural College, the University of South Dakota, Morningside College, Creighton University, the University of North Dakota, and South Dakota State College--now made up the North Central Conference. A committee arranged

<sup>78</sup>John A. Johnson, Personal Interview, April 16, 1968.

<sup>79</sup>The Industrial Collisian, June 7, 1927, p. 1.

for a round-robin football schedule in 1928 and decided that the 1927 conference championship be based on games played with members of the new conference.<sup>80</sup>

In the fall of 1927, Roy C. Davis, a Vermillion jeweler, suggested that the University of South Dakota and South Dakota State College play for a "Little Brown Jug," with the winning team taking it home and placing it in its trophy case until the next year. The University immediately issued a challenge to State College to try to win it. The challenge was accepted, and the annual football game between the two colleges increased in rivalry. The first game played for the jug found State College on the losing side.<sup>81</sup>

Coach C. A. "Jack" West resigned from his position at South Dakota State College in the spring to undertake a similar and more financially profitable position at the University of North Dakota.<sup>82</sup> A summary of his nine years at State College as head football coach reveals his success. His football teams held the South Dakota title for four seasons and the Dakotas' title twice; this achievement was prior to the inauguration of the North Central Con-

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<sup>80</sup>The Industrial Collegian, May 24, 1927, p. 4.

<sup>81</sup>Zahorsky, op. cit., p. 40.

<sup>82</sup>Ibid.

ference. Following the organization of the conference in 1922, his teams won three North Central Conference titles.

In a personal interview with Mr. Ben Schaphorst, a Brookings lawyer, he felt that the era of C. A. "Jack" West was the "Golden Era" of athletics at South Dakota State College. Prior to Coach West's arrival State College was unequal to the superior University of South Dakota football teams. It was felt that "Jack" West had put South Dakota State College on an equal level with the University of South Dakota.<sup>83</sup>

During the spring football practice new grid rules were introduced to the squad. These were the following:

1. One of the rules provided that goal posts were moved back ten yards and placed on the boundary of the end zone.
2. It was a fifteen yard penalty for the violation of the one-sided shift rule.
3. A rule provided for the lateral pass and backward pass.
4. Fumbled punts could not be run for a touchdown by the kicking team and the ball was dead.<sup>84</sup>

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<sup>83</sup>Ben Schaphorst, Personal Interview, April 22, 1968.

<sup>84</sup>The Industrial Collegian, March 29, 1927, p. 4.

## CHAPTER V

### THE ERA OF THOMAS C. "CY" KASPER (1928-1933)

#### 1928

A new athletic regime was ushered in at State College in 1928 with the appointment of T. C. Kasper as athletic director and football coach. Coach "Cy" Kasper was a protege of the famous Knute Rockne of Notre Dame. He was a member of the varsity football and track teams at the South Bend institution and was highly regarded both as an athlete and coach by Coach Rockne. He came to State College with a record of several years of successful coaching at Alfred University, New York, and at Columbus College in Sioux Falls. His work at the latter institution, where he consistently turned out championship football, basketball, and track teams, attracted the attention of State College officials, and made him the unanimous choice from a large field of candidates.<sup>85</sup>

Assisting Kasper were Bert Eckberg, George Edmonds, and George "Tommy" Thompson.

To prepare his chargers for the tough games, beginning with Columbus College, Coach Kasper inaugurated a

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<sup>85</sup>The Jack Rabbit, 1930 Yearbook, p. 245.

policy of secret practice sessions for all but one practice during the week. For the secret practice sessions all fans were barred except for press representatives.<sup>86</sup> The closed practice sessions apparently turned out to be quite beneficial as the State College Jackrabbits won nine out of ten games and scored two hundred thirty points, thus being the best offensive scoring team since the North Central Conference was organized.<sup>87</sup> The one loss to the University of North Dakota by a score of 6-0 cost the Jackrabbits the conference title. State College did have the leading scorer in the conference in Roman Schaffer, who scored twenty-two points.

### 1929

Two additional rules were put into force during this season: (1) A fumble could not be advanced and the ball was dead at the spot of fumble. (2) For the point after touchdown, the ball was placed on the two-yard line instead of the three-yard line.<sup>88</sup>

In 1929, the University of North Dakota and South Dakota State College were undefeated in conference play when they met on Hobc Day in the last conference game,

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<sup>86</sup>The Industrial Collegian, October 9, 1928, p. 4.

<sup>87</sup>Brookings County Press, December 13, 1928, p. 2.

<sup>88</sup>The Industrial Collegian, February 26, 1929, p. 4.

which would decide the conference championship. On the first series of plays Weert Engelmann sprinted down the sidelines for sixty yards and a touchdown. At this point it looked as though State College would revenge the defeat it was handed the previous year. Later in the game North Dakota scored on a triple pass for seventy yards and kicked the point after touchdown for a 7-6 victory. The University of North Dakota became the only team to win two consecutive conference championships.<sup>89</sup>

Charles Coughlin states in his letter to the Industrial Collegian his praise for Weert Engelmann:

It has been my pleasure to see a great many big games, but I honestly feel that I have never witnessed a better fighting spirit in a team as a whole and especially in the performance of Engelmann. You will remember that in Vermillion he was laid out in the first play and later was nearly killed. He, however, came back in the last quarter and put up an exhibition of football that I believe would make him all-American halfback if on any of the big teams.

His showing in Brookings was even more wonderful. He was nearly impossible to stop on the offense. I don't believe I ever saw better ball carrying, and his defensive work would be outstanding on any team.

I certainly sympathize with the team as a whole, and Engelmann, who was playing his last game, and with the coaching staff on losing a game in which I believe they clearly outplayed their opponents. If there is such a thing as a glorious defeat, that game was certainly it.<sup>90</sup>

Charles Coughlin was captain of the football team at South Dakota State College in 1906 and 1907.

<sup>89</sup>The Brookings Register, November 7, 1929, p. 10.

<sup>90</sup>Industrial Collegian, November 27, 1929, p. 3.



1930

R. H. "Red" Threlfall was appointed assistant in the Physical Education Department and assistant football coach under "Cy" Kasper. "Red" Threlfall graduated from Purdue University, starring in football and basketball, and was one of the mainstays on a championship team at Purdue. Coach Threlfall had two years previous experience at Bates College, Lewiston, Maine.<sup>91</sup>

The regular system of selecting an honorary captain was not used this year because there were only two seniors on the squad, Ray Jenison and Ray Schultz. The members of the team decided that these two men were so nearly equal that they should be equally honored, and they were named co-captains of the 1930 team.<sup>92</sup>

The Jackrabbits donned new blue jerseys with the numerals on the front as well as the back, an unusual feature; these numerals were advantageous to both officials and spectators. The helmets had blue stripes for the purpose of distinguishing them from fumbled footballs.<sup>93</sup>

A victory over the University of South Dakota on Hobo Day was one of the two wins earned during the season.

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<sup>91</sup>Industrial Collegian, June 13, 1930, p. 8.

<sup>92</sup>Ray Schultz, Personal Interview, April 22, 1968.

<sup>93</sup>Industrial Collegian, September 24, 1930, p. 7.

1931

Coaching the football squad this season were T. C. "Cy" Kasper, R. H. "Red" Threlfall, Clarence Hamann, Bill Lowe, and Norb O'Leary. The latter two, who were in charge of freshman football, had learned their coaching under "Cy" Kasper.

State College closed the season by tying for second place in the conference. Only three of the nine games scheduled were lost, these teams being the only teams able to score against the Jackrabbits.<sup>94</sup>

1932

New rules in effect for this season were these:

1. To restrict the formation of the team receiving the kickoff by requiring that five players of the receiving team remain on their 45-yard line until the ball was kicked; and to allow the kickoff to be made either by place-kick, punt, or drop-kick.
2. To forbid players on the defense to strike an opponent on the head, neck, or face with hand, wrist, forearm, or elbow.
3. To liberalize the substitutions rule to allow a player withdrawn from the game to re-enter once in any subsequent period.
4. To forbid use of the flying block or tackle.
5. To make the ball "dead" when any part of the ball carrier's body except his hands or feet touched the ground.
6. To amplify the rule regarding equipment so as to require padding of hard and unyielding substances with felt, foam rubber, or other soft padding at least three-eighths of an inch thick.<sup>95</sup>

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<sup>94</sup>Industrial Collegian, November 18, 1931, p. 5.

<sup>95</sup>Industrial Collegian, October 22, 1932, p. 12.

During the first part of the season seven hundred cow bells were sold at reduced rates to fill the demands of the students. Five different sizes were available to the students, who followed the strong tradition of using them at all athletic activities and pep meetings.<sup>96</sup> These bells failed to ignite the football team to score touchdowns, and the team won only two games.

A new assistant was hired in the early spring of 1933 for track and spring football. In hiring Weert Engelmann, it was felt that success was certain since he was the most outstanding athlete State College had ever produced. After winning letters in the three major sports at State College, he had graduated in 1930 and had played professional football with the Green Bay Packers, United States professional football champions. Weert Engelmann was an all-conference selection in football, basketball, and track.<sup>97</sup>

### 1933

In Coach Kasper's last year at State College he accomplished a feat that had escaped him in his previous five years as head coach. South Dakota State College won the North Central Conference Championship in 1933. For

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<sup>96</sup>Industrial Collegian, October 5, 1932, p. 1.

<sup>97</sup>The Jackrabbit, 1934 Yearbook, p. 245.

the first time in State College history the University of South Dakota and State College battled twice within one season. In the first game at Vermillion the Jackrabbits triumphed. The second game, sponsored by the El Riad Shrine of Sioux Falls, the University of South Dakota won, to even the count at one game apiece for this season.<sup>98</sup>

The Industrial Collegian stated:

Fred Johnson, fullback on the Jackrabbit football team, was named the most valuable player on the South Dakota State team by North Central conference coaches in session at Chicago last week.<sup>99</sup>

T. C. "Cy" Kasper resigned from his position as athletic director at State College in November of 1933 to be effective on January 1, 1934. Kasper had built at State College an enviable reputation as a coach and also for the fair play by his teams. Besides his work in developing varsity teams, Kasper had developed a system of intramural and minor athletics at State College that was unequalled in the Northwest.<sup>100</sup>

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<sup>98</sup>Zahorsky, op. cit., p. 48.

<sup>99</sup>Industrial Collegian, December 13, 1933, p. 5.

<sup>100</sup>Industrial Collegian, November 22, 1938, p. 1.

## CHAPTER VI

### THE ERA OF R. H. "RED" THRELFALL (1934-1937)

1934

Following the resignation of T. C. "Cy" Kasper, his number one assistant, R. H. "Red" Threlfall, became the head football coach at South Dakota State College. Serving as his first assistant was Lemme Herting. Fred Baxa was the freshman coach.<sup>101</sup>

After losing the first two conference games and being out of the race, the only role left for the Jackrabbits was to gain respect by playing the spoiler.

North Dakota Agricultural College and the University of North Dakota were undefeated in conference play and battling for the undisputed championship of the North Central Conference. The stage was set: if the Jackrabbits won their game with North Dakota Agricultural College, the title would go to the University of North Dakota; if the Bison won, they would claim the undisputed title for the North Central Conference. State College played the role of spoiler and beat North Dakota Agricultural College 38-0, thus giving the title to the University of North Dakota.<sup>102</sup>

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<sup>101</sup>Industrial Collegian, November 22, 1933, p. 1.

<sup>102</sup>The Brookings Register, November 13, 1934, p. 8.

In a completed questionnaire Mr. Fred Baxa stated the following about a significant change in the rules.

The 1934 football season marked one of the most important years so far as rule changes are concerned. This was the year in which unlimited passes could be attempted without penalties being imposed. Prior to this year an incompleated pass in the End Zone was ruled a touchback. In addition to this the 2nd incompleated forward pass in a series of downs resulted in a 5 yard penalty. Any additional incompleated forward passes beyond the 2nd also drew an additional 5 yard penalty. This rule change was the forerunner to the football game as it is played today.

Mr. Baxa stated that during 1934 the most satisfying game was the win over North Dakota Agricultural College and the most disappointing game was the loss to Morningside College.<sup>103</sup>

After leading the nation in scoring for the greater part of the season, Paul Miller, South Dakota State College halfback, finished third in the scoring race with one hundred sixteen points.<sup>104</sup>

### 1935

Two teams, the University of Omaha, Omaha, Nebraska, and Iowa State Teachers College, Cedar Falls, Iowa, were added to the conference in 1935. They were not expected to compete for the football title until 1936 as conference schedules were set for 1935. However, the University of

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<sup>103</sup>Fred Baxa, Questionnaire, April 13, 1968.

<sup>104</sup>Industrial Collegian, December 5, 1934, p. 5.

Omaha did schedule four conference games and therefore became eligible for the North Central Conference title. Iowa State Teachers College was not eligible as it scheduled but two conference games. Conference regulations stipulated that besides the four conference opponents annually, a team must meet each grid team in the North Central Conference at least twice in each four-year period.<sup>105</sup>

In the spring of 1935, Fred Hecker was appointed freshman football and basketball coach and assistant with the varsity football team in pre-season practice. He had attended Purdue University and played football there for three years. After graduation from Purdue he had been retained as a member of the Purdue coaching staff.<sup>106</sup>

The State College football team effected a mighty upset when they defeated the University of Wisconsin by a score of 13-6. Paul Miller ran back an intercepted pass seventy-five yards to account for the winning touchdown. This was the first time that a North Central Conference school had ever defeated a Big Ten team. Because of this glorious victory, a former State College athletic star,

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<sup>105</sup>Industrial Collegian, December 12, 1934, p. 5.

<sup>106</sup>Industrial Collegian, May 8, 1935, p. 1.

Charles Coughlin, purchased thirty silk football pants to be worn for the first time on Hobo Day.<sup>107</sup>

All-conference choices in the North Central Conference for South Dakota State College were Lyle Sundet and Paul Miller. Miller was also picked for the "small time" All-American Football Team as a halfback.<sup>108</sup>

### 1936

The coaching staff remained the same for this football season with the exception of the addition of Alfred Arndt and the resignation of Lemme Herting. Alfred Arndt was a former basketball captain of the Jackrabbits and an all-conference tackle in football for two seasons. He had played professional football with the Pittsburgh Pirates.<sup>109</sup>

A highlight of the season occurred in the football game against the University of Wisconsin when captain Ed Lienhart returned the opening kick-off eighty-five yards for a touchdown. In this game South Dakota State led 7-6 at the half and was hoping to repeat the performance of the previous year when they upset Wisconsin. They were de-

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<sup>107</sup>Brookings County Press, October 3, 1935, p. 1.

<sup>108</sup>Industrial Collegian, November 27, 1935, p. 5.

<sup>109</sup>Jack Rabbit, 1937 Yearbook, p. 130.



feated, however, by a score of 24-7.<sup>110</sup> For the first time in the history of the North Central Conference, State College finished at the bottom of the conference standings.

The sports staff of the Industrial Collegian initiated the practice of selecting the most valuable player on each of the teams, football, basketball, and track, and presenting them with an award.

### 1937

James W. Baker, former University of Minnesota basketball star, was hired as assistant football coach, head basketball and track coach in September. During the previous year he had served as assistant coach at Sioux Falls High School. Baker had won three letters in basketball and had been a member of the football squad for two years at the University of Minnesota.<sup>111</sup>

State College's football season started out successfully with the Jackrabbits winning three of their first four games, including their first two conference games. However, it ended in a dismal manner as they won but one more contest.

Another first in the athletic history of the institution was the broadcasting of all out-of-town football

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<sup>110</sup>Industrial Collegian, September 30, 1936, p. 4.

<sup>111</sup>Industrial Collegian, September 22, 1937, p. 8.

games played by State College from the main avenue of Brookings during 1937. The broadcasts were made possible through the cooperation of Brookings businessmen. The reports about the game were relayed through loudspeakers set up in various business establishments.<sup>112</sup>

In a completed questionnaire Mr. R. H. Threlfall stated that the most satisfying games during his tenure were victories over Creighton University in 1934, the University of Wisconsin in 1935, and the University of Wichita in 1937. The most disappointing game was the loss to the University of South Dakota in 1937.<sup>113</sup>

R. H. "Red" Threlfall resigned his position as athletic director at State College and relinquished his duties on December 1, 1937. He signed a contract to coach a professional football team in Canada. Threlfall's football teams were noted for their fine line play and for springing upsets on some of the favored teams.<sup>114</sup>

Professional football teams had learned to keep an eye on the Jackrabbit teams, as State College had more former players in national professional football than any

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<sup>112</sup>Zahorsky, op. cit., pp. 52-53.

<sup>113</sup>R. H. "Red" Threlfall, Questionnaire, April 9, 1968.

<sup>114</sup>Industrial Collegian, November 17, 1937, p. 1.

other North Central Conference team.<sup>115</sup> Some of the players who signed with professional teams were Weert Engelmann, Al Arndt, Solly Kramer, Izzy Ginsberg, Joe Plihal, Paul Miller, Mark Barber, Bob Pylman,<sup>116</sup> Frank Kelley, and Raymond Jenison.<sup>117</sup>

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<sup>115</sup>Industrial Collegian, November 17, 1937, p. 1.

<sup>116</sup>Industrial Collegian, March 23, 1938, p. 5.

<sup>117</sup>Zehorsky, op. cit., pp. 39, 47.

## CHAPTER VII

### THE ERA OF JACK BARNES (1938-1940)

1938

Jack Barnes, who had been backfield coach at the University of Utah, was named head football coach to succeed "Red" Threlfall at State College. Barnes was a star blocking halfback during his collegiate football days at Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa, and came to State College with eight years of successful coaching experience in high school and college positions. Barnes attended West Des Moines High School in Iowa, where he was a star athlete and later returned to West Des Moines as athletic director and head football coach.<sup>118</sup>

For the first time the use of student managers for the athletic teams was reported in the sources examined. It was decided to try students as equipment managers, therefore relieving the coaches of some of the menial work connected with athletics.<sup>119</sup>

The scheduling of games for the football and basketball seasons was gradually becoming better organized.

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<sup>118</sup>Industrial Collegian, March 2, 1938, p. 1.

<sup>119</sup>Zahorsky, op. cit., p. 55.

Football games were scheduled two years in advance. This innovation was a decided improvement over the old system of scheduling games during the playing season.<sup>120</sup>

Made up of inexperienced but promising sophomores, the State College Jackrabbits rose to a fourth-place ranking in the North Central Conference, two places above what they had achieved the previous season. The Jackrabbits were successful in defeating Moorhead Teachers College, Morningside College, and the University of Omaha, but losing to the South Dakota School of Mines, the University of North Dakota, St. Norbert College, the University of South Dakota, and North Dakota Agricultural College.<sup>121</sup> The last two games, dropped to the University of South Dakota and North Dakota Agricultural College by seven points each, showed that State College was in contention to the finish.

### 1939

In September, the first home night football game in the history of South Dakota State College was played against Yankton College on the Brookings High School field. This was an experimental game to determine the feasibility of equipping State College field with lights. About three

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<sup>120</sup>Zahorsky, op. cit., p. 55.

<sup>121</sup>The Jack Rabbit, 1939 Yearbook, p. 228.

thousand fans attended the game, and State College made it a successful debut by defeating Yankton College 6-0.<sup>122</sup>

After three non-conference victories, State College started a drive for the conference title. On five consecutive Saturdays the Jackrabbits met and defeated four of the five conference foes. State College won the last conference game against Morningside College 34-13 and thus shared the conference title with the University of North Dakota and the University of South Dakota. This same day the Coyotes, undefeated in conference play, were defeated by Iowa State Teachers College to make the three-way tie possible.<sup>123</sup>

Because of the fine showing of State College, Don Smith, Jim Emmerich, Arndt Mueller, Bill Mattison, and Allen Schroeder were named to the all-conference team. Allen Schroeder also received honorable mention to Collier's Little All-American football team and received the Brookings Rotary Club's first Most Valuable Player award.<sup>124</sup>

#### 1940

Preparations for World War II were beginning to have an effect on State College athletics. Robert Coffey, the

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<sup>122</sup>The Industrial Collegian, October 11, 1939, p. 6.

<sup>123</sup>The Industrial Collegian, November 15, 1939, p. 5.

<sup>124</sup>The Industrial Collegian, November 28, 1939, p. 6.

athletic director, was granted a year's leave of absence to serve with the National Guard. Jack Barnes was named to succeed Coffey as the athletic director.<sup>125</sup>

The year 1940 found the scrappy Jackrabbits the only team in the conference to play all six conference foes.<sup>126</sup> In the final conference analysis, the Jackrabbits were forced to be satisfied with two wins, three losses, and one tie. This record placed them fifth in the standings.

In a personal interview with Alfred Arndt, who played football at State College during the 1932-1934 seasons and coached during the 1936-1940 seasons, he stated that a team was indeed fortunate to have eleven good football players. It was necessary for these players to play both offense and defense for the entire game. An injury early in the season could have been disastrous for the team. During these years, playing Big Ten teams was both beneficial and detrimental. The revenue from these games, besides the Hobo Day receipts, financed the athletic program throughout the year; but the injuries received during these games could hamper the team throughout the remainder

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<sup>125</sup>Zahorsky, op. cit., p. 57.

<sup>126</sup>The Industrial Collegian, December 7, 1939, p. 5.

of the season. No athletic scholarships were given at South Dakota State College at this time, but some jobs were given to the players to help finance their education. Also, during Mr. Arndt's association with the State College football teams, a long trip was scheduled nearly every season, to show appreciation to the athletes who participated throughout the season. The players gave their "all" for Coach "Red" Threlfall, according to Mr. Arndt.<sup>127</sup>

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<sup>127</sup>Alfred Arndt, Personal Interview, April 23, 1968.



## CHAPTER VIII

### THE ERA OF THURLO McCRADY (1941-1946)

1941

Thurlo E. McCrady, who had been serving as athletic director and football coach at Hastings College, Hastings, Nebraska, was appointed athletic director and football coach at State College in 1941. While serving at Hastings College for nine years, Mr. McCrady's teams won six football championships. As an undergraduate at Hastings College, McCrady was rated All-State in both football and basketball. After graduation in 1929 he coached at Superior High School, Superior, Nebraska, until 1932 when he returned to Hastings to join the college athletic staff. McCrady had earned his Master of Arts degree from the University of Southern California with a major in Physical Education Administration.<sup>128</sup>

Staley Pitts and James Emmerich were also added to the State College football staff. Pitts served in the capacity of line coach and Emmerich as freshman coach.

The fact that this was McCrady's thirteenth year of coaching may or may not have been the reason; but the Jack-rabbits had more hard luck than they could adequately handle. The team won but two games, the first and last.

<sup>128</sup>The Industrial Collegian, May 1, 1941, p. 7.

1942

A third institution in South Dakota joined the North Central Conference in 1942. The new member, Augustana College, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, was not eligible for the conference title in 1942 as only two conference opponents appeared on its schedule. The minimum requirement was four conference games to be played each season.<sup>129</sup> Coach "Lefty" Olson of Augustana felt that the competition for 1942, its first season as a member of the North Central Conference, would be the toughest in the school's history.<sup>130</sup>

During this year, World War II was taking a toll of the manpower on the campuses of all conference schools. The conference ruled that freshmen would be eligible to compete in varsity athletics, but transfer students remained ineligible for one year after transferring.<sup>131</sup>

New football uniforms were purchased at State College. They consisted of blue pants, with satin fronts and stretch material backs, and blue jerseys with white numerals trimmed in yellow and yellow shoulder inserts striped with blue. The apparel was completed with blue socks with yellow stripes.<sup>132</sup>

<sup>129</sup>South Dakota Collegian, April 9, 1942, p. 5.

<sup>130</sup>The Daily Argus-Leader, August 11, 1942, p. 8.

<sup>131</sup>Zahorsky, op. cit., p. 60.

<sup>132</sup>South Dakota Collegian, May 7, 1942, p. 4.

During the 1942 season State College won four games and lost four; placing fourth in the conference. George Gehant and John Bylander, all-conference guards, were named co-captains. To Fritz Norgaard went the Most Valuable Player award.

### 1943

A decision was made not to sponsor football in 1943 on an intercollegiate level because of the shortage of men at State College.<sup>133</sup> Hobo Day was held as usual. For the football game in the afternoon, two teams composed of Army players attending State College battled to a 13-13 tie. Many of the players were former college stars who had played on top-ranked football teams throughout the United States. The equipment for these teams was furnished by the college athletic department.<sup>134</sup>

The North Central Conference officially voted to suspend conference competition for the duration of the war.

### 1944

In 1944, John A. Johnson, a 1927 graduate of State College, returned as assistant coach and equipment manager. After graduation he had assisted Coach West for one year and then had entered the high school coaching ranks.

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<sup>133</sup> South Dakota Collegian, September 22, 1943, p. 3.

<sup>134</sup> South Dakota Collegian, October 27, 1943, p. 1.

Previous to his returning to South Dakota State College Mr. Johnson had served in the United States Army.<sup>135</sup>

Even though the conference had dropped football for the duration of the war, State College did compete in two games in 1944.

The first game was a Hobo Day victory over the local enlisted reserve corps unit by a score of 6-0. The game was a fitting tribute to the memory of former State College athletes who gave their lives in World War II, and to them the contest was dedicated. The second and last game of the season resulted in a 27-7 victory for Concordia College at Moorhead, Minnesota.<sup>136</sup>

### 1945

Staley Pitts, after serving his country, returned to South Dakota State College as an assistant football coach. Woodrow "Woody" Greeno was also named an assistant football coach while he worked toward a master's degree in education.

Coach McCrady held a preseason conditioning program to inaugurate the 1945 season. Veterans were returning to the campus and many of them tried out for the athletic teams. The athletic picture was beginning to brighten as State College played six football games this season.

<sup>135</sup>The Brookings Register, September 27, 1944, p. 10.

<sup>136</sup>Jack Rabbit, 1945 Yearbook, pp. 38-39.

While the North Central Conference suspension of conference play was still in effect, State College did play six football games. The only victory achieved by the Jackrabbits came on Hobo Day against a Hamline University team.

### 1946

At a meeting of officials of the North Central Conference, it was decided to resume conference athletic competition beginning in the fall of 1946.

The coaching staff at State College greeted one hundred ten gridders, compared to thirty the previous year. Destined to reign as conference champions, Iowa State Teachers College, holder of the title for three successive conference championships, met State College and was held to a 6-6 tie. The Tutors threatened State College's goal line on six successive efforts, but failed to score on these attempts.<sup>137</sup>

In a personal interview with Marvin Larson, 1948 co-captain, he recalled that the tie with Iowa State Teachers College ended the victorious conference record that the Tutors had sustained since 1939. The last conference game of the season, against Morningside, was played in a blizzard and ended in a scoreless tie.<sup>138</sup>

<sup>137</sup>The Jack Rabbit, 1947 Yearbook, pp. 133-134.

<sup>138</sup>Marvin Larson, Personal Interview, April 24, 1968.

The highlights of the season were a 26-6 Hobo Day victory over the Augustana College Vikings and a 20-0 win over the University of South Dakota Coyotes. The latter victory was the first over the University of South Dakota in eight contests and allowed the Jackrabbits to claim the "Little Brown Jug." These two victories, besides two ties and one loss, gave State College claim to third place in the final conference standings.<sup>139</sup>

Thurlo E. McCrady resigned his position as athletic director to take a similar position at Kansas State College. Arthur Zahorsky states in his thesis: "McCrady had changed the athletic department from a debit side financially to a financially sound and paying proposition."<sup>140</sup>

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<sup>139</sup>The Jack Rabbit, 1947 Yearbook, pp. 135-136.

<sup>140</sup>Zahorsky, op. cit., p. 64.

## CHAPTER IX

### THE ERA OF RALPH GINN (1947-

1947

Ralph Ginn was hired as head football coach and associate athletic director in the spring of 1947. He had served in a similar capacity at Brookings High School for three years. The new coach attended high school at Lenox, Iowa and was graduated from Tarkio College, Tarkio, Missouri, in 1930. He then received his master's degree from the University of Missouri in 1941.<sup>141</sup>

Ginn's coaching experience started at Tarkio High School in 1930 when he was employed as a classroom instructor and coach of all sports. In 1935 he was named high school principal and continued his coaching duties until 1941 when he took over as athletic director and coach at Tarkio College.<sup>142</sup> During 1943-44 he was director of physical education and athletics and coach of all sports at Nebraska State Teachers College, Wayne, Nebraska.<sup>143</sup>

At South Dakota State College Mr. Ginn was assisted by Al Arndt, athletic director Jack Frost, Wallace Johnson,

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<sup>141</sup>South Dakota Collegian, April 30, 1947, p. 1.

<sup>142</sup>Ibid., pp. 1,4.

<sup>143</sup>Ralph Ginn, Personal Interview, May 21, 1968.

trainer James Emmerich, equipment manager John Johnson, and student assistant coaches Gale Anderson and Don Allen.<sup>144</sup>

An added feature for the 1947 Jackrabbit grid season involved the playing of three of the four home games at night. The exception was the afternoon Hobo Day game. Funds for installing the lights were taken from the 1946 gate receipts.<sup>145</sup>

A highlight of the season was Dudley Melichar's punt return of eighty yards on the last play of the game to defeat North Dakota Agricultural College 7-0. The gun sounded after Melichar had received the punt and was about at midfield.<sup>146</sup>

The only conference loss during the season was to the University of South Dakota on Hobo Day. This loss cost State College an opportunity to share the conference title with Iowa State Teachers College. The win by the University of South Dakota gave them a share of the conference title with Iowa State Teachers College.

### 1948

The round robin scheduling was adopted in 1948. This scheduling required that each conference member play

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<sup>144</sup>The Jack Rabbit, 1948 Yearbook, p. 110.

<sup>145</sup>South Dakota Collegian, September 24, 1947, p. 7.

<sup>146</sup>Brookings County Press, November 6, 1947, p. 8.



all other members each season.<sup>147</sup> After opening the season with a victory, State College lost three consecutive games before meeting the title favorite, Iowa State Teachers College. Dudley Melichar scored on the first play from scrimmage on a eighty-yard run to give the Jack-rabbits a 7-0 lead. Iowa State Teachers College scored twice in the first half to hold a 12-7 lead. Second half play proved the Iowa State Teachers a stronger team as the game ended 33-7.<sup>148</sup>

The conference was quite well balanced, with the exception of the strong teams of Iowa State Teachers College and the University of South Dakota. South Dakota State College, Augustana College, North Dakota Agricultural College, and Morningside College finished in fourth place, each with two wins and four losses. The University of North Dakota ranked third with three wins and three losses.

### 1949

In 1949 Ervin Heuther and Roy Tatum were hired as assistants to the football staff. Ervin Heuther, formerly of Wessington Springs, South Dakota, graduated from Yankton College in 1943. Before coming to State College, Coach

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<sup>147</sup>Ginn, loc. cit.

<sup>148</sup>The Brookings Register, October 13, 1948, p. 9.

Heuther had served as freshman coach for two years at Bates College in Maine.<sup>149</sup> Roy Tatum, formerly a stand-out center at the University of Missouri, was hired as line coach for State College. Coach Tatum had been a graduate assistant in football at the University of Missouri prior to his employment by State College.<sup>150</sup>

In South Dakota State College's first conference game of the season the Jackrabbits upset Morningside College, previously unbeaten and unscored on, by a score of 27-20 to gain recognition as a title favorite.<sup>151</sup>

A ten-year undefeated conference string was broken when State College defeated Iowa State Teachers College, 14-13. The Panthers had been undefeated in thirty-one straight conference games since 1939, the only blemish on their record being a 6-6 tie with State College in 1946.<sup>152</sup>

South Dakota State College and Iowa State Teachers College tied for the conference title with five wins and one loss each. State College's only defeat came at Grand Forks in the game with the University of North Dakota.

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<sup>149</sup>South Dakota Collegian, September 21, 1949, p. 9.

<sup>150</sup>Ibid.

<sup>151</sup>The Brookings Register, September 28, 1949, p. 9.

<sup>152</sup>South Dakota Collegian, October 12, 1949, p. 1.

All-conference players for 1949 included Don Bartlett, Dale Bowyer, George Medchill, Darrel Zimmerman, and Herb Bartling; the latter was also selected to the Little All-American third team.<sup>153</sup>

### 1950

Two new coaches joining the football staff were Bob Danielson and Harold Holmes. Coach Danielson played his high school football at South High School, Minneapolis, Minnesota, and his college football at Gustavus Adolphus College and the University of Minnesota. He had been head coach for three years at Huron College before coming to Brookings. Coach Holmes played one year of football and wrestled three years at the University of Minnesota. Previous to coming to State College he had coached at Wayzata High School, Wayzata, Minnesota.<sup>154</sup>

South Dakota State College downed the Iowa State Teachers College Panthers 34-13 at Cedar Falls, Iowa, to end a Panther record of twenty-three consecutive victories at home. State College led only 14-13 at the end of three quarters, but scored three touchdowns in the final period to clinch the game.<sup>155</sup>

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<sup>153</sup>South Dakota Collegian, April 5, 1950, p. 7.

<sup>154</sup>South Dakota Collegian, September 27, 1950, p. 12.

<sup>155</sup>Ibid., p. 10.

Although undefeated during the 1950 season, State College had to rally from a 12-7 halftime deficit against Augustana College to win 20-12. The team also had to fight an uphill battle to gain a 21-21 tie with a strong University of North Dakota team.<sup>156</sup>

All-conference selections for 1950 were George Medchill, Don Bartlett, Dale Bowyer, Warren Williamson, Herb Bartling, Howard Amen, and Harry Gibbons. Warren Williamson was named Collegian Most Valuable Player.

For the first time in twenty-four years the Jack-rabbits completed an undefeated season, and this achievement brought honors to Coach Ginn and Herb Bartling. Ralph Ginn was named North Central Conference Coach of the Year and Herb Bartling was named Conference Most Valuable Player.<sup>157</sup>

### 1951

A new three-tier pressbox was constructed and ready for the first home game of the season. The first tier was used for newspaper sports writers, the second tier for radio broadcasters, and the third for photographers. The two enclosed lower decks were heated and featured swinging

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<sup>156</sup>The Jack Rabbit, 1951 Yearbook, pp. 172,173,176.

<sup>157</sup>South Dakota Collegian, December 6, 1950, p. 8.

glass windows. The public address announcer, official timer, and scoreboard operator performed their duties from the press box.<sup>158</sup>

Two new rule changes in the North Central Conference dealt with transfer students. The first stated that students transferring within the conference would lose one year of varsity eligibility. Previously a player was eligible only at the conference school at which he first enrolled. The second rule change dealt with students transferring into the conference from non-conference institutions. To be eligible a player had to have at least one term or semester in the school from which he transferred and must have passed at least three-fourths of a normal load during that time.<sup>159</sup>

Unbeaten foes clashed on Hobo Day for the conference title. South Dakota State College and the University of South Dakota played in the last conference tilt which was won by the University of South Dakota 26-6. This victory gave the title to the Coyotes and was the only loss suffered by the Jackrabbits.

All-conference players selected for the 1951 season by the North Central Conference coaches included South

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<sup>158</sup>The Brookings Register, August 29, 1951, p. 15.

<sup>159</sup>South Dakota Collegian, April 5, 1951, p. 11.

Dakota State College players Pete Retzlaff, Dallas Hoff, Marv Kool, Doug Eggers, and Bob Durland.

### 1952

South Dakota State College, the University of South Dakota, and Iowa State Teachers College were picked as the favorites, with North Dakota Agricultural College, the University of North Dakota, and Morningside College scheduled to provide the upsets. Augustana was picked for the cellar.<sup>160</sup> After two conference games State College had beaten Augustana 47-6 and the University of North Dakota 60-6. In the next three conference games State College had a victory, a loss, and a tie. In the last game of the season the Jackrabbits lost a bid for the 1952 North Central Conference championship by losing a 47-34 decision to Iowa State Teachers College. This victory gave the Panthers the title and dropped State College to a third-place finish.

"Pete" Retzlaff, not stopped for a loss the entire year, was the first State College player to gain more than one thousand yards by rushing in each of his two years. He was named Most Valuable Player by the Collegian, mentioned as Little All-American, and was drafted by the Detroit Lions professional football team.<sup>161</sup>

<sup>160</sup> South Dakota Collegian, October 2, 1952, p. 9.

<sup>161</sup> South Dakota Collegian, January 29, 1953, p. 9.

1953

In the North Central Conference season opener the Jackrabbits faced the favored Iowa State Teachers College Panthers. State College, leading by only 20-13 at the half, opened the margin to 40-13 at the end of the third quarter. The reserves finished out the scoring in the last quarter to complete the 52-19 victory. The next weekend a letdown permitted the University of North Dakota to tie State College 13-13 at Grand Forks.<sup>162</sup>

The last conference game of the season turned out to be the game for the title as State College had gone undefeated in the conference and Iowa State Teachers College's only conference loss had been to State College. In the last conference game, against Morningside, State College came from a 20-6 deficit to win 31-29. In this game the pressure was felt by the Jackrabbits as Iowa State Teachers College had defeated the University of South Dakota in an afternoon game the same day.<sup>163</sup>

1954

A new rule adopted by the National Collegiate Athletic Association prevented a player who was taken out of the game in one quarter from being put back into the game

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<sup>162</sup>Jack Rabbit, 1954 Yearbook, pp. 55-56.

<sup>163</sup>South Dakota Collegian, November 12, 1953, pp. 7-8.

until the next quarter. The only exception could occur in the last four minutes of the second and fourth quarters when unlimited substitution was allowed.<sup>164</sup>

The State College Jackrabbits found the going difficult in their first non-conference game as they were defeated by the Iowa State Cyclones, members of the Big Eight Conference, 34-7. However, the Jackrabbits tuned up for the conference season by beating the College of St. Thomas and Mankato State Teachers College in other non-conference games. The Augustana Vikings helped the Jackrabbits open their conference schedule successfully as they were defeated by a score of 68-0. The Jackrabbits on consecutive Saturdays downed North Dakota Agricultural College, the University of North Dakota, and the University of South Dakota before meeting Morningside.

In the next to the last game, played with Morningside, State College was beaten, thus completing Morningside's conference schedule with a 5-1 mark compared to State College's 4-1 record. Not to be denied, the Jackrabbits closed out their season by beating Iowa State Teachers College, thus clinching a tie for the conference championship with Morningside.<sup>165</sup>

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<sup>164</sup> South Dakota Collegian, November 12, 1953, pp. 7-8.

<sup>165</sup> South Dakota Collegian, November 18, 1954, p. 1.



Harold Backlund was named to the Little All-American second team<sup>166</sup> and was also named to the all-conference team, along with Jerry Welch, Jack Nitz, Roger Denker, and Roger Kerns.

### 1955

The season of 1955 was predicted to be a rebuilding year for the Jackrabbits, but Coach Ralph Ginn's squad completely ignored such a notion and won their third North Central Conference title in as many years. A highlight of the season occurred when South Dakota State College and the University of South Dakota, both undefeated in conference play, met on Hobo Day. The winner of this game was destined to gain at least a share of the conference title. State College won the Hobo Day contest 27-7 and tied Morningside in the last conference game to secure undisputed possession of first place.<sup>167</sup>

Seven members of the championship team were chosen as all-conference players. Included on the first team were Jerry Acheson, Harwood Hoeft, Len Spanjers, Dick Klawitter, Bob Betz, Dick Steiner, and Larry Korver. Dick Steiner and Dick Klawitter shared the Collegian Most Valuable Player award.

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<sup>166</sup>Jack Rabbit, 1955 Yearbook, p. 46.

<sup>167</sup>Jack Rabbit, 1956 Yearbook, pp. 79-82.

Dick Klawitter, drafted by the Chicago Bears, accepted an invitation to play for the College All-Stars against the champion professional football team in their annual game in Chicago.<sup>168</sup>

### 1956

Warren Williamson, a former Collegian Most Valuable Player and all-conference football player, was hired as freshman football coach and head wrestling coach to replace Harold Holmes. Williamson was graduated from South Dakota State College in 1951 and received his master's degree from his alma mater in 1954. Mr. Williamson earned three major letters in both track and football. He had coached at Clear Lake for three years and at Winner for two years.<sup>169</sup>

Howard Amen, former State College athlete, was added to the football staff to serve as assistant freshman football coach and to assist with the varsity before freshman practice began.<sup>170</sup>

Augustana invaded State Field for the Jackrabbits' first conference game of the season, and State College lost by a one-point margin, 21-20. It was Augustana's first

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<sup>168</sup>South Dakota Collegian, April 19, 1956, p. 8.

<sup>169</sup>South Dakota Collegian, February 23, 1956, p. 1.

<sup>170</sup>Zahorsky, op. cit., p. 77.

win in history over a Jackrabbit football squad. A blocked extra point attempt gave the Vikings the win.<sup>171</sup>

The high point of the season was attained when the Jackrabbits beat Morningside 28-13 for their second victory in five conference games. Morningside had been undefeated up to this point and had defeated four conference opponents and tied another to clinch the conference crown.<sup>172</sup>

The following week the Jackrabbits beat Iowa State Teachers College 31-27 to finish 3-3 in the conference, after having an early conference record of 1-3.

Initiated in the spring of 1957 was the Varsity-Alumni football game. The game was scheduled to climax spring football practice. Numerous alumni, including professional football players "Pete" Retzlaff, Dick Klawitter, Doug Eggers, Jerry Welch, and Harwood Hoefft, participated in the game.<sup>173</sup> The varsity team proved to be out-classed and lost this first Varsity-Alumni game 43-19. The writer stated that Wayne Haensel played in the first Varsity-Alumni game as an undergraduate in 1957. He has played in every game since as an alumnus, including the 1968 Varsity-Alumni game.

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<sup>171</sup>Sicux Falls Argus-Leader, October 7, 1956, p. 1B.

<sup>172</sup>Jack Rabbit, 1957 Yearbook, p. 189.

<sup>173</sup>South Dakota Collegian, February 7, 1957, p. 9.

1957

Stanley J. Marshall, former football, basketball, and track squad member, was named line coach at State College. Marshall received his Bachelor of Science degree from South Dakota State College in 1950 and his master's degree from the University of Iowa in 1953. After leaving State College he coached at Groton, Centerville, and Hot Springs high schools in South Dakota. Previous to returning to State College, he had served as football coach at Jamestown College, Jamestown, North Dakota.<sup>174</sup>

Prior to the season Wayne Haensel, senior Jackrabbit co-captain, was picked to the Academic All-American football team. This team consisted of football players judged outstanding on the gridiron as well as in the classroom.<sup>175</sup>

The top contest of the season featured undefeated South Dakota State College and the University of South Dakota on Hobo Day. State College, falling behind 13-7 at the half, scored two touchdowns after the intermission to win 21-13 and regain the "Little Brown Jug."<sup>176</sup> State College went on to beat North Dakota Agricultural College and tie Morningide College to claim the North Central Conference title with a 5-0-1 record.

<sup>174</sup>South Dakota Collegian, March 21, 1957, p. 10.

<sup>175</sup>The Brookings Register, September 4, 1957, p. 14.

<sup>176</sup>The Brookings Register, October 20, 1957, p. 1.

Leonard Spanjers was picked by both the Collegian and the conference as Most Valuable Player and was also given honorable mention on a Little All-American team. Co-captain Spanjers was picked on the Mid-Bracket All-American first team selected by the Williamson Rating System. Co-captain Wayne Haensel was also picked honorable mention on the Mid-Bracket All-American team.<sup>177</sup>

The 1958 Jack Rabbit contains the following: "For piloting the Jacks to their fourth championship in five years, Ralph Ginn was selected as 'College Coach of the Year' by South Dakota sports writers."<sup>178</sup>

### 1958

New rule changes adopted by the National Collegiate Athletic Association Rules Committee for 1958 included:

1. The blocking rule limited players from using the forearm in supplementing a shoulder or chest block.
2. Two points could be scored on a run or a pass and one point for a kick when attempting the point after the touchdown.
3. The substitution rule permitted every player to re-enter the game each quarter; prior to the change only the eleven players who started each quarter could re-enter that quarter.
4. Ineligible receivers could go beyond the neutral zone when a forward pass was thrown; previously they could not do so until the ball was touched by the receiving team.<sup>179</sup>

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<sup>177</sup>South Dakota Collegian, December 19, 1957, p. 9.

<sup>178</sup>Jack Rabbit, 1958 Yearbook, p. 150.

<sup>179</sup>South Dakota Collegian, April 24, 1958, p. 8.

After opening the 1958 season with the victory over Drake University, State College lost two non-conference games to Marquette University and Montana State College. The Jackrabbits opened conference play with a 20-6 victory over Augustana College. The following three weekends found the Jackrabbits losing conference games to the University of North Dakota, the University of South Dakota, and North Dakota Agricultural College. The Jackrabbits finished the conference season with a 3-3 record as the team scored victories over Morningside College and Iowa State Teachers College.

Co-captain Al Breske was named all-conference full-back and given the Collegian Most Valuable Player award.

### 1959

State College opened the season playing three non-conference foes. On successive weekends the Jackrabbits were defeated by Montana State College, Colorado State College, and Kansas State University.

Conference play opened with the Jackrabbits being defeated by Augustana 13-0. After the loss to the Vikings, State College won the next game over the University of North Dakota 6-0.

The big game of the season was played on Hobo Day when the Jackrabbits came from a 7-6 deficit in the fourth quarter to upset the University of South Dakota 12-7.

Joe Thorne scored the winning touchdown and picked up one hundred twelve yards, never being stopped short of the line of scrimmage.<sup>180</sup>

In the last three conference games of this frustrating season State College was beaten by North Dakota Agricultural College, Morningside College, and Iowa State Teachers College by two points each time.

Co-captain Jim Vacura was named all-conference half-back and given the Collegian Most Valuable Player award.

## 1960

In the first conference game against Augustana, the Jackrabbits scored in the last minute on a sixty-three yard pass play but failed on the two-point conversion and lost 21-20.<sup>181</sup>

In the next conference game against the University of North Dakota on Hobo Day, State College was behind 27-2 at the end of the third quarter before rallying, only to lose 27-23.<sup>182</sup> In the game against North Dakota State University, formerly North Dakota Agricultural College, the Jackrabbits scored on the last play of the game with a seventy-five yard touchdown pass and Joe Thorne added the

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<sup>180</sup>Jack Rabbit, 1960 Yearbook, p. 152.

<sup>181</sup>Sioux Falls Argus-Leader, October 2, 1960, p. 1D.

<sup>182</sup>Jack Rabbit, 1961 Yearbook, p. 142.

two-point conversion for a 14-14 tie.<sup>183</sup> In the final game of the season against Colorado State College, the Jackrabbits drove eighty-three yards to score. Joe Thorne crashed over from the two-yard line with one minute fifty seconds remaining in the contest. Thorne completed the hero's role by taking a pitchout and scoring the two-point conversion for a 15-14 victory.<sup>184</sup> The Jackrabbits ended the season with a 5-4-1 conference record.

Joe Thorne, Lee Bondhus, and Mike Sterner were named to the all-conference team. Joe Thorne reaped a multitude of honors at the end of regular season play. He was named Most Valuable Player by the Collexian, won the North Central Conference rushing crown and topped the Jackrabbits in rushing, scoring, and total offense.<sup>185</sup>

### 1961

After winning three out of four non-conference games and one conference game against Augustana College, State College tackled the University of North Dakota at Grand Forks. The Jackrabbits fell 14-13 because they failed in a two-point conversion attempt in the closing minutes of the game. State College drove inside the University of North

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<sup>183</sup>South Dakota Collexian, October 27, 1960, p. 7.

<sup>184</sup>Jack Rabbit, 1961 Yearbook, p. 144.

<sup>185</sup>Ibid.



Dakota's ten yard line seven times but tallied only twice. Fumbles cost the Jackrabbits the ball three times while in scoring position, and a great University of North Dakota goal line defense stopped the Jackrabbits twice. Coach Ralph Ginn termed this game as "the toughest I've lost in thirty years of coaching."<sup>186</sup>

The final tilt of the season was against State College of Iowa, formerly Iowa State Teachers College. The Jackrabbits completely wiped out any doubt in the minds of the North Central Conference observers about which team was the best in the league by rolling to a 36-13 decision in a game played on State College's gridiron. State College tied State College of Iowa for the conference title.<sup>187</sup> Both teams won five contests as against one defeat in conference play.

Joe Thorne, Little All-American second team, was drafted in the twelfth round by Green Bay. Joe Thorne's twelfth round selection represented the earliest draft choice in the history of the North Central Conference. Ron Frank, honorable mention Little All-American, was drafted in the sixteenth round by San Francisco.<sup>188</sup>

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<sup>186</sup>South Dakota Collegian, October 19, 1961, p. 7.

<sup>187</sup>The Brookings Register, November 15, 1961, p. 6.

<sup>188</sup>South Dakota Collegian, December 14, 1961, p. 7.

Thorne, North Central Conference Most Valuable Back, and Mike Sterner, North Central Conference Most Valuable Lineman, along with Dean Koster and Roger Eichens, were picked on the all-conference first team.

The following appeared in the South Dakota Collegian:

State College figured prominently in the annual year-end polls by S. Dak. sportswriters. Jack grid coach, Ralph Ginn, was named top college coach of 1961 and now is in the running for national acclaim. Ginn is one of eight nominees for 1961 small-college Coach of the Year, selected on a regional basis by active members of the American Football Coaches Association and sponsored by the Eastman Kodak Co.<sup>189</sup>

## 1962

The dedication ceremonies for South Dakota State College's new concrete and steel football stadium, with a seating capacity of six thousand three hundred, were held at the first home game played against Arkansas State College, September 22, 1962. The stadium was named the Coughlin Alumni Stadium in honor of Charles Coughlin, former State College athlete, and other alumni whose financial contributions made this structure possible. The stadium was constructed at a cost of more than \$220,000 collected between 1957 and 1962 through contributions from alumni, students, faculty members, and friends of State College. During halftime activities the custody of the new

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<sup>189</sup> South Dakota Collegian, January 11, 1962, p. 8.

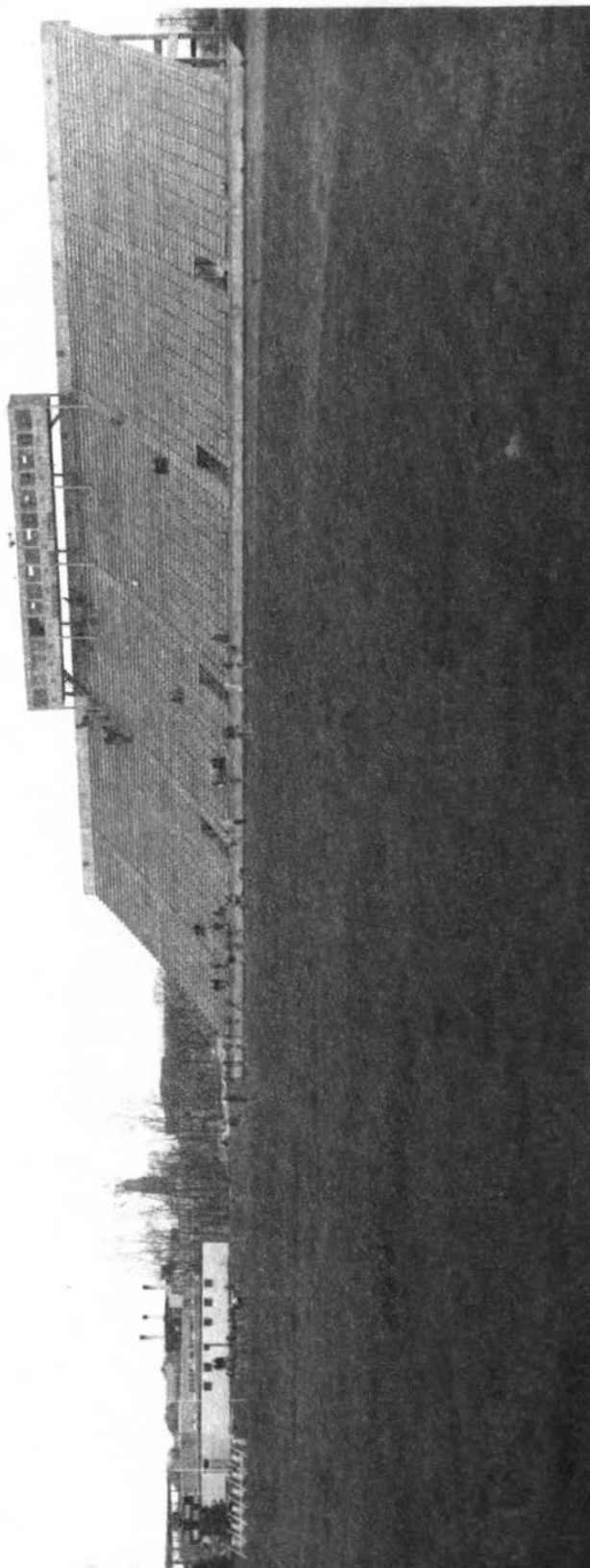
property was transferred from the Stadium Steering Committee, Ozzie Shock of Sioux Falls, chairman, to Governor Gubbrud, who in turn transferred custody of the new property to Dona Brown, representing the Regents of Education. Other dignitaries present included Charles Coughlin, South Dakota State College President H. M. Briggs, Dr. V. V. Volin of Sioux Falls, past president of South Dakota State Alumni Association, and Arvid Peterson, Student Association president.<sup>190</sup>

The Jackrabbits gained their first victory of the season over the University of Toledo, then lost two non-conference tilts to Arkansas State College and Montana State College. State College opened the conference schedule with a victory over Augustana College. The Jackrabbits defeated the University of North Dakota, the University of South Dakota, and North Dakota State University before visiting State College of Iowa at Cedar Falls, Iowa.

South Dakota State College and State College of Iowa, both undefeated in conference play, met in the game to decide the conference title. State College of Iowa scored the first touchdown to take a 6-0 lead, but South Dakota State College came back to score a touchdown and extra point and led at the half by 7-6. In the final

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<sup>190</sup>The Brookings Register, September 19, 1962, p. 1.



COUGHLIN ALUMNI STADIUM

period State College of Iowa scored again to earn a 13-7 lead. With one minute and six seconds remaining in the game, State College scored on a sixty-three yard drive as Dean Koster, quarterback, hit on eight consecutive passes. The final pass was good for a touchdown, but State College failed to kick the extra point and the game ended in a 13-13 tie.<sup>191</sup> Both schools finished with identical 5-0-1 records and tied for the North Central Conference title.

The players from South Dakota State College selected for the all-conference first team were Roger Eichens, Jerry Ochs, Dean Koster, and Wayne Rasmussen.

John Stone and Roger Eichens, two of the tri-captains, gained additional honors during their senior year, as indicated by the following articles from the South Dakota Collegian:

John Stone, who led all collegiate place-kickers in the nation with nine field goals this year, now holds the all-time record for field goals in the college division of the National Collegiate Athletic Association.<sup>192</sup>

Roger Eichens, a member of the year's NCC co-champion Jackrabbit football squad, was named to the second team of Williamson's mid-bracket All-American list. Wayne Rasmussen, Gary Boner, John Stone, Dave Westbrook and Jerry Ochs all received honorable men-

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<sup>191</sup>The Brookings Register, November 7, 1962, p. 4.

<sup>192</sup>South Dakota Collegian, December 13, 1962, p. 18.

tion. Williamson's All-American teams are selected from "Major colleges and Universities and the stronger small colleges."<sup>193</sup>

John Stone, outstanding State College kicker, signed a professional contract with the Oakland Raiders of the American Football League.<sup>194</sup>

### 1963

The year 1963 marked the third consecutive year that South Dakota State College and State College of Iowa clashed for the North Central Conference championship. South Dakota State College defeated the Panthers handily in 1963 to earn the undisputed title. In 1961 the Jackrabbits, loser in one conference game, throttled undefeated State College of Iowa 36-13 in the season's finale to gain a first place tie with the Panthers. In 1962 both teams were undefeated when they met and played to a 13-13 tie resulting in another shared conference title.<sup>195</sup>

After defeating Augustana in the first conference game of the season, State College faced one of its most crucial games at Grand Forks against the University of North Dakota. The Jackrabbits scored first and converted for a 7-0 lead. The University of North Dakota then came

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<sup>193</sup>South Dakota Collegian, January 10, 1963, p. 8.

<sup>194</sup>Jack Rabbit, 1963 Yearbook, p. 205.

<sup>195</sup>South Dakota Collegian, October 31, 1963, p. 5.

back to score a touchdown and failed in attempting the two-point conversion. The Jackrabbits held on for a 7-6 victory.<sup>196</sup> State College went on to defeat four conference opponents, including a 61-0 victory over the University of South Dakota on Hobo Day, to become the only team in State College history to play six conference games and remain undefeated and untied. The only defeat in South Dakota State College's ten-game schedule was inflicted by the University of Nebraska's Big Eight champions.

Members of the Jackrabbit squad named to the all-conference first team were Darrell Tramp, Ed Maras, Jerry Ochs, Wayne Rasmussen, Dave Westbrook, and Ron Meyer.

Wayne Rasmussen was drafted by the professional football team, Detroit Lions, on the ninth round. He was also honored as the outstanding back in the North Central Conference and named to the Little All-American second team.<sup>197</sup> Rasmussen was also named by the Williamson's Rating System to the third team Mid-Bracket All-American.<sup>198</sup>

Head football coach Ralph Ginn, Region Six Coach of the Year, was among eight finalist for the American Football Coaches' small-college Coach of the Year award.<sup>199</sup>

<sup>196</sup>The Brookings Register, October 16, 1963, p. 4.

<sup>197</sup>Jack Rabbit, 1964 Yearbook, p. 172.

<sup>198</sup>South Dakota Collegian, January 16, 1964, p. 6.

<sup>199</sup>South Dakota Collegian, January 9, 1964, p. 6.

1964

Howard Amen, State College graduate and 1950 all-conference center, was appointed as varsity football line coach. While serving as a mathematics instructor from 1956 to 1961, he served as freshman line coach. Prior to his return to South Dakota State College, Mr. Amen was a sales representative for Black Hills Clay Products Company of Belle Fourche, South Dakota.<sup>200</sup>

On July 1, 1964, South Dakota State College officially became South Dakota State University. State University opened its football season with two non-conference losses to Montana State College and Fresno State College, Fresno, California.

The Jackrabbits opened defense of the North Central Conference title with a 27-14 victory over Augustana. This marked the one hundredth victory for Coach Ralph Ginn.<sup>201</sup>

The following week the Jackrabbits suffered their first loss in seventeen conference games, losing to North Dakota State University. The Bison came from a 13-0 deficit to win 20-13.<sup>202</sup>

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<sup>200</sup>South Dakota Collegian, March 5, 1964, p. 6.

<sup>201</sup>Siooux Falls Argus-Leader, September 27, 1964, p.1D

<sup>202</sup>Jack Rabbit, 1965 Yearbook, p. 171.



The remaining six games, with the exception of a win against Morningside College, proved to be disastrous. The 1964 Jackrabbits set a new loss record of eight games during the long, frustrating season.<sup>203</sup>

### 1965

Roger Eischens, who was graduated from South Dakota State University in 1963 with a bachelor's degree and in 1964 with a master's degree, returned to State University to assist in football and teach in the Physical Education Department. He was a two-time all-North Central Conference end. Previous to his return, Mr. Eischens was defensive coach for the Tartars of Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan.<sup>204</sup>

The Jackrabbits experienced a disappointing season, defeating only one North Central Conference rival, the Coyotes of the University of South Dakota, on Hobo Day. This was the poorest season in nineteen years.<sup>205</sup> The team had the humiliating distinction of compiling the poorest record percentage-wise since 1897.<sup>206</sup>

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<sup>203</sup>Jack Rabbit, 1965 Yearbook, p. 171.

<sup>204</sup>The Brookings Register, April 20, 1968, p. 8.

<sup>205</sup>Jack Rabbit, 1966 Yearbook, p. 164.

<sup>206</sup>South Dakota Collegian, November 18, 1965, p. 6.

Ron Meyer was drafted seventh by the Chicago Bears and Ed Maras twentieth by the Green Bay Packers.<sup>207</sup>

## 1966

South Dakota State University lost its first home game of the 1966 football season to Colorado State University in the first annual Shrine Benefit Game.<sup>208</sup> The conference season opened with State University losing consecutive games to North Dakota State University, Morningside College, and the University of North Dakota before gaining a conference victory over the University of South Dakota. Pertaining to the Jackrabbits' first conference victory over the Coyotes, Coach Ralph Ginn stated the following:

As a player and a coach I have participated in some 400 football games, and I can't recall any game that thrilled me more than Saturday's when we walked off the field at Vermillion with a hard-earned 22-18 victory.<sup>209</sup>

State University secured their second conference victory and the third of the season in the last game of the season against Augustana. In describing this contest, the Jack Rabbit stated:

Then on a snowy 20<sup>o</sup> Veteran's day before several thousand fans, State took out their season long

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<sup>207</sup>South Dakota Collegian, December 2, 1965, p. 6.

<sup>208</sup>The Brookings Register, September 28, 1966, p. 8.

<sup>209</sup>The Brookings Register, October 26, 1966, p. 7.

frustrations on Augustana in a 19-13 victory. With Augie heavily favored, the Sioux Falls Argus Leader went out too far on a limb in billing this the championship of South Dakota collegiate football. It was the Jacks and not the Vikings who could lay claim to being "top dog" in football as they came from a 13-6 half-time deficit to play their best half of the year to win their third game.<sup>210</sup>

This game was the twenty-second meeting between South Dakota State University and Augustana College. The Jackrabbits won eighteen of these contests while losing three and tying one.<sup>211</sup>

### 1967

David Kragthorpe, formerly of Mound, Minnesota, was hired as an instructor in physical education and an assistant football coach. Prior to coming to State University, Mr. Kragthorpe had been a staff member at the University of Montana for three years. He had played one year of professional football, in 1955, for the New York Giants before entering the United States Navy. While at Utah State as an undergraduate, he received honorable mention All-American in football. He was an All-Skyline football tackle in 1953 and 1954. He received four varsity football and three baseball letters during his college career.<sup>212</sup>

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<sup>210</sup>Jack Rabbit, 1967 Yearbook, p. 269.

<sup>211</sup>Sioux Falls Argus-Leader, November 12, 1966, p. 3.

<sup>212</sup>South Dakota Collegian, February 22, 1967, p. 9.

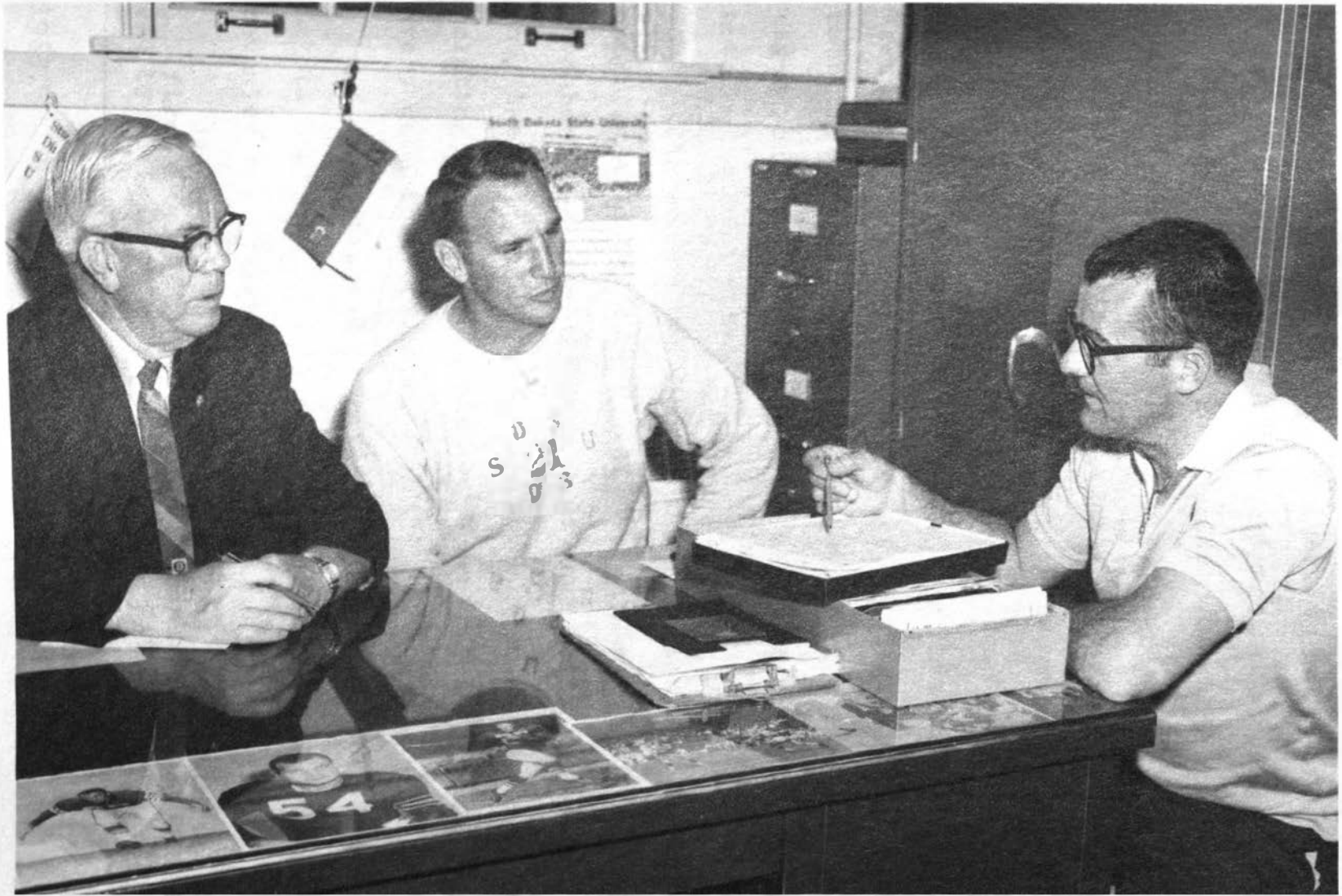
Richard Newman was hired as defensive coach in the fall of 1967. He was graduated from Colorado State College in 1966, where he received three letters in football. He received his master's degree in physical education from South Dakota State University in 1967.<sup>213</sup>

In a personal interview with Mr. David Kragthorpe, line coach, he revealed some highlights and disappointments of the 1967 football season. He stated that the outstanding game of the season was the Hobo Day victory over the University of South Dakota by a score of 42-14. On the first play from scrimmage State University scored on a sixty-five yard run only to have it called back because of a penalty. After being forced to punt, the University of South Dakota received the ball and could not sustain a drive. The Coyotes then punted, and Darwin Gonnerman sprinted ninety yards for the opening touchdown. After these two long runs the game was no longer in doubt, and the Jackrabbits led 35-0 at the half. Coach Kragthorpe remembered that first half as the finest exhibition of football that he had been associated with as player or coach.

Additional highlights of the season featured the games against Idaho State University and the University of

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<sup>213</sup>Richard Newman, Personal Interview, March 5, 1968.



COACHES RALPH GINN AND DAVID KRAGTHORPE

INTERVIEWER JAMES VACURA

Tampa as South Dakota State University was a two- to three-touchdown underdog in each game, according to the opponents' news media. In the Idaho State University game, State University accepted the challenge and scored first and then went on to a 24-22 victory when the Bengals of Idaho scored last and missed on the two-point conversion. In the University of Tampa battle, a team which played a major college schedule, including the University of Tennessee, which was ranked second nationally, the Jack-rabbits won 14-7. This victory was most satisfying to the eager young team as they ended their season on a winning note.

The season was disappointing in that the team compiled a losing record. The 4-6 finish might as well have been 8-2, for the team lost four games by a total of only twelve points. Although the season was termed disappointing, South Dakota State University was a contender in every game to the finish.<sup>214</sup>

In a personal interview with Ken Schaack, South Dakota State University sports information editor, he revealed the following:

Junior fullback Darwin Connerman was named to the first team of the 1967 All-American grid unit selected by the American Football Coaches Association. The

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<sup>214</sup>David Kragthorpe, Personal Interview, April 2, 1968.

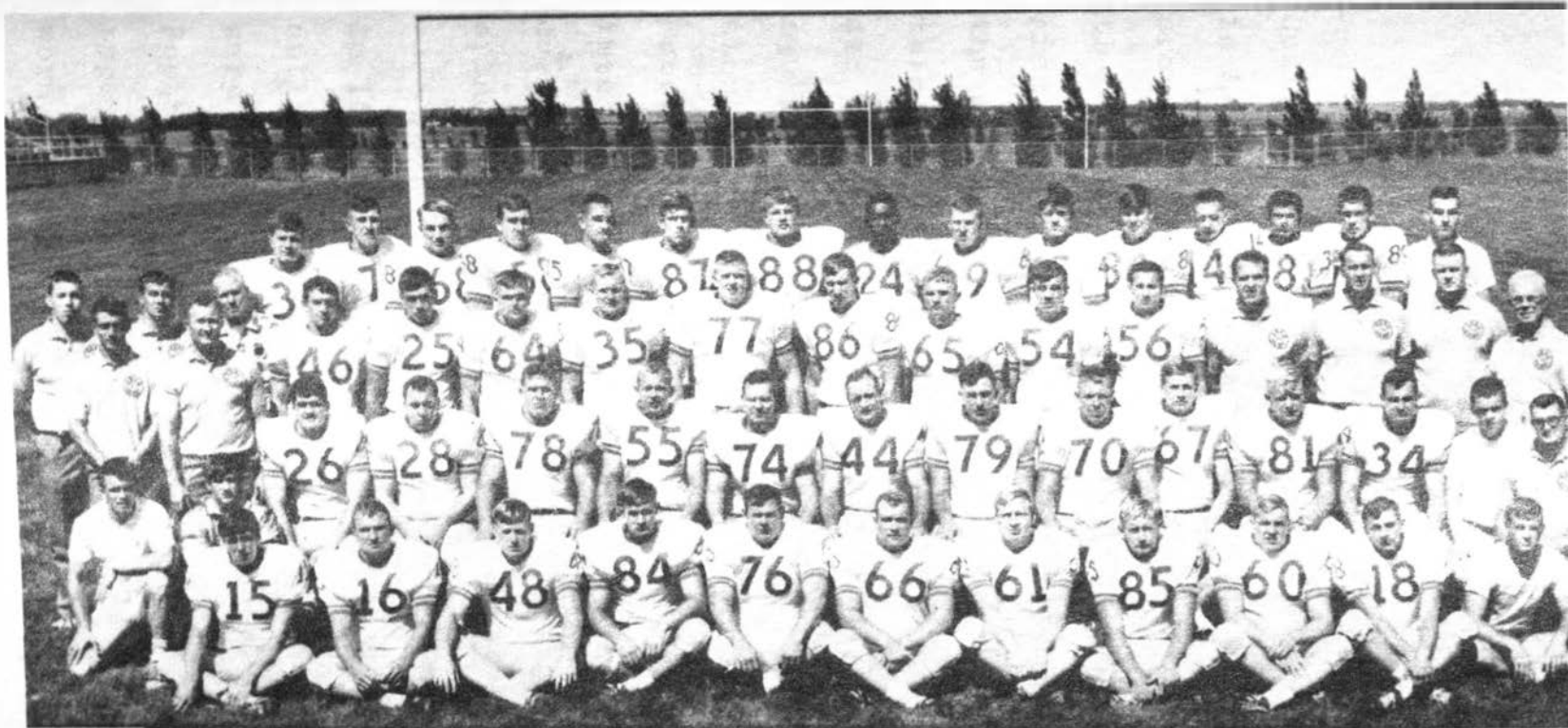
selection was made from all the college division schools across the nation. He also was placed on the 10-state Sixth District All-American team selected by the American Football Coaches Association. The 5-10, 194-pounder was a unanimous all-North Central Conference selection.<sup>215</sup>

The interview also revealed that Darwin Gonnerman was the North Central Conference scoring leader with sixty-nine points and led the conference in rushing.<sup>216</sup>

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<sup>215</sup>Ken Schack, Personal Interview, April 26, 1968.

<sup>216</sup>Ibid.



SOUTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY  
1967 Football Squad

Front row, left to right: T. Anderson, B. Bozied, D. Bonnerman, J. Grein, G. Gimbel, R. Horak, K. Vahle, R. Helm, T. Kregar, J. Eidsness, J. Post, Stud. Mgr. Second row: D. Duffy, Grad. Asst., A. Kleinsasser, Stud. Mgr., J. Chicione, T. Macik, W. Onken, E. Vostad, R. Macri, C. Sonnenschein, T. Hamlin, R. Larson, B. Peeke, D. Hansen, D. Girard, M. Gannon, Stud. Mgr., J. Vacura, Grad. Asst. Third row: D. Newman, Asst. Coach, E. Heuther, Fr. Coach, J. Cronin, E. Stanec, M. Gerhart, T. Settje, T. Roth, M. Monte, T. Moe, R. Kendall, R. Wipf, R. Eischens, Asst. Coach, D. Fragthorpe, Asst. Coach, Mike Roach, Stud. Asst. Coach, R. Minn, Head Coach. Fourth row: J. Steinberg, Grad. Asst., A. Lundquist, Grad. Asst., J. Johnson, Equip. Mgr., J. Naujokas, G. Reiner, R. Spellman, B. White, J. Linger, T. Rockers, C. Hagen, M. Prazier, D. Barnes, A. Allen, C. Mansfield, T. Ball, R. Magnuson, T. Hagin, J. Bocher, Trainer.



## CHAPTER X

### SUMMARY

Football competition at South Dakota Agricultural College began in the spring of 1889, one game being played in May of that year. The desire for competition was first aroused within the college by interested students, and little stress was placed on organization of the football program. Participation was limited because the majority of the students were working their way through college during this period of financial depression. The individuals who did participate were self-coached and furnished their own equipment. The increased interest in football brought about challenges from students of one school to another. Football was first conducted as a competitive sport between different schools when it was included as one of the events in a one-day State Athletic Meet. Regulations covering eligibility were nonexistent or very lenient.

The first mention of a coach for the institution was in 1897 when D. A. Saunders was persuaded to accept the duties as coach of football. During this era it was necessary for football games to be played during daylight hours. Football was first played as a powerful, smashing, running type game, and the uniforms were the same type as those worn by members of the track team.

Football games were scheduled and cancelled during the season, and scheduling became quite involved because the travel was difficult and slow. Travel from one town to another was accomplished by means of horse and wagon; thus a great deal of time was spent on the road. Members of the teaching faculty were persuaded to assume duties of the head football coaching job during the early years. The teachers' first responsibility was to classroom instruction, and no great interest on the part of the faculty was shown toward football in the early years of the sport.

As the years passed, the interest in football by the student body, the faculty, and the public increased. South Dakota Agricultural College was hiring head football coaches who were responsible for better organization of the football program. In 1907 South Dakota Agricultural College became officially known as South Dakota State College.

One of the outstanding events in the football history of South Dakota State College was inaugurated on November 2, 1912. On this date the first annual Hobo Day was held, and this celebration has continued to be the biggest one-day event in the state of South Dakota.

Eligibility regulations for all state institutions were introduced. The caliber of football was improved by the preseason training camp which was financed by various Brookings businessmen. Most of the traveling by the team

was done by train because many special trips were made to distant places. Included in such trips were games played against the University of Minnesota and the University of Wisconsin.

A new scoreboard was devised to allow those unable to attend the game to view the play-by-play action of the game. The scoreboard was located indoors in facilities on the campus or in downtown theatres and churches.

The increase in the number of participants in football brought about the hiring of assistant coaches before many years passed.

In 1922 the Big Nine Conference was formed. The members of this conference were Morningside College, North Dakota State College, the University of North Dakota, Creighton University, College of St. Thomas, the University of South Dakota, Des Moines University, Nebraska Wesleyan University, and South Dakota State College. The forming of the conference brought about new rules and regulations designed to put each school on an equal basis in terms of eligibility and recruitment.

During Al Arndt's playing and coaching days at State College, the athletic department was a financially self-supporting undertaking. No athletic scholarships were awarded, but a small aid fund was in existence.

The rivalry between South Dakota State College and the University of South Dakota rose to new heights when the battle for the "Little Brown Jug" was started.

Continuing support by the Brookings businessmen was noted as radio broadcasts of all out-of-town games were aired on Main Avenue of Brookings.

The scheduling of games represented an obvious improvement as arrangements for contests were now made two years in advance. In 1939 the first local night game in the history of South Dakota State College was played at the Brookings High School field. This proved profitable enough for lights to be erected at State Field in 1947.

The round robin scheduling was adopted in 1948. This scheduling required that each conference member play all other members each season.

In 1949 a grant-in-aid program was organized to provide financial help for athletes through donations by local businessmen.

A new three-tier press box was constructed in 1951 for the use of newspaper sports writers, radio broadcasters, photographers, the public address announcer, the official timer, and the scoreboard operator.

In recent years the scheduling of football games has been done three to five years in advance. Air travel was

incorporated as a means of travel by the football team in 1956. Each year better and safer equipment has been introduced for the safety of the football players. The annual spring football game, varsity versus alumni, was inaugurated in 1957. South Dakota State University continues to provide grants-in-aid for the student athletes while they attend State University and participate in athletics. The athletic grant-in-aid program has been improved by initiating the Jackrabbit Club, Century Club, and the Steer-for-State programs. These programs provide a means of receiving financial aid for students from donors interested in the athletic program at South Dakota State University. Board jobs and room grants have also been helpful in financing the education of athletes. All aid program policies meet the National Collegiate Athletic Association and North Central Intercollegiate Athletic Conference regulations.

In 1962 the Coughlin Alumni Stadium was erected at a cost of \$220,000. The new structure seats six thousand three hundred people on the permanent side, while the portable bleachers seat an additional three thousand seven hundred people for a total capacity of ten thousand persons.

South Dakota State College became officially known as South Dakota State University in 1964.

The original Big Nine Conference developed into the present North Central Intercollegiate Athletic Conference. The current members include the University of South Dakota, Augustana College, the University of Northern Iowa, the University of North Dakota, Morningside College, North Dakota State University, and South Dakota State University.

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March 29, 1968

Dear Sir:

I am a member of the staff and a graduate student in the Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation at South Dakota State University. For my Master's thesis, I am writing a history of intercollegiate football at State University.

Part of the information to be included in my study will be obtained by means of the enclosed questionnaire. You have been one of the persons selected to participate in this study and I hope that you will assist me by filling out the questionnaire and returning it to me in the stamped self-addressed envelope.

Thank you very much for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

James Vacura  
Graduate Student  
Assistant in Football

This thesis study has been approved by the Graduate Committee of the Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation at South Dakota State University. We would certainly appreciate any assistance that you can give to Mr. Vacura.

Stanley J. Marshall  
Director  
Physical Education  
and Athletics

Enclosure

QUESTIONNAIRE

Please answer the following statements pertaining to the football seasons you were involved in as a coach at South Dakota State University:

According to our records you were \_\_\_\_\_ during the following season(s): \_\_\_\_\_.

Is this correct? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ If no, please correct.

Who were the other coaches on the staff with you?

NAME	TITLE	FOOTBALL SEASON
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Who were the captains during your tenure?

NAME	FOOTBALL SEASON
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Types of award letter given during your tenure:

	Check	Year	Describe (example-8 \$ )
Monogram or emblem	_____	_____	
Sweater	_____	_____	
Jacket	_____	_____	
Others	_____	_____	

Were there any important rule changes during your tenure at South Dakota State University? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ If so, please describe.

Did the team play any special football games?  
(example-Big Ten, Big Eight)

Were there any new facilities constructed during your  
tenure at South Dakota State University? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_  
If so, please describe.

What types of new playing equipment were introduced during  
your tenure?

Were there any specific highlights that stand out per-  
taining to incidents occurring during your tenure?

What were the most satisfying and the most disappointing  
games during your tenure?

Who were the outstanding players during your tenure?

Back:

Lineman:

All-around player:

APPENDIXES

APPENDIX A

Appendix A

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Appendix A	
1	John Doe
2	Jane Smith
3	Robert Johnson
4	Emily White
5	Michael Brown
6	Sarah Green
7	David Black
8	Laura Grey
9	Christopher Lee
10	Amanda King
11	Matthew Hill
12	Olivia Scott
13	Benjamin Adams
14	Isabella Baker
15	Ethan Clark
16	Sophia Evans
17	Lucas Foster
18	Mia Garcia
19	Noah Hall
20	Aria Ivers
21	Oliver King
22	Charlotte Lee
23	William Miller
24	Amelia Moore
25	James Parker
26	Harriet Quinn
27	Robert Reed
28	Elizabeth Stone
29	George Taylor
30	Victoria Turner
31	Henry Walker
32	Abigail Young
33	Isaac Zane
34	Madeline Bell
35	Samuel Black
36	Grace Clark
37	Benjamin Davis
38	Chloe Evans
39	Lucas Foster
40	Aria Ivers
41	Oliver King
42	Charlotte Lee
43	William Miller
44	Amelia Moore
45	James Parker
46	Harriet Quinn
47	Robert Reed
48	Elizabeth Stone
49	George Taylor
50	Victoria Turner

## SOUTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY COMPOSITE FOOTBALL HISTORY

Year	Season	Conference	Coach	Captain(s)
	Record	Record		
1889	0-0-1	No	No Coach	
1897	0-1-0	Conference	D.A. Saunders	
1898	1-1-1		John H. Wheeler	
1899	3-1-0		John H. Wheeler	
1900	4-1-0		John H. Wheeler	
1901	3-2-0		Mr. Morrison	Issac Johnson
1902	3-2-0		L.L. Gilkey	Frank Ortmayer
1903	1-2-0		John H. Wheeler	Albert Johnson Harry Mathews
1904	4-2-1		J. Harris Werner	Oliver Grace
1905	2-3-0		William B. Blaine	Carl Reich
1906	3-1-0		William Juneau	Charles Coughlin
1907	5-2-0		William Juneau	Charles Coughlin
1908	3-3-1		J.M. Saunderson	Cecil Denhart
1909	1-3-0		J.M. Saunderson	Fay Atkinson
1910	4-2-2		J.M. Saunderson	Irwin J. Bibby
1911	4-4-0		Frederick Johnson	Clay Pence
1912	2-3-1		Harry "Buck" Ewing	Lacey Caldwell
1913	5-3-0		Harry "Buck" Ewing	Vincent Chappell
1914	5-2-0		Harry "Buck" Ewing	Bernard Sheehan
1915	5-1-1		Harry "Buck" Ewing	Lewis Nelson
1916	4-2-0		Harry "Buck" Ewing	Hollace Jennings
1917	5-1-0		Harry "Buck" Ewing	Harold Hoover
1918		No Games--World War I		
1919	4-1-1		C.A. "Jack" West	Russell Walseth
1920	4-2-1		C.A. "Jack" West	Jim Salisbury
1921	7-1-0		C.A. "Jack" West	Ralph E. Powers
1922	5-2-1	*4-1-1	C.A. "Jack" West	George Roberts
1923	3-4-0	2-3-0	C.A. "Jack" West	Robert Coffey
1924	7-1-0	*5-0-0	C.A. "Jack" West	Frank Welch
1925	2-3-2	1-1-2	C.A. "Jack" West	Frank Kelley
1926	8-1-3	*3-0-2	C.A. "Jack" West	Clyde Starbeck
1927	5-3-1	2-2-0	C.A. "Jack" West	Arnold Brevik
1928	9-1-0	3-1-0	T.C. "Cy" Kasper	Lovell Hiner
1929	5-4-1	2-1-1	T.C. "Cy" Kasper	Harry Hadler
1930	2-5-1	1-3-0	T.C. "Cy" Kasper	Ray Jenison Ray Schultz
1931	6-3-0	2-2-0	T.C. "Cy" Kasper	Maynard Tolefson
1932	2-5-1	1-2-1	T.C. "Cy" Kasper	Nusier Salem
1933	6-3-0	*4-0-0	T.C. "Cy" Kasper	Dale Palmer

Year	W-L-T	W-L-T	Coach	Captain(s)
1934	6-4-0	2-2-0	R.H. Threlfall	Fred Johnson
1935	4-4-1	1-3-1	R.H. Threlfall	Rollins Emmerich
1936	3-6-1	1-4-1	R.H. Threlfall	Ed Lienhart
1937	4-5-0	2-3-0	R.H. Threlfall	Charles Stenson
1938	3-5-0	2-3-0	Jack Barnes	Lloyd Ptak Bob Riddell
1939	7-2-0	*4-1-0	Jack Barnes	James Emmerich Arndt Mueller
1940	4-3-1	2-3-1	Jack Barnes	Roger Ulrich
1941	2-5-0	1-5-0	Thurlo McCrady	Leon Anderson
1942	4-4-0	3-3-0	Thurlo McCrady	John Bylander George Gehart
1943		No Games--World War II		
1944	1-1-0	No	Thurlo McCrady	
1945	1-4-1	Conference Play	Thurlo McCrady	
1946	3-3-2	2-1-2	Thurlo McCrady	Bill Melody Fritz Norgaard
1947	4-5-0	3-1-0	Ralph Ginn	Arnie Cook Paul Gilbert
1948	4-6-0	2-4-0	Ralph Ginn	Marvin Larson Forrest Lothrop
1949	7-3-0	*5-1-0	Ralph Ginn	Fritz Schumacher Tom Tabor
1950	9-0-1	*5-0-1	Ralph Ginn	Don Bartlett George Medchill
1951	8-1-1	4-1-1	Ralph Ginn	Doug Eggers Marv Kool
1952	4-4-1	3-2-1	Ralph Ginn	Roger Anderson Palmer Retzlaff
1953	5-3-1	*5-0-1	Ralph Ginn	Arlin Anderson Alan Evans
1954	7-2-0	*5-1-0	Ralph Ginn	Jack Nitz Jerry Welch
1955	6-2-1	*5-0-1	Ralph Ginn	Jerry Acheson Larry Korver
1956	4-5-0	3-3-0	Ralph Ginn	Bob Betz Harwood Hoeft
1957	6-2-1	*5-0-1	Ralph Ginn	Wayne Haensel Len Spanjers
1958	4-5-0	3-3-0	Ralph Ginn	Al Breske Merlin Newman
1959	2-7-0	2-4-0	Ralph Ginn	Ken Hanify Jim Vacura



Year	W-L-T	W-L-T	Coach	Captains
1960	5-4-1	2-3-1	Ralph Ginn	Leland Bondhus Ray Gaul
1961	8-2-0	*5-1-0	Ralph Ginn	Mike Sterner Joe Thorne
1962	7-2-1	*5-0-1	Ralph Ginn	Roger Eischens Dean Koster John Stone
1963	9-1-0	*6-0-0	Ralph Ginn	Jerry Ochs Doug Peterson Wayne Rasmussen
1964	2-8-0	2-4-0	Ralph Ginn	Dennis Dee Gale Douglas Daryl Martin
1965	1-8-1	1-4-1	Ralph Ginn	Ed Maras Jim Nesvold
1966	3-7-0	2-4-0	Ralph Ginn	Gary Hyde Dave Porter Jack Rohrs
1967	4-6-0	2-4-0	Ralph Ginn	Ray Macri Clayton Sonnen- shein

\*Denotes Conference Championship

APPENDIX B

## SOUTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL SCORES

1889

Brookings	6	Vermillion	6
Won 0, Lost 0, Tied 1			

1897

Brookings	0	Sioux Falls High School	22
Won 0, Lost 1, Tied 0			

1898

Brookings	62	Watertown	0
Brookings	0	Yankton	0
Brookings	6	Sioux Falls High School	11
Won 1, Lost 1, Tied 1			

1899

S. D. A. C.	12	Madison	5
S. D. A. C.	55	Huron	0
S. D. A. C.	23	Madison	0
S. D. A. C.	0	Mitchell	57
Won 3, Lost 1, Tied 0			

1900

S. D. A. C.	33	Flandreau Indian School	0
S. D. A. C.	16	Pipestone	6
S. D. A. C.	56	Sioux Falls High School	0
S. D. A. C.	23	Flandreau Indian School	0
S. D. A. C.	0	Vermillion	17
Won 4, Lost 1, Tied 0			

1901

S. D. A. C.	38	Huron College	0
S. D. A. C.	17	Yankton College	0
S. D. A. C.	42	Flandreau	0
S. D. A. C.	5	Mitchell	23
S. D. A. C.	0	Vermillion	22
Won 3, Lost 2, Tied 0			

1902

S. D. A. C.	17	Huron College	0
S. D. A. C.	5	Flandreau Indian School	6
S. D. A. C.	28	Flandreau Indian School	0
S. D. A. C.	17	Rapid City	5
S. D. A. C.	0	University of South Dakota	10
Won 3, Lost 2, Tied 0			

1903

S. D. A. C.	28	Flandreau Indian School	0
S. D. A. C.	0	Huron College	10
S. D. A. C.	0	Fargo Agricultural College	85
Won 1, Lost 2, Tied 0			

1904

S. D. A. C.	28	Flandreau Indian School	0
S. D. A. C.	11	Madison High School	5
S. D. A. C.	5	Mitchell	6
S. D. A. C.	15	Huron	0
S. D. A. C.	16	Madison High School	0
S. D. A. C.	6	University of South Dakota	6
S. D. A. C.	0	Mitchell	10
Won 4, Lost 2, Tied 1			

1905

S. D. A. C.	46	Flandreau Indian School	0
S. D. A. C.	28	Madison High School	0
S. D. A. C.	0	Mitchell	24
S. D. A. C.	0	University of Minnesota	81
S. D. A. C.	0	University of South Dakota	17
Won 2, Lost 3, Tied 0			

1906

S. D. A. C.	36	Huron College	4
S. D. A. C.	5	University of North Dakota	4
S. D. A. C.	11	Mitchell	4
S. D. A. C.	0	University of South Dakota	22
Won 3, Lost 1, Tied 0			

1907

S. D. S. C.	0	Huron College	4
S. D. S. C.	48	Flandreau Indian School	0
S. D. S. C.	29	Tolands (Bus. Col. of Sioux Falls)	0
S. D. S. C.	6	University of North Dakota	24
S. D. S. C.	5	Dakota Wesleyan University	0
S. D. S. C.	12	Yankton College	10
S. D. S. C.	8	Huron College	4
Won 5, Lost 2, Tied 0			

1908

S. D. S. C.	16	Aberdeen Normal	0
S. D. S. C.	11	North Dakota Agricultural College	5
S. D. S. C.	0	Madison	0
S. D. S. C.	29	College of St. Thomas	12
S. D. S. C.	0	Yankton	21
S. D. S. C.	0	Dakota Wesleyan University	6
S. D. S. C.	0	Huron	17

Won 3, Lost 3, Tied 1

1909

S. D. S. C.	5	North Dakota Agricultural College	11
S. D. S. C.	0	Dakota Wesleyan University	3
S. D. S. C.	12	Yankton	14
S. D. S. C.	44	Huron	0

Won 1, Lost 3, Tied 0

1910

S. D. S. C.	17	Aberdeen Normal	0
S. D. S. C.	41	Huron	0
S. D. S. C.	12	Yankton	0
S. D. S. C.	6	North Dakota Agricultural College	3
S. D. S. C.	0	College of St. Thomas	28
S. D. S. C.	0	University of South Dakota	33
S. D. S. C.	0	Dakota Wesleyan University	0
S. D. S. C.	0	South Dakota School of Mines	0

Won 4, Lost 2, Tied 2

1911

S. D. S. C.	12	Aberdeen Normal	0
S. D. S. C.	6	University of South Dakota	15
S. D. S. C.	11	Huron	0
S. D. S. C.	14	North Dakota Agricultural College	3
S. D. S. C.	17	South Dakota School of Mines	3
S. D. S. C.	0	Marquette University	16
S. D. S. C.	0	Yankton	30
S. D. S. C.	0	Dakota Wesleyan University	22

Won 4, Lost 4, Tied 0

1912

S. D. S. C.	0	Carleton College	34
S. D. S. C.	7	University of South Dakota	73
S. D. S. C.	6	Yankton	3
S. D. S. C.	20	Huron	3
S. D. S. C.	0	Dakota Wesleyan University	0
S. D. S. C.	13	South Dakota School of Mines	23

Won 2, Lost 3, Tied 1

1913

S. D. S. C.	47	Huron	0
S. D. S. C.	7	Carleton College	25
S. D. S. C.	7	North Dakota Agricultural College	6
S. D. S. C.	0	Hamline University	21
S. D. S. C.	12	Huron	7
S. D. S. C.	36	South Dakota School of Mines	0
S. D. S. C.	0	Yankton	20
S. D. S. C.	38	Dakota Wesleyan University	3
Won 5, Lost 3, Tied 0			

1914

S. D. S. C.	0	University of South Dakota	12
S. D. S. C.	13	Huron College	0
S. D. S. C.	19	Yankton	7
S. D. S. C.	19	Huron College	7
S. D. S. C.	28	Hamline University	10
S. D. S. C.	14	University of North Dakota	3
S. D. S. C.	0	Dakota Wesleyan University	21
Won 5, Lost 2, Tied 0			

1915

S. D. S. C.	39	Huron College	0
S. D. S. C.	72	Yankton College	0
S. D. S. C.	25	Huron College	0
S. D. S. C.	0	University of North Dakota	0
S. D. S. C.	0	University of South Dakota	7
S. D. S. C.	21	North Dakota Agricultural College	0
S. D. S. C.	6	Dakota Wesleyan University	0
Won 5, Lost 1, Tied 1			

1916

S. D. S. C.	7	University of Minnesota	41
S. D. S. C.	3	University of Wisconsin	28
S. D. S. C.	31	Yankton College	0
S. D. S. C.	38	Huron	0
S. D. S. C.	7	Hamline University	0
S. D. S. C.	14	University of North Dakota	7
Won 4, Lost 2, Tied 0			

1917

S. D. S. C.	0	University of Minnesota	64
S. D. S. C.	33	Trinity College (Sioux City, Iowa)	0
S. D. S. C.	13	University of North Dakota	6
S. D. S. C.	64	Gustavus Adolphus College	0
S. D. S. C.	21	North Dakota Agricultural College	14
S. D. S. C.	19	Macalester College	0
Won 5, Lost 1, Tied 0			

1918

No Games--World War I

1919

S. D. S. C.	49	Northern Normal	0
S. D. S. C.	7	Dakota Wesleyan University	0
S. D. S. C.	0	North Dakota Agricultural College	0
S. D. S. C.	9	University of North Dakota	7
S. D. S. C.	13	University of South Dakota	6
S. D. S. C.	0	Creighton University	7

Won 4, Lost 1, Tied 1

1920

S. D. S. C.	6	Northern Normal	0
S. D. S. C.	6	Dakota Wesleyan University	0
S. D. S. C.	3	University of North Dakota	6
S. D. S. C.	27	North Dakota Agricultural College	7
S. D. S. C.	7	Macalester College	7
S. D. S. C.	14	Hamline University	0
S. D. S. C.	3	University of South Dakota	7

Won 4, Lost 2, Tied 1

1921

S. D. S. C.	40	Northern Normal	0
S. D. S. C.	3	University of Wisconsin	24
S. D. S. C.	60	Huron College	0
S. D. S. C.	54	North Dakota Agricultural College	0
S. D. S. C.	55	Yankton	0
S. D. S. C.	27	University of North Dakota	14
S. D. S. C.	9	University of South Dakota	0
S. D. S. C.	7	Creighton University	0

Won 7, Lost 1, Tied 0

1922

S. D. S. C.	85	Columbus College (Sioux Falls)	0
S. D. S. C.	12	College of St. Thomas	0
S. D. S. C.	6	University of Wisconsin	20
S. D. S. C.	6	University of North Dakota	16
S. D. S. C.	7	University of South Dakota	7
S. D. S. C.	13	North Dakota Agricultural College	0
S. D. S. C.	48	Morningside College	0
S. D. S. C.	25	Creighton University	14

Won 5, Lost 2, Tied 1

1923

S. D. S. C.	44	Dakota Wesleyan University	0
S. D. S. C.	13	North Dakota Agricultural College	14
S. D. S. C.	27	Creighton University	20
S. D. S. C.	7	University of South Dakota	0
S. D. S. C.	6	University of North Dakota	12
S. D. S. C.	24	Morningside College	26
S. D. S. C.	0	Marquette University	13
Won 3, Lost 4, Tied 0			

1924

S. D. S. C.	16	Buena Vista College (Storm Lake, Ia.)	3
S. D. S. C.	14	North Dakota Agricultural College	0
S. D. S. C.	14	Dakota Wesleyan University	0
S. D. S. C.	7	University of North Dakota	6
S. D. S. C.	10	University of South Dakota	3
S. D. S. C.	34	Morningside College	0
S. D. S. C.	0	Michigan Aggies	9
S. D. S. C.	10	Creighton University	7
Won 7, Lost 1, Tied 0			

1925

S. D. S. C.	7	Dakota Wesleyan University	0
S. D. S. C.	0	Buena Vista College (Storm Lake, Ia.)	14
S. D. S. C.	3	Nebraska Wesleyan University	3
S. D. S. C.	3	North Dakota Agricultural College	3
S. D. S. C.	0	Creighton University	19
S. D. S. C.	7	University of South Dakota	0
S. D. S. C.	0	Marquette University	6
Won 2, Lost 3, Tied 2			

1926

S. D. S. C.	7	Columbus College (Sioux Falls)	7
S. D. S. C.	35	Huron College	0
S. D. S. C.	33	Buena Vista College (Storm Lake, Ia.)	0
S. D. S. C.	21	North Dakota Agricultural College	0
S. D. S. C.	7	University of North Dakota	0
S. D. S. C.	0	University of South Dakota	0
S. D. S. C.	21	Morningside College	6
S. D. S. C.	8	Creighton University	8
S. D. S. C.	3	University of Detroit	0
S. D. S. C.	13	St. Louis University	0
S. D. S. C.	9	University of Hawaii	2
S. D. S. C.	12	Honolulu Town Team	13
Won 8, Lost 1, Tied 3			



1927

S. D. S. C.	67	Huron College	2
S. D. S. C.	15	Des Moines University	0
S. D. S. C.	7	Columbus College	7
S. D. S. C.	34	North Dakota Agricultural College	0
S. D. S. C.	12	University of South Dakota	16
S. D. S. C.	44	Morningside College	7
S. D. S. C.	0	Creighton University	14
S. D. S. C.	10	St. Regis College (Denver, Colorado)	7
S. D. S. C.	0	University of Detroit	38
Won 5, Lost 3, Tied 1			

1928

S. D. S. C.	14	Huron	0
S. D. S. C.	63	Dakota Wesleyan University	0
S. D. S. C.	18	Columbus College	0
S. D. S. C.	0	University of North Dakota	6
S. D. S. C.	13	University of South Dakota	0
S. D. S. C.	18	Creighton University	6
S. D. S. C.	27	North Dakota Agricultural College	6
S. D. S. C.	31	University of Minnesota "B"	0
S. D. S. C.	33	Western Union	0
S. D. S. C.	13	Morningside College	7
Won 9, Lost 1, Tied 0			

1929

S. D. S. C.	59	Huron	0
S. D. S. C.	0	University of Wisconsin	21
S. D. S. C.	49	Dakota Wesleyan University	0
S. D. S. C.	38	Morningside College	0
S. D. S. C.	0	North Dakota Agricultural College	0
S. D. S. C.	6	University of South Dakota	0
S. D. S. C.	6	University of North Dakota	7
S. D. S. C.	72	Western Union	0
S. D. S. C.	0	St. Louis University	6
S. D. S. C.	7	Loyola University (Chicago, Ill.)	21
Won 5, Lost 4, Tied 1			

1930

S. D. S. C.	21	Southern Normal	0
S. D. S. C.	0	University of Minnesota	48
S. D. S. C.	0	St. Olaf College	20
S. D. S. C.	0	University of North Dakota	21
S. D. S. C.	13	University of South Dakota	6
S. D. S. C.	0	Morningside College	13
S. D. S. C.	7	University of Wisconsin	58
S. D. S. C.	0	North Dakota Agricultural College	24
S. D. S. C.	7	Loyola University (Chicago, Ill.)	7
Won 2, Lost 6, Tied 1			

1931

S. D. S. C.	34	Southern Normal	0
S. D. S. C.	39	Dakota Wesleyan University	0
S. D. S. C.	19	Northern Normal	0
S. D. S. C.	20	Morningside College	0
S. D. S. C.	6	University of North Dakota	34
S. D. S. C.	7	North Dakota Agricultural College	0
S. D. S. C.	0	University of South Dakota	10
S. D. S. C.	49	Augustana College	0
S. D. S. C.	20	DePaul University	34

Won 6, Lost 3, Tied 0

1932

S. D. S. C.	26	Northern Normal	7
S. D. S. C.	0	University of Minnesota	12
S. D. S. C.	6	North Dakota Agricultural College	12
S. D. S. C.	26	Morningside College	6
S. D. S. C.	0	University of South Dakota	0
S. D. S. C.	0	University of North Dakota	13
S. D. S. C.	0	Michigan State Normal	12
S. D. S. C.	12	Duquesne University	34

Won 2, Lost 5, Tied 1

1933

S. D. S. C.	27	Northern Normal	0
S. D. S. C.	6	University of Minnesota	19
S. D. S. C.	13	North Dakota Agricultural College	7
S. D. S. C.	18	University of North Dakota	2
S. D. S. C.	14	University of South Dakota	0
S. D. S. C.	13	Michigan State Normal	7
S. D. S. C.	21	Morningside College	6
S. D. S. C.	0	University of South Dakota	6
S. D. S. C.	6	Catholic University of Wash. D. C.	27

Won 6, Lost 3, Tied 0

1934

S. D. S. C.	52	Northern Normal	0
S. D. S. C.	14	Creighton University	0
S. D. S. C.	7	Morningside College	13
S. D. S. C.	7	University of Wisconsin	28
S. D. S. C.	0	University of North Dakota	6
S. D. S. C.	19	University of South Dakota	0
S. D. S. C.	38	Dakota Wesleyan University	0
S. D. S. C.	38	North Dakota Agricultural College	0
S. D. S. C.	14	St. Olaf College	6
S. D. S. C.	0	University of Wichita	19

Won 6, Lost 4, Tied 0

1935

S. D. S. C.	33	Northern Normal	0
S. D. S. C.	13	University of Wisconsin	6
S. D. S. C.	0	University of Cincinnati	38
S. D. S. C.	6	North Dakota Agricultural College	7
S. D. S. C.	6	University of North Dakota	6
S. D. S. C.	2	University of South Dakota	7
S. D. S. C.	12	Morningside College	6
S. D. S. C.	38	St. Olaf College	0
S. D. S. C.	13	Iowa State Teachers College	22

Won 4, Lost 4, Tied 1

1936

S. D. S. C.	12	Gustavus Adolphus College	7
S. D. S. C.	7	University of Wisconsin	24
S. D. S. C.	0	Morningside College	13
S. D. S. C.	13	Luther College	6
S. D. S. C.	0	University of Omaha	0
S. D. S. C.	6	University of North Dakota	33
S. D. S. C.	0	University of South Dakota	6
S. D. S. C.	13	Iowa State Teachers College	0
S. D. S. C.	0	North Dakota Agricultural College	7
S. D. S. C.	0	University of Wichita	20

Won 3, Lost 6, Tied 1

1937

S. D. S. C.	40	Mankato State Teachers College	7
S. D. S. C.	0	University of Wisconsin	32
S. D. S. C.	20	University of Omaha	0
S. D. S. C.	13	North Dakota Agricultural College	6
S. D. S. C.	0	Morningside College	7
S. D. S. C.	20	University of Wichita	6
S. D. S. C.	2	University of South Dakota	12
S. D. S. C.	0	Iowa State Teachers College	33
S. D. S. C.	7	DePaul University	44

Won 4, Lost 5, Tied 0

1938

S. D. S. C.	7	South Dakota School of Mines	18
S. D. S. C.	0	University of North Dakota	37
S. D. S. C.	28	University of Omaha	6
S. D. S. C.	0	St. Norberts College	9
S. D. S. C.	14	Morningside College	13
S. D. S. C.	14	Moorhead State College	6
S. D. S. C.	0	University of South Dakota	7
S. D. S. C.	6	North Dakota Agricultural College	13

Won 3, Lost 5, Tied 0

1939

S. D. S. C.	40	South Dakota School of Mines	0
S. D. S. C.	20	Moorhead State College	7
S. D. S. C.	6	Yankton College	0
S. D. S. C.	6	North Dakota Agricultural College	0
S. D. S. C.	14	University of North Dakota	13
S. D. S. C.	7	University of South Dakota	21
S. D. S. C.	7	University of Omaha	6
S. D. S. C.	34	Morningside College	13
S. D. S. C.	7	West Texas State College	35

Won 7, Lost 2, Tied 0

1940

S. D. S. C.	45	South Dakota School of Mines	0
S. D. S. C.	6	St. Norberts College	0
S. D. S. C.	12	University of Omaha	7
S. D. S. C.	6	Morningside College	6
S. D. S. C.	0	University of South Dakota	26
S. D. S. C.	0	University of North Dakota	6
S. D. S. C.	7	North Dakota Agricultural College	0
S. D. S. C.	2	Iowa State Teachers College	12

Won 4, Lost 3, Tied 1

1941

S. D. S. C.	14	Northern Teachers College	0
S. D. S. C.	0	Iowa State Teachers College	21
S. D. S. C.	0	University of Omaha	12
S. D. S. C.	0	North Dakota Agricultural College	25
S. D. S. C.	15	University of North Dakota	33
S. D. S. C.	0	University of South Dakota	40
S. D. S. C.	3	Morningside College	0

Won 2, Lost 5, Tied 0

1942

S. D. S. C.	0	Youngstown University	14
S. D. S. C.	0	Iowa State Teachers College	38
S. D. S. C.	20	University of Omaha	0
S. D. S. C.	3	Morningside College	0
S. D. S. C.	8	University of North Dakota	19
S. D. S. C.	0	University of South Dakota	7
S. D. S. C.	14	North Dakota Agricultural College	0
S. D. S. C.	20	Carleton College	14

Won 4, Lost 4, Tied 0

1943

No Games--World War II

1944

S. D. S. C.	6	S. D. S. C. Enlisted Reserve Corps	0
S. D. S. C.	7	Concordia College	27
Won 1, Lost 1, Tied 0			

1945

S. D. S. C.	6	Minot State Teachers College	33
S. D. S. C.	0	Drake University	34
S. D. S. C.	0	Bemidji State College	6
S. D. S. C.	25	Hamline University	0
S. D. S. C.	7	Iowa State Teachers College	58
S. D. S. C.	13	Concordia College	13
Won 1, Lost 4, Tied 1			

1946

S. D. S. C.	18	Loras College	23
S. D. S. C.	6	Iowa State Teachers College	6
S. D. S. C.	61	Manitoba University	0
S. D. S. C.	0	North Dakota Agricultural College	6
S. D. S. C.	26	Augustana College	6
S. D. S. C.	20	University of South Dakota	0
S. D. S. C.	0	Oklahoma City University	35
S. D. S. C.	0	Morningside College	0
Won 3, Lost 3, Tied 2			

1947

S. D. S. C.	0	Loras College	28
S. D. S. C.	6	St. Cloud State College	20
S. D. S. C.	39	Iowa Central College	0
S. D. S. C.	6	University of Kansas	86
S. D. S. C.	33	Augustana College	12
S. D. S. C.	7	University of South Dakota	26
S. D. S. C.	7	North Dakota Agricultural College	0
S. D. S. C.	13	Morningside College	0
S. D. S. C.	12	University of Toledo	33
Won 4, Lost 5, Tied 0			

1948

S. D. S. C.	21	Moorhead State College	7
S. D. S. C.	0	Drake University	47
S. D. S. C.	6	Loras College	20
S. D. S. C.	6	University of North Dakota	31
S. D. S. C.	7	Iowa State Teachers College	33
S. D. S. C.	7	North Dakota Agricultural College	6
S. D. S. C.	20	Augustana College	6
S. D. S. C.	0	University of South Dakota	33
S. D. S. C.	13	Morningside College	18
S. D. S. C.	27	Colorado State College	2
Won 4, Lost 6, Tied 0			

1949

S. D. S. C.	7	St. Cloud State College	0
S. D. S. C.	0	Drake University	40
S. D. S. C.	27	Morningside College	20
S. D. S. C.	40	Colorado State College	13
S. D. S. C.	14	Iowa State Teachers College	13
S. D. S. C.	28	Augustana College	0
S. D. S. C.	0	University of North Dakota	19
S. D. S. C.	27	University of South Dakota	25
S. D. S. C.	33	North Dakota Agricultural College	13
S. D. S. C.	7	Bradley University	32

Won 7, Lost 3, Tied 0

1950

S. D. S. C.	39	St. Cloud State College	7
S. D. S. C.	34	Iowa State Teachers College	13
S. D. S. C.	31	Morningside College	7
S. D. S. C.	20	Augustana College	12
S. D. S. C.	41	St. Olaf College	14
S. D. S. C.	60	North Dakota Agricultural College	0
S. D. S. C.	21	University of North Dakota	21
S. D. S. C.	54	University of South Dakota	28
S. D. S. C.	40	Wayne University (Detroit, Michigan)	0
S. D. S. C.	41	Carleton College	14

Won 9, Lost 0, Tied 1

1951

S. D. S. C.	26	St. Cloud State College	0
S. D. S. C.	48	Iowa State Teachers College	6
S. D. S. C.	28	Morningside College	26
S. D. S. C.	58	Augustana College	7
S. D. S. C.	34	College of Emporia	34
S. D. S. C.	21	University of North Dakota	12
S. D. S. C.	7	North Dakota Agricultural College	7
S. D. S. C.	6	University of South Dakota	26
S. D. S. C.	48	Bemidji State College	0
S. D. S. C.	35	LaCrosse Teachers College	7

Won 8, Lost 1, Tied 1

1952

S. D. S. C.	6	LaCrosse Teachers College	13
S. D. S. C.	19	Iowa State University	57
S. D. S. C.	47	St. Cloud State College	7
S. D. S. C.	47	Augustana College	6
S. D. S. C.	60	University of North Dakota	6
S. D. S. C.	21	University of South Dakota	21
S. D. S. C.	14	North Dakota Agricultural College	48
S. D. S. C.	39	Morningside College	25
S. D. S. C.	34	Iowa State Teachers College	47

Won 4, Lost 4, Tied 1

1953

S. D. S. C. 13	Marquette University	46
S. D. S. C. 52	Iowa State Teachers College	19
S. D. S. C. 13	University of North Dakota	13
S. D. S. C. 55	Augustana College	0
S. D. S. C. 13	St. John's University	26
S. D. S. C. 32	North Dakota Agricultural College	14
S. D. S. C. 25	University of South Dakota	0
S. D. S. C. 31	Morningside College	29
S. D. S. C. 13	University of Wichita	39

Won 5, Lost 3, Tied 1

1954

S. D. S. C. 7	Iowa State University	34
S. D. S. C. 19	College of St. Thomas	6
S. D. S. C. 66	Mankato State Teachers College	0
S. D. S. C. 68	Augustana College	0
S. D. S. C. 50	North Dakota Agricultural College	13
S. D. S. C. 34	University of North Dakota	20
S. D. S. C. 20	University of South Dakota	19
S. D. S. C. 34	Morningside College	39
S. D. S. C. 41	Iowa State Teachers College	20

Won 7, Lost 2, Tied 0

1955

S. D. S. C. 13	College of St. Thomas	19
S. D. S. C. 34	Iowa State Teachers College	21
S. D. S. C. 14	University of North Dakota	6
S. D. S. C. 28	Augustana College	0
S. D. S. C. 7	University of Wichita	33
S. D. S. C. 33	North Dakota Agricultural College	7
S. D. S. C. 27	University of South Dakota	7
S. D. S. C. 21	Morningside College	21
S. D. S. C. 20	LaCrosse Teachers College	0

Won 6, Lost 2, Tied 1

1956

S. D. S. C. 14	Montana State College	33
S. D. S. C. 7	Northwest Missouri State College	0
S. D. S. C. 0	University of Arizona	60
S. D. S. C. 20	Augustana College	21
S. D. S. C. 14	University of North Dakota	13
S. D. S. C. 14	University of South Dakota	19
S. D. S. C. 9	North Dakota Agricultural College	26
S. D. S. C. 28	Morningside College	13
S. D. S. C. 31	Iowa State Teachers College	27

Won 4, Lost 5, Tied 0

1957

S. D. S. C.	6	Montana State College	13
S. D. S. C.	23	Iowa State Teachers College	20
S. D. S. C.	7	Drake University	25
S. D. S. C.	16	Augustana College	0
S. D. S. C.	53	University of North Dakota	21
S. D. S. C.	21	University of South Dakota	13
S. D. S. C.	32	North Dakota Agricultural College	14
S. D. S. C.	7	Morningside College	7
S. D. S. C.	20	Mankato State College	6

Won 6, Lost 2, Tied 1

1958

S. D. S. C.	12	Drake University	6
S. D. S. C.	6	Marquette University	18
S. D. S. C.	6	Montana State College	23
S. D. S. C.	20	Augustana College	6
S. D. S. C.	12	University of North Dakota	30
S. D. S. C.	7	University of South Dakota	28
S. D. S. C.	20	North Dakota Agricultural College	33
S. D. S. C.	26	Morningside College	6
S. D. S. C.	13	Iowa State Teachers College	8

Won 4, Lost 5, Tied 0

1959

S. D. S. C.	0	Montana State College	27
S. D. S. C.	0	Colorado State College	22
S. D. S. C.	12	Kansas State University	28
S. D. S. C.	0	Augustana College	13
S. D. S. C.	6	University of North Dakota	0
S. D. S. C.	12	University of South Dakota	7
S. D. S. C.	6	North Dakota Agricultural College	8
S. D. S. C.	32	Morningside College	34
S. D. S. C.	12	Iowa State Teachers College	14

Won 2, Lost 7, Tied 0

1960

S. D. S. C.	22	Bemidji State College	6
S. D. S. C.	6	Kansas State University	20
S. D. S. C.	20	Montana State College	14
S. D. S. C.	20	Augustana College	21
S. D. S. C.	23	University of North Dakota	27
S. D. S. C.	28	University of South Dakota	7
S. D. S. C.	14	North Dakota State University	14
S. D. S. C.	22	Morningside College	0
S. D. S. C.	0	Iowa State Teachers College	12
S. D. S. C.	15	Colorado State College	14

Won 5, Lost 4, Tied 1



1961

S. D. S. C.	34	Bemidji State College	8
S. D. S. C.	36	Colorado State College	13
S. D. S. C.	73	St. Cloud State College	0
S. D. S. C.	12	Montana State College	17
S. D. S. C.	41	Augustana College	14
S. D. S. C.	13	University of North Dakota	14
S. D. S. C.	34	University of South Dakota	6
S. D. S. C.	41	North Dakota State University	12
S. D. S. C.	56	Morningside College	0
S. D. S. C.	36	State College of Iowa	13

Won 8, Lost 2, Tied 0

1962

S. D. S. C.	25	University of Toledo	14
S. D. S. C.	7	Arkansas State College	9
S. D. S. C.	10	Montana State College	14
S. D. S. C.	28	Augustana College	7
S. D. S. C.	26	University of North Dakota	0
S. D. S. C.	24	University of South Dakota	0
S. D. S. C.	17	North Dakota State University	6
S. D. S. C.	13	State College of Iowa	13
S. D. S. C.	41	Morningside College	7
S. D. S. C.	47	Colorado State College	0

Won 7, Lost 2, Tied 1

1963

S. D. S. C.	9	Montana State College	6
S. D. S. C.	7	University of Nebraska	58
S. D. S. C.	54	Colorado State College	14
S. D. S. C.	28	Augustana College	8
S. D. S. C.	7	University of North Dakota	6
S. D. S. C.	61	University of South Dakota	0
S. D. S. C.	40	North Dakota State University	25
S. D. S. C.	27	State College of Iowa	13
S. D. S. C.	28	Morningside College	22
S. D. S. C.	17	Arkansas State College	14

Won 9, Lost 1, Tied 0

1964

S. D. S. U.	14	Montana State College	46
S. D. S. U.	14	Fresno State College	30
S. D. S. U.	27	Augustana College	14
S. D. S. U.	13	North Dakota State University	20
S. D. S. U.	28	University of North Dakota	35
S. D. S. U.	7	University of South Dakota	10
S. D. S. U.	32	Morningside College	21
S. D. S. U.	14	State College of Iowa	23
S. D. S. U.	15	Drake University	37
S. D. S. U.	6	Mankato State College	7

Won 2, Lost 8, Tied 0

1965

S. D. S. U.	0	Montana State University	22
S. D. S. U.	0	Parsons College	10
S. D. S. U.	14	Augustana College	14
S. D. S. U.	13	North Dakota State University	41
S. D. S. U.	7	University of North Dakota	14
S. D. S. U.	30	University of South Dakota	14
S. D. S. U.	20	Morningside College	25
S. D. S. U.	0	State College of Iowa	41
S. D. S. U.	20	Colorado State University	52
S. D. S. U.	7	Mankato State College	14
Won 1, Lost 8, Tied 1			

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S. D. S. U.	6	Montana State University	41
S. D. S. U.	27	U. of Minn. (Duluth Branch)	0
S. D. S. U.	14	Colorado State University	45
S. D. S. U.	6	North Dakota State University	35
S. D. S. U.	21	Morningside College	41
S. D. S. U.	0	University of North Dakota	43
S. D. S. U.	22	University of South Dakota	18
S. D. S. U.	7	State College of Iowa	13
S. D. S. U.	7	Colorado State College	31
S. D. S. U.	19	Augustana College	13
Won 3, Lost 7, Tied 0			

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S. D. S. U.	7	U. of Minn. (Duluth Branch)	12
S. D. S. U.	24	Idaho State University	22
S. D. S. U.	14	North Dakota State University	34
S. D. S. U.	24	Morningside College	15
S. D. S. U.	7	University of North Dakota	9
S. D. S. U.	42	University of South Dakota	14
S. D. S. U.	16	University of Northern Iowa	17
S. D. S. U.	21	Drake University	34
S. D. S. U.	17	Augustana College	21
S. D. S. U.	14	University of Tampa	7
Won 4, Lost 6, Tied 0			



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1922 Big Nine

Morningside College-----Morningside College  
North Dakota Agricultural College---N. D. Agr. College  
South Dakota State College-----S. D. State College  
University of North Dakota-----University of N. D.  
University of South Dakota-----University of S. D.  
Creighton University-----Creighton University  
Des Moines University-----Des Moines University  
Nebraska Wesleyan University-----Nebraska Wesleyan Univ.  
College of St. Thomas

1923-26 Little Eight1927 North Central

Morningside College-----Morningside College  
N. D. Agr. College-----N. D. Agr. College  
S. D. State College-----S. D. State College  
University of N. D.-----University of N. D.  
University of S. D.-----University of S. D.  
Creighton University

1928-34 North Central1935-41 North Central

Morningside College-----Morningside College  
N. D. Agr. College-----N. D. Agr. College  
S. D. State College-----S. D. State College  
University of N. D.-----University of N. D.  
University of S. D.-----University of S. D.  
Iowa State Teachers College-----Iowa State T. Col.  
University of Omaha

1942- North Central

Augustana College

1967 North Central Conference Participants

Morningside College  
North Dakota State University  
South Dakota State University  
University of North Dakota  
University of South Dakota  
University of Northern Iowa  
Augustana College