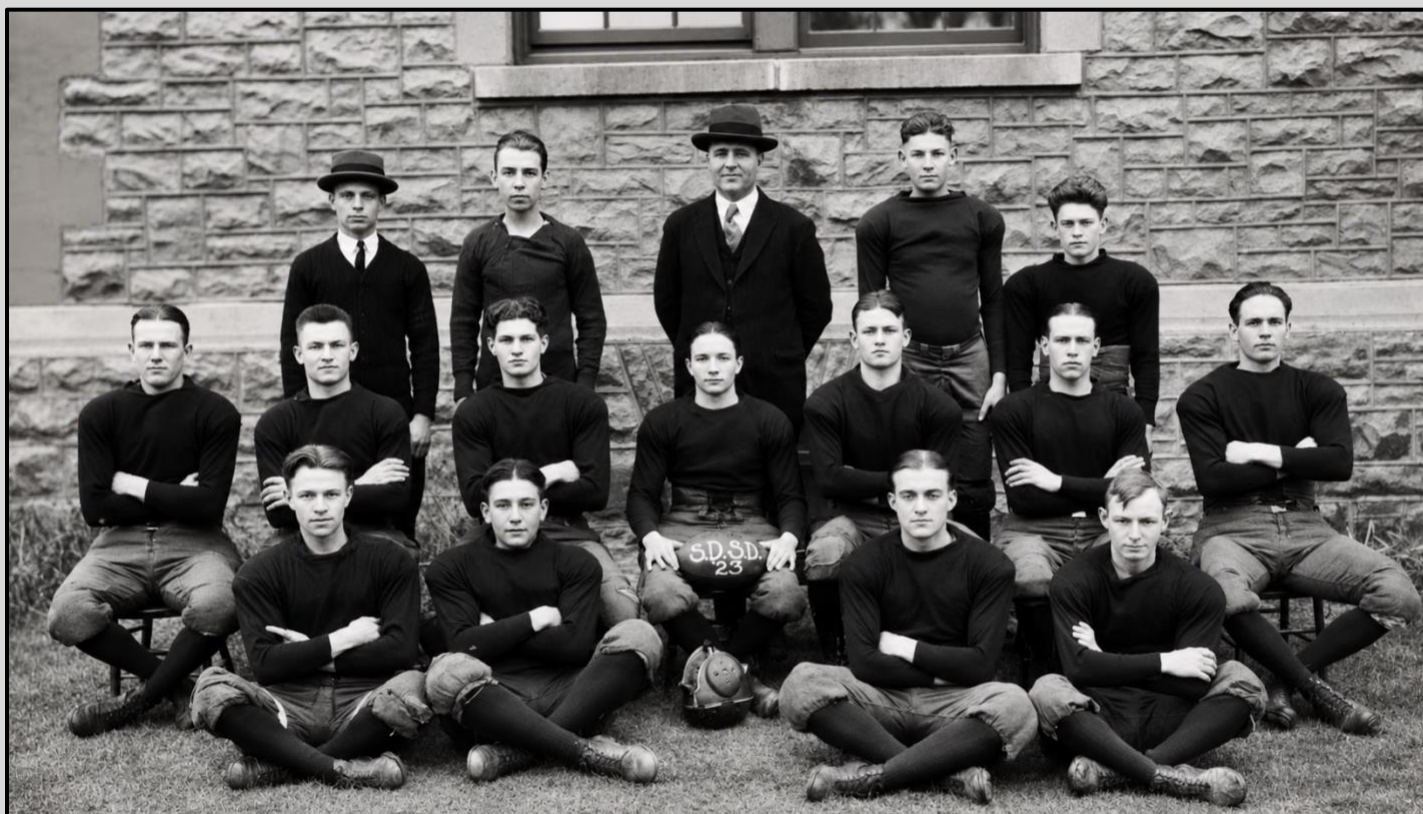


1923 SDSD Football Team



Back row (L to R): Coach Nick Peterson, unidentified player, Superintendent Harry Welty, unidentified player, Clifford McLaughlin.
 Middle row (L to R): Daniel Schacte, Russell fuller, Lester Chizek, Sam Wellington, Ray Wright, Jimmy Jones, Abel Sylliaasen.
 Front row (L to R): Rudy Albrecht, Ben Soukup, Elton Koch and Raymond Jensen.



Cold Day

The 1923 football team poses for a photograph on a snow-covered field. The players are wearing light-colored pullovers over their uniforms and the wintry setting suggests the photograph may have been taken late in the season, perhaps around the time of the November games against the Canton teams.

Starting Lineup:

Koch.....LE	Sylliaasen.....LT
Jensen.....LG	Albrecht.....C
Soukup.....RG	Fuller.....RT
Schachet...RE	McLaughlin....QB
Wright.....LH	Wellington.....RH
Chizek.....FB	

WHAT WE KNOW:

Newspaper reports provide a few glimpses into the 1923 football season:

- October 12 — SDSD 26, Parkston High School 12. SDSD's passing game was praised, and Ray Wright intercepted a Parkston pass and returned it 70 yards for a touchdown.
- November 16 — SDSD 32, Canton Lutheran Normal 0. SDSD shut out Canton Lutheran Normal in a convincing 32–0 victory.
- November 16 — Canton Normal 39, SDSD 0. SDSD was defeated by the heavier Canton Normal team. Despite the score, the newspaper reported that SDSD played in “fine form.”