

John Tidwell – Defensive Back

Aurora, Colorado Pro Day: March 23, 2016 (SDSU)

Height: 6'0"; Weight: 199; 40 Yard: 4.56; 20 Yards: 2.57; 10 Yards: 1.55;

3 Cone: 7.25; VJ: 34.5; BJ: 10'1"; 20 Yard Shuttle: 4.44



**•Education: University of Sioux Falls
B.S Public Accountancy- Business Administration (2016)**

John Tidwell was one of the most experienced player's Sioux Falls has ever had. At one point in his career Tidwell started 34 straight games and was **team captain three years in a row**. Tidwell racked up 214 career tackles, 7.5 tackles for loss and 55 passes defended along with twelve interceptions in his stellar career. Tidwell is a **Three-Time Academic All-NSIC** and a nominee for **Allstate/AFCA Good Works Team** in 2015. Tidwell was **Three-Time NSIC First Team All Conference** and **First Team All-American Academic** in 2015. Tidwell is a shut down corner who gets his hands on the ball more often than not. His speed and size give him the ability to matchup well with any receiver. This experienced cornerback has soft hands that allow him to pick off quarterback's with ease. Being the top 2016 NFL draft prospect from Sioux Falls University, Tidwell has proven his intelligence and speed make him a huge asset to any NFL secondary.



2015: Named **Academic All- NSIC** for the third year in a row.

Tidwell started 11 games his senior year and had a total of 36 tackles. He also added 3 interceptions, 9 passes broken up and 1 blocked field goal. Tidwell had a season high 9 tackles at MSU ON (11/07). Also added 7 tackles with 1 PBU vs at SMSU ON (10/17). Tidwell had 5 tackles at HSU ON (11/21). Added 4 tackles, 1 PBU and 1 interceptions at Upper Iowa on (11/14).

2014: Started all 12 games at cornerback. Was named **First Team All-NSIC** and named to the **Don Hansen Football All-Super Region 3 Team**. Was also named **CoSIDA Academic All District 12 Team** and selected **Academic All-NCC**. Tidwell was fourth on the team with 60 tackles with 15 pass breakups (tied for eighth nationally) and 19 passes defended, which ranked 16th in NCAA DII. He also had both a fumble recovery and forced fumble. Tidwell was one of the league's most dangerous

punt return specialists (4th, NSIC) with a 14.8 per return average and two TDs. He also ranked fifth in the NSIC in kick returns at 24.8 per return. Tidwell tied a career high with eight stops in win over Concordia, St. Paul (11/4). Tidwell had six tackles, 1 interception and two pass breakups against MSU(9/27) He had seven tackles, five solo, TFL, fumble recovery and interception against SMSU (10/18). Tidwell also had a TD punt return in the 42-10 Mineral Water Bowl victory over Central Oklahoma. Also had seven tackles and two interceptions and two PBU to earn **Mineral Water Bowl Defensive MVP**.

2013: Tidwell started every game for the second straight season. Tidwell was named **Academic All-NSIC**. John recorded 56 tackles 3.5 TFL, 2 Interceptions and 22 passes broken up. He also added 1 blocked field goal and 1 fumble recovery. Tidwell was credited with five solo stops, recorded his first interception of the season and blocked a critical extra point attempt in the Cougars' win versus Northern State. He collected six tackles, picked off a pass and broke up a pair of passes at U-Mary. Tallied five stops and forced a fumble at Southwest Minnesota State. Tidwell had seven stops to go with a pass breakup at Concordia-St. Paul. Had one of his best performances in the Mayor's Cup vs Augustana, where he collected five tackles, deflected three passes and recovered a fumble in the win over the rival Vikings. Had seven tackles against No. 1 Minnesota State.

2012: Started all 11 games at cornerback and proved to be effective cover and run stopping defensive back. Tidwell ranked seventh in the NSIC with 13 passes defended and 20th out of all DB in tackles (62). He finished second on the squad with three interceptions. Was a threat on special teams as well when he averaged 32 yards per punt return and 60 each kick return. Had a 69 yard kickoff return vs. MSU on (9/8) He led USF with 10 stops, nine solo, at Winona State on (10/5). Was credited with four tackles and career high two interceptions against Concordia-St. Paul on (10/13). Tidwell had eight tackles and two PB, while racking up 153 all-purpose yards which included a 77 yard kickoff return TD in a win vs. Wayne State on (11/10).



BEFORE SIOUX FALLS: Tidwell played at Rangeview HS and had 37 receptions for 517 yards with 11 touchdowns and added seven rushes for 123 yards with one score. Tallied 37 tackles and 8 interceptions for 230 yards with four touchdowns on defense. Was selected **First Team All-Colorado** as well as **First Team All-Conference**. Tidwell was named **First Team All-City**. Was a four-year honor roll student with a 4.0 grade point average.