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# San Diego State (7-1, 4-0 MW) **40**, Utah State (3-5, 1-4 MW) **13**

Friday, Oct. 28, 2016 – Maverik Stadium – Logan, Utah

<b>Final Score</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>Final</b>
San Diego State	10	10	3	17	--	40
Utah State	7	0	0	6	--	13

### **Big Notes**

- Donnel Pumphrey moved from eighth on the NCAA FBS all-time rushing list to fifth (5,741) with 223 yards tonight, passing Cedric Benson (5,540), Travis Prentice (5,596) and Charles White (5,598), despite not playing in the fourth quarter for the second consecutive game.
- SDSU's rushing yards are tied for the second most in its Division I history (since 1969) and seventh in program history.
- San Diego State winning streaks extended:
  - 15 straight victories against conference opponents (longest active win streak in the nation)
  - 10 straight victories against Utah State
  - 6 straight victories in Friday games
  - 4 straight victories overall
  - 4 straight victories over Utah State in Logan
- The Aztecs outrushed Utah State, 400-71, tied for the largest margin (329 yards) in their DI history.
- Donnel Pumphrey recorded his seventh straight 100-yard rushing game and 28<sup>th</sup> of his career with 223 yards on 32 carries (7.0).
- Juwan Washington recorded his first career 100-yard rushing game with 137 yards and two touchdowns on 14 carries (9.8 avg.)
- SDSU has two 100-yard rushers in the same game for the sixth time in the last 18 contests and 24<sup>th</sup> time in school history. San Diego State is now 23-1 when it has multiple 100-yard rushers.
- Rocky Long claimed his 50<sup>th</sup> victory at San Diego State (115<sup>th</sup> overall). He is just the third football coach in program history to reach that milestone (also: Don Coryell (104) and Claude Gilbert (61). He has more victories than his three predecessors combined (Brady Hoke (13), Chuck Long (9) and Tom Craft (19)).
- The Aztecs handed Utah State just its fifth home loss in its last 31 home games (the Aggies entered today with the nation's ninth-highest home winning percentage since Nov. 12, 2011 at 26-4).
- SDSU is the first Pacific Time Zone team to defeat Utah State at Maverik Stadium since Sept. 18, 2010 (Fresno State).
- San Diego State won its seventh game of the year, marking the seventh consecutive season in which the Aztecs have

won at least seven games. It is the longest stretch of the Division I era and longest since SDSU won seven or more games 10 consecutive seasons from 1961 through 1970.

- San Diego State became just the first FBS team in at least 36 years (since 1980) to play in at least three consecutive Friday night games and post a perfect record in those games. The Aztecs have now defeated Fresno State, San Jose State and Utah State on consecutive Fridays.
- SDSU improved to 7-1 overall, its best seven-game record to open a campaign since the 1977 squad was 7-1.
- The Aztecs are outscoring the opposition, 509-161, (33.9-10.7 averages) over the 15-game conference winning streak.
- The Aztecs held the Aggies to 252 total yards and now have held 20 consecutive conference opponents to less than 400 yards of total offense, the longest active streak in FBS.
- SDSU's 27-point margin of victory was the largest setback by Utah State in Logan since a 38-point loss to Hawai'i on Oct. 23, 2010.
- The Aztecs won their 29<sup>th</sup> consecutive game when rushing for at least 200 yards. SDSU is now 37-2 in the Rocky Long era when rushing for 200-plus yards.
- SDSU's 14 passing yards were its fewest in a win in its Division I era (since 1969).

### **Team Notes**

- San Diego State trailed, 7-0, with 8:08 left in the first quarter, its first time trailing in a regular season league game since a 10-7 deficit at Colorado State on Oct. 31, 2015 (SDSU won, 41-17). It was its first time trailing in 400 minutes, 14 seconds (400:14).
- San Diego State allowed an offensive touchdown in the first quarter for the first time against a MW opponent this year. Through four games, SDSU has allowed just 19 offensive points (4.8 avg.) and its opponents are averaging just 200.0 yards per game (800 yards through four games).
- The Aztecs won their sixth straight game played on Friday and improved to 12-2 all-time in Friday contests.
- SDSU won for the 17<sup>th</sup> time over its last 18 games overall. The 17-1 record since Oct. 3, 2015 is the third-best record nationally during that span, trailing only Alabama (19-0) and Clemson (18-1).
- San Diego State outscored Utah State, 20-7, in the first half and has now outscored the opposition, 356-111, in the first half over the last 18 games.
- The Aztecs have rushing touchdown in 20 straight games (52 total) and in 30 of their last 31 games, and 17 straight with multiple rushing scores (49 total).
- SDSU rushed for at least 275 yards for the 16<sup>th</sup> time in the Rocky Long era.
- San Diego State now has six interception returns for a touchdown (by five players) since the beginning of 2015.
- The Aztecs have 12 interceptions returned for a touchdown since Rocky Long became the defensive coordinator in 2009.
- San Diego State won its 15<sup>th</sup> straight game when committing one turnover or less.

### **Trends**

- SDSU started with the ball for the 57<sup>th</sup> time over the last 64 games.
- San Diego State won the coin toss for the 20<sup>th</sup> time over the last 32 games.
- The Aztecs have now gone 125 games without suffering a shutout (Nov. 18, 2006 at TCU), which is the third-longest streak among current Mountain West schools (Air Force at 292 and Boise State at 245). That is the only time SDSU has been shut out in their last 217 games.
- SDSU allowed an opponent to score on its opening drive for just the third time over the last 19 games.
- The Aztecs won their 14<sup>th</sup> straight game when leading after the first quarter, and are now 6-0 this season and 35-7 in the Rocky Long era when leading after a quarter.
- SDSU extended its streak of not trailing at halftime to 18 games (last time was a 27-24 deficit at Penn State on Sept. 26, 2015).
- San Diego State improved to 7-1 this year and 34-8 in the Rocky Long era when leading at the half.

- The Aztecs improved to 7-1 this year and 34-8 in the Rocky Long era when leading after three quarters.

### **The Series**

- San Diego State improved to 12-1 all-time against Utah State with its 10<sup>th</sup> consecutive win in the series.
- The Aztecs improved to 4-0 all-time against the Aggies in Logan, Utah.
- SDSU held USU to 14 points or less for the eighth straight time in the series and have allowed just 64 points in those games (8.0 points per game).
- San Diego State is outscoring Utah State, 129-34, in its three games with the Aggies since 2010.

### **Coach Long Notes**

- Rocky Long improved to 50-24 (.676) as head coach at San Diego State.
- The 50 wins by Coach Long (2011-16) are the third most in program history and nine more than the three previous SDSU head coaches (41) combined.
- Coach Long improved to 2-0 against USU as head coach at SDSU and 4-1 all-time as a head coach vs. Utah State.

### **Player Notes**

#### **\* Donnel Pumphrey, Sr., RB (32 att., 223 yds., 0 TD)**

- Rushed 32 times for 223 yards (7.0 avg.).
- Moved from moved from eighth on the NCAA FBS all-time rushing list to fifth (5,741) with 223 yards tonight, passing Cedric Benson (5,540), Travis Prentice (5,596) and Charles White (5,598).
- Now has 1,469 yards for the season, which ranks 10<sup>th</sup> in school single-season history.
- Broke 100 yards rushing for the seventh straight game (fourth-longest streak in SDSU history) and 29<sup>th</sup> time of his career, the active FBS leader.
- Broke 150 yards for the fifth time on the year and 13<sup>th</sup> time of his career (passing Ronnie Hillman for second most at SDSU).
- Broke 200 yards for the fourth time of the season (tied with Marshall Faulk for most in SDSU single-season history) and sixth time of his career (second in school history, one behind Faulk).
- Recorded his fourth game this year with at least 220 yards (no other player in FBS this year has more than one).
- In two career games against Utah State, he now has rushed for 404 yards and two touchdowns on 55 carries (7.3 avg.).
- SDSU improved to 24-5 when he reached 100 rushing yards.

#### **\* Juwan Washington, RS-Fr., RB (14 att., 137 yds., 2 TD)**

- Rushed 14 times for 137 yards (9.8 avg.) and two touchdowns.
- Set career highs in rushing yards, touchdowns, carries and long rush (39 yards).
- Scored his first two career touchdowns.

#### **\* Quest Truxton, Jr., WR/PR (1 rec., 10 yds., 1 TD | 1 att., 10 yds.)**

- Had a 10-yard touchdown catch and a 10-yard rush.
- The touchdown was the first of his career.
- The rushing attempt was the first of his career.

#### **\* Christian Chapman, So., QB (4-for-9, 14 yds., 1 TD, 0 INT)**

- Was 4-for-9 for 14 yards and one touchdown with zero interceptions.
- Improved to 9-1 as the starting quarterback.
- Threw his 10<sup>th</sup> touchdown of the season and 12<sup>th</sup> of his career.

\* **John Baron, So., KR (4-for-4 FG, 43 Long, 4-for-4 PATs)**

- Had a career-high four field goals, going 4-for-4 with a long of 43 yards.
- The four field goals tied a school record.
- Also made all four of his PAT's.
- His 16 points were a career high.
- Has now made eight straight field goals and is 10-for-11 (.900) on the season (and his career).

\* **Malik Smith, Sr., WAR (3 tackles, 1 INT, 1 TD)**

- Finished with three tackles and an interception for a touchdown.
- Recorded his first interception touchdown of his career, first interception of the season and ninth of his career.

\* **Ronley Lakalaka, So., LB (6 tackles)**

- Led the team in tackles (6) for the first time of his career.

**Other Notes**

- CB Damontae Kazee, LB Calvin Munson, RB Donnel Pumphrey, LG Nico Siragusa and WAR Malik Smith each started for the 35<sup>th</sup> straight game, the longest streaks on the team (does not include specialists).
- RT Daniel Brunskill, RB Donnel Pumphrey and LG Nico Siragusa each played in their 48<sup>th</sup> consecutive game, the longest streak on the team.
- Rashaad Penny moved in to second place all-time at SDSU in kick return yards (1,559).
- Dakota Turner forced his first career fumble.
- Parker Baldwin recovered his first career fumble.
- True freshman CB Kyree Woods played for the first time of his career.
- Tonight's game temperature was 55 degrees.
- Tonight's attendance was 17,332.

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