



## SAN DIEGO STATE AZTECS MEDIA RELATIONS

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### **Postgame Football Notes – Northern Illinois at No. 19/21 San Diego State \*\*\* Final Edition Saturday, Sept. 30, 2017 – SDCCU Stadium – San Diego, Calif.**

#### **The Big Notes**

- San Diego State improved to 5-0 for the first time since 1975 and for just the second time in the last 47 seasons.
- The Aztecs won all of their non-conference games (UC Davis, at Arizona State, No. 19/19 Stanford and Northern Illinois) in the same season for the first time since 1981.
- At No. 19, this was the highest-ranked SDSU team to win a game since a win as the 16<sup>th</sup>-ranked team at San Jose State on Nov. 21, 1977.
- San Diego State won its second straight game as a nationally ranked team for the first time since 1970.
- Tomorrow, the Aztecs are expected to be nationally ranked for a third straight week for the first time since the final three polls of the 1977 campaign.
- SDSU won its seventh consecutive game dating back to last year, and is 13-2 in its last 15 games and 26-3 in its last 29 contests.
- San Diego State's 26-3 record over its last 29 games (since Oct. 3, 2015) is the third best in the country over that span, only trailing Alabama (30-1) and Clemson (30-2).
- The Aztecs have put together at least a five-game winning streak for the third consecutive season. The last time SDSU had three straight seasons with at least a five-game winning streak was a four-year stretch from 1974-77.
- San Diego State improved to 13-1 in its last 14 home games.
- The Aztecs won their eighth straight game played during the month of September.

#### **Rashaad Penny**

- Recorded his fifth 100-yard rushing game of the season and the 10<sup>th</sup> of his career.
- With five 100-yard games to open the season, he became the first to accomplish the feat since Marshall Faulk in 1992.
- His 10 100-yard rushing games rank as the ninth most in SDSU history.
- All 10 of his 100-yard rushing games have come in his last 15 games. During that span, he has rushed for 1,653 yards and 16 rushing touchdowns.
- This marks just the seventh time in school history that SDSU player has produced five consecutive 100-yard rushing games.
- Penny became the fifth player in school history to record at least five consecutive 100-yard rushing games (also Donnel Pumphrey (three times), Marshall Faulk, George Jones and Ronnie Hillman).

#### **The Series**

- San Diego State improved to 6-0 all-time in the series with Northern Illinois and 3-0 in games played in San Diego.
- The Aztecs improved to 12-0-1 against current members of the Mid-American Conference.
- SDSU improved to 7-0-1 against teams that were members of the MAC at the time of the game.

## Team Notes

- The Aztecs have 19 non-offensive touchdowns since 2015 (two tonight). SDSU ranked third in FBS since 2015 with 17 coming into tonight.
- San Diego State has six interception returns for touchdowns since 2016 (19 games), 10 since 2015 (33 games) and 16 in the Rocky Long defensive coordinator era (since 2009).
- SDSU recorded its eighth kick return for a touchdown since 2015, the most in FBS over that span (second most is five).
- Since Rocky Long took over as head coach in 2011, San Diego State has 16 special teams return touchdowns (12 kick return and four punt return).
- The Aztecs improved 57-14 in the Rocky Long era (5-0 this year) when scoring just 20 or more points.
- SDSU has now gone 31 straight games with one interception or fewer (dates back to Sept. 12, 2015 at California).
- San Diego State has a 100-yard rusher in all five games this season, 16 of 19 games since 2016 (22, 100-yard rushers total) and 25 of the 33 games since Jeff Horton took over as the offensive coordinator in 2015 (34, 100-yard rushers total).
- SDSU scored its most points in the first quarter (14) since also scoring 14 vs. Hawai'i on Nov. 5, 2016.
- San Diego State scored its most points in the first half since also scoring 31 vs. California on Sept. 10, 2016.
- The Aztecs have outscored the opposition, 92-47, in the first half this year, including a 61-17 advantage in the second quarter.
- SDSU's three turnovers this year have led to zero points for the opponents. The opponent's 12 turnovers had led to 34 points for SDSU.

## Trends

- SDSU started with the ball for the 65<sup>th</sup> time over the last 75 games.
- San Diego State won the coin toss for 25<sup>th</sup> time over the last 43 games.
- The Aztecs have now gone 136 games without suffering a shutout (Nov. 18, 2006 at TCU), which is the third-longest streak among current Mountain West schools (Air Force at 303 and Boise State at 255).
- SDSU allowed an opponent to score on its opening possession for just the seventh time over the last 30 games and ninth time since 2005 (33 games).
- San Diego State has scored in 28 straight second quarters.
- The Aztecs improved to 4-0 this year and 43-12 in the Rocky Long era when scoring first.
- SDSU improved to 4-0 on the year and 40-9 in the Rocky Long era when leading at halftime.
- San Diego State improved to 5-0 on the season and 51-10 in the Rocky Long era when leading after three quarters.

## Player Notes

### **\* Rashaad Penny, Sr., RB/KR (25 att., 107 yds. | 2 rec., 32 yds., 1 TD | 3 KR, 86 yds.)**

- Rushed 25 times for 107 yards, had two receptions for 32 yards and a touchdown, and returned three kickoffs for 86 yards.
- Recorded his fifth consecutive 100-yard game (seventh-longest streak in school history) and 10<sup>th</sup> of his career (all over the last 15 games). The 10 career 100-yard rushing games are tied for the ninth most in school history.
- With five 100-yard games to open the season, he became the first to accomplish the feat since Marshall Faulk in 1992.
- Recorded his second receiving touchdown of the season and sixth of his career. Now has 10 overall touchdowns this year and 34 for his career, which ranks in a tie for sixth in SDSU program history.
- Now has 30 touchdowns (21 rushing, five receiving and four kick return) over his last 23 games.
- San Diego State improved to 21-2 when he scores at least one touchdown overall (rushing, receiving or kick return) and 8-0 when he scores multiple touchdowns.
- Is now ranked 12<sup>th</sup> all-time at SDSU with 2,231 rushing yards.

\* **Christian Chapman, Jr., QB (10-for-19, 136 yds., 2 TD, 0 INT)**

- Was 10 for 19 passing for 136 yards and two touchdowns.
- Improved to 18-3 as the starting quarterback over his career, the highest winning percentage in SDSU's Division I era (since 1969) (min. 15 starts).
- Recorded his fourth straight game without interception and now has thrown 87 passes without throwing an interception (six touchdowns over that span).
- Now has seven touchdown passes this season (against one interception) and 29 for his career (against eight interceptions).
- Now has eight career games with multiple touchdown passes and has never thrown more than one interception in a game.

\* **Juwan Washington, So., RB (4 att., 19 yds. | 1 KR, 96 yds., 1 TD)**

- Finished with four carries for 19 yards and one kickoff return that resulted in a 96-yard touchdown.
- Recorded his first kickoff return touchdown of the season and second of his career.
- Now has two overall touchdowns this year and 10 for his career.

\* **Kahale Warring, So., TE (3 rec., 39 yds., 1 TD)**

- Had three catches for 39 yards and a touchdown.
- Recorded his second touchdown catch of the season and fourth of his career.

\* **John Baron II, Jr., K (2-for-2 FG, 38 Long, 4-for-4 PATs)**

- Made both of his field-goal attempts with a long of 38 yards and connected on all four of his PATs.
- Has made multiple field goals in 10 career games, including nine of the past 12 games.

\* **Tariq Thompson, TR-Fr., WAR (6 tackles, 2 INTs, including 1 INT for TD)**

- Finished with six tackles and two interceptions.
- Had an 83-yard interception return for a touchdown.
- The 83-yard interception was SDSU's longest since Leon McFadden had a 96-yard interception score at Fresno State on Sept. 29, 2012 and is the fourth longest by an Aztec since at least 1996.
- Has three interceptions on the season with his first coming vs. UC Davis.

\* **Jay Henderson, Sr., LB (6 tackles, 3 sacks, 4.0 TFL)**

- Had a career-high three sacks, surpassing his previous best of 1.5 vs. Houston last year.
- Posted four tackles for loss, which is a personal best. His previous career high was 1.5 also vs. Houston last year.
- The four tackles for loss were the most by an Aztec since Calvin Munson had four at San Jose State on Oct. 17, 2015.
- The three sacks were the most by an Aztec since Kyle Kellye had 3.5 vs. Cincinnati in the Hawai'i Bowl on Dec. 24, 2015.

\* **Parker Baldwin, Jr., S (11 tackles)**

- Led the team with 11 tackles.
- Has 24 tackles in his last two games after a career-high 13 at Air Force last week.

\* **Kameron Kelly, Sr., CB (9 tackles, 1 INT)**

- Was second on the team with nine tackles, including seven solo.
- Recorded his second interception of the season and returned it 44 yards.

**Other Notes**

- QB Christian Chapman started for the 21<sup>st</sup> consecutive game, the longest streak on the team (offense/defense).

- RB/KR Rashaad Penny played in his 46<sup>th</sup> straight game, the longest streak on the team.
- RG Dominic Gudino (true freshman) joined WR Collin Andrews and TE Parker Houston as Aztecs making their first career start on offense.
- SDSU started the same 11 on defense for the fifth straight game.
- Gudino, DE Dakota Turner, WR Chaz Collins and WR Liam Cabrera (special teams) each made their first appearance of the season. For Collins and Gudino it was their first career appearance.
- LB Andrew Aleki recovered his first career fumble.
- Tonight's game temperature was 65 degrees.
- Tonight's attendance was 35,717.
- Tonight's Aztec Honor Warrior was Brendan Darby (2000-03).

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