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### **Postgame Football Notes – UC Davis at San Diego State Saturday, Sept. 2, 2017 – San Diego Stadium – San Diego, Calif.**

## **San Diego State (1-0) 38, UC Davis (0-1) 17**

#### **Streaks**

- San Diego State won its third straight game dating back to last year.
- The Aztecs won their 10<sup>th</sup> consecutive game against teams from the Pacific Time Zone. That is the fourth-longest active streak in the nation, trailing TCU (21), LSU (13) and Boise State (11).
- SDSU won its sixth straight game against teams from the state of California. That is San Diego State's longest streak against teams from the Golden State since a six-game stretch in 1976-77.
- The Aztecs won their fourth consecutive season-opening game.
- SDSU won its fourth straight game played during the month of September.
- San Diego State improved to 6-0 in the Division I era against teams that called the Big Sky Conference home at the time of the game.

#### **Season-Opener Notes**

- San Diego State's fourth straight season-opening win is its longest streak since a five-year stretch from 1993-97.
- The Aztecs have outscored the opposition, 144-27, over the four-game season-opening winning streak.
- SDSU improved to 50-40-5 all-time in lidlifters, including a 25-23-1 mark in the Division I era (since 1969).
- When its opener is at home, San Diego State improved to 42-16-4 all-time, 22-7-1 in the Division I era (since 1969) and 9-6 in the Mountain West era.
- Rashaad Penny's 197 yards rushing is the second most in SDSU season-opening-game history (Div. I era only).
- SDSU's 513 yards of offense is the fifth most in a season-opening game in Division I history.

#### **Winning At Home**

- San Diego State improved to 11-1 in its last 12 home games and 20-3 in the last 23 contests played at San Diego Stadium.
- The Aztecs have responded from its last five home losses by winning their next game at San Diego Stadium.
- SDSU has played 26 consecutive home games without dropping back-to-back home contests.

#### **Big Note**

- SDSU won for the 22<sup>nd</sup> time over the last 25 games (22-3). The .880 win percentage over that time (since Oct. 3, 2015) trails only Alabama (25-1; .962 - entering tonight) and Clemson (26-2; .929) for the highest winning percentage in FBS play.

## **Team Notes**

- San Diego State won its 33<sup>rd</sup> consecutive game when rushing for at least 200 yards and 41-2 in the Rocky Long era (since 2011).
- The Aztecs improved to 53-14 in the Rocky Long era when scoring just 20 or more points.
- SDSU has now gone 27 straight games with one interception or fewer (dates back to Sept. 12, 2015 at California).

## **Trends**

- SDSU did not start with the ball for just the ninth time over the last 71 games.
- San Diego State lost the coin toss for just the 16<sup>th</sup> time over the last 39 games.
- The Aztecs have now gone 132 games without suffering a shutout (Nov. 18, 2006 at TCU), which is the third-longest streak among current Mountain West schools (Air Force at 299 and Boise State at 252).
- SDSU held an opponent scoreless on its opening drive for the 20<sup>th</sup> time over the last 26 games and 21<sup>st</sup> time since 2015 (29 games).
- San Diego State has scored in 24 straight second quarters.
- SDSU improved to 40-12 in the Rocky Long era when scoring first.
- San Diego State improved to 38-8 in the Rocky Long era when leading after the first quarter.
- The Aztecs improved to 37-9 in the Rocky Long era when leading at the half.
- SDSU improved to 47-10 in the Rocky Long era when leading after three quarters.

## **The Series**

- San Diego State improved to 1-0 all-time against UC Davis.
- The Aztecs improved to 28-11 against members from the Big Sky Conference.

## **Player Notes**

### **\* Rashaad Penny, Sr., RB/KR (21 att., 197 yds., 2 TD)**

- Rushed a career-high 21 times for 179 yards (9.4 avg.) and two touchdowns.
- Recorded his sixth career 100-yard rushing game (all over the last 11 games). The six career 100-yard rushing games are tied for the 15<sup>th</sup> most in school history.
- The 197 rushing yards were the second most of his career and the second most in an Aztec season-opening game in the Division I era (Marshall Faulk, 220 vs. USC on Sept. 5, 1992).
- Scored multiple rushing touchdowns for the fourth time (all over the last nine games).
- Now has 17 career rushing touchdowns and 26 overall touchdowns.
- Now has 22 touchdowns (16 rushing, three receiving and three kick return) over his last 19 games.
- Moved into 18<sup>th</sup> place on SDSU's all-time rushing list, now with 1,605 yards.

### **\* Christian Chapman, Jr., QB (16-for-21, 220 yds., 2 TD, 1 INT)**

- Was 16-for-21 for 220 yards and two touchdowns against one interception.
- Improved to 14-3 as the starting quarterback over his career.
- Had his seventh career multi-touchdown passing game.
- Tied his career high with 16 completions.

### **\* Kahale Warring, So., TE (5 rec., 74 yds., 1 TD)**

- Had a 7-yard touchdown catch, which was his third career TD.
- The five catches were a career high as was his receiving yardage. His previous single-game bests were one catch and 12 yards, both of which occurred last season at South Alabama.
- The five catches were the most by a tight end since David Wells last season at SJSU on Oct. 21 when he had five receptions.

- The 74 yards receiving were the most by a tight end since Gavin Escobar had 108 vs. UNLV on Oct. 27, 2012.
- \* **Juwan Washington, So., RB (14 att., 66 yds., 1 TD)**
    - Rushed 14 times for 66 yards and a touchdown.
    - It was his seventh career rushing touchdown (all over the last eight games) and ninth overall score of his career.
  - \* **Darryl Richardson, Sr., TE (1 rec., 21 yds., 1 TD)**
    - Had a 21-yard touchdown catch, just his second career reception.
    - His one catch and 21 yards receiving matched his season totals from 2016 (12 games played).
    - The touchdown was the first of his career.
  - \* **John Baron II, Jr., K (1-for-1 FG, 39 Long, 5-for-5 PATs)**
    - Has made 61 of his last 63 point-after attempts.
    - Has made 20 straight field goals of 50 yards or less.
  - \* **Ron Smith, So., CB (4 tackles (4 solo), 1 INT)**
    - Had one interception, giving him four in his career.
    - Shared the team lead with four tackles.
  - \* **Kameron Kelly, Sr., CB (4 tackles (4 solo), 1 TFL)**
    - Matched his career high with one tackle for loss.
    - Shared the team lead with four tackles.
  - \* **Tariq Thompson, Fr., S (4 tackles (4 solo), 1 INT, 1 TFL, 1 FF)**
    - Had his first career interception, tackle for loss and forced fumble).
    - Recorded the team's only forced fumble.
    - Shared the team lead with four tackles.
  - \* **Noble Hall, Jr., DE (4 tackles (3 solo), 2 TFL)**
    - Matched his career high with four tackles, which was good for a share of the team lead.
    - Equaled his career high with a team-high two tackles for loss.

### **Other Notes**

- QB Christian Chapman started for the 17<sup>th</sup> consecutive game, the longest streak on the team (offense/defense).
- RB/KR Rashaad Penny played in his 42<sup>nd</sup> straight game, the longest streak on the team.
- The following Aztecs made their first career start: LT Tyler Roemer, LG Daishawn Dixon, C Keith Ismael, RT Ryan Pope, WR Isiah Macklin and WR Tim Wilson, Jr. on offense; and DE Myles Cheatum, LB Troy Cassidy and WAR Tariq Thompson on defense.
- The following Aztecs made their first career start at a new position: DE Noble Hall and CB Kameron Kelly.
- The following Aztecs made their collegiate debut: Colin Andrews, Darren Hall, Brandon Heicklen, Keith Ismael, Chase Jasmin, Dwayne Johnson, Jr., Isiah Macklin, Chibu Onyeukwu, Tyler Roemer, Will Stricklin II, Zachary Thomas, Tariq Thompson and Tim Wilson, Jr.
- Tonight's game temperature was 95 degrees, the second-warmest home game in Aztec recorded history (97 degrees vs. North Dakota on Sept. 15, 2012).
- Tonight's attendance was 46,132.
- Tonight's Aztec Honor Warrior was Lance Louis, who lettered at SDSU from 2004-05-07-08.