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Postgame Football Notes – San Diego State at Colorado

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Folsom Field | Boulder, Colo.

Big Notes

- San Diego State fell to 5-2 in its last seven games against Pac-12 Conference teams.
- SDSU held Colorado to its fewest points (20, previous low was 35) and yards (272, previous low was 432) in a game this season. The Buffaloes came in averaging 41.5 points and 478.5 yards per game.
- San Diego State's three losses are against teams that are undefeated. The three opponents - Nevada (5-0 entering Saturday night's game at Hawai'i, San Jose State (4-0) and Colorado (3-0) - are a combined 12-0 on the season.
- The Aztecs dropped to 6-3 in road games since the start of the 2019 campaign.
- SDSU had its nine-game winning streak snapped of games played in the Mountain Time Zone.
- San Diego State had its four-game winning streak snapped against teams from the Mountain Time Zone.
- The Aztecs had their seven-game winning streak snapped in games played in the state of Colorado.
- SDSU had won its last five games following a loss prior to today.

Injuries

San Diego State played without the following injured players:

- Starting RB Greg Bell – injured last week
- Starting QB Lucas Johnson – injured last week
- Starting LB Seyddrick Lakalaka – injured in practice this week
- Starting RG William Dunkle – missed 3rd straight game
- Starting C and captain Dominc Gudino – missed 6th straight game

Series History

- The Aztecs fell to 0-2 all-time against Colorado.
- Both games in the series have been played in Boulder.

Team Notes

- San Diego State had the ball for just 22 minutes, 32 seconds (22:32), its fewest in a game since holding the ball for 17:49 at Army West Point on Sept. 10, 2011.
- The Aztecs had three players reach double-digits in the tackles for the first time since the 2017 Armed Forces Bowl against Army West Point.
- SDSU has still won 13 of its last 19 games (13-6), 31 of its last 46 (31-15), 38 of its last 55 (38-17), 51 of its last 69 (51-18) and 52 of its last 73 since the 2015 season (52-21).

- The Aztecs are still outscoring the opposition, 38-13, in the first quarter.
- SDSU now has 38 points over its last three second quarters.
- San Diego State now has 12 interceptions returned for a touchdown since the start of the 2015 season, tied for the eighth most in FBS play over that span.
- The Aztecs had their 11-game winning streak snapped when returning an interception for a touchdown.
- Colorado had 83 yards on its first drive on 16 plays (5.2 yards per play). The rest of the game the Buffaloes had 189 yards on 66 plays (2.9 yards per play).

Trends

- San Diego started with the ball for the 99th time over the last 116 games.
- The Aztecs allowed their opponents to score on their opening possession for the first time this season and just the 19th time since 2015 (73 games).
- SDSU allowed its first touchdown in the first quarter this season and first since Nov. 23, 2019 at Hawai'i. The seven first quarters in between Nov. 29, 2019 and today San Diego State allowed a total of 12 points.
- San Diego State did not score in the first quarter, snapping a streak of six straight first quarters with a score.
- The Aztecs scored in the second quarter for the 15th straight game.
- SDSU had its four-game winning streak snapped when holding the opposition to 24 or less points. San Diego State is now 13-2 in the Brady Hoke era when allowing 24 or less points.

Player Notes

* **Cameron Thomas, So., DE (14 tackles (11 solo), 1.0 sack, 3.0 TFL, 3 QBU)**

- Had a career-high 14 tackles (11 solo) with a 12-yard sack, three tackles for loss and three quarterback hurries.
- Entered the game with eight tackles in his first five contests.
- The 14 tackles were eight more than his previous high of six (accomplished three times).
- Led the team in tackles for the first time of his career.

* **Trenton Thompson, Sr., S (10 tackles (6 solo), 1.5 TFL, 1 PBU)**

- Had a season-high 10 tackles (six solo), including 1.5 tackles for loss and a pass breakup.
- It was his second career double-digit tackle game.

* **Andrew Aleki, Sr., LB (10 tackles (6 solo), 0.5 TFL, 1 QBH)**

- Had a career-high 10 tackles (six solo) with 0.5 tackles for loss and a quarterback hurry.
- Easily eclipsed his previous high of six, which he had done four times for his career.

* **Darren Hall, Jr., CB (1 tackle, 1 INT for TD, 1 PBU)**

- Had a solo tackle, an interception returned for a touchdown and a pass breakup.
- The interception returned for a touchdown was the first of his career.
- Now has two defensive touchdowns for his career (also a fumble return TD vs. Central Michigan in the 2019 New Mexico Bowl).
- Had an interception for the second straight game, and now has two this season and five for his career.

Other Notes

- WAR Tariq Thompson started for the 45th consecutive game, the longest streak on the team (offense/defense).
- WAR Tariq Thompson and LS Turner Bernard each played in their 45th straight games, the longest streaks on the team.
- LS Turner Bernard played in his 49th career game, the most on the team.

- K Matt Araiza tied a career long with a 48-yard field goal in the second quarter.
- Today's temperature was 55 degrees.

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