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Postgame Football Notes – San Diego State at Hawai'i

Nov. 6, 2021 | Clarence T.C. Ching Complex | Honolulu, Hawaii

Records: No. 24 San Diego State (8-1, 4-1 Mountain West); Hawai'i (4-6, 1-4 Mountain West)

Next Game: Sat., Nov. 13 | vs. Nevada | Dignity Health Sports Park | San Diego, Calif. | 7:30 p.m. PT | CBSSN | 101.5 KGB, XTRA 1360

Top Notes

- San Diego State improved to 8-1 overall, matching its best nine-game start since 1975.
- The San Diego State victory today coupled with Fresno State's loss means the Aztecs once again control their own destiny in the quest for the team's 22nd conference championship.
- San Diego State beat Hawai'i for the second straight season and has now won eight of the last 10 games played between the teams.
- The Aztecs handed Hawai'i just its second home loss of the season (also: San José State). Hawai'i entered the night 10-3 in its last 13 home games.
- **Matt Araiza** set an NCAA record with his 15th punt of 60 yards or more this season. The second-quarter punt that set the record was 79 yards in length.

The Series

- San Diego State leads the all-time series 23-11-2.
- San Diego State is 8-2 in its last 10 games against the Warriors.
- The Aztecs are 12-7-2 playing at Hawai'i.

Team Notes

- San Diego State's second-quarter conversion on third-and-14 was its longest third down conversion of the season.
- San Diego State has forced at least one turnover in 22 consecutive games, which is the second-longest active streak in FBS play (Marshall, 23).
- The Aztecs improved to 40-2 the last 52 games they have won the turnover battle.

Trends

- The Aztecs lost the coin toss for the fourth time this season in nine games.
- SDSU started with the ball for the 122nd time over the last 127 games.
- San Diego State first 11 offensive snaps of the game (entire first two drives) came in Hawai'i territory.
- San Diego State has won seven straight games when scoring first.
- San Diego State held its opponent scoreless on its opening possession for the ninth straight game (eight, three-and-outs or less).
- The Aztecs improved to 5-0 on the season and 16-4 in the Brady Hoke era when scoring first, including wins in seven straight games.
- SDSU improved to 6-0 this season and 22-5 in the Brady Hoke era when leading at the half, including wins in seven straight games.
- The Aztecs won their 21st straight game when leading after three quarters. SDSU also improved to 23-3 in the Brady Hoke era when leading after three quarters.

Player Notes

*** Greg Bell, Sr., RB (24 att., 77 yds., 1 TD | 1 rec., 3 yds.)**

Scored his seventh rushing touchdown of the season and 13th of his career ... Now has seven overall touchdowns this year and 14 for his career ... Now his 23rd all-time at SDSU with 1,382 yards in 16 games.

*** Lucas Johnson, Sr., QB (12-for-16, 99 yds., 0 TD, 0 INT | 9 att., 23 yds.)**

Improved to 4-1 as the starting quarterback this season ... Completed his first six passes of the game.

*** Jack Browning, So., H (1 att., 13 yds., 1 TD)**

Out of the holder position on the field goal unit, carried 13 yards for a touchdown ... It was his first career rushing attempt.

*** Matt Araiza, Jr., K/P (2-for-2 PAT | 1-for-2 FG, 39 LG | 5 P, 49.6 avg., 2 I20, 79 LG | 4 KO, 58.8 avg., 3 TB)**

Had a long punt of 79 yards, his sixth 70-yard punt of the season ... Now has 15 punts this year of at least 60 yards, which is a NCAA record ... Made a 39-yard field goal after missing a 53-yarder, which would have tied a career long.

*** Andrew Aleki, Sr., LB (8 tackles (4 solo), 0.5 TFL)**

Had a season-high eight tackles, along with 0.5 tackles for loss ... Led the team in tackles for the first time of his career.

*** Tayler Hawkins, Sr., CB (7 tackles (7 solo), 1 FF)**

Registered a season high in tackles ... Recorded his first forced fumble of this career.

*** Cameron Thomas, Jr., DE (5 tackles (2 solo), 1.0 sack, 1.0 TFL)**

Recorded a sack and tackle for loss, and now has 6.5 sacks this season and 13 tackles for loss, both which lead the team ... Over the last 12 games, has 74 tackles (39 solo), 20.5 tackles for loss and nine sacks.

Other Notes

- TE Daniel Bellinger and LB Caden McDonald each started for the 26th consecutive game, the longest streaks on the team (offense/defense).
- LB Caden McDonald played for the 43rd straight game, the longest streak on the team.
- S Trenton Thompson and CB Tayler Hawkins each played in their 52nd game of their career, the most played among current Aztecs.
- S Trenton Thompson recorded his third interception over the last five games and fourth of his career.
- S CJ Baskerville recovered his first career fumble.
- Darius De Los Reyes recorded his first career appearance.
- Tonight's temperature was 84 degrees.

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