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FINAL EDITION Postgame Football Notes – San Diego State at San José State

Oct. 15, 2021 | CEFCU Stadium | San Jose, Calif.

Records: No. 24/24 San Diego State (6-0, 2-0 Mountain West); San José State (3-4; 1-2 Mountain West)

Next Game: Sat., Oct. 23 | at Air Force | Colorado Springs, Colo. | Time: 5 p.m. MT / 4 p.m. PT | CBSSN | 101.5 KGB, XTRA 1360

The Big Notes

- San Diego State improved to 6-0 for just the second time in 46 seasons and the fifth time in the Division I era.
- Brady Hoke is now the only active FBS head coach to lead three different programs to a 6-0 start (2008 Ball State started 12-0, 2011 Michigan started 6-0 and 2021 San Diego State started 6-0).
- San Diego State is bowl eligible for the 12th consecutive season, extending its school record.
- San Diego State is one of 11 teams tied for the national lead with six victories.
- SDSU improved to 2-0 on the season and 10-4 in program history in overtime games.
- The Aztecs their 28th straight opponent to fewer than 450 yards of total offense. That is the longest active streak in the nation.

The Series

- San Diego State leads the all-time series, 23-20-2.
- The Aztecs avenge last season's loss in Carson and have now won eight of the last nine encounters (8-1).
- SDSU owns an 11-13-1 record against the Spartans in San Jose but have won five straight meetings at CEFCU Stadium.

Team Notes

- The Aztecs allowed a rushing touchdown in overtime, the first one given up by SDSU this season. The rush came on the 171st rushing attempt against San Diego State this year.
- San José State scored its rushing touchdown in the first overtime period, meaning SDSU has not allowed a touchdown by rush in any of the last 30 quarters.
- San Diego State's six-game win streak is its longest contained inside a single-season since the Aztecs won six in a row in 2018.
- The Aztecs won their 19th straight game when leading after three quarters and are now 21-3 under head coach Brady Hoke when leading after three quarters.
- SDSU improved to 2-0 in overtime this season and 10-4 in program history.
- San Diego State's 70 yards rushing are its fewest in a game in which it won since rushing for 61 yards in a 34-31 victory over Boise State on Nov. 23, 2013. The last time the Aztecs won a road game with 70 yards or less running the ball was a 35-yard effort in a 17-16 win at New Mexico on Nov. 4, 2000.
- Since 1980, the Aztecs improved to 6-50 when rushing for 70 yards or less, although SDSU has two victories the last three times it has failed to surpass 70 yards rushing.

- San Diego State did not have a rushing touchdown tonight, snapping a streak of six consecutive games with a rushing TD (16 total).
- San Diego State has held consecutive opponents to less than a 100 passer rating for the first time since the first two games of the 2020 campaign. SDSU has won 10 consecutive games when the opposition passer rating is below 100.
- With an interception on San Jose State's final offensive play of the game (in the second overtime), San Diego State extended its streak of games of forcing at least one turnover to 19.
- San Diego State's average field of position of the 24-yard line was its worst since a 22-yard line average in a loss against Utah State on Sept. 21, 2019.
- Since Brady Hoke returned as head coach, San Diego State has outscored the opposition, 223-114, in the nine Mountain West Conference games.
- The Aztecs have one or less turnovers in five straight games. SDSU is 39-6 at home since Nov. 5, 2011 when committing one or less turnovers.

Trends

- The Aztecs lost the coin toss for the third time this season in six games.
- SDSU did not start with the ball for just the 23rd time over the last 124 games.
- San Diego State held its opponent scoreless on its opening possession for the sixth straight game (five, three-and-outs) and the 61st time since 2015 (81 games).
- The Aztecs improved to 3-0 this season and 14-4 in the Brady Hoke era when scoring first.
- SDSU improved to 4-0 on the season and 20-5 in the Brady Hoke era when leading at the half.
- The Aztecs improved to 22-2 in the Brady Hoke era when allowing 24 points or less (5-0 this season).
- San Diego State improved to 51-5 the last 57 times it held its opponent to a third-down conversion percentage of 33.3 or less.

Player Notes

*** Matt Araiza, Jr., K/P (2-for-3 FG, 53 LG | 1-for-1 PAT | 7 P, 52.9 avg., 4 I20, 86 LG | 3 KO, 65.0 avg., 3 TB)**

Made a pair of field goals and now has multiple field goals in 13 of his 27 career games ... Kicked a career-long 53-yard field goal in the second quarter, which is tied for the sixth-longest field goal in program history, the longest by an Aztec since John Baron II had a 53-yarder against Hawai'i on Nov. 24, 2018 and tied for the ninth longest in the country this season ... Also had a career-long 86-yard punt, which is the second longest in school history (Brian Stahovich, 89 yards at Wyoming on Oct. 30, 2010), and the longest in a FBS game this season ... Also tied a career high with four punts inside the 20.

*** Jesse Matthews, Jr., WR (4 att., 54 yds., 2 TD)**

Had a team-high 54 receiving yards ... Caught a pair of touchdown passes in each overtime session, first from 14 yards out and then from 24 yards out ... It was his second career game with multiple touchdown passes (also vs. Central Michigan in the 2019 New Mexico Bowl) ... It was his first two touchdown catches this season and fourth and fifth of his career.

*** Lucas Johnson, Sr., QB (2-for-3, 38 yds., 2 TD, 0 INT)**

Threw a pair of touchdown passes in just three attempts ... Both TD passes came to Jesse Matthews in each overtime session ... Now has four touchdown passes on the year and six for his career.

*** Patrick McMorris, Jr., S (12 tackles, 3 PBU)**

Recorded a career-high 12 tackles (six solo) and a career-high three pass breakups ... The 12 tackles and three PBUs each were game-highs.

*** Michael Shawcroft, Jr., LB (8 tackles, 1.0 SCK, 3.0 TFL, 1 FF)**

Tied a career high with eight tackles ... Recorded a career-high three tackles for loss and this third sack of the season (4.5 for his career) ... Also had his second forced fumble of the season and fourth of his career.

*** Trenton Thompson, Sr., S (1 INT, 3 PBU)**

Recorded an interception in the end zone in the second overtime ... Now has two straight games with an interception and three picks for his career ... Also had a career-high three pass breakups for a second straight game ... Has two interceptions and six PBUs over his last two games.

Other Notes

- TE Daniel Bellinger, LB Caden McDonald and LT Zachary Thomas all started for the 23rd consecutive game, the longest streaks on the team (offense/defense).
- LB Caden McDonald played for the 40th straight game, the longest streak on the team.
- S Trenton Thompson and CB Tayler Hawkins each played in their 49th game of their career, the most played among current Aztecs.
- Tonight's temperature was 72 degrees.
- Tonight's attendance was 17,177.

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