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## **NEWS RELEASE**

# **San Diego State (2-1) 49, North Dakota (2-1) 41**

Saturday, Sept. 15, 2012 - Qualcomm Stadium - San Diego, Calif.

### **Upcoming Media Opportunities**

- Sunday, Sept. 16 | 6:15 p.m. PT | Call media relations office for details
- Tuesday, Sept. 18 | Noon PT | Weekly Press Conference/Luncheon | FAC, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

### **Next Game**

- San Jose State at San Diego State | Saturday, Sept. 22 | 5 p.m. PT | KUSI

<b>Final Score</b>	<b><u>1</u></b>	<b><u>2</u></b>	<b><u>3</u></b>	<b><u>4</u></b>		<b><u>Final</u></b>
North Dakota	14	6	7	14	-	41
San Diego State	21	14	7	7	-	49

### **Team Notes**

- San Diego State had a pair of 100-yard rushers for the first time since 1998 and the 15<sup>th</sup> time in program history. The Aztecs are 14-1 all-time when having multiple 100-yard rushers.
- SDSU and North Dakota combined for 90 points tonight. That was tied for the eighth-most total points in a San Diego State game in program history and matched the most since Nov. 26, 1994 when the Aztecs and Fresno State combined for 91 points (Fresno State won, 49-42).
- San Diego State defeated a team with a six-game winning streak for the first time since at least 2002. The Aztecs were 0-8 against teams (since 2002) with a six-game winning streak heading into today (0-2 under Tom Craft, 0-3 under Chuck Long and 0-2 under Brady Hoke).
- SDSU has now won eight straight September home games, which is the second-longest September home winning streak in the Division I era. The team's last loss in a September home game was a 52-23 setback to 24<sup>th</sup>-ranked Cincinnati on Sept. 29, 2007. The school record is 23 consecutive home wins during September, spanning the 1962-1979 seasons (12 consecutive in the Division 1 ERA (1969-79)).
- San Diego State has posted a winning record after three games for the third consecutive season (2-1 in 2010, 3-0 in 2011, 2-1 in 2012). Prior to 2010, the Aztecs did not have a winning record after three contests for the five seasons from 2005 through 2009.
- Leon McFadden's interception return for a touchdown in the first quarter was San Diego State's first defensive touchdown since Nov. 13, 2010 at No. 3 TCU.
- McFadden's interception return for a touchdown was the team's first since Nov. 28, 2009, when Luke Laologi returned one at UNLV.
- North Dakota's passing touchdown in the first quarter was the first allowed by the Aztecs since the first quarter of the Washington game. There was 114 minutes, 25 seconds (114:25) of game time in between the two touchdown passes.

### **Weather Notes**

- Tonight's game time temperature of 97 degrees is tied for the second-warmest contest (also Sept. 8, 2001 at Arizona State) San Diego State has played in the Division I era (since 1969). The only warmer game was 99 degrees at Arizona on Sept. 16, 2000.
- It is the warmest home game for the Aztecs in the Division I era (previous warmest was 93 degrees against UCLA on Sept. 8, 1984.)

## Trends

- SDSU has scored 42 or more points in consecutive games for the first time since 1996.
- The Aztecs' 21 points were their most in the first quarter since scoring 24 in a 38-21 win over Idaho State on Sept. 4, 2004.
- SDSU improved to 8-0 in the Rocky Long era when leading after three quarters.
- SDSU has now scored a touchdown in 67 consecutive games.

## Series Notes

- San Diego State improves to 1-0 all-time against North Dakota.

## Player Notes

### \* **Adam Muema, So., RB 13 att., 124 yds., 1 TD)**

- Broke 100 yards rushing for the first time this season and second time of his career.
- Scored his third rushing touchdown of the season, sixth of his career and seventh overall (one receiving).
- He now has a rushing touchdown in four consecutive games.

### \* **Walter Kazez, Sr., RB (18 att., 105 yds., 2 TDs**

- Rushed for 105 yards on 18 carries to move into 18<sup>th</sup> on SDSU's career rushing list. He now has 1,272 for his career and passed Mario Mendez (1,168 from 1961-63), Michael Franklin (1,216 from 2002-05), Bill Kramer (1,225 from 1973-74), Monty Reed (1,231 from 1974-75), Jim Allison (1,233 from 1963-64), Lloyd Edwards (1,251 from 1967-78) and Mike Waters (1,266 from 1983-84) tonight.
- Broke 100 yards rushing for the third time of his career and first since 2009 (his freshman season).
- Scored two rushing touchdowns, giving him four for the season and 13 for his career. He has eight rushing scores over his last five games.

### \* **Ryan Katz, Sr., QB (11-for-18, 241 yds., 3 TDs, 228.58 eff. rating)**

- Finished with 241 passing yards, his most since a 393-yard game at Arizona on Oct. 9, 2010 (while playing for Oregon State).
- Finished with a 228.58 efficiency rating, which was the seventh-best mark in a game in program history.
- Threw a career-high three touchdown passes.
- Each of his five touchdown passes this season have gone to different receivers.

### \* **Gavin Escobar, Jr., TE (5 rec., 117 yards, 1 TD)**

- Had his first 100-yard receiving game of the season and third of his career.
- Caught a 20-yard touchdown pass, his first of the season and 12<sup>th</sup> of his career.

### \* **Colin Lockett, Jr., WR (1 rec., 37 yards, 1 TD)**

- Caught a 37-yard touchdown pass in the first quarter, his first of the season and ninth of his career.

### \* **Brice Butler, Sr., WR (3 rec., 66 yds., 1 TD)**

- Caught a 44-yard touchdown pass from Ryan Katz in the first quarter, his first-ever catch and touchdown as an Aztec.
- The 44-yard catch was a career long.

### \* **Leon McFadden, Sr., DB (6 tackles, 1 INT for TD, 2 PBUs)**

- Returned an interception 28 yards for a touchdown on North Dakota's first offensive play of the game. It was his first career touchdown.
- It also was his first interception of the season and sixth of his career.
- Had two pass breakups, giving him 29 for his career. That is tied with Jeff Shoate (2001-03), Marlon Andrews (1989-90) and Mike Fox (1979-82) for the fifth most in program history.

## Other Notes

- Dominique Sandifer started his first game since the 2010 Poinsettia Bowl (vs. Navy, Dec. 23, 2010).
- Sam Meredith and Jordan Thomas each had their first career sack tonight.
- Adam Roberts caught his first pass of the season and second of his career.
- Tim Vizzi returned his first career punt. It was also the first punt return by an Aztec this season.
- Seamus McMorro had a career-long 51-yard punt.