



## SAN DIEGO STATE AZTECS MEDIA RELATIONS

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# San Diego State (1-3) 26, New Mexico State (0-5) 16

Saturday, Sept. 28, 2013 - Aggie Memorial Stadium - Las Cruces, N.M.

### Upcoming Media Opportunities

- Tuesday, Oct. 1 | 12:15 p.m. PT | Weekly Press Conference/Luncheon | FAC, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

### Next Game

- Nevada at San Diego State | Friday, Oct. 1 | 6 p.m. PT | ESPN

<u>Final Score</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>		<u>Final</u>
San Diego State	0	5	6	15	-	26
New Mexico State	10	6	0	0	-	16

### Mountain Time Zone Notes

- SDSU has now won seven consecutive games in the Mountain Time Zone, the longest active streak in the country (minimum three games played in the time zone in the last 17 years). Ohio State is second with six straight starting on Jan. 2, 1984.
- The last time San Diego State lost a game in the Mountain Time Zone was Oct. 9, 2010 at Brigham Young (L, 24-21).

### Comeback Notes

- The Aztecs rallied from a 16-plus point deficit to win for just the eighth time in program history. They are now 8-143-2 in the Division I era when trailing by at least 16 points at any time during the game. The last time SDSU overcame a 16-plus point deficit to win was Dec. 3, 2011 against Fresno State (trailed, 21-0; won, 35-28).
- San Diego State overcame an 11-point deficit in the second half to win. That ties for the eighth-largest second-half deficit overcome to win in program history. The last time the Aztecs trailed by at least 11 in the second half and came back to win was on Oct. 3, 1998 vs. Tulsa (won, 24-14).

### Other Team Notes

- Numbers for the first four possessions of the game: SDSU - 10 plays, 12 yards, 2 points; New Mexico State - 30 plays, 181 yards, 16 points. Numbers for the rest of the game: SDSU - 67 plays, 429 yards, 24 points; New Mexico State - 32 plays, 87 yards, 0 points.
- San Diego State has allowed a total of 50 rushing yards the past two games on 47 attempts (1.06 per att.).

## Trends

- The Aztecs have received the ball first in 19 straight games, the longest streak in the nation. East Carolina is second at 15 and Clemson is third at 14.
- SDSU has now gone 81 games without suffering a shutout (Nov. 18, 2006 at TCU). That is the only time San Diego State has been shut out in its last 176 games.
- The Aztecs had their first game without an interception since Oct. 20, 2012 at Nevada. SDSU had gone eight straight games with an interception.
- San Diego State had one turnover or less for the first time since Nov. 3, 2012 at Boise State. The Aztecs had gone six consecutive games with two or more turnovers.
- SDSU has held its opponent scoreless in four of the past seven quarters.

## Series Notes

- San Diego State improved to 9-1-1 all-time against New Mexico State.
- The Aztecs have now won seven straight in the series.
- SDSU improved to 2-1-1 against the Aggies in Las Cruces (other win was a 41-21 decision on Sept. 11, 2000).
- San Diego State is now 23-7 all-time against teams that are independent at game time.

## Coach Rocky Long Notes

- Rocky Long improved to 18-12 at San Diego State.
- Rocky Long extended his MW lead with his 80<sup>th</sup> victory in league history.
- Rocky Long improved to 9-3 all-time against New Mexico State, including wins in seven straight meetings.

## Player Notes

### \* **Quinn Kaehler, Jr., QB (22-for-34, 229 yds., 0 TD, 0 INT)**

- Threw for 229 yards, his third straight game with at least 200 yards passing.
- Became the first Aztec quarterback to not throw an interception in a game since Ryan Katz/Adam Dingwell did not throw one at Nevada on Oct. 20, 2012.

### \* **Donnel Pumphrey, T-Fr., RB (19 att., 167 yds., 3 TD)**

- Rushed for a career-high 167 yards to become the 73<sup>rd</sup> different Aztec with a 100-yard rushing game. That was the 270<sup>th</sup> 100-yard rushing game in school history.
- The 167 yards were the most by an Aztec freshman since Ronnie Hillman had 228 yards in the 2010 Poinsettia Bowl vs. Navy.
- Had his first three career rushing touchdowns. He became the first Aztec with multiple touchdowns (rushing or passing) since Adam Muema had four at Wyoming on Nov. 24, 2012.
- Also set a career-high with 19 attempts and had a career-long 43-yard run.

### \* **Ezell Ruffin, Jr., WR (8 rec., 101 yds., 0 TD)**

- Had a career-high eight catches for 101 yards.
- It was his second career 100-yard receiving game (also Sept. 8, 2012 vs. Army). It was the 313<sup>th</sup> 100-yard receiving game in school history.

### \* **Wes Feer, Sr., K (1-for-2 FGs, 1-for-1 PATs)**

- Missed his first field goal of the season, but did hit a 25-yarder. Is now 8-for-9 on field goal attempts and 6-for-6 on PATs.
- Is now 3-for-4 from 40-plus yards on the season.

## **Other Notes**

- Nat Berhe started for the 32<sup>nd</sup> time, the most of any current Aztec.
- Jake Fely started for the 30<sup>th</sup> consecutive game, the longest streak on the team.
- True freshman Brandon Porter logged his first career appearance.
- Sam Meredith blocked a PAT, the second by an Aztec this year (also Billy Vaughn, Jr., vs. Eastern Illinois).
- David Lamar returned a PAT for two points, the first time by an Aztec since Leon McFadden on Sept. 12, 2009 vs. Southern Utah.
- Tim Vizzi had a career-high three catches.
- Chad Young had a career-long 11-yard run.
- Larry Clark had a career-long 33-yard reception.
- Cody Galea recorded his first career forced fumble.
- Eric Pinkins recorded his second fumble recovery of the season and third of his career.
- J.J. Whittaker has his first two career pass breakups.
- Vaness Harris and Sam Meredith each had their second career pass breakup.
- Josh Gavert tied a career high with seven tackles.

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