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San Diego State 28, Air Force 9

Saturday, Nov. 10, 2012 - Qualcomm Stadium - San Diego, Calif.

Records

- **San Diego State:** 8-3 overall, 6-1 Mountain West
- **Air Force:** 5-5 overall, 4-2 Mountain West

Next Game

- San Diego State at Wyoming | Saturday, Nov. 24 | 1:30 p.m. MT | Time Warner Sports Network

Final Score

	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>		<u>Final</u>
Air Force	3	0	6	0	-	9
San Diego State	7	7	14	0	-	28

Team Notes

- SDSU picked up its 500th win in the history of the program. San Diego State is now 500-397-32 (.555).
- Aztec head coach Rocky Long passed TCU's Gary Patterson for the most wins (78) in the history of the Mountain West. Long's first 62 in the Mountain West came with New Mexico (1999-2008), while his last 16 have come with SDSU.
- San Diego State has won six consecutive games. Notes on the winning streak:
 - * It is the longest win streak by an Aztec team since a six-game winning streak from Sept. 28 - Nov. 4, 1995 (17 years ago).
 - * It matches the longest win streak since a seven-game winning streak from Nov. 15, 1980 - Oct. 10, 1981.
 - * It matches the longest win streak in one season since the last seven games of the 1977 campaign (Oct. 15 - Nov. 16, 1977) (35 years).
- With the win, SDSU is guaranteed its third consecutive season with at least eight wins. The last time San Diego State had eight or more wins in three straight campaigns was when it did it in six consecutive years from 1972-77.
- The Aztecs claimed their eighth victory of the season today (Nov. 10), the fourth-earliest date for an eighth win in the Division I era and the earliest date for a seventh victory since 1991.
- SDSU won its sixth consecutive game against a military academy (all over the past 32 contests). Over the streak, San Diego State beat the Falcons three times (2010-12), Army twice (2011-12) and Navy (2010 Poinsettia Bowl).
- Air Force scored off an Aztec turnover in the third quarter, the first allowed by the defense since Sept. 29 at Fresno State. The previous seven led to zero points.
- Three of the four turnovers forced by SDSU led to touchdowns. San Diego State has now scored on 17 of its last 19 turnovers forced (16 touchdowns, one field goal).
- San Diego State improved to 8-2 in "Senior Day" game since 2003.
- The Aztecs have received the ball first in all 11 games this season.

Trends

- San Diego State has now scored a touchdown in 75 consecutive games.
- The Aztecs have at least one rushing touchdown in 19 consecutive games (dating back to the Oct. 8, 2011 contest vs. TCU), their longest stretch since a 19-game streak from Nov. 25, 1989-Oct. 12, 1991.
- SDSU improved to 6-1 this season and 11-1 in the Rocky Long era when leading after the first quarter.
- San Diego State improved to 6-0 this year and 9-0 in the Rocky Long era when leading at the half.
- The Aztecs improved to 7-1 this season and 14-1 in the Rocky Long era when leading after three quarters.

Series Notes

- San Diego State improved to 12-19 all-time in the series with Air Force, including three consecutive wins. It matches the Aztecs' longest winning streak in the history of the series (also 2002-04).
- SDSU evened its record in the series to 7-7 at home. San Diego State has won four of the last five vs. the Falcons at home.
- The Aztecs' 19-point win was their largest in the series since winning by 30 (48-18) on Sept. 29, 1990.

Coach Rocky Long Notes

- Passed TCU head coach Gary Patterson for the most wins (78) in the history of the Mountain West. Long's first 62 in the Mountain West came with New Mexico (1999-2008), while his last 16 have come with San Diego State.
- Improved to 16-8 as head coach with the Aztecs. The .667 winning percentage is the third highest in program history, trailing only Don Coryell (.840) and Claude Gilbert (.697).
- The 16-8 mark as head coach by Rocky Long is the best 24-game start by an SDSU head coach since Claude Gilbert went 19-3-2 during the 1973 and 1974 seasons.

Player Notes

*** Adam Muema, So., RB (15 att., 81 yds., 2 TDs)**

- Had multiple touchdowns for the fourth time this season and fifth time of his career.
- Had multiple rushing touchdowns for the third time this year and fourth time of his career.
- Now has 13 overall touchdowns this season and 17 for his career.
- Now has 12 rushing touchdowns this season and 15 for his career.

Chad Young, Jr., FB (3 rec., 10 yds., 1 TD)

- Caught his third touchdown of the season and fourth of his career.
- Now has at least one reception in nine of the 11 games this season and two or more five times.

Ezell Ruffin, So., WR (3 rec., 36 yds.)

- Had multiple receptions for the fourth time this season and first time since the Hawai'i game on Oct. 6.
- Had his first catch since the Nevada game on Oct. 20.

*** Walter Kazee, Sr., RB (23 att., 106 yds.)**

- Broke 100 rushing yards for the third time this season and fifth time of his career.
- The 23 carries were a career high.

*** Everett Beed, So., DL (1 tackle, 1 TFL, 1 FR, 1 TD)**

- Returned a fumble 52 yards for a touchdown, the Aztecs' first since Jerome Long had one at No. 3 TCU on Nov. 13, 2010.
- The fumble recovery was the first of his career

*** Nat Berhe, Jr., DB (12 tackles (10 solo), 1 INT)**

- Had an interception for the second straight game, second time this season and fifth of his career.
- Had 12 tackles, his third game with 10 or more tackles this season and fourth of his career.

*** Jake Fely, So., LB (10 tackles, 1 FF)**

- Had 10 tackles, his third double-digit tackle game of his last five.
- Forced his second fumble of the season and fifth of his career.

Other Notes

- Nik Embernate started for the 44th time of his career, the most of any current Aztec.
- Alec Johnson and Leon McFadden each started for the 37th consecutive game (longest streak on the team).
- Brice Butler caught a pass for the ninth consecutive game.
- Tim Vizzi caught an 11-yard pass, his longest since a 47-yard TD catch in the opener at Washington on Sept. 1.
- Marcus Andrews had the first interception of the season and second of his career.
- Josh Gavert forced his first career fumble.
- Sam Meredith recovered his first career fumble.
- Josh Gavert had his first sack of the season and third of his career, while Derek Largent had one, giving him 5.5 this year.