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San Diego State 39, Nevada 38 (OT)

Saturday, Oct. 20, 2012 - Mackay Stadium - Reno, Nev.

Records

- **San Diego State:** 5-3 overall, 3-1 Mountain West
- **Nevada:** 6-2 overall, 3-1 Mountain West

Upcoming Media Opportunities

- Sunday, Oct. 21 | 6:15 p.m. PT | Call media relations office for details
- Tuesday, Oct. 23 | Noon PT | Weekly Press Conference/Luncheon | FAC, 2nd Floor

Next Game

- UNLV at San Diego State | Saturday, Oct. 27 | 5 p.m. PT | Time Warner Sports Network

<u>Final Score</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>OT</u>		<u>Final</u>
San Diego State	0	6	8	17	8	-	39
Nevada	3	7	14	7	7	-	38

Team Notes

- San Diego State rallied from a 10 or more point deficit in the fourth quarter to win for just the fourth time in 188 tries. The other times were Oct. 26, 1991 at Utah, Nov. 26, 1977 at San Jose State and Nov. 29, 1969 vs. Long Beach State.
- The Aztecs won their fourth consecutive overtime game and improved to 4-1 all-time in overtime games. Their last overtime game was Oct. 24, 1998.
- San Diego State picked up its second win over a team that entered the game with at least a five-game winning streak since 2002. The Aztecs were 1-8 overall (with their lone win against North Dakota earlier this season) and 0-8 vs. FBS teams since 2002 when playing a team with at least a five-game winning streak.
- SDSU handed Nevada just its third loss in its last 22 home games. San Diego State joins South Florida (2012) and Louisiana Tech (2011) as the only visiting teams to win in Mackey Stadium since Oct. 3, 2009.
- The Aztecs have won three straight games, which matches their second longest winning streak contained in the same year in the last 14 seasons (does not include win streaks carried over from season to season).
- SDSU has won four consecutive road games in the month of October dating back to Oct. 9, 2010. That is the longest October road winning streak since a six-game winning stretch from Oct. 5, 1991-Oct. 9, 1993.
- San Diego State's Derek Largent earned his first career start. He's the 13th different player to make his first start as an Aztec this season and 11th to earn his first Division I start.
- SDSU has received the ball first in all eight games this season.
- San Diego State held Nevada to 10 points in the first half, its lowest first half point total all season. The Wolf Pack came in averaging 16.57 points in the first half prior to tonight.
- The Aztecs converted a 2-point conversion for the first time since last year vs. Boise State (Nov. 19, 2011).

Trends

- SDSU has now scored a touchdown in 72 consecutive games.
- San Diego State has scored 30 or more points in 12 of the last 13 games.
- The Aztecs had scored in eight consecutive quarters prior to being shut out in the first quarter tonight.
- SDSU has at least one rushing touchdown in 16 consecutive games (dating back to the Oct. 8, 2011 contest vs. TCU), its longest stretch since a 19-game streak from Nov. 25, 1989-Oct. 12, 1991.

Series Notes

- SDSU has won three consecutive games in the series with Nevada and is 3-2 all-time.
- San Diego State improved to 1-1 all-time against the Wolf Pack in Reno (last meeting there was in 1945).

Coach Rocky Long Notes

- Is now 13-8 as head coach with the Aztecs. The .619 winning percentage is the third highest in program history, trailing only Don Coryell (.840) and Claude Gilbert (.697).
- The 13-8 mark as head coach by Rocky Long is the best 21-game start by an SDSU head coach since Claude Gilbert went 16-3-2 during the 1973 and 1974 seasons.
- Picked up his 75th win while coaching in the Mountain West. Long had 62 wins with New Mexico in the Mountain West (1999-2008) and has 13 over the past two years with SDSU. Long's 75 Mountain West wins only trails Gary Patterson of TCU, who had 77.

Player Notes

* **Adam Dingwell, So., QB (14-for-23, 177 yds., 3 TDs, 0 INTs, 168.56 Eff. Rating | 12 att., 23 yds.)**

- Threw his first three career touchdown passes after replacing an injured Ryan Katz in the first quarter.
- Also threw for a career-high 177 yards.
- Had a career-long 18-yard rush.

* **Gavin Escobar, Jr., TE (5 rec., 39 yds., 2 TDs)**

- Caught two touchdown passes, giving him four for the season and 15 for his career.
- Now has three career games with two or more touchdown receptions.
- Caught a pass for the 15th consecutive game and two or more for the 26th time of his career.

* **Walter Kazee, Sr., RB (15 att., 58 yds., 1 TD)**

- Had his sixth rushing touchdown of the season (first since San Jose State on Sept. 22) and 15th of his career.
- Had 58 yards tonight to move into 14th-place on the school's all-time rushing list with 1,569 career yards. He passed Brandon Bornes, who had 1,553 from 2004-07.

* **Dominique Sandifer, Sr., WR (5 rec., 60 yds., 1 TD)**

- Had his first touchdown catch since his freshman season in 2009 and the third of his career. His last TD catch was Nov. 21, 2009 (1,064 days in between TD receptions).
- Had five or more receptions for the fourth time in his career and first time since Nov. 20, 2010.
- Had multiple receptions for the third consecutive game

* **Nat Berhe, Jr., DB (15 tackles)**

- Had a career-high 15 tackles.

* **Chance Marden, Sr., K (3-for-3 FG's, 2-for-2 PATs)**

- Made all three of his field goal attempts, stretching his streak to seven consecutive makes after missing the first three of his career.
- Booted a career-long 46-yard field goal and hit a 35-yarder as time expired in the fourth quarter to force overtime.

* **Seamus McMorrow, Fr., P (4 punts for 210 yards (52.5 avg.), 2 I20 | 6 kickoffs, 4 touchbacks)**

- Punted four times for 210 yards and a career-high 52.5 average.
- All four of his punts were 50 or more yards, including a career-long 56-yarder.
- Also had a career-high two punts inside the 20.
- Kicked off six times, four for touchbacks.

Other Notes

- Derek Largent made his first career start.
- Dylan Denso made his first start of the season and 12th of his career.
- Nik Embernate started for the 41st time of his career, the most of any current Aztec.
- Alec Johnson and Leon McFadden each started for the 34th consecutive game (most on the team).
- Brice Butler caught a pass for the sixth straight contest.
- Tim Vizzi had his first career rush and ran for 10 yards.
- Tony Bell logged the first playing time of his career.