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# Postgame Football Notes — San Diego State vs. UCLA

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#### **Big Notes**

- San Diego State defeated UCLA for the first time in the 23 all-time series meetings between the two schools. The Aztecs series record against the Bruins is now 1-21-1.
- The 22-game winless streak by an FBS opponent against another FBS opponent is the longest streak snapped since Kentucky ended a 31-game streak against Florida one year ago tomorrow (Sept. 8, 2018).
- San Diego State improved to 5-1 in its last six games against Pac-12 opponents. Since the start of the 2016 season, SDSU's five victories over Pac-12 opponents are the most for any G5 school against any Power 5 conference in the nation.
- The Aztec win percentage in Pac-12 games since the start of the 2016 campaign is 83.3 (5-1). That is the highest winning percentage by any team (including Pac-12 teams) against the conference during that period of time (min. 5 games).
- SDSU has five wins (5-1) over Pac-12 schools since the start of the 2016 campaign. That is one more Pac-12 win than Oregon State (4-23) has accumulated during that span.
- This is the 13th victory in the program's Division I history against a team that was a member of the Pac-12/10/8 at game time. Six of those wins have come in the Rocky Long era (also: Ted Tollner 2, Doug Scovil 2, Claude Gilbert 2, Don Coryell).
- This is just the third Division I era road victory over a Pac-12/10/8 team. The Aztecs have accomplished it twice in the Rocky Long era (today and 2017 at Arizona State). The other occurrence was at Oregon State in 1975.
- With the victory, San Diego State is 3-29 in Division I history in road games at Pac-12/10/8 opponents. The Aztecs have now won two of their last three road games at Pac-12 league schools and have defeated consecutive unranked Pac-12 opponents away from home.
- Rocky Long improved to 1-1 lifetime against UCLA (1-0 at San Diego State). He served as the UCLA defensive coordinator in 1996 and 1997 when the Bruins went 15-8 and won their final 10 games on which he served on the staff.
- San Diego State won its 12th consecutive game played during the month of September. Regardless of other outcomes today, this will rank no lower than the third-longest active streak nationally, trailing only Clemson (19) and Alabama (13).
- In the last 11 games in which San Diego State has been an underdog, the Aztecs have won the game outright eight times.
- SDSU held UCLA to 14 points, its fewest in the series since 1933.
- The 14 points allowed were the fewest against a Power 5 school since giving up 14 to Wisconsin on Sept. 16, 2006.
- San Diego State held UCLA to its lowest total offense (261) at home since Sept. 11, 2010 vs. No. 25 Stanford.
- The Aztecs held the Bruins to 21 minutes, 44 seconds (21:44) of time of possession, which is just the fifth time this century that UCLA had the ball for 21:44 or less in a home game.

#### **Team Notes**

- SDSU has won 20 of its last 30 (21-9) games, 27 of its last 38 (27-11), 40 of its last 52 (40-12) and 41 since the 2015 season (41-15).
- San Diego State is 2-0 for the third time in the last four seasons and the fourth time in the Rocky Long era. The last two times the Aztecs have opened 2-0 the team went on to finish 11-3 (2016) and 10-3 (2017).
- This is the sixth 2-0 start in Rocky Long's head coaching career.
- San Diego State improved to 9-3 in its last 12 road games (with two Power 5 wins) and 16-5 in its last 21 road contests.
- The Aztecs improved to 17-7 (.708) in road games since the start of 2015. Entering today, SDSU owned the 11th-highest winning percentage nationally and tops among teams in the Pacific Time Zone.
- San Diego State improved to 30-1 the last 31 times it has recorded at +2 turnover advantage.
- The Aztecs had their most passing yards (293) in a road victory since Oct. 30, 2010 at Wyoming (365).
- SDSU had its most passing first downs (15) since Sept. 8, 2018 vs. Sacramento State.
- San Diego State had its most passing first downs (15) versus a team from the Power 5 since Sept. 24, 2011 at Michigan.
- SDSU's first scoring drive went 14 plays and 7 minutes, 13 seconds (17:13), its longest scoring drive since a 17-play, 8:14 drive vs. San Jose State on Oct. 20, 2018. It was San Diego State's second-longest drive time wise since Oct. 28, 2016.
- UCLA was 0-for-2 on fourth down against the Aztecs. Opponents are now 11 of its last 43 (.256) on fourth down against the Aztecs.
- SDSU had 10 tackles for loss, its most in a game since recording 10 at New Mexico on Nov. 3, 2018.

#### **Trends**

- San Diego State started with the ball for the 86th time in the last 99 games.
- The Aztecs allowed their opponent to score on their opening drive for just the 16th time since 2015 (56 games).
- SDSU improved to 1-0 on the season and 45-11 in the Rocky Long era when leading at the first quarter.
- San Diego State improved to 2-0 on the season and 52-12 in the Rocky Long era when leading at the half.
- San Diego State improved to 1-0 on the season and 61-12 in the Rocky Long era when leading after three quarters.
- SDSU improved to 61-5 in the Rocky Long era when holding its opponent to less than 24 points.
- San Diego State won its 31<sup>ST</sup> straight game when holding the opposition to 17 or less points and is now 46-1 in the Rocky Long era when that occurs.
- The Aztecs improved to 39-12 in the Rocky Long era when allowing less than 100 rushing yards.

## **Player Notes**

### \* Ryan Agnew, Jr., QB (23-for-31, 293 yds., 1 TD, 0 INT)

- Was 23-for-31 for a career-high 293 yards and a touchdown without throwing an interception.
- Had the most passing yards by a quarterback in the Jeff Horton offensive coordinator era (since 2015) and the most since Quinn Kaehler threw for 326 against Air Force on Nov. 21, 2014.
- Threw his first touchdown of the season and 11th of his career.
- Improved to 8-1 as the team's starting quarterback.

# \* Kobe Smith, So., WR (7 rec., 131 yds., 1 TD)

- Set career highs with seven receptions and 131 yards, while recording his first career touchdown.
- Became the 85th different 100-yard receiver in program history (325th occasion overall).
- Entered the game with 10 career receptions for 121 yards.

### \* Chase Jasmin, Jr., RB (3 att., 3 yds., 1 TD | 1 rec., 11 yds.)

- Scored his first rushing touchdown of the season and eighth of his career.
- Scored his first overall touchdown of the season and ninth of his career.

## \* Matt Araiza, RS-Fr., K (3-for-4 FG, 2-for-2 PAT | 6 KO, 61.2 Avg., 5 TB)

- Was 3-for-4 in field goal tries.
- Made multiple field goals for the second straight game.
- His three field goals were a career high.
- Made a career-long 43-yard field goal in the first quarter.
- Is now 5-for-6 on the season in field goal attempts.
- Also added a career-high five touchbacks.

## \* Tayler Hawkins, Jr., WAR (10 tackles, 2.0 TFL)

- Had a career-high 10 tackles, including two tackles for loss.
- He led the team in tackles for the first time of his career.

#### \* Kyahva Tezino, Sr., LB (9 tackles, 1.0 sacks, 1.5 TFL, 1 FF)

- Came up with nine tackles (seven solo), to go along with one sack, 1.5 tackles for loss and a forced fumble.
- Forced his first career fumble.
- Had his first sack of the season and 13th of his career.

# \* Dwayne Johnson Jr., Jr., AZT (7 tackles, 1 FF, 1 PBU)

- Has seven tackles, a forced fumble and a pass breakup.
- The forced fumble and pass breakup were each the first of his career.

#### **Other Notes**

- WAR Tariq Thompson started for the 28th consecutive game, the longest streak on the team (offense/defense).
- LB Troy Cassidy played in his 39th straight game, the longest streak on the team.
- CB Kyree Woods had his first sack of the season and third of his career. Woods also had his first forced fumble of the year and second of his career.
- WAR Tariq Thompson recovered his first fumble of the season and third of his career.
- LB Caden McDonald recovered the first fumble of his career.
- DE Myles Cheatum had his first sack of the season and fifth of his career.
- Neil Boudreau played for the first time of his career on special teams.
- Today's temperature was 87 degrees.
- Today's attendance was 36,951.