

SAN DIEGO STATE FOOTBALL

POSTGAME NOTES ♦ No. 21 SAN DIEGO STATE 27, BOISE STATE 16 ♦ Fri., Nov. 26, 2021 ♦ Dignity Health Sports Park (Carson, Calif.)



FINAL SCORE	27	16
Time Spent in the Lead (<i>Tied 5:02</i>)	46:33	8:25
Total Plays-Yards	74-408	77-319
Plus Territory: Plays-Yards	27-160	22-135
Drives with Plays in Plus Territory	9 of 15	4 of 15
First Down Plays-Yards	32-230	33-139
Average on First Down	7.19	4.21
Rushes-Yards (Avg.)	16-70 (4.4)	11-41 (3.7)
Passes-Yards (Avg.)	16-160 (10.0)	21-98 (14.0)
First Down Sacked (goes down as a rush)	0-0	1-(-9)
First Down Penalties by Opponents-Yards	0-0	0-0
First Down Penalties by Offense-Yards	2-20	0-0
First Downs Made	8	7
First Down Turnovers	0	0
First Down Touchdowns	0	2
Third Down Efficiency (Pct.)	4-16 (25.0)	7-18 (38.9)
Rushing (Pct.)	1-9 (11.1)	1-6 (16.7)
Passing (Pct.)	2-3 (66.7)	4-7 (57.1)
Third Down Sacked (goes down as a rush)	2-(-21)	2-(-15)
Conversion by Penalties	0	1
Third Down Penalties by Opponents-Yards	0-0	1-5
Third Down Penalties by Offense-Yards	0-0	0-0
Average Yards to Go (All)	7.8	7.0
Yards Gained	70	109
Average Yards Gained/Att.	2.8	4.8
3rd & Long (9 or more)	2-7	2-3
3rd & Short (4 or less)	1-4	3-4
Third Down Turnovers	0	1
Third Down Touchdowns	1	1
Fourth Down Efficiency (Yards)	2-3 (11)	1-2 (0)
Total Possessions/Average Field Position	15/SDSU33	12/BSF27
First Half	8/SDSU33	7/UNLV19
Second Half	7/SDSU32	5/UNLV17
Drives Started Inside/At Own 25	5 (2/3)	11 (6/5)
Points Scored (Touchdowns/Field Goals)	0 (0/0)	17 (2/1)
Drives Started in Plus Territory/Attempted to Score	3/3	0/0
Points Scored (Touchdowns/Field Goals)	7 (1/0)	0 (0/0)
Three and Outs or Less (must not have earned 1st D or scored)	4	2
Opponent Turnovers (Points)	3 (7)	0 (0)
Scores-Times in the Red Zone (Points)	4-4 (20)	3-3 (16)
Plays-Yards	12-33	11-12
Third Down Efficiency	1-2	0-2
Scores-Times in the Goal to Go (Points)	0-0 (0)	3-3 (0)
Plays-Yards	0-0	0-0
Explosive Plays (20-plus Yards)	6	3
Rushing	0	0
Passing	6	3
Yards by Quarter:		
First	90	82
Second	151	166
Third	124	54
Fourth	43	17

BIG NOTES

- San Diego State won its 11th game of the year, the first time in program history it has won 11 games in a regular season (excludes championship/bowl games).
- The Aztecs have 11 victories, tied for the most in program history.
- SDSU now has five 11-win seasons, including 1966, 1969, 2015, 2016 and 2021. Four of the 11-wins seasons have come in its Division I era (since 1969), including three in the last seven campaigns.
- San Diego State clinched the West Division title with the victory, the Aztecs' third outright division title since 2015.
- SDSU will play Utah State in the MW Championship at Dignity Health Sports Park at noon PT Saturday.
- San Diego State has now won or shared the West Division title five times since the league split into two divisions in 2013.
- At the completion of the game, the Aztecs are one of only four teams in the country with 11 wins, joining Cincinnati, Georgia and UTSA.
- SDSU finished its regular season with a 6-1 "home" record and are now 9-2 at Dignity Health Sports Park (116 miles away) over the last two years.
- San Diego State's six home wins are its most since also recording six in 2015.
- The Aztecs are the only active Group of 5 program with a winning record against Boise State (min. 7 games) and one of only three active programs overall (also Oregon State and Washington State).
- SDSU held Boise State to its fewest points (16) since the 2019 Las Vegas Bowl (7 vs. Washington on Dec. 21).

SERIES

- San Diego State improved to 4-3 all-time against Boise State.
- The Aztecs are the only active Group of 5 program with a winning record against Boise State (min. 7 games) and one of only three active programs overall (also Oregon State and Washington State).
- The Aztecs are 2-2 against the Broncos at home (1-0 at Dignity Health Sports Park).
- SDSU has won two straight in the series (also 19-13 at Boise State on Oct. 6, 2018), tied for its longest streak in the series (also 2012-13) and tied for the longest for either team (also Boise State in 2014 and 2017).

TEAM NOTES

- SDSU won its 28th straight game when forcing at least three turnovers.
- San Diego State improved to 42-2 the last 44 times it has had a turnover advantage.
- The Aztecs won their 24th straight game when leading after three quarters. SDSU also improved to 26-3 in the Brady Hoke era when leading after three quarters.
- San Diego State outscored Boise State, 14-0, in the third quarter and are now outscoring their opponents, 103-34, in the third quarter.
- The Aztecs were 2-for-3 on fourth down today and are now 11-for-15 on the season on fourth down.
- SDSU is 55-9 the last 64 times it has scored at least 20 points.
- San Diego State improved to 27-10 in the Brady Hoke era when scoring just 20 or more points.
- The Aztecs improved to 21-2 in the Brady Hoke era when starting on at least their own 30-yard line.
- The Aztecs improved to 23-2 in the Brady Hoke era when having better field position than their opponent (9-0 this year).
- SDSU won its 12th straight game when allowing 17 or less points (7-0 this year) and are now 17-0 in the Brady Hoke era when holding the opposition to 17 or less points.
- San Diego State improved to 14-4 in the Brady Hoke era when totaling at least 400 yards of offense.
- The Aztecs had their most passing yards (290) since throwing for 323 against Fresno State on Nov. 15, 2019.
- SDSU won its seventh straight game when not committing a turnover and are now a perfect 9-0 in the Brady Hoke era when not committing a turnover.
- San Diego State held its ninth opponent to under 100 rushing yards this season. The Aztecs have won 10 straight games overall (15-3 in Brady Hoke era) when holding their opponents to under 100 rushing yards.

- The Aztecs improved to 9-0 on the season and 21-3 in the Brady Hoke era when rushing for more yards than their opponent.

TRENDS

- The Aztecs won the coin toss for the sixth time this season in 12 games.
- SDSU did not start with the ball for just the 27th time over the last 130 games.
- San Diego State held its opponent scoreless on its opening possession for the 11th time in the last 12 games, including nine, three-and-outs or less over that span.

PLAYER NOTES

* Jesse Matthews, Jr., WR (9 rec., 133 yds., 1 TD)

Broke 100 yards for the first time this season and fourth time of his career (last vs. San Jose State on Nov. 6, 2020)... He's the third Aztec with a 100-yard receiving game this season (also Daniel Bellinger (113 at Arizona on Sept. 11 and Elijah Kothe vs. Fresno State on Oct. 30)... He broke the 100-yard mark in the first half (six catches for 108 yards)... Caught his fourth touchdown in the past two games, sixth of the season and ninth of his career... Also tied a career high (accomplished last game at UNLV) with nine catches... Over the last two games, he has 18 catches for 208 yards and four touchdowns.

* Jordan Brookshire, Sr., QB (11-for-15, 192 yds., 1 TD, 0 INT | 9 att., 46 yds., 1 TD)

Set a career high with a 73.3 completion percentage, while his 202.85 pass efficiency rating was the second-highest of his career (204.80 at Arizona on Sept. 11, 2021)... Threw his third touchdown pass of the season (first since Sept. 11 at Arizona) and fifth of his career... Scored his fifth rushing touchdown of the season, which is the most by an Aztec quarterback since Kevin O'Connell had 11 in 2007... Made his first appearances since Oct. 15 at San Jose State... Led the team in both passing yards (192) and rushing yards (46).

* Greg Bell, Sr., RB (15 att., 42 yds., 1 TD)

Scored his eighth rushing touchdown of the season and 16th of his career... Now has 940 rushing yards for the season... Has 1,577 rushing yards for his career in just 18 games, which ranks 20th in program history.

* Matt Araiza, Jr., K/P (3-for-3 PAT | 2-for-4 FG, 37 LG | 6 P, 47.5 avg., 2 I20, 61 LG | 6 KO, 65.0 avg., 6 TB)

Now has multiple field goals in five games this season and 16 for his career... With a 61 and a 52-yard punt, extended both his NCAA records for 60-yard punts in a season (18) and 50-yard punts (38)... Also kicked off six times with all going for touchbacks... Is still pace to break the FBS punting average record and is at 51.47 (record is 50.98).

* Jonah Tavai, Sr., DT (6 tackles (4 solo), 3.0 sacks, 3.5 TFL)

Had a career-high three sacks (entered game with 3.5 for the season) and 3.5 tackles for loss (entered with 7.0 for the season)... The six tackles tied a season high and tied for the most on the team.

* Cameron Thomas, Jr., DE (6 tackles (3 solo), 1.0 sack, 2.0 TFL)

Recorded a sack and now has at least one sack in seven straight games... Tied for the team lead in tackles... Now has 11.5 sacks for the year (sixth at SDSU) and 21 for his career (third at SDSU)... Also has 20 tackles for loss on the season (T-7th at SDSU) and 38.5 for his career (10th at SDSU)... Over the last 15 games (three last year and 12 this year), he has totaled 93 tackles (48 solo), 27.5 tackles for loss and 14 sacks

* Patrick McMorris, Jr., AZT (5 tackles, 2 INT)

Became the first Aztec with two interceptions in a game since Luq Barcoo had two vs. Fresno State on Nov. 15, 2019... Now has three interceptions this season and for his career.

OTHER NOTES

- TE Daniel Bellinger and LB Caden McDonald each started for the 29th consecutive game, the longest streaks on the team (offense/defense).
- LB Caden McDonald played for the 46th straight game, the longest streak on the team.
- S Trenton Thompson and CB Tayler Hawkins each played in their 55th game of their career, the most played among current Aztecs.
- CB Dallas Branch had his second interception of the season.
- David Delgado played in his first career game as a holder.
- Today's Honor Warrior was Kyahva Tezino (2016-19).