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### Postgame Football Notes – San Diego State at Arizona State Saturday, Sept. 9, 2017 – Sun Devil Stadium – Tempe, Ariz.

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#### **Streaks Continued**

- San Diego State won its fourth straight game dating back to last year, is 10-2 in its last 12 games and 23-3 in its last 26 games.
- The Aztecs have won the last four games in which they have been an underdog (2015 at San Jose State, 2015 vs. Utah State, 2016 vs. Houston and 2017 at Arizona State).
- SDSU won its fifth straight game played during the month of September.
- San Diego State has won three consecutive road/neutral games dating back to last season.

#### **Streaks Broken**

- San Diego State defeated Arizona State for the first time in 12 all-time meetings. The Aztecs entered tonight 0-10-1 against the Sun Devils.
- SDSU snapped a 28-game road losing streak at teams that called the Pac-12/Pac-10 home at the time of the game. San Diego State's last previous victory at a Pac-12/Pac-10 team was a 25-0 win at Oregon State on Sept. 13, 1975.
- The Aztecs snapped a 23-game losing road losing streak at Power 5 Conference teams dating back to a 41-13 win at Kansas on Sept. 25, 1999.
- SDSU snapped Arizona State's 17-game regular-season non-conference home field win streak dating back to Sept. 20, 2008 (a 27-10 loss No. 3 Georgia). During the 17-game win streak, the Sun Devils defeated three ranked teams (No. 21 Missouri, No. 20 Wisconsin and No. 8 Notre Dame).

#### **Consecutive Wins Against Power 5 Schools**

- San Diego State has won consecutive meetings against Pac-12 teams (SDSU defeated California, 45-40, last season) for the first time since 1994-95 (defeated California, 22-20, on Sept. 10, 1994 and defeated California, 33-9, Sept. 2, 1995).
- The Aztecs have won consecutive meetings against teams from Power 5 Conferences (defeated California, 45-40, last season) for the first time since 1982-83 when the Aztecs defeated Oklahoma State, 35-6, on Nov. 27, 1982 and California, 28-14, on Sept. 10, 1983.

#### **A Rare Visitor Win In The Desert**

- Arizona State entered tonight 14-4 in its last 18 home games and 23-6 in its last 29 home games.
- Arizona State entered the game 18-2 in its last 20 home games against teams not ranked in the AP Top 25 at the time of the game.

## **Road Warriors**

- San Diego State won its third straight road/neutral game, and is 6-1 in its last seven road/neutral games and 12-3 in its last 15 games away from home.
- The Aztecs improved to 4-50 in their Division I history (since 1969) on the road against Power 5 teams and 2-28 on the road against Pac-12 teams.

## **Big Notes**

- Rashaad Penny became the first player in FBS this season with at least one rushing touchdown, one receiving touchdown and one kick return score in the same game.
- Rashaad Penny finished with 353 all-purpose yards (216 rushing, 99 kick return and 38 receiving), the third most in SDSU single-game history, only trailing Marshall Faulk's 422 vs. Pacific on Sept. 14, 1991 and Darnay Scott's 354 against UTEP on Oct. 17, 1992.
- SDSU won for the 23<sup>rd</sup> time over the last 26 games (23-3). The .885 win percentage over that time (since Oct. 3, 2015) trails only Alabama (27-1; .964) and Clemson (27-2; .931) for the highest winning percentage in FBS play.
- The Aztecs won their 34<sup>th</sup> consecutive game when rushing for at least 200 yards and improved to 42-2 in the Rocky Long era (since 2011) when reaching at least 200 yards rushing.
- San Diego State has now won 22 straight games in which it has had at least a 10-point lead at any point in the game.

## **Team Notes**

- The Aztecs improved to 54-14 in the Rocky Long era when scoring just 20 or more points.
- SDSU has now gone 28 straight games with one interception or fewer (dates back to Sept. 12, 2015 at California).
- San Diego State scored on a 99-yard drive, its second straight game with a 99-yard drive and third in six games.
- The Aztecs have a 100-yard rusher in 40 of their last 52 games and 50, 100-yard rushers over that span.
- Arizona State was 0-for-2 against SDSU on fourth down. San Diego State has now stopped opponents from converting a fourth down chance on nine consecutive chances. Aztec opponents are 9-for-29 on fourth down against SDSU since the beginning of the 2016 season.

## **Trends**

- SDSU started with the ball for the 63<sup>rd</sup> time over the last 72 games.
- San Diego State lost the coin toss for just the 17<sup>th</sup> time over the last 40 games.
- The Aztecs have now gone 133 games without suffering a shutout (Nov. 18, 2006 at TCU), which is the third-longest streak among current Mountain West schools (Air Force at 300 and Boise State at 252 (entering tonight's game vs. Washington State)).
- SDSU held an opponent scoreless on its opening drive for the 21<sup>st</sup> time over the last 27 games and 22<sup>nd</sup> time since 2015 (30 games).
- San Diego State has scored in 25 straight second quarters.
- SDSU improved to 41-12 in the Rocky Long era when scoring first.
- The Aztecs improved to 38-9 in the Rocky Long era when leading at the half.
- SDSU improved to 48-10 in the Rocky Long era when leading after three quarters.

## **The Series**

- San Diego State won its first game against Arizona State, improving to 1-10-1.
- The Aztecs improved to 1-4 all-time against the Sun Devils in their Division I era (since 1969).
- SDSU improved to 1-5 against ASU in Tempe.

## Player Notes

### \* **Rashaad Penny, Sr., RB/KR (18 att., 216 yds., 1 TD | 4 rec., 38 yds., 1 TD | 1 KR, 99 yds., 1 TD)**

- Rushed 18 times for a career-high 216 yards and a touchdown, while adding four catches for 38 yards and a touchdown, and a 99-yard kick return for a touchdown.
- Penny's 353 all-purpose yards (216 rushing, 99 kick return and 38 receiving) were the third most in SDSU single-game history, only trailing Marshall Faulk's 422 vs. Pacific on Sept. 14, 1991 and Darnay Scott's 354 against UTEP on Oct. 17, 1992.
- Became the 11<sup>th</sup> player in SDSU history with multiple 200-yard rushing games.
- Recorded his seventh career 100-yard rushing game (all over the last 12 games). The seven career 100-yard rushing games are tied for the 14<sup>th</sup> most in school history.
- Became the first player in FBS this season with at least one rushing touchdown, one receiving touchdown and one kick return score in the same game.
- Now has 18 career rushing touchdowns and 29 overall touchdowns (also six kick return and five receiving).
- Now has 25 touchdowns (17 rushing, four receiving and four kick return) over his last 20 games.
- His six career kick return touchdowns are the most among active FBS players, most in SDSU history and one shy of a NCAA record.
- Had a 95-yard rushing touchdown, which is the third-longest rushing play in program history and longest since a 99-yard run by Ronnie Hillman vs. Wyoming on Oct. 29, 2011.
- Had a 99-yard kick return touchdown, tied for the seventh-longest kick return in program history.
- Moved into 17<sup>th</sup> place on SDSU's all-time rushing list, now with 1,821 yards.

### \* **Christian Chapman, Jr., QB (9-for-18, 73 yds., 1 TD, 0 INT)**

- Was 9-for-18 for 73 yards and a touchdown with no interceptions.
- Improved to 15-3 as the starting quarterback over his career.

### \* **John Baron II, Jr., K (3-for-3 FG, 32 Long, 3-for-3 PATs)**

- Was 3-for-3 on field goal attempts, while making all three of his PATs.
- Has made 23 straight field goals of 50 yards or less, which is a Mountain West record and the longest active streak in FBS play.
- Has made 13 straight field goals overall.
- Has made multiple field goals in eight games, including seven of the past nine games.

## Other Notes

- QB Christian Chapman started for the 18<sup>th</sup> consecutive game, the longest streak on the team (offense/defense).
- RB/KR Rashaad Penny played in his 43<sup>rd</sup> straight game, the longest streak on the team.
- WAR Tariq Thompson recovered his first career fumble in just his second career game.
- Tonight's game temperature was 91 degrees, the 12<sup>th</sup> game in recorded history that This was the first time in SDSU recorded history that it played multiple games in a season of at least 90 degrees.
- Tonight's attendance was 54,336.

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