

SAN DIEGO STATE FOOTBALL

POSTGAME NOTES ♦ San Diego State 34, New Mexico 10 ♦ Friday, Nov. 18, 2022 ♦ University Stadium (Albuquerque, N.M.)



FINAL SCORE	34	10
Time Spent in the Lead (<i>Tied 15:10</i>)	44:50	0:00
Total Plays-Yards	64-459	49-209
Plus Territory: Plays-Yards	30-138	10-20
Drives with Plays in Plus Territory	7 of 11	3 of 11
First Down Plays-Yards	26-147	20-124
Average on First Down	5.65	6.20
Rushes-Yards (Avg.)	21-82 (3.9)	14-94 (6.7)
Passes-Yards (Avg.)	5-65 (13.0)	6-30 (5.0)
First Down Sacked (goes down as a rush)	0-0	0-0
First Down Penalties by Opponents-Yards	1-5	1-15
First Down Penalties by Offense-Yards	0-0	3-15
First Downs Made	5	4
First Down Turnovers	0	0
First Down Touchdowns	1	0
Third Down Efficiency (Pct.)	7-15 (46.7)	0-11 (0.0)
Rushing (Pct.)	4-6 (66.7)	0-4 (0.0)
Passing (Pct.)	3-9 (33.3)	0-7 (0.0)
Third Down Sacked (goes down as a rush)	0-0	0-0
Conversion by Penalties	0	0
Third Down Penalties by Opponents-Yards	0-0	1-15
Third Down Penalties by Offense-Yards	0-0	0-0
Average Yards to Go (All)	6.9	10.1
Yards Gained	160	37
Average Yards Gained/Att.	10.67	3.36
3rd & Long (9 or more)	1-3	0-4
3rd & Short (4 or less)	3-4	0-2
Third Down Turnovers	1	1
Third Down Touchdowns	1	0
Fourth Down Efficiency (Yards)	1-2 (48)	0-1 (-7)
Total Possessions/Average Field Position	11/SDSU33	11/UNM25
First Half	5/SDSU32	6/UNM25
Second Half	6/SDSU33	5/UNM26
Drives Started Inside/At Own 25	3/0	4/4
Points Scored (Touchdowns/Field Goals)	17 (2/1)	3 (0/1)
Drives Started in Plus Territory/Attempted to Score	2/2	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)	3	6
Opponent Turnovers (Points)	1 (0)	1 (0)
Scores-Times in the Red Zone (Points)	2-2 (10)	1-1 (7)
Plays-Yards	5-6	2-5
Third Down Efficiency	0-1	0-0
Scores-Times in the Goal to Go (Points)	1-1 (7)	1-1 (7)
Plays-Yards	2-3	2-5
Explosive Plays (20-plus Yards)	6	2
Rushing	2	1
Passing	4	1
Yards by Quarter:		
First	90	111
Second	153	72
Third	165	11
Fourth	51	15

BIG NOTES

- With the victory, SDSU is guaranteed a winning season. It will be San Diego State's 12th winning season since 2010 (the lone exception was a 4-4 record in the COVID-shortened 2020 campaign). The Aztecs now have had 12 winning seasons over their last 13 campaign (2010-current) after having just one winning season from its previous 13 years (1997-2009).
- SDSU beat New Mexico for the ninth straight time in the series.
- San Diego State won its ninth consecutive game played in New Mexico. Included in the nine victories are five at New Mexico, three at New Mexico State and one against Central Michigan in the 2019 New Mexico Bowl (played at University Stadium on New Mexico's campus).
- The Aztecs won their seventh straight game played in November.
- SDSU threw multiple touchdown passes for a fourth straight game for the first time since a four-game stretch in 2016 (Nov. 5-26).
- San Diego State held a team without a third-down conversion for the first time since Sept. 3, 2016 against New Hampshire and for the first time against a FBS opponent since Oct. 3, 2015 vs. Fresno State.
- The Aztecs outgained the Lobos by 250 yards, their largest margin since outgaining Utah State by 355 on Oct. 21, 2020.
- WR **Mekhi Shaw** became the 90th different Aztec in program history with a 100-yard receiving game with career highs of six catches, 120 yards and two touchdowns.
- RB **Kenan Christon** recorded his second career 100-yard rushing game and first since the first game of his career while playing at USC (Oct. 19, 2019). He's the 81st Aztec with a 100-yard rushing game in program history.

SERIES NOTES

- San Diego State improved to 29-15 all-time against New Mexico.
- The Aztecs have won nine straight games in the series with the Lobos (2009-current).
- SDSU won its third consecutive game against UNM in Albuquerque.

TEAM NOTES

- San Diego State won its 12th consecutive game when scoring 30 points (21-2 with 13 straight wins under Brady Hoke).
- The Aztecs improved to 31-12 under Brady Hoke when scoring just 20 points.
- San Diego State held its opponent scoreless on its opening drive for the seventh time this year in 11 games, 19th time since last season (25 games) and 73rd time since 2015 (100 games).
- The Aztecs now have 20 sacks and 41 tackles for loss over the last five games.
- SDSU improved to 19-5 under Brady Hoke when eclipsing 400 yards of total offense (4-1 this year).
- San Diego State won its 18th straight game when holding its opponent to under 17 or less points and improved to 23-0 under Brady Hoke when keeping an opponent to 17 or less points.
- The Aztecs kept their fifth opponent of the season to under 100 rushing yards (SDSU is 4-1).
- SDSU won its 14th straight game when holding an opponent to 15 or less first downs (SDSU is 18-1 under Brady Hoke with 18 straight wins).
- San Diego State won its sixth straight game when having more time of possession (5-0 this year and 24-4 under Brady Hoke).
- The Aztecs did not trail for the third game this season.
- New Mexico had a 97.43 passing efficiency, the lowest allowed by SDSU this season.

TRENDS

- The Aztecs lost the coin toss for just the fourth time in 11 games this season.
- SDSU did not start with the ball for just the 37th time in the last 143 games.
- San Diego State improved to 5-1 this season and 22-5 under Brady Hoke when scoring first.
- The Aztecs improved to 7-2 on the season and 32-7 in the Brady Hoke era when leading at the half.
- SDSU won for the 33rd time over the last 34 games when leading at the end of the third quarter. San Diego State is now 34-4 under Brady Hoke when leading at the end of the third quarter.

PLAYER NOTES

* **Jalen Mayden, Sr., QB (15-for-25, 280 yds., 2 TD, 1 INT | 5 att., 38 yds.)**

Improved to 5-1 as SDSU's starting quarterback ... Threw his ninth and 10th touchdown passes of the season and now has 11 for his career ... It was his fourth straight multiple touchdown game, the first time an Aztec quarterback has accomplished that since Christian Chapman in 2016 (Nov. 5-26) ... Has now accounted for 11 touchdowns over the last four games (nine passing, two rushing).

* **Mekhi Shaw, So., WR (6 rec., 120 yds., 2 TD)**

Broke 100 yards receiving for the first time of his career ... He became the 90th different Aztec with a 100-yard game ... Also had a career high in catches ... Had his first career multi-touchdown game ... Had a touchdown for the second straight game and now has three for his career ... Had a career-long 51-yard grab.

* **Kenan Christon, Jr., RB (10 att., 102 yds., 1 TD)**

Ran for a season-high 102 yards ... It was his second career 100-yard rushing game and first since rushing for 103 in his first college game at USC against Arizona on Oct. 19, 2019 ... Scored his first rushing touchdown since the same Arizona game on Oct. 19, 2019 ... Now has three career rushing touchdowns (one this season) and seven overall scores (two this season).

* **Jaylon Armstead, So., RB (5 att., 5 yds., 1 TD)**

Had a rushing touchdown for the second straight game ... Now has two rushing touchdowns this season (and for his career) and three overall (also had a punt return touchdown recovered in end zone against Arizona on Sept. 3).

* **Mark Redman, Jr., TE (5 rec., 66 yards)**

Set career highs in both receptions (5) and receiving yards (66).

* **Jack Browning, Sr., K/P (4-for-4 PAT, 2-for-2 FG | 2 P, 52.5 avg., 63 long | 7 KO, 64.1 avg., 4 TB)**

Had multiple field goals for the sixth time this season ... Is now 16-for-19 (.842) on field goal attempts this season ... Is now seventh in SDSU single-season history in field goal percentage (.842) and tied for 12th in field goals (16) ... Had a career-high 52.5 punt average (min. 2 punts), including a career-long 63 yarder ... Also logged his second career tackle.

* **Patrick McMorris, Sr., S (9 tackles, 0.5 TFL)**

Led the team with nine tackles.

* **Cedarious Barfield, Sr., S (8 tackles, 1.5 TFL)**

Had a career-high eight tackles, including a season-high 1.5 tackles for loss.

* **Justus Tavai, Sr., DT (5 tackles, 1.0 sack, 2.5 TFL)**

Tied a season high with five tackles and a sack ... His 2.5 tackles for loss were a career high.

* **Dallas Branch, Sr., CB (2 tackles, 1 INT)**

Recorded an interception for the third straight game ... He now has three interceptions this season and five for his career.

OTHER NOTES

- LB Caden McDonald started for the 42nd consecutive game, the longest streak on the team (offense/defense).
- LB Caden McDonald played for the 59th straight game, the longest streak on the team.
- LB Caden McDonald played in his 59th game, the most on the team.
- The following Aztecs played in their first career game: Drew Azzopardi, Sheldon Canley, Lucky Sutton and Trey White.
- Tonight's temperature was 30 degrees at kickoff, the coldest game SDSU has played since a 25-degree outing at Brigham Young on Dec. 12, 2020. It was the second-coldest game played at University Stadium.
- Tonight's attendance was 14,309.