Postgame Football Notes – San Diego State vs. Central Michigan
Dec. 21, 2019
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<u>Big Notes</u>
- San Diego State finished the season with a 10-3 record.
- It is the Aztecs' 11th double-digit win season in program history, including their eighth in their Division I history (since 1969).
- SDSU now has four seasons with at least 10 wins and a bowl victory (1969, 2015, 2016 and 2019).
- <u>San Diego State became the 10th team in FBS play to win at least 10 games in four of the past five seasons (Michigan could be the 11th with a win vs. Alabama in the Citrus Bowl on Jan. 1).</u>
- As of Dec. 21 at 3:30 p.m. MT, the Aztecs are one of just 24 FBS schools to win at least 10 games this season (UAB has nine wins and plays Appalachian State tonight in the New Orleans Bowl).
- SDSU won its sixth game of the season away from home, which is tied for the most among all FBS teams (also Appalachian State, Clemson, LSU and Ohio State).
- SDSU has won its last eight games played inside the state of New Mexico (4-0 vs. New Mexico, 3-0 at New Mexico State, 1-0 vs. Central Michigan).
- San Diego State improved to 14-1-1 against current members of the Mid-American Conference, including a 9-1-1 mark against teams that were members of the MAC at game time. Today was the Aztecs' first meeting with Central Michigan.
- <u>SDSU has gone 30 straight quarters without allowing more than one score, which is the longest active streak in FBS (Boise State is second at 18 straight quarters). The last time San Diego State allowed multiple scores in a quarter was the second quarter vs. Wyoming on Oct. 12. The Aztecs have allowed just 94 points over the last 30 quarters (3.1 points per quarter).</u>
- SDSU improved to 33-2 over its last 35 games when owning a turnover advantage.
- San Diego State is now 44-2 over its last 46 games when rushing for at least 200 yards.
- SDSU forced five turnovers in a game for the first time since forcing six vs. San Diego on Sept. 5, 2015.
- San Diego State improved to 34-1 in its Division I era when owning a +4 advantage in turnovers.
- The Aztecs had their most total yards (510) since gaining 648 at San Jose State on Nov. 4, 2017.
- SDSU scored its most points (48) since scoring 52 at SJSU on Nov. 4, 2017.
- Senior quarterback Ryan Agnew finished his career with a 15-4 record, the best winning percentage (.789) in SDSU's Division I history.
- Jordan Byrd rushed for a career-high 139 yards, his second career 100-yard rushing game (both this season).
- Jesse Matthews had three catches for 111 yards, his second career 100-yard receiving game (both this season).
- Byrd and Matthews each shared the co-offensive MVP honors, while Kyahva Tezino won the defensive award.

<u>Bowl Notes</u>
- San Diego State improved to 9-9 all-time in bowl games, including a 6-8 mark in its Division I era.

- All nine bowl wins for the Aztecs have come against different opponents.
- <u>The 37-point win was SDSU's largest margin of victory in a bowl game in school history, eclipsing a 35-point win (42-7) over Cincinnati in the 2015 Hawai'i Bowl.</u>

Team Notes
- SDSU has won 28 of its last 40 (28-12) games, 35 of its last 49 (35-14), 48 of its last 63 (48-15) and 49 of its last 67 since the 2015 season (49-18).
- SDSU won its 25th straight game and improved to 36-5 in the Rocky Long era when forcing at least three turnovers in a game.
- SDSU improved to 8-1 this season and 53-6 in the Rocky Long era when having less turnovers than its opponent.
- San Diego State improved to 7-0 this season and 74-18 in the Rocky Long era when scoring just 20 points.
- The Aztecs scored 20 points in the first half, their most in a first half this year.
- SDSU scored 21 points in the third quarter, its most in a quarter since a 21-point first quarter at San Jose State on Nov. 4, 2017.
- San Diego State did not allow a second-quarter point in any of its final five games of the season.
- The eight first downs were the fewest allowed by the Aztecs since surrendering five in the season opener (Aug. 31) with Weber State.
- SDSU held the ball in for 38:19. The Aztecs are now 27-5 over the last 32 times they have had the ball at least 35 minutes.
- San Diego State improved to 53-3 in the Rocky Long era when allowing less than 17 points.
- The Aztecs improved to 41-9 in the Rocky Long era when holding the opposition to an average field position of the 25-yard line or worse.
- SDSU improved to 10-1 on the year and 65-15 in the Rocky Long era when owning a better average fielding position.
- Central Michigan had two plays for 127 yards in the game (61-yard pass and a 66-yard rush). The other 55 plays CMU had 150 yards (2.7 avg.).
- CMU was 0-for-1 on fourth down against SDSU tonight. Opponents are now 20-for-60 (33.0 pct.) on fourth down against the Aztecs since 2016.

Series Notes
- SDSU defeated Central Michigan in the first meeting between the two schools.
- San Diego State improved to 14-1-1 against current members of the Mid-American Conference, including a 9-1-1 mark against teams that were members of the MAC at game time.

Trends
- San Diego State did not start with the ball for just the 14th time in the last 110 games.
- The Aztecs held their opponents scoreless on their opening possession for the 10th time this season and 49th time since 2015 (67 games).
- SDSU improved to 7-1 this season and 58-16 in the Rocky Long era when scoring first.
- San Diego State improved to 5-0 this season and 49-11 in the Rocky Long era when leading after the first quarter.
- San Diego State improved to 9-0 this season and 59-12 in the Rocky Long era when leading at the half.
- The Aztecs improved to 10-0 this season and 69-12 in the Rocky Long era when leading after three quarters.

Player Notes

* Ryan Agnew, Sr., QB (18-for-31, 287 yards, 3 TD, 1 INT)
- Was 18-for-31 for 287 yards and three touchdowns in his final collegiate game.
- His 18 completions came to 12 different receivers.
- The three touchdowns tied a career high (also at Colorado State on Oct. 5, 2019 and vs. Nevada on Oct. 27, 2018).
- Had multiple touchdown passes for the fourth time this season and sixth time of his career.

- Finished with 14 touchdown passes on the season and 24 for his career.
- Improved to 15-4 as the starting quarterback at San Diego State, the best winning percentage (.789) in Aztecs' Division I history (since 1969).

* Jesse Matthews, RS-Fr., WR (3 rec., 111 yds., 2 TD)
- Had three receptions for 111 yards and two touchdowns.
- Was named the game's co-Most Valuable Offensive Player with Jordan Byrd.
- The touchdowns were the first of his career.
- Recorded his second 100-yard receiving game of the season (and career).
- The 74-yard touchdown catch was SDSU's longest offensive play this year and the longest catch of his career.
- Now has 19 catches and 340 yards (85.0 ypg) over his final four games.

* Jordan Byrd, So., RB (17 att., 139 yds., 1 TD | 2 rec., 13 yds. | 2 KR, 53 yds.)
- Had a career-high 139 rushing yards and a touchdown, while adding two catches for 13 yards, and two kick returns for 53 yards.
- Was named the game's co-Most Valuable Offensive Player with Jesse Matthews.
- Recorded his second 100-yard game of the season and his career.
- Now has 267 rushing yards in the state of New Mexico (his home state) in three games (89.0 rypg) after recording 225 in his 20 other games played (11.3 ypg).
- Had 139 rushing yards after entering the game with only 29 yards over his previous eight games played.
- The touchdown was his third of the season and fourth of his career.

* Chase Jasmin, Jr., RB (10 att., 51 yds., 1 TD)
- Had 10 rushes for 51 yards (5.1 avg.) and a touchdown.
- Recorded his fourth rushing touchdown of the season and 11th of his career.
- No has five overall touchdowns this year and 13 for his career.

* TJ Sullivan, RS-Fr., WR (2 rec., 38 yds., 1 TD)
- Had two catches for 38 yards and a touchdown.
- Picked up his first career catch and touchdown catch in consecutive plays in the third quarter.

* Luq Barcoo, Sr., CB (4 tackles, 1 INT)
- Had four tackles and an interception.
- Recorded his ninth interception of the season and 10th of his career.
- The nine interceptions this season rank first in SDSU's Division I history (since 1969), tied for first in FBS play and second in SDSU program history, only trailing 12 by Ed Rickets in 1951).

* Kyahva Tezino, Sr., LB (3 tackles, 0.5 SCK, 1.5 TFL, 1 INT, 1 PBU, 1 QBH)
- Had three tackles, including 0.5 sacks, 1.5 tackles for loss, an interception, a pass breakup and a quarterback hurry.
- Was named the bowl's Most Valuable Defensive Player for his play.
- The interception was his second of the season and second of his career.

* Tariq Thompson, Jr., WAR (4 tackles, 1 FF, 1 INT)
- Had four tackles, a forced fumble and an interception.
- The interception was his third in the last four games, fourth of the season and 11th of his career (T-3rd in SDSU's DI history and T-7th overall).

• The forced fumble was his second of the season and fifth of his career.

* Darren Hall, So., CB (6 tackles, 1 SCK, 1.0 TFL, 1 FR)
• Had six tackles, a sack, a tackle for loss and a fumble recovery for a touchdown.
• The touchdown was the first of his career.

* Matt Araiza, RS-Fr., K (2-for-2 FG, 48 long, 6-for-6 PAT)
• Made both field goal attempts, including a career long of 48 yards.
• Made two field goals and now has 22 for the season, passing John Baron II (21 in 2016) for the most in SDSU single-season history.
• Is 22-for-26 (.846) in field goal attempts this season, tied for the fifth-best mark in SDSU single-season history.
• Had multiple field goals for the eighth time this season and has a field goal in all 13 games this year.

Other Notes
• WAR Tariq Thompson started for the 39th consecutive game, the longest streak on the team (offense/defense).
• LB Troy Cassidy played in his 50th straight game, the longest streak on the team.
• Today's attendance was 18,823.
• Today's temperature was 42 degrees, the coldest game for the Aztecs since Dec. 3, 2016 in the Mountain West championship game at Wyoming (18 degrees).

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