

# Season In Review



FOUR STRAIGHT BOWL APPEARANCES ► 19 CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS



*Ezell Ruffin emerged as the Aztecs' primary receiving threat in 2013, posting a team-best 68 catches for 1,136 yards to earn honorable mention all-Mountain West distinction.*

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# 2013 Season Recap

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Most San Diego State fans had cautious optimism entering the 2013 football season. Although the Aztecs were coming off a 2012 conference title, their first since 1998, and a school-record three straight bowl games, SDSU had to replace three players that were selected in the NFL Draft. To make things more challenging, the Aztecs had a non-conference game with national-power Ohio State and had a cross-division conference game with Boise State.

Expectations took a hit in the opener when San Diego State suffered a loss to Eastern Illinois, a team that would advance to the quarterfinal round of the NCAA FCS playoffs.

But despite an 0-3 start and the insertion of a walk-on quarterback five quarters into the season, SDSU rallied to win eight of its last 10 games, including a 49-24 statement win over Buffalo in the Famous Idaho Potato Bowl.

The dramatic turnaround gave San Diego State a fourth consecutive bowl appearance, leaving the Aztecs and Stanford as the only football teams (FBS or NFL) in the state of California to reach postseason play four consecutive seasons.

In addition, SDSU's dramatic turnaround and season full of close wins were historic in nature.

► In 2013, San Diego State became the first team in the nation since 2010 and just the 19th team since 1980 to make a bowl game after starting the season 0-3.

► The Aztecs played eight games that were decided by seven points or less. That figure was tied with UCF for the most games in the FBS last season. SDSU was an impressive 6-2 in those contests and won its last four games decided by seven points or less.

► San Diego State tied an FBS record by playing in four overtime games in a single season. The Aztecs posted a 3-1 record in those contests.

► SDSU rallied from a fourth-quarter deficit to win five times last year. That was the highest total in the FBS in 2013.

► San Diego State rallied from a 14-point or greater deficit to win three games last season. That was the highest total in FBS play last season.

► The Aztecs finished with a 6-2 conference record and in sole possession of second place in the West Division of the Mountain West.

► Since Sept. 28, 2013, San Diego State has posted an 8-2 record, which is tied for the 10th-highest winning percentage in the country and tied for the best in the Mountain West. Additionally, the 8-2 mark since Sept. 28, 2013, is the highest winning percentage in the state of California.

## ANOTHER YEAR TO REMEMBER

► San Diego State advanced to its fourth consecutive bowl game. The Aztecs joined Stanford as the only football teams in California - FBS or NFL - to advance to the postseason in each of the past four seasons.

► SDSU is one of 29 schools to play in a bowl game in each of the last four seasons, which marks the longest streak in the Mountain West. San Diego State and Boise State are the only two current Mountain West schools to reach a bowl game in 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013.

► With bowl game appearances in a school-record four straight seasons, the Aztecs equaled their total number of bowls played in the 41 prior campaigns (1969 through 2009).  
► Between 2000-09, SDSU was 38-80 (.322) and owned the nation's 106th-best winning percentage. Since 2010, San Diego State is 34-18 (.654) and owns the nation's 28th-best winning percentage.

► Since the beginning of the 2010 campaign, San Diego State has posted a 34-18 record (.654). The only teams in the state of California with a better record during that span are Stanford and USC.

► The 34 wins from 2010 through 2013 is the highest four-year total since SDSU won 36 (36-7-1) from 1974-77.

► San Diego State defeated Boise State in consecutive seasons (2012 and 2013), becoming the first team to accomplish the feat since Washington State did it in 2000 and 2001.

► Since the beginning of 2010, the Aztecs have won 34 games. The total is more than any other team while a member of the league (Air Force and TCU are second at 24).

## IN LONG WE TRUST

Head coach Rocky Long continues to leave his legacy on the Mountain West and now San Diego State.

Note the following:

► Is the MW's all-time leader in coaching victories (87).

► Was named the MW Coach of the Year in 2012, 10 years after winning the award while at New Mexico.

► Is tied with Claude Gilbert for the most coaching victories (25) ever through the first three seasons with the Aztecs.

► Owns the third-best coaching record in program history at 25-14 (.641).

► Is the only coach to lead San Diego State to a bowl game in his first three seasons as head coach and joins Don Coryell as the only coach to lead the Aztecs to three bowl games.

## MORE PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

► San Diego State has produced 11 NFL Draft selections since 2011, including Nat Berhe (5th round, No. 152 to New York Giants) and Eric Pinkins (6th round, No. 208 to Seattle Seahawks) in May. That is tied for the 30th-highest total nationally and is second among current MW schools (Boise State, 13).

## BOWL VICTORY

San Diego State capped its season with a convincing, 49-24 victory over Buffalo. The 25-point victory was the largest margin in a bowl game in school history and provided the Aztecs with just their second bowl win in 44 seasons.

SDSU never trailed in the contest and struck for a touch-down and field goal in the final 71 seconds of the first half to open up a 28-10 advantage at intermission. San Diego State built its advantage to 32 points on two occasions in the second half, before settling for the 25-point win.

As a team, the Aztecs rushed for 249 yards, while their five touchdowns were the most in a 2013/14 bowl game.

## 2013 Individual Honors

### JOEL ALESI

- \* Ray Guy Award Candidate
- \* MW Special Teams Player of the Week (Oct. 7)
- \* CFPA Punter Performer of the Week (HM) (Oct. 7; Oct. 14)

### NAT BERHE

- \* All-MW First Team
- \* Phil Steele Midseason All-MW First Team
- \* Jim Thorpe Award Watch List
- \* Lott IMPACT Trophy Watch List

### ADAM DINGWELL

- \* Earl Campbell Tyler Rose Award Watch List

### WES FEER

- \* Lou Groza National Collegiate Place Kicker Award
- "Stars of the Week" (Sept. 3)
- \* CFPA Placekicker Performer of the Week (HM) (Sept. 2; Sept. 23)

### JAKE FELY

- \* Bednarik Award Watch List
- \* Rotary Lombardi Award Watch List

### QUINN KAEHLER

- \* Manning Award Star of the Week (Oct. 7)

### COLIN LOCKETT

- \* All-MW Honorable Mention
- \* Phil Steele Midseason All-MW Second Team (KR)
- \* CFPA All-Purpose Performer of the Week (HM) (Sept. 23)
- \* CFPA All-Purpose Trophy Watch List
- \* CFPA Kickoff Returner Trophy Watch List

### ADAM MUEMA

- \* All-MW Honorable Mention
- \* Phil Steele Midseason All-MW Third Team
- \* Maxwell Award Watch List
- \* Doak Walker Award Watch List
- \* CFPA All-Purpose Performer of Week (HM) (Nov. 4)
- \* CFPA Running Back Trophy Watch List

### TERRY POOLE

- \* All-MW Honorable Mention

### DONNEL PUMPHREY

- \* CollegeFootballNews.com All-Freshman Team (HM)
- \* Campus Insiders All-Freshman Team (HM)
- \* Phil Steele Midseason All-MW (3rd Team)
- \* CFPA Running Back Performer of the Week (HM) (Sept. 30)

### BRYCE QUIGLEY

- \* All-MW Second Team
- \* Phil Steele Midseason All-MW Third Team

### ADAM ROBERTS

- \* CFPA Tight End Performer of the Week (HM) (Oct. 7)

### EZELL RUFFIN

- \* All-MW Honorable Mention
- \* Phil Steele Midseason All-MW Third Team
- \* Biletnikoff Award Watch List
- \* CFPA Wide Receiver Performer of the Week (HM) (Nov. 4)

### NICK TENHAEFF

- \* All-MW Honorable Mention
- \* Phil Steele Midseason All-MW First Team

### TIM VIZZI

- \* MW Special Teams Player of the Week (Nov. 25)
- \* CFPA Punt Returner Performer of the Week (Nov. 25)

### J.J. WHITTAKER

- \* All-MW Honorable Mention
- \* MW Defensive Player of the Week (Nov. 25)
- \* CFPA Defensive Back Performer of the Week (HM) (Nov. 25)

### CHAD YOUNG

- \* Burlsworth Trophy Candidate





# 2013 Season Statistics



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## DEFENSIVE

Player	GP	Tackles			TFL/Yds.	Sacks		Pass Def.		QBH	Fumbles		Blk Kick	Saf.
		Solo	Ast.	Total		No.-Yards	Int.-Yds	BrUp	Rcv.-Yds		FF			
20 BERHE, Nat	13	60	39	99	5.5-24	1.0-3	.	6	.	.	2-0	.	.	
27 PINKINS, Eric	13	49	26	75	7.0-18	1.0-10	.	4	.	.	2-13	2	.	
36 TENHAEFF, Nick	13	49	22	71	15.0-61	6.0-43	1-0	1	.	.	.	1	.	
48 GAVERT, Josh	13	34	34	68	6.0-38	3.0-21	1-3	3	1	.	1-42	1	.	
35 HOLDER, King	13	46	15	61	2.0-3	.	.	9	.	.	.	.	.	
37 HARRIS, Vaness	13	33	24	57	4.5-21	1.5-12	1-0	2	1	.	.	1	.	
23 KAZEE, Damontae	12	28	13	41	3.0-12	1.0-8	1-0	2	.	.	.	4	1	
47 GALEA, Cody	13	21	15	36	3.5-9	1.0-5	.	.	.	.	2-0	1	.	
26 ANDREWS, Marcus	13	19	15	34	0.5-1	.	1-22	1	.	.	.	.	.	
50 LARGENT, Derek	11	20	12	32	4.0-15	1.0-11	.	.	1	.	.	1	.	
34 WHITTAKER, J.J.	13	24	8	32	2.0-2	.	3-29	11	.	.	.	1	.	
97 ONUOHA, Dontrel	13	13	13	26	1.5-2	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	
99 SANCHEZ, Jon	12	11	11	22	4.0-16	2.0-12	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
59 THOMAS, Jordan	13	11	10	21	5.5-18	1.5-11	.	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	
42 FELY, Jake	4	15	5	20	1.5-10	1.0-9	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	
12 SMITH, Malik	11	13	7	20	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
39 SILUANO, Rene	13	15	5	20	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	
6 LEMON, Gabe	6	14	3	17	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
98 MEREDITH, Sam	8	7	9	16	2.0-4	1.0-3	.	1	.	.	2-0	.	1	
58 BARRETT, Alex	10	8	7	15	5.0-22	3.0-20	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
16 LAMAR, David	12	13	2	15	1.0-1	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	
10 DENSO, Dylan	13	8	3	11	.	.	.	.	.	.	1-0	1	.	
55 SEAU, Micah	11	3	7	10	0.5-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
90 BEED, Everett	13	2	6	8	1.0-5	1.0-5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
9 SEDBERRY, Stan	10	4	2	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
31 BELL, Tony	6	3	1	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
54 MUNSON, Calvin	10	3	1	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
13 ROMAIN, Pierre	12	3	.	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
41 VIZZI, Tim	13	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
30 HICKMAN, T.J.	11	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
73 SMITH, Jordan	13	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
17 MCMORROW, Seamus	10	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
24 VAUGHN, Billy	1	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	
18 PORTER, Brandon	10	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
49 FEER, Wes	10	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
78 QUIGLEY, Bryce	13	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
64 DILLEY, Zach	10	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
60 OVERBAUGH, Jeff	12	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
72 GREENE, Darrell	13	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
12 BERNARDS, Jake	12	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
96 GALEA'I, Kenny	4	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
7 GARRETT, Dwayne	11	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
77 ALES, Joel	13	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
3 RUFFIN, Ezell	13	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
4 MUEMA, Adam	13	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
24 LOCKETT, Colin	12	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	
38 GRAVES, Scott	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	.	
TM TEAM	10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	
<b>SDSU TOTALS</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>549</b>	<b>322</b>	<b>871</b>	<b>75-284</b>	<b>26-180</b>	<b>8-54</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>11-55</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	
<b>OPPONENTS</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>545</b>	<b>406</b>	<b>951</b>	<b>82.0-339</b>	<b>30-221</b>	<b>14-103</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>16-67</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>.</b>	

SCORING DRIVE ANALYSIS					GAME-OPENING DRIVE					OPENING SECOND-HALF DRIVE								
Game	SDSU		Opponent		Game	SDSU			Opponent		Game	SDSU			Opponent			
	TD	FG	TD	FG		Pts.	FD	Yds.	Pts.	FD		Yds.	Pts.	FD	Yds.	Pts.	FD	Yds.
Eastern Illinois	1	4	5+	0	Eastern Illinois	3	1	20	7	3	70	Eastern Illinois	3	2	36	0	0	9 <sup>^</sup>
at Ohio State	1	0	6	0	at Ohio State	0	0	4 <sup>^</sup>	7	3	50	at Ohio State	0	0	5 <sup>^</sup>	0	1	(-3)
Oregon State	3	3	4+	0	Oregon State	7	3	65	0	1	18	Oregon State	0	1	29	0	1	20
at N.M. State	3	1	2	1	at N.M. State	0	0	6 <sup>^</sup>	7	4	68	at N.M. State	6	5	46	0	2	34
Nevada	7&	0	6	1	Nevada	0	0	4 <sup>^</sup>	0	0	9 <sup>^</sup>	Nevada	6	0	9 <sup>^</sup>	0	2	34
at Air Force	4	0	2	2	at Air Force	0	3	56	0	0	7 <sup>^</sup>	at Air Force	0	2	(-7)	3	3	41
Fresno State	4	0	48+	0	Fresno State	0	0	9	0	1	11	Fresno State	0	0	9 <sup>^</sup>	0	0	(-6) <sup>^</sup>
New Mexico	5	0	4	1	New Mexico	7	1	75	0	2	28	New Mexico	7	3	71	3	3	72
at San José State	5	0	3	3	at San José State	0	1	24	0	0	9 <sup>^</sup>	at San José State	0	2	39	3	2	50
at Hawai'i	4&	0	3	0	at Hawai'i	0	0	-1 <sup>^</sup>	0	0	0 <sup>^</sup>	at Hawai'i	7	5	78	0	4	44
Boise State	3&+	0	3+	1&	Boise State	0	1	22	0	0	4 <sup>^</sup>	Boise State	0	1	16	0	0	0 <sup>^</sup>
at UNLV	2+	0	6	1	at UNLV	7	2	69	7	4	65	at UNLV	0	4	55	7	4	67
vs. Buffalo	7	0	3	1	vs. Buffalo	0	3	48	0	0	1 <sup>^</sup>	vs. Buffalo	7	2	26	0	0	3
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>AVERAGES</b>	<b>1.85</b>	<b>1.15</b>	<b>30.85</b>	<b>2.15</b>	<b>1.38</b>	<b>28.25</b>	<b>AVERAGES</b>	<b>2.77</b>	<b>2.08</b>	<b>31.69</b>	<b>1.23</b>	<b>1.69</b>	<b>28.08</b>

+ - indicates team scored a non-offensive touchdown.  
& - overtimes drive included

<sup>^</sup> - indicates possession ended in a 3-and-out.

<sup>^</sup> - indicates possession ended in a 3-and-out.











# 2013 Game Recaps



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	<b>Eastern Illinois</b>	<b>40</b>
	<b>San Diego State</b>	<b>19</b>

**Aug. 31, 2013 | Qualcomm Stadium | San Diego, Calif. | MW Network/Campus Insiders**

**SAN DIEGO** - Eastern Illinois spoiled San Diego State's season-opener by scoring three unanswered touchdowns in the second half to pull away for a 40-19 victory in front of 42,978 fans at Qualcomm Stadium.

Aztec quarterback Adam Dingwell posted career-highs of 27 completions and 318 passing yards to go along with a school-record 63 attempts. However, the junior signal-caller threw four interceptions and lost a fumble as the Panthers converted three of those miscues into touchdowns to help secure the upset.

SDSU scored on the opening drive of the game as Wes Feer booted the first of his four field goals on night, before EIU responded with a 37-yard touchdown pass from Jimmy Garoppolo to Erik Lora with 11:14 to go in the first quarter.

The Aztecs reclaimed the lead on their ensuing possession when wide receiver Colin Lockett sprinted 48 yards to paydirt on a reverse, putting the host school up 10-7. Feer then added another field goal from 35 yards out later in the period to extend the Aztec advantage to 13-7.

Garoppolo, who finished the game with 361 yards on 31-of-46 attempts, threw a pair of TD passes in the second quarter, a 4-yard toss to Lora and a 62-yard strike to Keiondre Gober, thrusting the visitors in front by a 19-13 margin after both conversions attempts went awry.

With time winding down in the half, Eric Pinkins' fumble return gave SDSU the ball in Panther territory. However, the Aztecs had to settle for a field goal when their subsequent drive stalled at the 5-yard line, giving the contest its 19-16 score at intermission.

After holding EIU to a three-and-out to start the third quarter, SDSU knotted the game at 19-19 when Feer connected from 38 yards away with just over four minutes elapsed. However, the Panthers took the ball and marched 75 yards in 12 plays, taking the lead for good when running back Taylor Duncan scored on a two-yard run with 7:36 remaining in the period.

After limiting the Aztecs to just four plays on their next possession, Sheperd Little returned the ensuing punt 60 yards to the end zone, putting EIU up 33-19 early in the fourth quarter. Later in the period, Duncan closed out the scoring with a 45-yard touchdown burst with 4:40 left.

Despite maintaining a nearly 16-minute advantage in time of possession and running the fourth-most plays from scrimmage in school history (99), SDSU was outgained 533-440 in total offense.

	<b>San Diego State</b>	<b>7</b>
	<b>Ohio State</b>	<b>42</b>

**Sept. 7, 2013 | Ohio Stadium | Columbus, Ohio | ABC/ESPN2**

**COLUMBUS, Ohio** - Making its first appearance in Ohio Stadium since 2005, San Diego State came up on the short end of 42-7 decision against No. 3/2 Ohio State in front of 104,984 fans. The Buckeyes scored six touchdowns on their first nine drives to build an insurmountable lead and maintained a 263-64 advantage in rushing yardage to help key their victory.

Junior quarterback Quinn Kaehler made his Aztec debut, completing 22 of 36 passes for 216 yards with one touchdown and one interception after replacing an injured Adam Dingwell late in the first quarter. The transfer from Diablo Valley College went 4-4 on SDSU's lone scoring drive, connecting with wide receivers Ezell Ruffin and Colin Lockett for a pair of 18-yard receptions following a 17-yard completion to tight end Adam Roberts. Freshman running back Donnel Pumphrey then gained 17 yards on two carries before Kaehler hit fullback Chad Young on 2-yard swing pass to cap the 11-play, 66-yard march with 2:54 remaining in the third quarter.

Kaehler also directed a 10-play, 62-yard drive late in the second half, fueled by two 17-yard strikes to reserve tight end Robert Craighead and Ruffin. However, the Aztecs came up empty after reaching the Ohio State 2, as Kaehler's short toss to Ruffin was broken up by Doran Grant in the end zone with no time left on the clock.

Still, Ruffin finished with a career-high six receptions for 80 yards, while Lockett added six catches for 58 yards. Lockett also returned five kickoffs for 105 yards to become SDSU's all-time leader in kickoff return yardage.

The Buckeyes opened the scoring on their initial possession, driving 50 yards on eight plays, as Dontre Wilson found the end zone on a 7-yard sweep. Following an OSU interception and an exchange of punts, the Buckeyes put together another scoring march, culminating in a 27-yard touchdown pass from Kenny Guiton to Corey Brown. The Ohio State duo also combined on a 24-yard scoring strike in the third quarter that gave the host school a 42-0 cushion.

Guiton passed for 152 yards on 21-of-30 attempts with two TDs and an interception after relieving injured starter Braxton Miller in the first quarter. Guiton also added 83 yards on the ground, highlighted by a 44-yard TD run on a quarterback keeper in the second quarter.

The Aztec defense was led by Vaness Harris, who posted eight tackles, including four solo stops, in his first start of the season, while Damontae Kazee made six unassisted tackles of his own. Kazee, a redshirt freshman, also recorded his first collegiate interception in the second quarter.

## GAME STATISTICS

Eastern Illinois	7	12	7	14	-	40
San Diego State	13	3	3	0	-	19

**SDSU** - Feer 41-yd field goal, 5-20, 2:03 (12:57 - 1st)  
**EIU** - Lora 37-yd pass f/Garoppolo (Berra kick), 7-70, 1:43 (11:14 - 1st)  
**SDSU** - Lockett 48-yd run (Feer kick), 4-61, 2:03 (9:11, 1st)  
**SDSU** - Feer 35-yd field goal, 10-60, 4:03 (4:25, 1st)  
**EIU** - Lora 4-yd pass f/Garoppolo (Berra kick), 9-45, 2:11 (13:43, 2nd)  
**EIU** - Gober 62-yd pass f/Garoppolo (Berra kick blocked), 1-62, 0:07 (3:22, 2nd)  
**SDSU** - Feer 22-yd field goal, 7-38, 0:51 (0:16 - 2nd)  
**SDSU** - Feer 38-yd field goal, 7-36, 2:41 (10:57 - 3rd)  
**EIU** - Duncan 2-yd run (Berra kick), 12-75, 3:21 (7:36 - 3rd)  
**EIU** - Little 60-yd punt return (Berra kick), (13:43 - 4th)  
**EIU** - Duncan 45-yd run (Berra kick), 2-49, 0:52 (4:30 - 4th)

	EIU	SDSU
First Downs	21	24
Rushes-Yards	36-172	35-122
Passing Yards	361	318
C-A-I	31-46-0	27-64-4
Total Offense	82-533	99-440
Fumbles-Lost	2-2	4-1
Penalties-Yards	9-62	7-65
Possession Time	22:10	37:50
Turnovers	2	5
Average Field Pos.	EIU 29	SDSU 33

**Rushing (Atts.-Yards-TDs):** EIU: Duncan 20-92-2; Little 10-67; Garoppolo 4-(-2). SDSU: Lockett 1-48-1; Pumphrey 7-25; Price 6-25; Garrett 3-24; Muema 10-17; Dingwell 8-(-20); Young 0-3.

**Passing (Att.-Comp.-Int., Yards, TDs):** EIU: Garoppolo 46-31-0, 361, 3. SDSU: Dingwell 63-27-4, 318, 0; Ruffin 1-9-0, 0.

**Receiving (No.-Yards-TDs):** EIU: Lora 10-87-2; Gober 6-140-1; LePak 4-45; Duncan 4-27; Drake 3-14; Little 2-26; Taylor 1-19; Meyer 1-3. SDSU: Lockett 8-98; Ruffin 4-91; Denso 4-33; Garrett 3-18; Pumphrey 3-17; Vizzi 2-36; Muema 1-14; Young 1-8; Price 1-3.

## GAME STATISTICS

San Diego State	0	0	7	0	-	7
Ohio State	21	14	7	0	-	42

**OSU** - Wilson 7-yd run (Basil kick), 8-50, 2:15 (11:49 - 1st)  
**OSU** - Brown 27-yd pass f/Guiton (Basil kick), 5-56, 2:25 (6:23 - 1st)  
**OSU** - Hall 4-yd run (Basil kick), 9-57, 3:33 (0:03 - 1st)  
**OSU** - Guiton 44-yd run (Basil kick), 5-77, 2:28 (5:33 - 2nd)  
**OSU** - R. Smith 1-yd run (Basil kick), 3-24, 1:25 (3:15 - 2nd)  
**OSU** - Brown 24-yd pass f/Guiton (Basil kick), 11-66, 5:52 (4:34 - 3rd)  
**SDSU** - Young 2-yd pass f/Kaehler (Feer kick), 6-72, 2:49 (1:41 - 3rd)

	SDSU	OSU
First Downs	17	22
Rushes-Yards	27-64	40-263
Passing Yards	216	182
C-A-I	22-41-2	21-30-1
Total Offense	68-280	70-445
Fumbles-Lost	2-2	0-0
Penalties-Yards	5-50	8-75
Possession Time	27:52	32:08
Turnovers	3	1
Average Field Pos.	SDSU 26	OSU 36

**Rushing (Atts.-Yards-TDs):** SDSU: Price 5-22; Pumphrey 3-18; Hardwick 1-7; Muema 3-5; Lockett 1-4; Garrett 2-3; Miller 1-3; Young 1-2; Ruffin 1-1; Kaehler 9-(-1). OSU: Guiton 9-83-1; Hall 13-75-1; Wilson 5-51-1; Elliott 6-36; R. Smith 3-11-1; Miller 1-5-0; Ball 2-4; Team 1-(-2).

**Passing (Att.-Comp.-Int., Yards, TDs):** SDSU: Kaehler 36-22-1, 216, 1; Dingwell 5-0-1, 0, 0. OSU: Guiton 28-19-1, 152, 2; Miller 2-2-0, 30, 0.

**Receiving (No.-Yards-TDs):** SDSU: Ruffin 6-80; Lockett 6-58; Craighead 2-21; Clark 2-18; Price 2-2; Pumphrey 1-18; Roberts 1-17; Young 1-2-1; Muema 1-0. OSU: D. Smith 7-46; Brown 6-73-2; Wilson 3-6; Heuerman 2-33; R. Smith 1-12; Spencer 1-10; Vannett 1-2.

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**Oregon State** **34**

**San Diego State** **30**

Sept. 21, 2013 | Qualcomm Stadium | San Diego, Calif. | CBSN

**SAN DIEGO** - Sean Mannion threw three touchdowns and Oregon State scored three times in the fourth quarter to come from behind and defeat San Diego State, 34-30.

After Mannion hit Terron Ward for a 10-yard score to pull Oregon State within 30-28, cornerback Steven Nelson intercepted Quinn Kaehler's pass and returned it 16 yards to give the Beavers the lead with 2:38 remaining in the game.

Kaehler, who was making his first career start and became just the second walk-on quarterback in the country to start in 2013, was intercepted again on the next possession by Ryan Murphy to seal the win for the Beavers.

## GAME STATISTICS

Oregon State	14	0	0	20	-	34
San Diego State	14	10	3	3	-	30

**SDSU** - Pumphrey 23-yd pass f/Kaehler (Feer kick), 6:55, 3:16 (11:44 - 1st)  
**OSU** - Ward 1-yd run (Romaine kick), 4:47, 1:31 (6:17 - 1st)  
**OSU** - Clute 2-yd pass f/Mannion (Romaine kick), 8:53, 2:41 (2:03 - 1st)  
**SDSU** - Lockett 80-yd pass f/Kaehler (Feer kick), 1:40, 0:19 (1:44 - 1st)  
**SDSU** - Feer 45-yd field goal, 8:26, 2:45 (11:59 - 2nd)  
**SDSU** - Muema 2-yd run (Feer kick), 11:59, 5:13 (3:35 - 2nd)  
**SDSU** - Feer 40-yd field goal, 9:15, 4:56 (1:55 - 3rd)  
**OSU** - Cummings 2-yard pass f/Mannion (Romaine kick), 10:05, 4:28 (12:27 - 4th)  
**SDSU** - Feer 30-yd field goal, 8:19, 4:14 (5:18 - 4th)  
**OSU** - Ward 10-yd pass f/Mannion (Romaine kick), 10:81, 2:38 (2:40 - 4th)  
**OSU** - Nelson 16-yd interception return (Mannion pass failed), (2:31 - 4th)

	OSU	SDSU
First Downs	22	18
Rushes-Yards	20-10	40-74
Passing Yards	367	251
C-A-I	38-55-0	16-26-2
Total Offense	75-377	66-325
Fumbles-Lost	4-2	0-0
Penalties-Yards	13-99	9-87
Possession Time	27:41	32:19
Turnovers	2	2
Average Field Pos.	OSU 29	SDSU 32

## INDIVIDUAL STATS

**Rushing (Atts.-Yards-TDs):** OSU: Ward 12-26-1; Cooks 1-12; Team 3(-5); Mannion 4(-23). SDSU: Muema 28-71-1; Price 3-32; Pumphrey 4-10; Kaehler 5(-39).

**Passing (Att.-Comp.-Int., Yards, TDs):** OSU: Mannion 55-38-0, 367, 3. SDSU: Kaehler 25-16-2, 251, 2; Ruffin 1-0-0, 0, 0.

**Receiving (No.-Yards-TDs):** OSU: Cooks 14-141; Mullaney 7-86; Cummings 6-53-1; Hamlett 4-26; Clute 3-14-1; Smith 2-31; Ward 1-10-1; Hatfield 1-6. SDSU: Lockett 5-113-1; Pumphrey 3-53-1; Ruffin 2-27; Muema 2-12; Roberts 1-23; Vizzi 1-18; Denso 1-5; Young 1-0.

The Aztecs took a 7-0 lead on their opening possession when Kaehler found true freshman Donnel Pumphrey on a screen pass for a 23-yard touchdown, the first of Pumphrey's career.

OSU responded with back-to-back touchdowns. First, Terron Ward scored on a 1-yard run and then Mannion connected on a 2-yard pass to Kellen Clute.

On SDSU's ensuing possession, Kaehler found a streaking Colin Lockett, who evaded a tackle at midfield and scored on an 80-yard play. It was the longest catch by an Aztec since 2010.

In the second quarter, San Diego State used a career-long 45-yard field goal by Wes Feer and a 2-yard run by Adam Muema to open up a 24-14 lead at the half.

Feer made it 27-14 Aztecs with a 40-yard field goal with 1:55 left in the third quarter.

The Beavers answered in the fourth with a 10-play, 65-yard drive, capped by a 2-yard pass from Mannion to Kevin Cummings.

Feer made another field goal for with 5:18 left to put SDSU up, 30-21, but Ward's 10-yard TD reception and the Nelson interception return for a score sealed the win for OSU.

Kaehler completed 16 of 24 passes for 251 yards and two touchdowns after taking over the starting job when Adam Dingwell injured his back the previous week against Ohio State. His pass efficiency rating of 158.74 was the highest by an Aztec quarterback in their starting debut since Kevin McKechnie had a 291.82 mark on Sept. 5, 1997, against Navy. The 30 points that SDSU scored was also its most in an Aztec quarterback debut since that 1997 game, when SDSU defeated the Midshipmen, 45-31.

Lockett finished with five catches for 113 yards, the fourth 100-yard game of his career, and Muema rushed a career-high 28 times for 71 yards and a touchdown.

King Holder had a career-high 11 tackles and a career-best two PBUs to pace the San Diego State defense. Nat Berhe added nine tackles and Eric Pinkins recorded eight stops.

Both teams were penalized heavily as Oregon State committed 13 penalties for 99 yards and the Aztecs committed nine penalties for 87 yards.

Mannion completed 38 of 55 attempts for 367 yards, and the Oregon State rushing game was held to just 10 yards.

**San Diego State** **26**

**New Mexico State** **16**

Sept. 28, 2013 | Aggie Memorial Stadium | Las Cruces, N.M. | FSSD

**LAS CRUCES, N.M.** - Behind Donnel Pumphrey's three second-half touchdowns, San Diego State overcame a slow start to defeat New Mexico State, 26-16, at Aggie Memorial Stadium.

Pumphrey rushed for a career-high 167 yards on 19 carries, while Quinn Kaehler completed 22 of 34 passes for 229 yards to help the Aztecs post their first victory of the season and keep the Aggies winless on the year. With the triumph, SDSU has now captured the last seven meetings against NMSU and raised its record to 9-1-1 in the all-time series.

But it wasn't easy. The Aztecs watched the Aggies open with 16 unanswered points, while Pumphrey was held to just 14 yards on four rushes before intermission. The SDSU running back took charge in the second half, however, exploding for 153 yards to finish with the highest rushing yardage by an Aztec freshman since Ronnie Hillman gained 228 in the 2010 Poinsettia Bowl.

After forcing SDSU to punt on its first series, NMSU marched 68 yards in 10 plays, punctuated by Andrew McDonald's 6-yard scoring pass to Joshua Bowen for the game's first touchdown. The Aggies then tacked on a 28-yard field goal by Maxwell Johnson on their next possession to build a 10-0 cushion by the end of the first quarter.

NMSU got the ball back early in the second quarter after Darien Johnson recovered a Kaehler fumble at the SDSU 30. The Aggies quickly took advantage of the miscue two plays later when McDonald found Andrew Dean in the left corner of the end zone on a 15-yard touchdown strike. The Aztecs quickly stole the momentum, however, as David Lamar scooped up Sam Meredith's blocked extra point and raced 89 yards for a two-point defensive conversion, which narrowed the gap to 16-2.

Buoyed by its good fortune, the SDSU offense began to assert itself at this juncture. After netting just 12 yards on 10 plays during its first four possessions, the Aztecs racked up 429 yards the rest of the way, beginning with a 68-yard drive capped by a Wes Feer 25-yard field goal with 6:41 elapsed in the second quarter. Kaehler completed three passes to Ezell Ruffin on the drive, including a 39-yard strike on 3rd-and-13 from midfield.

After Adam Muema was stopped short on 4th and goal from the 3 on SDSU's next series, the Aztecs held the host school to a three-and-out and got the ball back in Aggie territory, threatening to add another score just before halftime. Kaehler hooked up with Dylan Denso for a 22-yard gain down to the NMSU 23, but Feer's 40-yard field-goal attempt with seven seconds was blocked by Mason Russell.

SDSU put together another long march on its first series of the second half and once again found itself in a fourth-down situation from the Aggie 22. Disdaining a field-goal attempt, Kaehler's pass was intercepted by Greg Callender at the 11, but an NMSU holding penalty nullified the turnover. Given new life, the Aztecs scored on the next play when Pumphrey swept around right end for 12 yards into the end zone, which narrowed the gap to 16-11. Although Kaehler was intercepted on the ensuing two-point conversion try, SDSU had wrested the momentum away from the Aggies, limiting the hosts to just three first downs for the remainder of the contest.

The Aztecs then took the lead for the first time when Pumphrey scored on a two-yard run on the first play of the fourth quarter to complete an eight-play, 60-yard drive. Later in the period, Pumphrey sealed the win on a 43-yard dash with 2:51 left on the clock.

SDSU held NMSU to 40 yards rushing on 27 attempts and came away with three sacks. Individually, Josh Gavert tied a career-high with seven tackles, while Eric Pinkins recorded his second fumble recovery of the season and third of his career.

## GAME STATISTICS

San Diego State	0	5	6	15	-	26
New Mexico State	10	6	7	0	-	16

**NMSU** - Bowen 6-yd pass from McDonald (M. Johnson kick), 10:68, 4:06 (10:10 - 1st)  
**NMSU** - M. Johnson 28-yd field goal, 9:69, 3:20 (5:12 - 1st)  
**NMSU** - Dean 15-yd pass from McDonald (kick blocked), 2:30, 0:30 (12:52 - 2nd)  
**SDSU** - Lamar blocked PAT return, (12:52 - 2nd)  
**SDSU** - Feer 25-yd field goal, 12:68, 4:33 (8:19 - 2nd)  
**SDSU** - Pumphrey 12-yd run (Kaehler pass intercepted), 14:69, 7:08 (5:18 - 3rd)  
**SDSU** - Pumphrey 2-yd run (Muema rush), 8:60, 3:37 (14:55 - 4th)  
**SDSU** - Pumphrey 43-yd run (Feer kick), 4:55, 1:37 (2:51 - 4th)

	SDSU	NMSU
First Downs	22	14
Rushes-Yards	43-212	27-40
Passing Yards	229	228
C-A-I	22-34-0	23-35-0
Total Offense	77-441	62-268
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	1-1
Penalties-Yards	6-73	6-44
Possession Time	35:40	24:20
Turnovers	1	1
Average Field Pos.	SDSU 34	NMSU 24

## INDIVIDUAL STATS

**Rushing (Atts.-Yards-TDs):** SDSU: Pumphrey 19-167-3; Muema 10-25; Young 3-15; Garrett 3-11; Miller 1-4; Ruffin 1-0; Kaehler 4(-6). NMSU: Betancourt 14-32; Morrison 5-8; McDonald 7-1; Capraro 1(-1).

**Passing (Att.-Comp.-Int., Yards, TDs):** SDSU: Kaehler 34-22-0, 229. NMSU: McDonald 35-23-0, 228, 2.

**Receiving (No.-Yards-TDs):** SDSU: Ruffin 8-101; Denso 3-44; Vizzi 3-21; Roberts 2-12; Lockett 2-10; Clark 1-33; Craighead 1-8; Muema 1-2; Pumphrey 1(-2). NMSU: Bowen 6-66-1; Shapiro 5-58; Brown 3-35; Franklin 2-18; Bergstrom 2-10; Dean 1-15-1; Matthews 1-11; Betacourt 1-11; Moore 1-2; Joyner 1-2.

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**Nevada (ot) 44**

**San Diego State 51**

Oct. 4, 2013 | Qualcomm Stadium | San Diego, Calif. | ESPN

**SAN DIEGO** - Quinn Kaehler hit Eric Judge with a 13-yard touchdown pass on the fifth play of overtime to lift San Diego State to a thrilling 51-44 triumph over Nevada in its 2013 Mountain West opener at Qualcomm Stadium. The 95 combined points marked the highest scoring game the Aztecs have won in the Division-I era, which dates back to 1969.

Adam Muema rushed for 134 on 24 carries with two touchdowns, while Donnel Pumphrey added 112 yards of his own, including a season-long 72-yard burst on SDSU's first possession that put the host school in front, 7-0.

The Wolf Pack evened the score later in the period on a Kendall Brock 1-yard plunge to cap a 13-play, 75-yard drive, setting the stage for a wild second quarter that witnessed three lead changes.

Trailing 17-14 with 46 seconds to go before halftime, the Aztecs pulled to within one when Nevada punter Chase Tenpenny booted the ball out of the end zone for a safety following a bad snap. After the ensuing free kick, SDSU promptly drove into Wolf Pack territory, where Kaehler connected with Dylan Denso for 25-yard scoring strike with just nine ticks on the clock, giving the Scarlet and Black a 23-17 advantage heading into the locker room.

The Aztecs tacked on three additional touchdowns in the third quarter, converting a pair of Wolf Pack fumbles into short scoring runs by Muema and Tim Vizzi, while Kaehler hooked up with Judge on a 5-yard strike to punctuate a 9-play, 65-yard march late in the period that provided SDSU a seemingly comfortable 44-23 cushion.

However, Nevada fought back with 21 unanswered points in the fourth quarter, including a 5-yard touchdown pass from Cody Fajardo to Richy Turner with 1:38 left in regulation to tie the score at 44-44.

SDSU won the overtime coin toss and ran five plays to reclaim the lead. Muema gained 12 yards on a screen pass and pair of runs before Kaehler found Judge in the back of the end zone for the go-ahead score.

Despite allowing 206 yards during the Wolf Pack's frantic fourth-quarter rally, the Aztec defense clamped down on Nevada's overtime possession. After a false start penalty and a four-yard rush by Brock, SDSU forced three straight Fajardo incompletions to seal the victory.

In his first collegiate start in place of an injured Colin Lockett, Judge caught six passes for 54 yards and added four kickoff returns for 78 yards, while Kaehler was 23-for-32 passing with a career-high 286 yards and three touchdowns.

Defensively, four of the Aztecs' top-five tacklers posted career-bests, including Derek Largent (10), Malik Smith (10), Josh Gavert (9) and Nick Tenhaeff (8).

**San Diego State 27**

**Air Force 20**

Oct. 10, 2013 | Falcon Stadium | USAF Academy, Colo. | CBSN

**USAF ACADEMY, Colo.** - Quinn Kaehler threw two touchdown passes in the fourth quarter and Donnel Pumphrey scored on a 10-yard run with 1:39 remaining, helping San Diego State rally for a 27-20 victory over Air Force in a contest that was played despite the partial government shutdown.

Down by 14 heading into the fourth quarter, the Aztecs (3-3, 2-0 Mountain West) scored 21 straight points to escape with the win after missing two extra points and a field goal. San Diego State improved to 2-151-1 in program history when trailing by 14 or more points in the final quarter.

Kaehler finished 15-of-26 for 249 yards and three touchdowns. Pumphrey had 117 yards rushing along with another 43 receiving and a score.

Backup Nate Romine scored on a 16-yard run and threw a 71-yard TD pass for the Falcons in a game they didn't know would even be staged until it was given the official go-ahead about 27 hours before kickoff due to the shutdown.

Will Conant made two long field goals, including a 52-yarder that bounced in off the left upright. His counterpart, Wes Feer, had a field goal and an extra point clang off the same left goal post.

When Kaehler hit Pumphrey for a 20-yard TD early in the fourth quarter to begin San Diego State's comeback, coach Rocky Long sent out backup kicker Seamus McMorro, who made the extra point.

A few plays later, Kaehler found a wide open Ezell Ruffin for a 62-yard score. But McMorro had his point-after attempt blocked by Troy Timmerman, making it 20-19, Air Force.

After forcing the Falcons to punt, Kaehler marched the Aztecs down the field and Pumphrey punctuated the winning drive with a run up the middle for a score. Kaehler threw a pass to Tim Vizzi for the 2-point conversion.

Of the 45 schools that opened 0-3 since 2010, the Aztecs joined only Houston (2012) as the only teams to even its record at 3-3 after six contests.

Romine received the call to go in shortly after starter Karson Roberts came off the field in the first quarter with an undisclosed injury. Romine directed a scoring drive in his first series, capping it off with a 16-yard TD run early in the second quarter.

San Diego State controlled the clock and outgained the Falcons in the first half, only to trail 10-6 when Conant connected on a 48-yard field goal on the last play before halftime.

The Aztecs took an early lead after Kaehler found a wide open Eric Judge for a 44-yard score. But Wes Feer's extra-point attempt hit the left upright and bounded away. Earlier in the quarter, Feer's 37-yard field goal try clanged off the left goal post.

It was that kind of half for San Diego State. Adam Muema had a fumble, Kaehler threw an interception off the hands of Muema and Pumphrey was stopped at the 1 on fourth down by Air Force safety Christian Spears.

For a third straight week, the Falcons let a halftime lead slip away.

## GAME STATISTICS

Nevada	7	10	6	21	0	-	44
San Diego State	7	16	21	0	7	-	51

**SDSU** - Pumphrey 72-yd run (Feer kick), 3-80, 1:13 (10:36 - 1st)

**NV** - Brock 1-yd run (Zuzo kick), 13-75, 4:07 (6:24 - 1st)

**NV** - Zuzo 44-yd field goal, 9-51, 3:25 (13:49 - 2nd)

**SDSU** - Muema 4-yd run (Feer kick), 6-67, 3:16 (4:37 - 2nd)

**NV** - Wimberly 10-yd pass f/Fajardo (Zuzo kick), 8-75, 2:40 (1:57 - 2nd)

**SDSU** - Team safety, 0:46 - 2nd

**SDSU** - Denso 25-yd pass f/Kaehler (Feer kick), 6-64, 0:32 (0:09 - 2nd)

**SDSU** - Muema 9-yd run (kick failed), 1-9, 0:04 (12:29 - 3rd)

**SDSU** - Vizzi 5-yd run (Feer kick), 5-33, 2:02 (8:09 - 3rd)

**NV** - Brock 4-yd run (kick failed), 11-75, 3:36 (4:33 - 3rd)

**SDSU** - Judge 5-yd pass f/Kaehler (Muema rush), 9-65, 4:09 (0:24 - 3rd)

**NV** - Brock 3-yd run (Zuzo kick), 11-75, 2:41 (12:43 - 4th)

**NV** - Jackson 1-yd run (Zuzo kick), 14-78, 4:10 (6:26 - 4th)

**NV** - Turner 5-yd pass f/Fajardo (Zuzo kick), 6-60, 1:35 (1:38 - 4th)

**SDSU** - Judge 13-yd pass f/Kaehler (Feer kick), 5-25 (OT)

	NV	SDSU
First Downs	33	21
Rushes-Yards	58-177	39-255
Passing Yards	393	286
C-A-I	33-51-0	23-32-0
Total Offense	109-570	71-541
Fumbles-Lost	2-2	1-1
Penalties-Yards	4-27	4-28
Possession Time	33:37	26:23
Turnovers	2	1
Average Field Pos.	NV 22	SDSU 34

## INDIVIDUAL STATS

**Rushing (Atts.-Yards-TDs):** **NV:** Brock 25-112-3; Fajardo 17-49; Jackson 14-37-1; Team 2-(-21). **SDSU:** Muema 24-134-2; Pumphrey 11-112-1; Young 1-6; Ruffin 1-5; Vizzi 1-5; Kaehler 1-(-7).

**Passing (Att.-Comp.-Int., Yards, TDs):** **NV:** Fajardo 51-33-0, 393, 2. **SDSU:** Kaehler 32-23-0, 286, 3.

**Receiving (No.-Yards-TDs):** **NV:** Wimberly 12-127-1; Turner 9-111-1; Bradley 6-82; Gipson 4-34; Jackson 1-33; Arendse 1-6. **SDSU:** Judge 6-54-2; Roberts 4-80; Ruffin 4-70; Young 4-21; Muema 3-22; Denso 1-25-1; Vizzi 1-14.

## GAME STATISTICS

San Diego State	6	0	0	21	-	27
Air Force	0	10	10	0	-	20

**SDSU** - Judge 44-yd pass f/Kaehler (Feer kick), 4-55, 1:57 (0:21, 1st)

**AFA** - Romine 16-yd run (Conant kick), 9-75, 4:27 (10:54, 2nd)

**AFA** - Conant 48-yd field goal, 8-39, 1:17 (0:00, 2nd)

**AFA** - Conant 52-yd field goal, 12-41, 5:33 (9:27, 3rd)

**AFA** - Gagliano 71-yd pass f/Romine, 3-84, 1:04 (3:53, 3rd)

**SDSU** - Pumphrey 20-yd pass f/Kaehler (McMorrow kick), 6-80, 1:23 (11:25, 4th)

**SDSU** - Ruffin 62-yd pass f/Kaehler (McMorrow kick blocked), 2-82, 0:38 (8:39, 4th)

**SDSU** - Pumphrey 10-yd run (Vizzi pass f/Kaehler), 13-77, 5:27 (1:39, 4th)

	SDSU	AFA
First Downs	22	14
Rushes-Yards	46-214	49-169
Passing Yards	249	150
C-A-I	15-26-1	6-12-0
Total Offense	72-463	61-319
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	3-1
Penalties-Yards	6-40	6-45
Possession Time	33:18	26:42
Turnovers	2	1
Average Field Pos.	SDSU 31	AFA 26

## INDIVIDUAL STATS

**Rushing (Atts.-Yards-TDs):** **SDSU:** Pumphrey 17-117-1; Muema 18-86; Kaehler 8-12; Young 1-3; Team 2-(-4). **AFA:** Lacoste 22-109; Hart 9-27; Romine 8-15-1; Lee 2-11; Rushing 2-8; Huntsman 1-4; Roberts 4-0; Gagliano 1-(-5).

**Passing (Att.-Comp.-Int., Yards, TDs):** **SDSU:** Kaehler 26-15-1, 249, 3. **AFA:** Romine 11-5-0, 111, 1; Gagliano 1-1-0, 39, 0.

**Receiving (No.-Yards-TDs):** **SDSU:** Ruffin 6-108-1; Lockett 3-29; Pumphrey 2-43-1; Craighead 2-3; Judge 1-44; Vizzi 1-22. **AFA:** Griffin 2-37; Gagliano 1-71-1; Robinette 1-39; Hendricks 1-5; Brown 1-(-2).

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**Fresno State (ot) 35**



**San Diego State 28**

**Oct. 26, 2013 | Qualcomm Stadium | San Diego, Calif. | ESPN2**

**SAN DIEGO** - No. 18/15 Fresno State defeated an enthused San Diego State team, 35-28, in overtime at Qualcomm Stadium in San Diego.

Marteze Waller's 1-yard touchdown run on Fresno State's first possession in overtime lifted the Bulldogs to the victory.

Fresno State held on for the win when San Diego State quarterback Quinn Kaehler's fourth-down pass to Dylan Denso was knocked away by Derron Smith.

Carr finished 35-of-57 for 298 yards passing and two touchdowns - both in the second half. The Bulldogs were stymied in part to the various blitzes the Aztecs were employing.

The Aztecs (3-4, 2-1) trailed 28-14 in the fourth quarter before Aaron Boesch scored on a 1-yard run with 9:37 to go. Tim Vizzi recovered the ensuing inside kick and Chad Young's 27-yard scoring run tied it at 28-all with seven minutes remaining.

The Aztecs quickly got the ball back when Fresno State went three-and-out. SDSU converted at the Fresno State 27-yard line on fourth down with 47 seconds left on Adam Muema's three-yard run. The Aztecs advanced the ball to the 20 before Seamus McMorro came on for the potential game-winning kick.

McMorrow, who earlier missed from 40 yards, had his 37-yard field-goal attempt blocked by Jensen as time expired in regulation.

The Bulldogs earlier extended their lead with a key defensive play. With San Diego State trailing 21-14, Kaehler completed a pass to Ezell Ruffin to the Fresno State 21-yard line. However, Jonathan Norton forced a fumble and Ejiro Ederaine returned it 78 yards to extend the lead to 14 points with about 10 minutes to go.

The touchdown stood after a long review. Long wasn't sure the call was correct. Ruffin finished with 10 catches for 181 yards.

Carr got off to a slow start, missing 11 of his first 15 pass attempts. Then, as he lined up split to the left side as wide receiver, Isaiah Burse took a direct snap and scored on a 10-yard run to give the Bulldogs a 7-0 lead with 8:40 to go in the first quarter.

Muema scored twice to put the Aztecs ahead. His 10-yard TD run tied the score with 8:43 remaining in the second quarter, and the go-ahead score came on a 1-yard run with 6 1/2 minutes to go in the third.

Davante Adams tied the score on an 11-yard scoring reception about four minutes later. His 16-yard reception put the Bulldogs ahead 21-14 with 12 1/2 minutes left in the fourth.

Carr struggled in the first half, completing 15 of 30 passes for 98 yards and no touchdowns. Thanks to his rough half, San Diego State outgained Fresno State over the first 30 minutes, 233-111. The Aztecs had more yards rushing (50-13), yards passing (183-98) and first downs (11-8).

Kaehler completed 12 of his 24 pass attempts. He finished 21 for 337 yards and no TDs.



**New Mexico 30**



**San Diego State 35**

**Nov. 2, 2013 | Qualcomm Stadium | San Diego, Calif. | FSSD**

**SAN DIEGO** - Adam Muema rushed for a season-high 233 yards and three touchdowns to propel San Diego State to a 35-30 victory over New Mexico at Qualcomm Stadium.

Ezell Ruffin added 165 receiving yards and two touchdowns on seven catches for the Aztecs, who never trailed in the game.

SDSU came out firing with a 75-yard touchdown pass from Quinn Kaehler to Ruffin on the very first play of the game. It was the first score by San Diego State on its opening play from scrimmage since Sept. 17, 2005, at Ohio State.

After forcing a Lobo punt, which was downed on the Aztec 4, SDSU marched 96 yards on nine plays over 4:13, culminating with a 4-yard touchdown run by Muema.

UNM answered on its ensuing possession after a 41-yard kick return by Carlos Wiggins put the visitors in good field position on the New Mexico 48. The Lobos converted on a key 4th and 2 when Cole Gautsche eluded SDSU defenders for a 20-yard run. Two plays later, Teriyon Gipson dashed into the end zone from 20 yards out to get UNM on the scoreboard.

The two teams were held scoreless in the second quarter as the Aztecs took a 14-7 lead into the locker room.

The Lobos quickly got to the SDSU 7 on their first possession of the third quarter, but SDSU's defense held firm, allowing just a 20-yard field goal by Justus Adams.

The Aztecs answered with an 8-play, 71-yard drive, highlighted by a 33-yard run by Muema and ending when Kaehler found Ruffin for a 24-yard strike on a 3rd-and-8 play.

UNM responded with a 6-play, 72-yard drive and 18-yard touchdown scamper by Crusoe Gongbay to get New Mexico back to within four at 21-17 after the end of three quarters.

To kick off the fourth quarter, SDSU put together its longest drive of the season in terms of plays (17) and time (8:28), marching 87 yards, including 64 on the ground. Muema finished the drive with a 2-yard touchdown on a 4th and goal, putting San Diego State up by a 28-17 margin.

The Lobos continued to fight, marching 72 yards on eight plays over 3:22 before Gipson scored his second touchdown of the game on a 5-yard run. Down by five, UNM went for the 2-point conversion, but Kasey Carrier was stopped by Aztec senior Nat Berhe at the goal line.

SDSU looked to put the game away with a 7-play, 75-yard drive, all by Muema, ending with a 1-yard touchdown (his third of the game) with just 1:50 left.

New Mexico took advantage of San Diego State's prevent defense with a 5-play, 75-yard drive over just 1:04. Clayton Mitchem found Tyler Duncan for a 36-yard score, bringing the Lobos to within five at 35-30.

UNM attempted an inside kick, but the Aztecs recovered the ball to preserve the victory.

Kaehler finished 16-for-21 for 201 yards and two touchdowns, posting the highest pass efficiency rating (188.02) by a SDSU quarterback since Ryan Katz had a 228.58 vs. North Dakota on Sept. 15, 2012.

Ruffin, meanwhile, went over 100 yards receiving for the third straight game, fourth time this year and fifth time of his career. His two touchdowns marked his first-ever multiple touchdown game.

San Diego State won its sixth straight Mountain West game following a conference loss.

## GAME STATISTICS

New Mexico	7	0	10	13	-	30
San Diego State	14	0	7	14	-	35

**SDSU** - Ruffin 75-yd pass f/Kaehler (McMorrow kick), 1-75, 0:16 (14:44 - 1st)  
**SDSU** - Muema 4-yd run (McMorrow kick), 9-96, 4:13 (5:22 - 1st)  
**UNM** - Gipson 20-yd run (Adams kick), 6-52, 2:15 (3:07 - 1st)  
**UNM** - Adams 20-yd field goal, 10-72, 5:48 (9:12 - 3rd)  
**SDSU** - Ruffin 24-yd pass f/Kaehler (McMorrow kick), 8-71, 4:18 (4:54 - 3rd)  
**UNM** - Gongbay 18-yd run (McMorrow kick), 6-72, 2:47 (2:07 - 3rd)  
**SDSU** - Muema 2-yd run (McMorrow kick), 17-87, 8:28 (8:39 - 4th)  
**UNM** - Gipson 5-yd run (Carrier rush failed), 8-72, 3:22 (5:17 - 4th)  
**SDSU** - Muema 1-yd run (McMorrow kick), 7-75, 3:27 (1:50 - 4th)  
**UNM** - Duncan 36-yd pass f/Mitchem (Adams kick), 5-71, 1:04 (0:46 - 4th)

	UNM	SDSU
First Downs	21	19
Rushes-Yards	41-253	41-249
Passing Yards	170	234
C-A-I	10-20-1	17-22-0
Total Offense	61-423	63-483
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	1-0
Penalties-Yards	6-45	7-40
Possession Time	28:44	31:16
Turnovers	1	0
Average Field Pos.	UNM 30	SDSU 23

## INDIVIDUAL STATS

**Rushing (Atts.-Yards-TDs):** **UNM:** Carrier 10-72-0; Gongbay 10-66-1; Gautsche 13-54-0; Gibson 5-45-2; Wiggins 2-19-0; Mitchem 1-(-3)-0. **SDSU:** Muema 27-233-3; Pumphrey 5-14-0; Young 4-14-0; Judge 1-6-0; Team 1-(-1)-0; Ruffin 1-(-1)-0; Kaehler 2-(-16)-0.

**Passing (Att.-Comp.-Int., Yards, TDs):** **UNM:** Gautsche 16-6-1, 101, 0; Mitchem 4-4-0, 69, 1. **SDSU:** Kaehler 21-16-0, 201, 2; Vizzi 1-1-0, 33, 0.

**Receiving (No.-Yards-TDs):** **UNM:** Wiggins 4-24-0; Magnant 2-57-0; Aho 2-46-0; Duncan 1-36-1; Bundy 1-7-0. **SDSU:** Ruffin 7-165-2; Lockett 5-33-0; Denso 2-21-0; Pumphrey 1-9-0; Vizzi 1-3-0; Judge 1-3-0.

## GAME STATISTICS

Fresno State	7	0	7	14	7	-	35
San Diego State	0	7	7	14	0	-	28

**FS** - Burse 10-yd run (McGuire kick), 11-60, 3:21 (7:46 - 1st)  
**SDSU** - Muema 10-yd run (McMorrow kick), 3-54, 1:13 (7:38 - 2nd)  
**SDSU** - Muema 1-yd run (McMorrow kick) 11-80, 4:49 (5:45 - 3rd)  
**FS** - Adams 11-yd pass f/Carr (McGuire kick) 11-85, 3:55 (1:50 - 3rd)  
**FS** - Adams 16-yd pass f/Carr (McGuire kick) 9-91, 3:14 (11:39 - 4th)  
**FS** - Ederaine 78-yd fumble return (McGuire kick), (9:51 - 4th)  
**SDSU** - Boesch 1-yd run (McMorrow kick), 4-61, 0:57 (8:54 - 4th)  
**SDSU** - Young 27-yd run (McMorrow kick), 6-49, 2:39 (6:15 - 4th)  
**FS** - Waller 1-yd run (McGuire kick), 5-25 (OT)

	FS	SDSU
First Downs	20	22
Rushes-Yards	19-43	48-170
Passing Yards	298	337
C-A-I	35-57-0	21-39-1
Total Offense	76-341	87-507
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	2-1
Penalties-Yards	5-50	8-80
Possession Time	24:49	35:11
Turnovers	0	2
Average Field Pos.	FS 23	SDSU 33

## INDIVIDUAL STATS

**Rushing (Atts.-Yards-TDs):** **FS:** Waller 8-22-1; Quezada 4-22; Burse 1-10-1; Carr 6-(-11). **SDSU:** Muema 27-211-2; Pumphrey 12-37; Young 2-30-1; Boesch 1-1-1; Kaehler 6-(-9).

**Passing (Att.-Comp.-Int., Yards, TDs):** **FS:** Carr 57-35-0, 298, 2. **SDSU:** Kaehler 39-21-1, 337, 0.

**Receiving (No.-Yards-TDs):** **FS:** Adams 12-87-2; Burse 10-74; Waller 5-56; Harper 4-67; Quezada 2-12; Watson 2-2. **SDSU:** Ruffin 10-181; Roberts 3-20; Judge 2-51; Young 2-5; Muema 2-2; Vizzi 1-60; Pumphrey 1-18.



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**Boise State (ot) 31**  
**San Diego State 34**

Nov. 23, 2013 | Qualcomm Stadium | San Diego, Calif. | CBSN

**SAN DIEGO** - Quinn Kaehler threw a 10-yard touchdown pass to Colin Lockett just inside the right pylon to give San Diego State a 34-31 overtime win over Boise State at Qualcomm Stadium.

It was the second straight overtime game and fourth of the season for the Aztecs. The four overtime games represented the most in the FBS and tied for the most in FBS history.

Boise State had taken a 31-28 lead in overtime when Dan Goodale, who missed a 43-yard field goal as time expired in regulation, made a 35-yarder on the Broncos' first possession of extra time.

SDSU then used three straight Adam Muema rushes for 15 yards to get to the BSU 10. After Donnel Pumphrey was stopped for no gain on 1st and 10, Kaehler found Lockett in the corner of the end zone for the game-winner.

San Diego State trailed 28-21 late in the fourth quarter until Tim Vizzi returned a punt 41 yards for a touchdown with 4:04 left. It was the Aztecs' first punt return for a touchdown since Kyle Conerly had an 87-yard TD return in 2002 vs. UNLV.

SDSU jumped out to a 7-0 lead with 4:15 left in the first quarter, putting together a 12-play, 70-yard drive over 6:48, culminating with a 2-yard run by Muema.

Boise State wasted no time tying the game up as Bryan Douglas returned a kickoff 100 yards for a touchdown.

San Diego State took back the lead on its first drive of the second quarter when Kaehler found Adam Roberts for a 3-yard touchdown strike.

The Broncos tied it again midway through the third quarter on Jay Ajayi's 31-yard touchdown run, and then got the ball right back after the Aztecs fumbled a kick return. BSU took advantage of the short 24-yard field as Grant Hedrick found Shane Williams-Rhodes with a 12-yard touchdown pass, giving Boise State its first lead of the game at 21-14 with 5:02 left in the third quarter.

SDSU got all the way to the Bronco 4 to kick off the fourth quarter, but was unable to convert a 4th down, giving the ball back to BSU. On a 3rd and 6, however, J.J. Whittaker intercepted Hedrick's pass and returned it 18 yards to tie the game back up at 21-21. It was Whittaker's second interception of the game.

Boise State recaptured the lead at 28-21 when Hedrick hooked up with Matt Miller with a 10-yard pass with 8:02 left in the fourth quarter.

On the ensuing drive, San Diego State got to the Bronco 39, but Kaehler's deep pass was intercepted by Donte Deayon at the 1. BSU gained eight yards on a pair of rushes, but Hedrick was sacked by Nick Tenhaeff on a 3rd and 2, Tenhaeff's second of the game. That set up Vizzi's game-tying 41-yard punt return for a touchdown.

Kaehler finished 23-for-37 for 288 yards and two touchdowns, against one interception to lead the Aztecs.

Ajayi rushed for 103 yards and a touchdown on 22 attempts to pace Boise State.

SDSU won its fourth consecutive game and improved to 7-1 over the last eight games. The win guaranteed the Aztecs their fourth consecutive winning season for the first time since the 1974-77 campaigns.

It was the seventh straight game that SDSU played that was decided by seven or less points, which was the longest streak in the country.

SDSU also became the first team to beat the Broncos in consecutive seasons since Washington State in 2000 and 2001.

**San Diego State 19**  
**UNLV 45**

Nov. 30, 2013 | Sam Boyd Stadium | Las Vegas, Nev. | ESPN

**LAS VEGAS** - The San Diego State defense couldn't stop UNLV's passing attack in a 45-19 loss in Las Vegas in the regular season finale for both teams.

The Aztecs had taken the lead just 41 seconds into the game when quarterback Quinn Kaehler found Colin Lockett on a 39-yard touchdown strike.

The Rebels, however, responded with 31 straight points through the 11:36 mark of the third quarter and this time the deficit was too much for SDSU to overcome.

UNLV did most of its damage through the air as quarterback Caleb Herring was 20-for-30 for 270 yards and five touchdowns. The five touchdowns tied a school single-game record. Devante Davis was Herring's main target, exploding for eight catches, 171 yards and four touchdowns. The four touchdowns tied a school single-game record.

San Diego State, which trailed, 24-7, at the half, finally got its second touchdown of the game with 2:27 left in the third quarter when Las Vegas native Donnel Pumphrey scored on a 1-yard run. The touchdown by the true freshman was the culmination of an 11-play, 59-yard drive.

After a missed extra-point attempt by the Aztecs, the Rebels added two more touchdowns to open up a 45-13 lead early in the fourth quarter.

With 7:17 left in the fourth, SDSU's Tim Vizzi returned a punt 71 yards for a touchdown. It was his second straight game with a punt return for a touchdown after San Diego State had gone 11 years without one. His two punt returns for a touchdown in a season tied a school record, while his two career punt returns for a score were tied for third.

The 2-point conversion attempt by the Aztecs was stopped and the game would finish at 45-19.

Pumphrey rushed for 87 yards and a touchdown on 13 attempts (6.7 avg.) to pace the SDSU rushing attack, which was limited as leading rusher Adam Muema (12 carries, 11 yards) was battling an ankle injury.

Kaehler threw for 239 yards and a touchdown. He was 24-for-46 with two interceptions.

Lockett finished with seven catches for 98 yards and a touchdown, while Ezell Ruffin had five receptions for 55 yards.

Vaness Harris led the San Diego State defense with seven tackles and 1.5 tackles for loss. Josh Gavert added five stops (four solo) with a sack.

The loss snapped many streaks for the Aztecs, including a four-game winning streak, an eight-game November winning streak, a four-game road winning streak, a six-game road winning streak against unranked teams and a four-game conference winning streak, among others.

## GAME STATISTICS

San Diego State	7	0	6	6	-	19
UNLV	7	17	7	14	-	45

**SDSU** - Lockett 39-yd pass f/Kaehler (Feer kick), 2-69, 0:41 (14:19 - 1st)  
**UNLV** - Davis 5-yd pass f/Herring (Kohorst kick), 8-65, 3:15 (11:04, 1st)  
**UNLV** - Davis 10-yd pass f/Herring (Kohorst kick), 6-78, 2:24 (11:04, 2nd)  
**UNLV** - Davis 63-yd pass f/Herring (Kohorst kick), 6 plays, 86 yards, 2:20 (5:30, 2nd)  
**UNLV** - Kohorst 50-yd field goal, 6-14, 1:56 (1:09, 2nd)  
**UNLV** - Herring 5-yd run (Kohorst kick), 7-67, 3:01 (11:36, 3rd)  
**SDSU** - Pumphrey 1-yd run (kick failed), 11-59, 4:08 (2:27, 3rd)  
**UNLV** - Sullivan 32-yd pass f/Herring (Kohorst kick), 6-48, 2:34 (14:43, 4th)  
**UNLV** - Davis 6-yd pass f/Herring (Kohorst kick), 4-22, 1:13 (11:27, 4th)  
**SDSU** - Vizzi 71-yd punt return (rush failed), (7:17, 4th)

	SDSU	UNLV
First Downs	21	22
Rushes-Yards	29-88	33-131
Passing Yards	239	270
C-A-I	24-46-2	20-30-0
Total Offense	75-327	63-401
Fumbles-Lost	3-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	7-49	3-34
Possession Time	30:02	29:58
Turnovers	2	0
Average Field Pos.	SDSU 26	UNLV 40

## INDIVIDUAL STATS

**Rushing (Atts.-Yards-TDs):** SDSU: Pumphrey 13-87-1; Muema 12-11-0; Young 1-4-0; Price 1-1-0; Kaehler 1-(-7)-0; Ruffin 1-(-8)-0. UNLV: Cornett 16-61-0; Herring 9-60-1; Smith 5-7-0; Sullivan 2-4-0; Team 1-(-1)-0.

**Passing (Att.-Comp.-Int., Yards, TDs):** SDSU: Kaehler 46-24-2, 239, 1. UNLV: Herring 30-20-0, 270, 5.

**Receiving (No.-Yards-TDs):** SDSU: Lockett 7-98-1, Ruffin 5-55-0, Roberts 3-29-0, Vizzi 3-15-0, Pumphrey 3-10-0, Judge 1-21-0, Young 1-6-0, Denso 1-5-0. UNLV: Davis 8-171-4, Sullivan 4-50-1, Barnhill 4-23-0, Mataele 2-15-0, Williams 1-6-0, Cornett 1-5-0.

## GAME STATISTICS

Boise State	7	0	14	7	3	-	31
San Diego State	7	7	0	14	6	-	34

**SDSU** - Muema 2-yd run (McMorrow kick), 12-70, 6:48, (4:15 - 1st)  
**BSU** - Douglas 100-yd kickoff return (Goodale kick), (4:01 - 1st)  
**SDSU** - Roberts 3-yd pass f/Kaehler (McMorrow kick), 9-50, 4:28 (10:26 - 2nd)  
**BSU** - Ajayi 31-yd run (Goodale kick), 4-49, 1:22 (6:33 - 3rd)  
**BSU** - Williams-Rhodes 12-yd pass f/Hedrick (Goodale kick), 4-24, 1:23 (5:02 - 3rd)  
**SDSU** - Whittaker 18-yd interception (Feer kick), (10:37 - 4th)  
**BSU** - Matt Miller 10-yd pass f/Hedrick (Goodale kick), 6-69, 2:35 (8:02 - 4th)  
**SDSU** - Vizzi 41-yd punt return (Feer kick), (4:04 - 4th)  
**BSU** - Goodale 35-yd field goal, 6-7, (OT)  
**SDSU** - Lockett 10-yd pass f/Kaehler, 5-25, (OT)

	BSU	SDSU
First Downs	16	19
Rushes-Yards	34-95	45-61
Passing Yards	202	288
C-A-I	21-36-2	23-38-1
Total Offense	70-297	83-349
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	2-2
Penalties-Yards	5-38	3-30
Possession Time	23:18	36:42
Turnovers	2	3
Average Field Pos.	BSU 34	SDSU 30

## INDIVIDUAL STATS

**Rushing (Atts.-Yards-TDs):** BSU: Ajayi 22-103-1; Bertoli 1-5-0; Demas 1-2-0; Hedrick 10-(-15)-0. SDSU: Muema 24-46-1; Pumphrey 12-24-0; Young 3-9-0; Team 1-(-1)-0; Kaehler 5-(-17)-0.

**Passing (Att.-Comp.-Int., Yards, TDs):** BSU: Hedrick 35-21-2, 202, 2; Miller 1-0-0, 0, 0. SDSU: Kaehler 37-23-1, 288, 2; Pumphrey 1-0-1, 0, 0.

**Receiving (No.-Yards-TDs):** BSU: Miller 8-80-1; Williams-Rhodes 6-40-1; Moore 4-11-0; Ajayi 2-55-0; Burks 1-16-0. SDSU: Muema 5-34-0; Denso 4-78-0; Ruffin 4-59-0; Pumphrey 4-29-0; Lockett 3-61-1; Roberts 2-11-1; Vizzi 1-16-0.

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	<b>Buffalo</b>	<b>24</b>
	<b>San Diego State</b>	<b>49</b>

**Dec. 21, 2013 | Bronco Stadium | Boise, Idaho | ESPN**

**BOISE, Idaho** – Making its school-record fourth consecutive postseason appearance, San Diego State closed off the 2013 campaign on a winning note with a convincing 49-24 victory over Buffalo in the Famous Idaho Potato Bowl.

The Aztecs were once again led by Adam Muema, who rushed for 229 yards and three touchdowns on 28 carries en route to earning the game's most-valuable-player award. With his performance, the junior running back finished with at least 200 yards on the ground for the fourth time in his career to help SDSU capture its first bowl game outside of its own stadium since the 1969 Pasadena Bowl.

The Aztecs, who never trailed in the contest, capitalized on three crucial Bulls turnovers, scoring 28 unanswered points during the second and third quarters to put the game out of reach.

On a day that witnessed numerous big plays, SDSU rode the legs of quarterback Quinn Kaehler on its initial scoring drive as the junior transfer tip-toed 29 yards down the right sideline on a bootleg to provide the Scarlet and Black a 7-0 advantage with 21 seconds left in the opening quarter.

The Aztecs regained possession in enemy territory shortly thereafter when Cody Galea pounced on a loose ball at the 30-yard line following Vanessa Harris' sack of UB quarterback Joe Licata. Six plays later, Muema tallied the first of his three scores on a 3-yard sweep to increase the SDSU lead to 14-0.

The Bulls, who were held without a first down until the 10:42 mark of the second period, managed to narrow the gap to 14-10 on a 10-yard toss from Licata to Brandon Oliver and a 38-yard field goal by Patrick Clarke.

However, the Aztecs quickly countered with a 5-play, 67-yard march, capped by Muema's 8-yard TD-scramper around left end, while Kaehler hit Dylan Denso with a 25-yard scoring strike on the first play following Marcus Andrews' interception return from midfield, giving SDSU a 28-10 bulge at intermission.

Denso also made a key contribution on special teams, recovering a Buffalo fumble on the opening kickoff of the second half to put the Aztecs in business at the Bulls 26. Moments later, Kaehler connected with Adam Roberts from 11 yards out on a post pattern for his second TD pass of the day.

After forcing a three-and-out, SDSU marched downfield once again, consuming 4:19 on the clock as Chad Young's 1-yard touchdown plunge increased the Aztec lead to 42-10 with 8:18 left in the third quarter.

Buffalo ended its offensive drought early in the fourth quarter, driving 73 yards in seven plays, culminating in a 23-yard touchdown reception by Alex Neutz. However, the score proved too little too late as Muema wrapped up his dazzling afternoon with a 30-yard burst into the end zone with 6:40 left in the contest.

In addition to Muema's heroics, Kaehler completed 15-of-28 passes for 211 yards with two touchdowns and no interceptions, finishing the season with a 8-3 record as the Aztecs starter. Meanwhile, wide receiver Ezell Ruffin registered multiple receptions for the 13 straight game, hauling in five catches, including a 39-yarder on SDSU's third scoring drive.

The Aztecs also welcomed the return of special teams standout Scott Graves, who blocked two punts in his first action of the year.



Tight end Adam Roberts hauled in this 11-yard touchdown strike to cap the Aztecs' first scoring drive of the second half against Buffalo in the Famous Idaho Potato Bowl.



Head coach Rocky Long hoists the winning trophy following San Diego State's 49-24 victory over Buffalo in the 2013 Famous Idaho Potato Bowl. It was the Aztecs' school-record fourth straight postseason appearance.

## GAME STATISTICS

Buffalo	0	10	0	14	-	24
San Diego State	7	21	14	7	-	49

**SDSU** - Kaehler 29-yd run (Feer kick), 4-55, 1:06 (0:21, 1st)

**SDSU** - Muema 3-yd run (Feer kick), 6-30, 2:49 (11:55, 2nd)

**UB** - Oliver 10-yd pass f/Licata (Clarke kick, 10-75, 4:04 (7:51, 2nd)

**UB** - Clarke 38-yd field goal, 6-25, 2:40 (4:01, 2nd)

**SDSU** - Muema 8-yd run (Feer kick), 5-67 2:50 (1:11, 2nd)

**SDSU** - Denso 25-yd pass f/Kaehler (Feer kick), 1-25, 0:07 (0:38, 2nd)

**SDSU** - Roberts 11-yd pass f/Kaehler (Feer kick), 5-26, 1:23 (13:28, 3rd)

**SDSU** - Young 1-yd run (Feer kick), 9-62, 4:19 (8:18, 3rd)

**UB** - Neutz 23-yd pass f/Licata (Clarke kick), 7-73, 2:20 (14:53, 4th)

**SDSU** - Muema 30-yd run (Feer kick), 2-43, 0:46 (6:40, 4th)

**UB** - Lee 10-yd pass f/Licata (Clarke kick), 14-75, 6:04 (0:36, 4th)

	UB	SDSU
First Downs	20	22
Rushes-Yards	38-113	43-249
Passing Yards	196	211
C-A-I	13-31-1	15-29-0
Total Offense	309	460
Fumbles-Lost	3-2	3-2
Penalties-Yards	8-54	13-122
Possession Time	27:27	32:24
Turnovers	3	2
Average Field Pos.	UB 25	SDSU 48

## INDIVIDUAL STATS

**Rushing (Atts.-Yards-TDs):** **UB:** Oliver 28-114-0; Taylor 5-14-0; Licata 5-(-15)-0. **SDSU:** Muema 28-229-3; Kaehler 3-8-1; Ruffin 3-7; Young 4-6-1; Pumphrey 2-2; Team 1-(-1); Price 2-(-2).

**Passing (Att.-Comp.-Int., Yards, TDs):** **UB:** Licata 13-30-196-1; TEAM 0-1-0-0. **SDSU:** Kaehler 15-28-211-0; Bernards 0-1-0-0.

**Receiving (No.-Yards-TDs):** **UB:** Lee 4-48-1; Neutz 3-77-1; Oliver 3-22-1; Gordon 1-22-0; Schreck 1-21-0; Dennison 1-6-0. **SDSU:** Ruffin 5-75-0; Lockett 3-40-0; Judge 2-45-0; Denso 1-25-1; Roberts 1-11-1; Vizzi 1-7-0; Muema 1-4-0; Young 1-4-0.