

AZTEC FOOTBALL

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Final Game Notes

Cal Poly at San Diego State ▶ Aug. 30, 2008

San Diego State fell to 13-11 all-time against Cal Poly and 7-6 in games played in San Diego ... The Aztecs dropped to 44-37-5 all-time in season-openers ... Each of the last two games have been decided by two points on a field goal in the final minutes.

The Write Up On Ryan:

Signalcaller Ryan Lindley became just the second Aztec freshman to start at quarterback in a season-opening game, joining Todd Santos (1984). Lindley is the fifth freshman in school history overall to start at QB. His first career touch-down toss as an Aztec came in the second quarter when he completed 5-of-7 for 76 yards on the drive that ended in a 16-yard TD toss to Brandon Sullivan.

Lindley ended the game 27-for-45 for 352 yards with three TDs, all the highs by an SDSU freshman quarterback in his first career start.

Sullivan Superlatives:

Sophomore running back Brandon Sullivan logged his first career touchdown reception in the second quarter on a 16-yard pass from Ryan Lindley. Sullivan had a career-high nine receptions on the night, beating his previous best of six a year ago at UNLV. Sullivan also set a career-best for most carries with 15 (prev. 11 at AF in 2007), and posted his first career multi-TD game.

All About Allen:

Senior linebacker Russell Allen, who is up for both the Butkus and Lombardi Awards, forced his first career fumble in the first quarter and also managed to recover the ball (the second of his career).

On the defensive:

Sophomore B.J. Williams and junior Jonathan Soto each tallied career highs in tackles to lead the Aztecs with nine and eight respectively. Cornerbacks Aaron Moore and Vonnie Holmes each had three pass breakups apiece - both career bests.

Aztec Firsts:

Players logging their first career starts tonight include: quarterback Ryan Lindley, offensive guard Ikaika Aken-Moleta, fullback Tyler Campbell, defensive end Tony DeMartinis and defensive tackle Ernie Lawson. In addition, junior Peter Nelson also made his first career start on the offensive side of the ball at left tackle, after posting two previous career starts at defensive tackle. Senior Lance Louis, whose eight previous starts were at tight end, was the Aztecs' starter at right tackle.

Other notes:

SDSU players seeing their first career action tonight include: quarterback Ryan Lindley, punter Ryan Stahovich, place-kicker Lane Yoshida, kick returner Davion Mauldin, linebacker Miles Burris, long snapper Aaron Brewer, defensive tackles Darias Jones and Jerome Long, defensive back Aubrey Smith, offensive lineman Kellen Farr, defensive end Ryan Williams and defensive back Jose Perez ... Defensive end Tony DeMartinis logged his first career sack in the first quarter ... Yoshida recorded his first career point as an Aztec following SDSU's second quarter TD ... True freshman Brian Stahovich's first two career punts both dropped within the Cal Poly 20-yard line ... Junior tight end Waika Spencer grabbed his first career receptions in the third quarter ... Junior wideout Roberto Wallace scored his first career TD to open the third quarter on a 30-yard reception ... Running back Davon Brown's first career reception went for 36 yards in the fourth quarter and led to an Aztec TD.