

# SAN DIEGO STATE FOOTBALL

**POSTGAME NOTES** ♦ SAN DIEGO STATE 33, UTAH 31 (3OT) ♦ Sat., Sept. 18, 2021 ♦ Dignity Health Sports Park (Carson, Calif.)



FINAL SCORE	31	(3ot) 33
Time Spent in the Lead ( <i>Tied 18:28</i> )	15:24	26:08
Total Plays-Yards	89-327	64-248
Plus Territory: Plays-Yards	29-135	12-31
Drives with Plays in Plus Territory (overtimes not included)	5 of 15	3 of 15
First Down Plays/Yards	37/159	27/80
Average on First Down	4.30	2.96
Rushes-Yards (Avg.)	13-54 (4.2)	19-65 (3.4)
Passes-Yards (Avg.)	24-105 (4.4)	7-15 (2.1)
First Down Sacked (goes down as a rush)	0-(0)	1-(-6)
First Down Penalties by Opponents-Yards	2-13	0-0
First Down Penalties by Offense-Yards	0-0	2-13
First Downs Made	6	4
First Down Turnovers	1	0
First Down Touchdowns	1	2
Third Down Efficiency (Pct.)	5-21 (23.8)	2-15 (13.3)
Rushing (Pct.)	0-2 (0.0)	2-8 (25.0)
Passing (Pct.)	6-18 (33.3)	0-7 (0.0)
Third Down Sacked (goes down as a rush)	2-(-14)	0-(0.0)
Penalties	1	0
Third Down Penalties by Opponents-Yards	1-15	0-0
Third Down Penalties by Offense-Yards	0-0	0-0
Average Yards to Go (All)	8.1	7.7
Yards Gained	95	82
Average Yards Gained/Att.	4.52	5.47
3rd & Long (9 or more)	2-9	0-3
3rd & Short (4 or less)	2-5	2-2
Third Down Turnovers	0	0
Third Down Touchdowns	2	1
Fourth Down Efficiency (Yards)	1-2 (50.0)	0-0 (0.0)
Total Possessions/Average Field Position	15/UTAH29	15/SDSU28
First Half	8/UTAH26	7/SDSU26
Second Half	7/UTAH33	8/SDSU29
Drives Started Inside/At Own 25	8 (4/4)	8 (6/2)
Points Scored (Touchdowns/Field Goals)	3 (0/1)	7 (1/0)
Drives Started in Plus Territory/Attempted to Score	1/1	1/1
Points Scored (Touchdowns/Field Goals)	0 (0/0)	7 (1/0)
Three and Outs or Less (must not have earned 1st D or scored)	5	7
Opponent Turnovers (Points)	1 (0)	1 (7)
Scores-Times in the Red Zone (Points)	2-4 (14)	3-4 (21)
Plays-Yards	16-36	8-30
Third Down Efficiency	1-3	1-2
Scores-Times in the Goal to Go (Points)	2-3 (14)	3-3 (21)
Plays-Yards	10-24	5-24
Explosive Plays (20-plus Yards)	2	2
Rushing	1	2
Passing	1	0
Yards by Quarter:		
First	0	27
Second	89	52
Third	46	121
Fourth	161	25
Longest Drive (Plays)	13 (2 times)	8 (2 times)
Shortest Drive (Plays)	1 (2 times)	1 (2 times)
Long Drive (Yards)	74 (15th, 8 pts.)	82 (8th, 7 pts.)
Shortest Drive (Yards)	-12 (3rd, 0 pts.)	-5 (3rd, 0 pts.)
Longest Drive (TOP)	5:02 (5th, 3 pts.)	4:13 (11th, 0 pts.)
Shortest Drive (TOP)	0:06 (8th, 0 pts.)	0:04 (9th, 7 pts.)

## BIG NOTES

- San Diego State improved to 3-0 for the second time in the last three seasons and the fourth time in the last six years.
- San Diego State is 3-0 having defeated two Power 5 Conference teams. That is just the second time in the Division I era (since 1969) that the Aztecs have opened 3-0 with two wins against members of power conferences (also: 2017).
- San Diego State improved to 7-2 against members of the Pac-12 Conference since the start of the 2016 campaign. That is the best record against Pac-12 teams by any FBS team (including the Pac-12) during that time (min. 5 games played).

Rk.	Team	W	L	Pct.
1.	<b>San Diego State</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>.778</b>
2.	USC	32	12	.727
3.	Washington	29	11	.725
4.	Stanford	27	16	.628
5.	Notre Dame	5	3	.625

- San Diego State's 7-2 mark against the Pac-12 is second-best record nationally against non-conference teams vs. any Power 5 Conference since 2016 (min. 5 games played).

Rk.	Team	W	L	Pct.
1.	Georgia vs. ACC	5	1	.833
2.	<b>SDSU vs. Pac-12</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>.778</b>
3.	Clemson vs. SEC	10	3	.769
4.	Alabama vs. ACC	5	2	.714
	Kentucky vs. ACC	5	2	.714

- The last 17 times SDSU has been an underdog, it has won the game outright 11 times (11-6).
- San Diego State is 16-1 in its last 17 games played in September (beginning in 2016).
- San Diego State has won its last four home games and is 6-1 in games played at Dignity Health Sports Park.
- The Aztecs improved to 50-2 the last 52 times they have rushed for at least 200 yards in a game.
- San Diego State improves to 9-4 all-time in overtime games.

## SERIES

- San Diego State snapped a five-game series losing streak against Utah, posting its first victory against the Utes since Oct. 15, 2005. Last week, SDSU snapped a four-game series losing streak against Arizona.
- San Diego State now trails the all-time series, 17-13-1. In "home" games, the Aztecs improved their all-time mark against the Utes to 7-8-1.

## MORE ON THE PAC-12

- San Diego State has won its last four home games against Pac-12 competition, defeating California (2016), No. 19/19 Stanford (2017), No. 23/23 Arizona State (2018) and Utah (2021).
- This is just the second time in school history the Aztecs have defeated Pac-12/10/8 teams in consecutive games. In 2017, San Diego State won at Arizona State, 30-20, (Sept. 9) and returned home to defeat No. 19/19 Stanford, 20-17 (Sept. 16).

## TEAM NOTES

- The Aztecs improved to 42-1 the last 43 times they have led by at least 14 points in a game.
- San Diego State improved to 49-8 the last 57 games it has scored at least 20 points in a game.
- San Diego State improves to 41-4 the last 45 times it has scored at least 30 points.
- SDSU has 13 kickoff return touchdowns since 2015, the most in FBS over that span. Coming into the weekend, 26 other teams had played at least 60 games since 2015 without a kickoff return touchdown.
- This was San Diego State's first overtime game since a 31-30 loss at Hawai'i in the 2018 regular-season finale (Nov. 24, 2018).
- San Diego State cleared 200 yards rushing for the third consecutive week, posting 204 yards on 45 carries, for the first time since the final five games of the 2017 season. That is particularly impressive after the Aztecs had 14 carries for just 56 rushing yards at intermission (31 carries for 148 after halftime).

- After recording 79 yards of total offense in the first half, San Diego State had 82 in its first drive of the third quarter.
- The Aztecs allowed their first punt return for a touchdown since Oct. 14, 2017 vs. Boise State.
- SDSU allowed zero (0) yards in the first quarter, including minus-11 (-11) rushing yards on eight attempts.

## TRENDS

- San Diego State did not start with the ball for just the 21st time over the last 121 games.
- The Aztecs held their opponent scoreless on their opening possession for the 58th time since 2015 (78 games).
- Despite getting outscored, 7-3, in the first quarter, SDSU has outscored the opposition, 83-37, in the first quarter since the start of the 2020 season.
- The Aztecs won their 16th straight game when leading after three quarters and are now 18-3 under head coach Brady Hoke when leading after three quarters.
- The 31 points are the most allowed by San Diego State in an Aztec victory since SDSU defeated California, 45-40, on Sept. 10, 2016.

## PLAYER NOTES

### \* Greg Bell, Sr., RB (33 att., 119 yds., 2 TD)

Broke 100 yards for the eighth time of his career in just 14 games, including seven times at San Diego State in 10 appearances ... Recorded his second career game with multiple rushing touchdowns and third with multiple touchdowns overall ... Now has four rushing touchdowns this season and 10 for his career ... Also has four overall touchdowns this year and 11 for his career ... Had a career-high 33 rushing attempts after recording 38 combined the first two games of the season.

Rk.	Name	Years	100-yd Games
1.	Donnel Pumphrey	2013-14-15-16	33
11.	Chris Hardy	1983-84	9
12.	Lynell Hamilton	2003-05-06-07	8
	Wayne Pittman	1991-92-93-94	8
	Paul Hewitt	1987-88	8
15.	<b>Greg Bell</b>	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>7 (10 GP)</b>
	Juwan Washington	2016-17-18-19	7
	Jim Allison	1963-64	7

### \* Matt Araiza, Jr., K/P (1-for-3 FG, 51 long | 9 P, 463 yds. (51.4 avg.), 64 long)

Had a career-long 51-yard field goal in the first quarter to put the Aztecs on the scoreboard ... Had SDSU's first 50-yard field goal by the Aztecs since John Baron II had a 53-yarder against Hawai'i on Nov. 24, 2018 ... The 51-yarder came on his third career attempt from at least 50 yards (other attempts came at Colorado on Nov. 28, 2020 and at Arizona on Sept. 11, 2021) ... Recorded his third straight game with at least a 50.0 yard average ... Also matched a career high with two tackles.

### \* Jordan Byrd, Sr., RB/KR/PR (2 KR, 126 yds., 1 TD | 3 PR, 11 yds.)

Returned a kickoff 100 yards for a touchdown in the second quarter, the second kick return touchdown of his career ... Became the fifth Aztec in program history with a 100-yard kickoff return (has happened eight times overall) and first since Rashaad Penny against Nevada on Nov. 18, 2017 ... He now has two overall touchdowns this season and nine for his career.

### \* Lucas Johnson, Sr., QB (10-for-19, 44 yds., 1 TD, 0 INT | 8 att., 87 yds.)

Improved to 1-1 as SDSU's starting quarterback ... Had a career-long 54-yard rush which was the longest by an Aztec quarterback since Ryan Katz had a 67-yarder at Fresno State on Sept. 29, 2012 and third longest since at least 1996 ... Ran for a career-high 87 yards ... Threw his first touchdown pass of the season and third of his career.

### \* Segun Olubi, Sr., LB (8 tackles (4 solo), 1.0 TFL, 2 QBH)

Had a career-high eight tackles (four solo) ... Led the team in tackles for the first time of his career.

### \* Tayler Hawkins, Sr., CB (6 tackles (4 solo), 1 INT, 2 PBU)

Recorded his second interception of the season and third in the past five games dating back to last season ... The 34-yard return was the longest of his career.

### \* Garret Fountain, So., LB (3 tackles (2 solo), 2.0 sacks, 2.0 TFL)

Recorded his second interception of the season and third in the past five games dating back to last season ... The 34-yard return was the longest of his career.

## OTHER NOTES

- TE **Daniel Bellinger**, LB **Caden McDonald** and LT **Zachary Thomas** all started for the 20th consecutive game, the longest streak on the team (offense/defense).
- CB **Tayler Hawkins** played in his 47th straight game, the longest streak on the team.
- **Hawkins** also played in his 47th career game, the most on the team.
- LB **Michael Shawcroft** recorded his second sack of the season and now has 3.5 for his career.
- Tonight's temperature: 69 degrees