

Season In Review



Vincent Brown was an all-conference first-team pick after leading the Aztecs with 69 catches for 1,352 yards and 10 touchdowns in 2010.

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2010 Season Recap

A YEAR TO REMEMBER

San Diego State's 2010 football season will go down as one of the most memorable in school history.

After suffering through six consecutive losing seasons, 11 straight non-winning seasons and 40 seasons without a bowl victory, the Aztecs broke all three streaks en route to an impressive 9-4 campaign.

Below are a few of the notables from the 2010 season:

- Won the Poinsettia Bowl (first bowl win since 1969).
- Finished with nine victories (most since 1977).
- Claimed the school's first winning season in 12 years.
- Defeated a nationally-ranked team for the first time in 14 years, snapping a 25-game losing streak.
- Defeated Air Force, Colorado State, New Mexico and Wyoming in the same season for the first time in school history.
- Snapped a 12-year bowl drought, the ninth-longest active streak in the nation entering the 2010 campaign.
- Defeated two teams - Air Force (Independence) and Navy (Poinsettia) - that advanced to bowl play after losing 27 consecutive games to teams that later played in a bowl game.
- San Diego State was the only football team in Southern California - college or pro - to advance to postseason play in 2010.

AMONG THE MOST IMPROVED

After having the 14th-best scoring margin improvement a year ago (from -215 in 2008 to -86 in 2009), the Aztecs once again proved to be a program on the rise. In going from 4-8 in 2009 to 9-4 in 2010, San Diego State's five-win improvement tied for the fourth largest in the country last season.

Below is a look at the leaders in the category:

LARGEST INCREASE IN VICTORIES, 2009 TO 2010

Rk.	Team	2009	2010	+/-
1.	Miami (Ohio)	1	10	+9
2.	Maryland	2	9	+7
3.	Auburn	8	14	+6
4.	San Diego State	4	9	+5
	Michigan State	6	11	+5
	Nevada	8	13	+5
	Tulsa	5	10	+5

SO CLOSE...

As special as the 2010 campaign was for San Diego State, it is not too difficult for Aztec fans to envision an undefeated campaign.

The Aztecs' four losses came by a combined 15 points, with no defeat coming by more than five points. San Diego State's average margin of defeat of 3.75 points was the fourth smallest in the nation in 2010.

In addition, the Aztecs suffered from questionable calls in two of the four losses. Below is a look at details from the four losses.

- At Missouri, San Diego State led, 24-20, in the final minute of the game when the Tigers completed a short pass that resulted in a 68-yard touchdown. Replays showed that an apparent block in the back at the line of scrimmage that sprang the play was not called. The Tigers ended the year 10-2 overall (6-0 at home) and won their other five home games by a total of 127 points (25.4 ppg margin).
- In the contest at Brigham Young, the Aztecs forced a third-quarter fumble that was not called despite video evidence to the contrary. The Cougars went on to score a touchdown on the drive. Brigham Young was 5-1 at home this season, with its other four home wins coming by a total of 92 points (23.0 ppg margin).

■ Against No. 2 and undefeated TCU, the Aztecs suffered a 40-35 loss. The 35 points were 11 more than any other opponent scored against the Horned Frogs and the five-point margin was the closest call for TCU during their undefeated regular season. TCU was 6-0 at home in 2010 and won its other five home games by 194 points (38.8 ppg margin).

■ The Aztecs owned the edge in play against Utah in most statistical categories, including first downs (29-22) and total offense (587-500), but could not overcome a -3 turnover margin and a blocked punt inside the SDSU 5-yard-line in a four-point loss to the Utes. Utah ended the regular season campaign with a 10-2 record.

Below is a look at the smallest average margins of defeat in 2010:

SMALLEST MARGIN OF DEFEAT

Rk.	Team	Margin in L	Losses	Avg.
1.	Boise State	3	1	3.00
	Oregon	3	1	3.00
3.	Iowa	18	5	3.60
4.	San Diego State	15	4	3.75

5.	Alabama	18	3	6.00
	Nevada	6	1	6.00
	Wisconsin	12	2	6.00

HILLMAN LEADS THE NATION

Freshman running back Ronnie Hillman led all NCAA classmates in rushing in 2010 while finishing 10th nationally in rushing yards per game at 117.85.

Hillman was nothing short of amazing, producing six games with at least 150 yards rushing and two games with more than 200 yards rushing. He rushed for 228 yards at 25th-ranked Missouri and in the Poinsettia Bowl victory over Navy.

With 1,532 yards in 13 games, Hillman ended the season 54 yards short of Marshall Faulk's total of 1,586 yards in 1991. Although Faulk ended his freshman campaign with more yards, the NCAA sees Hillman as owning the school record since Faulk's total includes 157 yards against Tulsa in the Freedom Bowl. The NCAA does not include bowl games for the purposes of season totals prior to 2002.

2010 Individual Honors

BRADY HOKE

* MWC Coach of the Year

VINCENT BROWN

- * All-MWC (1st Team)
- * Phil Steele All-MWC (1st Team)
- * Phil Steele Mid-Season All-MWC (1st Team)

MILES BURRIS

- * All-MWC (1st Team)
- * Phil Steele All-MWC (1st Team)
- * MWC co-Defensive Player of the Week (Nov. 8)
- * Phil Steele Mid-Season All-MWC (1st Team)

TOMMY DRAHEIM

- * Phil Steele Mid-Season All-MWC (2nd Team)

GAVIN ESCOBAR

- * Sporting News Freshman All-American (1st Team)
- * Phil Steele Freshman All-American (2nd Team)
- * Rivals.com Freshman All-American (2nd Team)
- * CollegeFootballNews.com Freshman All-American (2nd Team)
- * All-MWC 2nd Team
- * Phil Steele All-MWC (2nd Team)

RONNIE HILLMAN

- * Phil Steele Freshman All-American (1st Team)
- * FWAA Freshman All-American (1st Team)
- * Rivals.com Freshman All-American (2nd Team)
- * CollegeFootballNews.com Freshman All-American (2nd Team)
- * MWC Freshman of the Year
- * All-MWC (1st Team)
- * Phil Steele All-MWC (1st Team)
- * Rivals.com National Freshman of the Week (Oct. 18)
- * Phil Steele Mid-Season All-American
- * Phil Steele Mid-Season All-MWC (1st Team)
- * MWC Offensive Player of the Week (Sept. 13)
- * MWC co-Offensive Player of the Week (Sept. 20)
- * MWC co-Offensive Player of the Week (Oct. 18)
- * Poinsettia Bowl Offensive MVP

TRASK IOSEFA

- * All-MWC (2nd Team)
- * Phil Steele All-MWC (3rd Team)
- * Phil Steele Mid-Season All-MWC (3rd Team)

ERNIE LAWSON

- * All-MWC (Honorable Mention)
- * Phil Steele All-MWC (3rd Team)

RYAN LINDLEY

- * All-MWC (2nd Team)
- * Phil Steele All-MWC (2nd Team)
- * Phil Steele Mid-Season All-MWC (2nd Team)
- * MWC Offensive Player of the Week (Nov. 29)

JEROME LONG

- * Phil Steele All-MWC (3rd Team)
- * Phil Steele Mid-Season All-MWC (3rd Team)

LEON MCFADDEN

- * All-MWC (1st Team)
- * Phil Steele All-MWC (1st Team)
- * Phil Steele Mid-Season All-MWC (3rd Team)

LARRY PARKER

- * Phil Steele All-MWC (3rd Team)

ABELARDO PEREZ

- * All-MWC (2nd Team)

JOSE PEREZ

- * All-MWC (Honorable Mention)

ANDREW PRESTON

- * All-MWC (Honorable Mention)
- * Poinsettia Bowl Defensive MVP

DEMARCO SAMPSON

- * SI.com Honorable Mention All-American
- * All-MWC (1st Team)
- * Phil Steele All-MWC (1st Team)
- * Phil Steele Mid-Season All-MWC (1st Team)
- * MWC Offensive Player of the Week (Nov. 1)

BRIAN STAHOVICH

- * All-MWC (1st Team)
- * Phil Steele All-MWC (1st Team)
- * Phil Steele Mid-Season All-MWC (2nd Team)
- * MWC Special Teams Player of the Week (Nov. 1)

B.J. WILLIAMS

- * Phil Steele Mid-Season All-MWC (3rd Team)

2010 Season Statistics

PUNT RETURNS

Player	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD	Long
PARKER, L.	19	117	6.2	0	29
MCFADDEN, L.	5	46	9.2	0	23
SANDIFER, D.	3	6	2.0	0	6
SDSU TOTALS	28	169	6.0	0	29
OPPONENTS	26	255	9.8	0	43

KICKOFF RETURNS

Player	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD	Long
DAVIS, B.	22	490	22.3	0	37
BROWN, D.	16	271	16.9	0	25
KAZEE, W.	4	65	16.2	0	24
SANDIFER, D.	2	25	12.5	0	21
SDSU TOTALS	44	851	19.3	0	37
OPPONENTS	57	1,456	25.5	0	73

INTERCEPTION RETURNS

Player	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD	Long
PRESTON, A.	3	69	23.0	0	29
MCFADDEN, L.	2	0	0.0	0	0
LEWIS, D.	2	27	13.5	0	23
BERHE, N.	1	10	10.0	0	10
LEMON, G.	1	0	0.0	0	0
WADE, J.	1	0	0.0	0	0
SDSU TOTALS	10	106	10.6	0	29
OPPONENTS	14	120	8.6	0	29

FUMBLE RETURNS

Player	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD	Long
LONG, J.	0	0	0.0	1	0
SDSU TOTALS	0	0	0.0	1	0
OPPONENTS	3	155	51.7	2	88



Running back Brandon Sullivan had three TD receptions during the 2010 season, including one in the win at Colorado State.

PUNTING

Player	No.	Yards	Avg.	Lg.	In.20	50+	Blk.	Net yds.	Net Avg.
STAHOVICH, B.	53	2,406	45.4	89	18	16	1	2,031	38.3
TEAM	2	0	0.0	0	0	0	1	0	0
SDSU TOTALS	55	2,406	43.7	89	18	16	2	2,031	36.9
OPPONENTS	77	3,038	39.5	58	21	7	0	2,749	35.7

FIELD GOALS

Player	FGM-A	Pct.	10-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60+	Lg.
PEREZ, A.	17-22	77.3	0-1	8-8	6-7	2-5	1-1	0	53
NICH: 42wl, 44gd, 27gd; NMSU: 25gd, 32gd, 37wl, 45wr; UM: 25gd; UTST: 20gd, 37gd; BYU: 43wl; AF: 23gd, 27gd, 19wl; UNM: 36gd, 30gd, 31gd; WYO: 21gd, 28gd; CSU: 31gd; TCU: none; UTAH: none; UNLV: 42gd, 53gd; NAVY: none.									
SDSU TOTALS	17-22	77.3	0-1	8-8	6-7	2-5	1-1	0	53
OPPONENTS	13-21	61.9	0-0	4-6	8-10	1-5	0-0	0	46

TOTAL OFFENSE

Player	G	Plays	Rush	Pass	Total	YPG
LINDLEY, R.	13	440	-31	3,830	3,799	292.2
HILLMAN, R.	13	262	1,532	0	1,532	117.8
KAZEE, W.	10	67	320	0	320	32.0
BROWN, D.	13	31	144	0	144	11.1
SULLIVAN, B.	13	40	124	0	124	9.5
SANDIFER, D.	13	1	14	0	14	1.1
DEAKIN, D.	13	1	13	0	13	1.0
SAMPSON, D.	13	4	11	0	11	0.8
BERNARDS, J.	2	1	0	10	10	5.0
YOUNG, C.	12	2	4	0	4	0.3
BROWN, V.	13	1	-13	0	-13	-1.0
TEAM	12	15	-21	0	-21	-1.8
SDSU TOTALS	13	865	2,097	3,840	5,937	456.7
OPPONENTS	13	948	1,934	2,665	4,599	353.8

ALL-PURPOSE YARDAGE

Player	G	Rush	Rec.	PR	KOR	IR	Total	YPG
HILLMAN, R.	13	1,532	68	0	0	0	1,600	123.1
BROWN, V.	13	-13	1,352	0	0	0	1,339	103.0
SAMPSON, D.	13	11	1,220	0	0	0	1,231	94.7
SULLIVAN, B.	13	124	383	0	0	0	507	39.0
DAVIS, B.	12	0	0	0	490	0	490	40.8
BROWN, D.	13	144	30	0	271	0	445	34.2
KAZEE, W.	10	320	38	0	65	0	423	42.3
ESCOBAR, G.	13	0	323	0	0	0	323	24.8
SANDIFER, D.	13	14	263	6	25	0	308	23.7
PARKER, L.	12	0	0	117	0	0	117	9.8
PRESTON, A.	13	0	0	0	0	69	69	5.3
QUIGLEY, B.	11	0	66	0	0	0	66	6.0
MCFADDEN, L.	13	0	0	46	0	0	46	3.5
DENSO, D.	13	0	39	0	0	0	39	3.0
SHIELDS, D.J.	13	0	29	0	0	0	29	2.2
LEWIS, D.	13	0	0	0	0	27	27	2.1
UMUOLO, A.	2	0	19	0	0	0	19	9.5
DEAKIN, D.	13	13	0	0	0	0	13	1.0
BERHE, N.	12	0	0	0	0	10	10	0.8
O'BRIEN, J.	13	0	10	0	0	0	10	0.8
YOUNG, C.	12	4	0	0	0	0	4	0.3
TEAM	12	-21	0	0	0	0	-21	-1.8
Lindley, Ryan	13	-31	0	0	0	0	-31	-2.4
SDSU TOTALS	13	2,097	3,840	169	851	106	7,063	543.3
OPPONENTS	13	1,934	2,665	255	1,456	120	6,430	494.6

DEFENSIVE

Player	GP	Tackles			TFL/Yds.	Sacks No.-Yards	Pass Def.		QBH	Fumbles		Blk Kick	Saf.
		Solo	Ast.	Total			Int.-Yds	BrUp		Rcv.-Yds	FF		
BURRIS, M.	13	54	26	80	20.0-104	9.5-61	.	.	.	4	.	.	
PRESTON, A.	13	54	24	78	4.0-15	.	3-69	3	.	.	.	.
MCFADDEN, L.	13	38	17	55	7.0-40	1.0-11	2-0	12	.	.	.	.
KETCHUM, L.	13	33	19	52	2.5-6	0.5-1	.	2	.	.	1	.	
LEWIS, D.	13	29	14	43	1.0-2	.	2-27	4	.	.	.	.
YARBROUGH, M.	10	27	15	42	4.5-14	2.0-11	.	1	1	.	.	.	
BERHE, N.	12	26	13	39	1.0-2	.	1-10	4	.	1-0	.	.	
STEVENS, K.	13	28	9	37	3.5-8	.	.	2	.	.	.	.
ANDREWS, R.	13	22	14	36	1.5-8	1.0-6	.	2	.	1	.	.	
DAVIS, B.	12	24	12	36	2.0-9	1.0-8	.	3	.	.	.	.
ANDREWS, M.	13	20	13	33	1.5-5	.	.	5	.	.	.	.
BARKSDALE, D.	13	22	11	33	4.5-22	1.0-14	.	3	.	1-0	.	.	
LAWSON, E.	13	18	12	30	9.5-34	1.0-11	.	1	2	.	.	.	
LONG, J.	13	16	14	30	6.0-18	1.5-10	.	.	.	1-0	1	.	
TENHAEFF, N.	13	23	7	30	3.5-25	2.0-19	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	
PEREZ, J.	12	20	9	29	3.0-7	.	.	11	1	.	.	.	
WADE, J.	13	13	13	26	1.5-7	.	1-0	3	.	.	.	.
SPENCER, N.	13	16	9	25	2.0-7	1.0-3	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	
PARKER, L.	12	18	7	25	1.0-4	.	.	4	.	1-0	1	.	
TAUANUU, J.	13	15	5	20	4.0-16	1.0-10	.	2	.	.	.	.
WILLIAMS, B.J.	9	12	7	19	2.0-12	2.0-12	.	.	.	.	.	.
AUTELE, J.J.	13	8	7	15	3.5-13	1.5-10	.	.	.	.	.	.
LEMON, G.	10	8	2	10	.	.	1-0	1	.	.	.	.
GIBBS, L.	7	6	3	9	1.5-7	1.0-6	.	1	.	.	.	.
LOCKETT, C.	11	7	1	8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
SILUANO, R.	12	4	4	8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
SHUMATE, C.	11	7	.	7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
TRUJILLO, F.	8	3	4	7	1.5-4	.	.	1	.	1	.	.	
BREWER, A.	13	3	2	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
HORN, R.	3	4	.	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
HARRIS, V.	4	4	.	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
THOMAS, J.	13	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
FELY, J.	3	1	1	2	1.5-10	1.0-9	.	.	.	.	.	.
DENSO, D.	13	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
DRIVER, J.	5	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
PEREZ, A.	13	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
SAMPSON, D.	13	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
BROWN, V.	13	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
HILLMAN, R.	13	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
HEMMINGS, D.	2	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
TEAM	12	1	.	1	1.0-3	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
DEAKIN, D.	13	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
STAHOVICH, B.	12	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
GORDERT, C.	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
WILLIAMS, R.	3	.	1	1	0.5-0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
KAZEE, W.	10	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
DRAHEIM, T.	13	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
GUNTHER, K.	13	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
ESCOBAR, G.	13	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
SDSU TOTALS	13	605	296	901	95-402	28-202	10-106	65	4	6-0	8	2	
OPPONENTS	13	-	-	-	-	9-75	14-120	42	5	8-155	10	2	

SCORING DRIVE ANALYSIS

Distance	SDSU		Opponent	
	TD	FG	TD	FG
(minus)	0	0	0	0
0-9	2	0	3	3
10-19	1	1	2	0
20-29	2	2	2	2
30-39	1	3	1	2
40-49	3	6	3	0
50-59	10	2	1	1
60-69	9	3	9	3
70-79	12	0	7	2
80-89	13	0	8	0
90-99	5	0	0	0

GAME OPENING DRIVES

Game	SDSU			Opponent		
	Pts.	FD	Yds.	Pts.	FD	Yds.
Nicholls State	0	2	53	5	1	1
at New Mexico State	0	1	20	0	3	61
at Missouri	7	4	80	7	5	80
Utah State	7	4	58	0	0	-9
at Brigham Young	0	0	5	7	5	78
Air Force	0	2	28	0	1	23
at New Mexico	7	4	64	0	0	9
at Wyoming	0	1	9	0	1	-10
Colorado State	0	1	20	3	4	68
at TCU	7	1	54	0	0	0
Utah	7	4	74	3	2	66
UNLV	7	3	61	0	0	1
Navy	0	3	49	0	0	5

2ND-HALF OPENING DRIVES

Game	SDSU			Opponent		
	Pts.	FD	Yds.	Pts.	FD	Yds.
Nicholls State	3	0	3	9	2	35
at New Mexico State	7	2	59	0	0	7
at Missouri	0	2	28	3	5	75
Utah State	0	0	4	0	0	1
at Brigham Young	0	0	-12	0	1	12
Air Force	0	0	9	0	0	7
at New Mexico	3	4	48	7	3	80
at Wyoming	0	0	-13	0	1	6
Colorado State	3	2	58	0	0	1
at TCU	0	0	4	3	2	33
Utah	7	1	90	0	3	40
UNLV	7	4	69	0	2	33
Navy	0	2	44	0	3	65

PASS EFFICIENCY

	G	Att	Cmp	Pct	Int	Yds	TD	Effic
1. TCU	13	331	218	65.9	6	2,983	29	166.8
2. San Diego State	13	426	244	57.3	14	3,840	28	148.1
3. Air Force	13	168	88	52.4	6	1,551	12	146.4
4. Utah	13	398	248	62.3	12	3,069	24	141.0
5. Wyoming	12	289	174	60.2	9	1,992	12	125.6
6. Colorado State	12	393	253	64.4	13	2,662	11	123.9
7. UNLV	13	352	191	54.3	12	2,222	18	117.3
8. Brigham Young	13	428	243	56.8	11	2,579	17	115.4
9. New Mexico	12	365	192	52.6	15	1,892	11	97.9

PASS EFFICIENCY DEFENSE

	G	Att	Cmp	Int	Pct	Yds	TD	Effic
1. TCU	13	323	157	12	48.6	1,674	10	94.9
2. Air Force	13	321	176	12	54.8	1,921	10	107.9
3. San Diego State	13	427	221	10	51.8	2,665	18	113.4
4. Brigham Young	13	384	205	16	53.4	2,499	20	116.9
5. Utah	13	380	233	12	61.3	2,927	20	137.1
6. Wyoming	12	317	188	9	59.3	2,495	18	138.5
7. New Mexico	12	318	192	4	60.4	2,626	25	153.2
8. UNLV	13	325	208	7	64.0	2,961	25	161.6
9. Colorado State	12	306	213	4	69.6	2,711	24	167.3

RED ZONE OFFENSE

	G	RZ	Pct.	TDs	R/P	FG-AT	F/I/D/O
1. TCU	13	60-68	88.2	50	39-11	10-11	1/2/0/4
2. Brigham Young	13	44-50	88.0	31	22-9	13-14	0/1/2/2
3. New Mexico	12	21-25	84.0	17	9-8	4-4	0/2/1/1
4. Utah	13	41-49	83.7	33	23-10	8-10	0/2/3/1
5. UNLV	13	25-30	83.3	18	8-10	7-7	0/1/4/0
6. San Diego State	13	46-56	82.1	32	19-13	14-17	1/1/2/3
7. Air Force	13	41-50	82.0	36	33-3	5-7	2/0/3/2
8. Colorado State	12	26-35	74.3	12	8-4	14-18	1/0/4/0
9. Wyoming	12	24-35	68.6	18	12-6	6-8	2/4/3/0

RED ZONE DEFENSE

	G	RZ	Pct.	TDs	R/P	FG-AT	F/I/D/O
1. San Diego State	13	38-48	79.2	26	16-10	12-17	0/2/2/1
2. UNLV	13	52-65	80.0	42	34-8	10-11	3/1/4/4
3. Wyoming	12	41-51	80.4	33	26-7	8-14	1/1/1/1
4. New Mexico	12	53-64	82.8	38	31-7	15-17	3/2/2/2
5. Brigham Young	13	25-30	83.3	19	11-8	6-7	0/2/0/2
Utah	13	30-36	83.3	16	6-10	14-16	0/0/4/0
7. TCU	13	16-19	84.2	12	8-4	4-4	0/1/2/0
8. Air Force	13	40-47	85.1	30	22-8	10-12	1/2/2/0
9. Colorado State	12	42-49	85.7	30	18-12	12-12	2/0/1/4

RUSHING YARDS/GAME

	G	No	Yds	Avg	TD	Yds/g	
1. Hillman	SD	13	262	1,532	5.8	17	117.8
2. Wesley	TC	13	166	1,078	6.5	11	82.9
3. Clark	AF	13	182	1,031	5.7	5	79.3
4. Di Luigi	BY	13	178	917	5.2	8	70.5
5. Alexander	WY	12	189	792	4.2	14	66.0

PASSING AVERAGE/GAME

	G	A-C-I	Pct	Yds	TD	Avg/g	
1. Lindley	SD	13	421-243-14	57.7	3,830	28	294.6
2. Wynn	UT	10	299-186-10	62.2	2,334	17	233.4
3. Thomas	CS	12	391-253-13	64.7	2,662	11	221.8
4. Dalton	TC	13	316-209-6	66.1	2,857	27	219.8
5. Heaps	BY	13	383-219-9	57.2	2,316	15	178.2

TOTAL OFFENSE/GAME

	G	Rush	Pass	Plays	Total	Yds/g	
1. Lindley	SD	13	-31	3,830	440	3,799	292.2
2. Dalton	TC	13	435	2,857	402	3,292	253.2
3. Wynn	UT	10	-11	2,334	317	2,323	232.3
4. Thomas	CS	12	-117	2,662	468	2,545	212.1
5. Carta-Samuels	WY	11	392	1,702	369	2,094	190.4

RECEPTIONS/GAME

	G	Rec	Yds	TD	Avg/c	Rec/g	
1. Brown	SD	13	69	1,352	10	19.6	5.3
2. Sampson	SD	13	67	1,220	8	18.2	5.2
3. Kerley	TC	13	56	575	10	10.3	4.3
4. Brooks	UT	13	51	633	4	12.4	3.9
Johnson	LV	13	51	571	5	11.2	3.9

RECEPTION YARDS/GAME

	G	Rec	Yds	TD	Avg/c	Avg/g	
1. Brown	SD	13	69	1,352	10	19.6	104.0
2. Sampson	SD	13	67	1,220	8	18.2	93.8
3. Payne	LV	11	40	689	5	17.2	62.6
4. Christopher	UT	12	39	660	6	16.9	55.0
5. Boyce	TC	13	34	646	6	19.0	49.7

ALL PURPOSE YARDS/GAME

	G	Rush	Rcv	PR	KR	Yds	Avg/g	
1. Hillman	SD	13	1,532	68	0	0	1,600	123.1
2. Kerley	TC	13	97	575	388	527	1,587	122.1
3. Smithson	UT	13	33	383	572	507	1,495	115.0
4. Di Luigi	BY	13	917	443	0	62	1,422	109.4
5. Warzeka	AF	13	312	406	0	632	1,350	103.8

PASS EFFICIENCY

	G	A-C-I	Pct	Yds	TD	Eff	
1. Dalton	TC	13	316-209-6	66.1	2,857	27	166.5
2. Lindley	SD	13	421-243-14	57.7	3,830	28	149.4
3. Wynn	UT	10	299-186-10	62.2	2,334	17	139.9
4. Thomas	CS	12	391-253-13	64.7	2,662	11	124.5
5. Carta-Samuels	WY	11	252-154-8	61.1	1,702	9	123.3

PUNTING AVERAGE

	G	Punt	Yds	Avg	
1. Stahovich	SD	12	53	2,406	45.4
2. Kontodiakos	CS	12	51	2,231	43.7
3. McCoy	WY	12	68	2,911	42.8
4. Stephenson	BY	13	52	2,182	42.0
5. Skaer	NM	12	85	3,442	40.5

SCORING/GAME

	G	TD	XPT	FG	Pts	Pts/g
1. Hillman	SD	13	18	0	108	8.3
2. Perez	SD	13	0	54	105	8.1
3. Evans	TC	13	0	68	101	7.8
4. Phillips	UT	13	0	55	94	7.2
5. Alexander	WY	12	14	0	84	7.0

FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE

	G	FG	FGA	Long	Pct	
1. Aho	NM	11	8	9	51	88.9
2. Evans	TC	13	11	13	43	84.6
3. Payne	BY	13	17	21	48	81.0
4. Watts	WY	10	8	10	46	80.0
5. Perez	SD	13	17	22	53	77.3

TACKLES

	G	Pos	Solo	Ast	Tot	Avg/g	Sk	
1. Messina	NM	12	LB	52	63	115	9.6	1.5
2. Gary	WY	10	SS	48	46	94	9.4	0.0
3. Prosincki	WY	12	FS	66	42	108	9.0	0.0
4. Brewer	CS	12	LB	45	62	107	8.9	1.0
5. Walker	UT	13	LB	35	78	113	8.7	2.0

INTERCEPTIONS

	G	Int	Yds	TD	Int/g	
1. Rich	BY	13	5	69	0	0.38
Chandler	LV	13	5	32	1	0.38
3. Blechen	UT	13	4	16	0	0.31
4. Gipson	WY	12	3	77	0	0.25
5. Preston	SD	13	3	69	0	0.23

2010 Game Recaps

Nicholls State 0 San Diego State 47

Sept. 4, 2010 | Qualcomm Stadium | San Diego, Calif.

SAN DIEGO – The San Diego State football team put on a dominating performance on both sides of the ball, blanking first-time opponent Nicholls State, 47-0, for its first win in a season-opener in six years. The Aztecs outgained the Colonels, 531-171, posted their first shutout since 2003, and logged their largest margin of victory in 14 years in front of 25,290 fans at Qualcomm Stadium.

Despite the rout, SDSU took awhile to get started with both teams attempting to shake off the first-game jitters. The Aztecs' first two drives of the evening resulted in a missed 42-yard field goal and then a fumble on their own 19-yard line. Luckily, the visitors were unable to capitalize on that mistake, as the SDSU defense stepped up with consecutive sacks followed by another tackle for loss that made Nicholls attempt a 40-yard field goal, which it also missed.

The Aztecs used the run game to find the end zone for the first time in 2010, as the team utilized five consecutive draw plays, capped by a six-yard TD rush by senior Davon Brown, to get on the scoreboard for the first time, 7-0.

After Nicholls turned the ball over on downs at the SDSU 29-yard line, the home team wasted little time in doubling its lead as quarterback Ryan Lindley found DeMarco Sampson down the sideline for a quick 71-yard touchdown.

The Aztecs took advantage of good field position for its final tally of the first half, as Lindley completed passes of 14, 20 and finally 18 yards to Sampson for the 21-0 lead.

Little changed for either side coming out of the locker room. After its only punt of the game, San Diego State scored on each its final five possessions, posting a pair of field goals and three touchdowns by three different running backs to ring up 47 points, its highest offensive output since a 52-point outburst in 2007.

Nicholls had just one legitimate scoring chance in the second half, getting to first and goal from the Aztec five-yard line on its first drive of the third quarter. The SDSU defense, however, again turned the Colonels away, dropping them for a two-yard loss on first down, holding them to no gain on second down and forcing an incomplete pass on third down. The visitors attempted a short 24-yard field goal, but that, too, was turned back when Aztec linebacker Logan Ketchum blocked the kick.

Defensively, SDSU held an opponent to under 200 yards of total offense for first time since 2004, and to less than 100 yards in both categories for the first time since 1998. Overall, the defense had 12 tackles for loss, including three sacks, and did not let Nicholls past its own 43-yard line on its final five possessions of the game.

Offensively, the Aztecs sported a very balanced attack with 218 rushing yards and 313 passing yards. Lindley was 17-for-26 for 303 yards, no interceptions and the two touchdowns, which both went to Sampson, who had seven receptions for 179 yards. SDSU's Walter Kazee (74 yards), Ronnie Hillman (65 yards) and Davon Brown (65 yards) all scored at least one TD.

GAME STATISTICS

Nicholls St.	0	0	0	0	-	0
San Diego St.	0	20	10	17	-	47

SDSU – D. Brown 6-yd run (A. Perez kick) – 9 plays, 77 yards, 4:30 (11:31, 2nd)
SDSU – Sampson 71-yd pass from Lindley (kick failed) – 1 plays, 71 yards, 0:09 (5:46, 2nd)
SDSU – Sampson 18-yd pass from Lindley (A. Perez kick) – 6 plays, 54 yards, 2:19 (1:48, 2nd)
SDSU – D. Brown 21-yd run (A. Perez kick) – 6 plays, 68 yards, 2:16 (7:00, 3rd)
SDSU – A. Perez 44-yd FG – 7 plays, 48 yards, 2:44 (2:13, 3rd)
SDSU – A. Perez 27-yd FG – 10 plays, 48 yards, 4:38 (10:00, 4th)
SDSU – Kazee 46-yd run (A. Perez kick) – 2 plays, 47 yards, 2:47 (8:05, 4th)
SDSU – Hillman 6-yd run (B. Shields kick) – 5 plays, 21 yards, 2:37 (2:29, 4th)

	NICH	SDSU
First Downs	12	23
Rushes-Yards	37-88	34-218
Passing Yards	83	313
C-A-I	12-26-0	18-27-0
Total Offense	171	531
Fumbles-Lost	3-1	1-1
Penalties-Yards	8-62	5-54
Possession Time	32:55	27:05
Turnovers	1	1
Average Field Pos.	NICH 29	SDSU 33

Rushing (Att.-Comp.-Int., Yards, TDs): NICH: Caston 17-49; Turner 10-45; Johnson 2-17; Moore 1-2; Warren 1-(-4); Madu 1-(-7); Klann 5-(-14). SDSU: Kazee 6-74-1; Hillman 15-65-1; D. Brown 11-65-2; Sullivan 2-14.

Passing (Att.-Comp.-Int., Yards, TDs): NICH: Caston 25-12-0, 83, 0; Klann 1-0-0, 0, 0; SDSU: Lindley 26-17-0, 303, 2; Bernardis 1-1-0, 10, 0.

Receiving (No.-Yards-TDs): NICH: Turner 3-28; Blair 3-20; Warren 2-13; Johnson 2-(-3); Allen 1-16; Nichols 1-9. SDSU: Sampson 7-179-2; V. Brown 5-39; Sandifer 2-40; Escobar 1-27; D. Brown 1-14; O'Brien 1-10; Umuolo 1-4.



New Mexico State 21 San Diego State 41

Sept. 11, 2010 | Aggie Memorial Stadium | Las Cruces, N.M.

LAS CRUCES, N.M. – Behind freshman Ronnie Hillman's four, second-half touchdowns, the San Diego State football team started a season 2-0 for the first time in 16 years by defeating New Mexico State for the second consecutive campaign, 41-21, at Aggie Memorial Stadium.

The Aztecs once again used a balanced offensive attack, compiling 244 yards on the ground and 315 yards through the air to exceed the 500-yard mark in total offense in back-to-back outings for the first time since 2005. The SDSU defense, meanwhile, surrendered only 328 yards with 149 of those yards coming on five plays.

The Aggies, playing in their first contest of 2010, looked to gain momentum early, taking the opening kick off and putting together an 11-play, 61-yard drive, bolstered by a 27-yard reception and an Aztec pass interference penalty on third and 20. NMSU kicker Tyler Stampler, however, missed wide right on a 37-yard field-goal leaving the game still scoreless.

Taking over, San Diego State attempted five passes on its first six offensive plays, completing three of them to set up a fourth-and-1 at its own 40-yard line. The Aztecs gambled and went for it, but Davon Brown was stuffed at the line of scrimmage and NMSU took over on downs. Utilizing the short field, the Aggies scored just over two minutes later on an 18-yard rush by Kenny Turner to take a 7-0 lead.

After a three and out on its next drive, SDSU got on the board at the end of the first quarter, settling for a 25-yard Abel Perez field goal, despite having first and goal at the Aggie 10-yard line.

This proved to be a common theme for the Aztec offense in the second quarter, as it was unable to get into the end zone on each of its next two possessions, despite getting deep into NMSU territory. Place-kicker Perez made a 32-yard field goal, but missed on his next attempt from 37 yards out, meaning SDSU still trailed 7-6.

The Aztecs finally took the lead with 1:26 left until the half, as quarterback Ryan Lindley found Gavin Escobar for a 14-yard TD reception and the 13-7 advantage.

The second half turned into the Hillman show, as he started off the third quarter with a sensational 44-yard touchdown run and scored three more times, logging 15 carries for 120 yards in the final 30 minutes for the first 100-yard effort of his career.

NMSU, whose offense was limited to -3 yards in the second quarter, utilized quick strikes to keep the game close, scoring touchdowns on a one-play drive and later a three-play possession to only trail 27-21 with 11:45 left in the game.

SDSU would immediately answer, as a 57-yard screen pass from Lindley to Brandon Sullivan on a third and nine led to Hillman's third TD of the night. The freshman capped scoring following an NMSU turnover, rushing three consecutive times to put the final score at 41-21.

GAME STATISTICS

San Diego St.	3	10	14	14	-	41
New Mexico St.	7	0	7	7	-	21

NMSU – Turner 18-yd run (Stampler kick) – 4 plays, 40 yards, 2:12 (5:49, 1st)
SDSU – A. Perez 25-yd FG – 5 plays, 57 yards, 1:09 (1:13, 1st)
SDSU – A. Perez 32-yd FG – 9 plays, 30 yards, 3:43 (10:28, 2nd)
SDSU – Escobar 14-yd pass from Lindley (A. Perez kick) – 9 plays, 59 yards, 4:29 (1:26, 2nd)
SDSU – Hillman 44-yd run (A. Perez kick) – 4 plays, 59 yards, 1:27 (13:25, 3rd)
NMSU – Allen 58-yd pass from Christian (Stampler kick) – 1 plays, 58 yards, 0:11 (6:55, 3rd)
SDSU – Hillman 4-yd run (A. Perez kick) – 5 plays, 74 yards, 2:05 (6:55, 3rd)
NMSU – Lee 16-yd pass from Christian (Stampler kick) – 3 plays, 60 yards, 0:53 (11:45, 4th)
SDSU – Hillman 2-yd run (A. Perez kick) – 6 plays, 81 yards, 2:47 (8:52, 4th)
SDSU – Hillman 1-yd run (A. Perez kick) – 3 plays, 13 yards, 1:22 (4:28, 4th)

	SDSU	NMSU
First Downs	24	17
Rushes-Yards	40-244	26-105
Passing Yards	319	223
C-A-I	20-43-0	17-34-0
Total Offense	563	328
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	2-1
Penalties-Yards	10-106	9-86
Possession Time	33:13	26:47
Turnovers	0	1
Average Field Pos.	SDSU 32	NMSU 27

Rushing (Att.-Yards-TDs): SDSU: Hillman 22-150-4; Kazee 10-52; D. Brown 4-50; Sullivan 1-1; Sampson 1-(-3). NMSU: Turner 10-43-1; Christian 9-35; Lee 1-22; Allen 1-3; Smith 5-2.

Passing (Att.-Comp.-Int., Yards, TDs): SDSU: Lindley 42-20-0, 319, 1; D. Brown 0-1-0, 0, 0; NMSU: Christian 34-17-0, 223, 2.

Receiving (No.-Yards-TDs): SDSU: V. Brown 5-99; Sampson 4-73; Sullivan 3-69; Escobar 2-33-1; Umuolo 2-15; Sandifer 2-9; Denso 1-11; Kazee 1-10. NMSU: Nelson 5-28; Allen 4-114-1; Lee 4-40-1; Preston 2-27; Smith 1-7; Frazier 1-7.

San Diego State 24

Missouri 27

Sept. 18, 2010 | Faurot Field | Columbia, Mo.

COLUMBIA, Mo. – Heartbreak once again found the San Diego State football team, as host and 25th-ranked Missouri overcame a four-point deficit on a 68-yard touchdown pass with just 51 seconds left in the game to allow the Tigers to escape with a 27-24 victory in front of over 56,000 at Faurot Field in Columbia.

The Aztecs trailed for most of the game, but took their first lead with 10, fourth-quarter points on a miraculous 93-yard touchdown run by Ronnie Hillman and a 25-yard field goal from Abel Perez to go ahead, 24-20, with just over two minutes left.

The SDSU defense, which forced three Missouri turnovers in the fourth quarter, wasn't able to stop Tiger wideout T.J. Moe, who caught a pass along the far sideline, evaded tacklers and rambled 68 yards for the game-winner.

The Tigers' scoring drive took just 31 seconds, leaving the Aztecs with 51 ticks to drive the length of the field. A 27-yard pass play was negated by a penalty and SDSU was able to move only 13 yards before time expired.

San Diego State had its chances in the fourth quarter to put more points on the board or at least run down more time on the game clock. Trailing 20-14, the Aztec defense recovered a fumble at the Tigers' seven-yard line, but after getting four yards on first down, SDSU quarterback Ryan Lindley overthrew tight end Gavin Escobar and Missouri's Kevin Rutland intercepted the pass in the end zone.

Leading 21-20 with under five minutes left, the Aztecs had first down at the Missouri 14-yard line, but two rushes for six yards and an incomplete pass on third down forced them to settle for a field goal.

SDSU got the ball right back two offensive plays later as cornerback Leon McFadden intercepted Blaine Gabbert's pass at the Missouri 37.

With just 1:47 remaining, the Aztecs were unable to get a first down, advancing only two yards and running off only 25 seconds before being forced to punt and leaving the Tigers with 1:22 to notch the game-winning play.

Each team started the game off well offensively, as both scored a touchdown on its opening drives. Missouri broke the tie with a 34-yard field goal at the end of the first quarter and jumped ahead by 10 points with a 11-yard TD run with only a minute left until halftime.

The Aztecs reclaimed the momentum heading into the locker room, however, when Hillman broke loose for a 75-yard touchdown with just nine seconds left in the half to put SDSU down only 17-14.

Missouri kicked another field goal in the third quarter, setting up the fateful final 15 minutes, which began with the Aztecs trailing 20-14.

Despite the loss, Hillman continued to dazzle, carrying 23 times for 228 yards and the touchdown runs of 75 and 93 yards, the latter of which was the second-longest rush in school history.

SDSU ran for over 200 yards for the third straight game and the two sides tied with exactly 440 yards of total offense apiece.

GAME STATISTICS

San Diego St.	7	7	0	10	-	24
Missouri	10	7	3	7	-	27

MU – Moore 17-yd run (Ressel kick) – 9 plays, 80 yards, 3:16 (11:44, 1st)

SDSU – Kazee 11-yd run (A. Perez kick) – 10 plays, 80 yards, 4:10 (7:34, 1st)

MU – Ressel 34-yd FG – 7 plays, 20 yards, 2:08 (0:26, 1st)

MU – Gabbert 11-yd run (Ressel kick) – 8 plays, 78 yards, 2:01 (1:00, 2nd)

SDSU – Hillman 75-yd run (A. Perez kick) – 3 plays, 79 yards, 0:35 (0:19, 2nd)

MU – Ressel 38-yd FG – 12 plays, 75 yards, 4:56 (6:52, 3rd)

SDSU – Hillman 93-yd run (A. Perez kick) – 2 plays, 94 yards, 0:56 (10:55, 4th)

SDSU – A. Perez 25-yd FG – 6 plays, 37 yards, 2:51 (2:03, 4th)

MU – Moe 68-yd pass from Gabbert (Ressel kick) – 2 plays, 88 yards, 0:31 (0:51, 4th)

	SDSU	MU
First Downs	17	25
Rushes-Yards	33-250	27-89
Passing Yards	190	351
C-A-I	20-44-1	28-51-2
Total Offense	440	440
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	4-1
Penalties-Yards	10-56	2-30
Possession Time	31:58	28:02
Turnovers	1	3
Average Field Pos.	SDSU 27	MU 26

INDIVIDUAL STATS

Rushing (Att.-Yards-TDs): SDSU: Hillman 23-228-2; Kazee 7-26-1; Sullivan 1-2; D. Brown 1-0; Lindley 1-(-6). MU: Josey 10-36; Moore 6-34-1; Lawrence 3-29; Team 1-(-1); Gabbert 7-(-9)-1.

Passing (Att.-Comp.-Int., Yards, TDs): SDSU: Lindley 44-20-1, 190, 0; MU: Gabbert 28-51-2, 351, 1.

Receiving (No.-Yards-TDs): SDSU: Sampson 6-81; V. Brown 5-17; Sullivan 2-41; Sandifer 2-9; Escobar 2-5; Kazee 1-28; D. Brown 1-7; Hillman 1-2. MU: Egnew 13-145; Moe 7-119-1; Jackson 4-47; Gerau 1-28; Josey 1-8; Woodland 1-5; McGaffie 1-(-1).

Utah State 7

San Diego State 41

Sept. 25, 2010 | Qualcomm Stadium | San Diego, Calif.

SAN DIEGO – San Diego State scored touchdowns on each of its first four possessions of the game, running out to a 28-0 lead and never looking back, as the Aztecs finished their 2010 non-conference campaign with a 41-7 drubbing of Utah State at Qualcomm Stadium. Over 45,000 fans turned out to see the team improve to 3-1 on the season, matching the program's best start in 29 years.

SDSU continued to sport a well-balanced attack with 142 yards on the ground and 362 yards through the air for its third game of the season with over 500 yards of total offense. The Aztec defense, meanwhile, put a near lid on anything the Utah State offense could muster, limiting the Aggies to only 245 yards and a single touchdown, which was set up by a turnover on special teams.

After Utah State punted on the initial drive of the game, the Aztecs took over and took six plays, highlighted by a 21-yard reception by Brandon Sullivan on third-and-4, to get to the Aggie 17-yard line. SDSU then gave the ball to freshman Ronnie Hillman on four consecutive running plays, plunging in from a yard out for the 7-0 lead.

The Aztecs doubled that advantage just over two and a half minutes later when quarterback Ryan Lindley connected with tight end Gavin Escobar on a 45-yard reception that set up another rushing score, this time by sophomore Walter Kazee.

San Diego State used a little trickery on its third touchdown of the first quarter as Lindley faked a handoff on fourth-and-1, kept the ball behind his back and then found freshman tight end Bryce Quigley wide open for a 28-yard touchdown, the first of his collegiate career.

With the Aztecs already leading 28-0, Utah State's lone scoring threat in the first half stalled at the SDSU 29, as quarterback Diondre Borel's pass fell incomplete on a fourth-and-6.

The Aggies finally got on the scoreboard at the 9:43 mark of the third quarter, taking advantage of a San Diego State fumble on a punt return at its own 17-yard line, to reach the end zone on a 7-yard rush by Derrvin Speight and make the score 28-7.

It didn't take long for the Aztecs to answer, as Lindley connected with Vincent Brown for the wide-out's second long touchdown catch of the day - this one for 82 yards - less than a minute later. SDSU would tally six more points on two Abel Perez field goals to capture the 41-7 victory.

Lindley finished with a season-high 362 yards passing, completing over 70 percent of his throws, to go with his three TDs. Vincent Brown had five receptions for 177 yards and two scores, while Hillman had 23 carries for 89 yards and one touchdown.

Defensively, cornerback Leon McFadden tallied a team-best seven stops and a career-high three tackles for a loss of 20 yards.

GAME STATISTICS

Utah State	0	0	7	0	-	7
San Diego State	21	7	10	3	-	41

SDSU – Hillman 1-yd run (A. Perez kick) – 10 plays, 58 yards, 4:58 (7:57, 1st)

SDSU – Kazee 5-yd run (A. Perez kick) – 4 plays, 59 yards, 1:21 (5:14, 1st)

SDSU – Quigley 28-yd pass from Lindley (A. Perez kick) – 7 plays, 70 yards, 2:38 (0:08, 1st)

SDSU – V. Brown 65-yd pass from Lindley (A. Perez kick) – 6 plays, 97 yards, 2:58 (8:43, 2nd)

USU – Speight 7-yd run (Loveless kick) – 5 plays, 17 yards, 1:08 (9:43, 3rd)

SDSU – V. Brown 82-yd pass from Lindley (A. Perez kick) – 2 plays, 80 yards, 1:01 (8:42, 3rd)

SDSU – A. Perez 20-yd FG – 10 plays, 45 yards, 4:42 (1:57, 3rd)

SDSU – A. Perez 37-yd FG – 8 plays, 26 yards, 4:54 (1:53, 4th)

	USU	SDSU
First Downs	14	18
Rushes-Yards	40-115	38-142
Passing Yards	130	362
C-A-I	14-31-1	17-24-1
Total Offense	245	504
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	2-1
Penalties-Yards	8-80	7-70
Possession Time	28:43	31:17
Turnovers	1	2
Average Field Pos.	USU 31	SDSU 28

INDIVIDUAL STATS

Rushing (Att.-Yards-TDs): USU: Speight 11-51-1; DeMartino 6-35; Williams 4-14; Marshall 1-10; Borel 18-5. SDSU: Hillman 23-89-1; Kazee 9-27-1; Deakin 1-13; Sampson 2-12; Sullivan 1-3; Lindley 2-3.

Passing (Att.-Comp.-Int., Yards, TDs): USU: Borel 31-14-1, 130, 0; SDSU: Lindley 24-17-1, 362, 3.

Receiving (No.-Yards-TDs): USU: Watkins 5-51; Moats 4-31; Bartlett 2-21; Morgan 1-23; Van Leeuwen 1-6; Reynolds 1-(-2). SDSU: V. Brown 5-117-2; Sullivan 3-37; Escobar 2-57; Sampson 2-40; Quigley 2-33-1; Denso 1-8; Sandifer 1-6; Hillman 1-4.

2010 Game Recaps

 **San Diego State 21**

 **Brigham Young 24**

Oct. 9, 2010 | LaVell Edwards Stadium | Provo, Utah | The Mtn.

PROVO, Utah – The San Diego State football team spotted host Brigham Young a 14-point first-quarter lead and was never able to catch up, as the Cougars held on for the 24-21 victory in front of 62,176 fans at LaVell Edwards Stadium in Provo, Utah. The loss was the Aztecs' second of the 2010 campaign by only a three-point margin and denied them the chance to start a season with a 4-1 record for the first time since 1996.

BYU dominated the time of possession battle, holding the ball for 45 minutes, running 37 more plays and owning a 413-273 advantage in total offense, including 271 yards on the ground.

After SDSU was forced to punt on its first possession, the Cougars took 14 plays to get to the visitor's

32-yard line. The Aztec defense stopped them on a third-down play and were looking to get the ball back, but BYU faked a punt and Matt Marshall found Mike Muehlmann for a 16-yard gain and a first down. Five consecutive rushes later, the home team went up 7-0 on a three-yard run by J.J. Di Luigi to finish up a drive that covered 78 yards and spanned 8:34.

San Diego State's next offensive possession was very short lived, as quarterback Ryan Lindley's pass on first down was intercepted and returned to the Aztec 24-yard line. The Cougars promptly turned that into seven more points and a 14-0 lead on a two-yard touchdown rush by Bryan Kariya.

The SDSU offense which gained only eight yards in the first quarter, finally woke up with five minutes left in the second quarter as Lindley found wide-out Vincent Brown for a 36-yard touchdown, making the score 14-7.

Both sides had chances to put more points on the board before halftime. Aztec defensive back Leon McFadden intercepted a pass in the end zone and linebacker Miles Burris forced fumbles to end two Cougar scoring threats and help put SDSU in position to score. BYU, however, utilized a key last-second timeout to ice SDSU place-kicker Abel Perez on a 43-yard field goal try as time expired heading into the locker room.

Brigham Young increased its lead to 10 points on a 29-yard field goal in the third quarter, but the Aztecs immediately responded on their next drive by converting a fourth-down-and-goal with a one-yard touchdown reception by tight end Gavin Escobar.

Each school logged a touchdown in the fourth quarter, with BYU notching one first on a 1-yard run by Kariya to move the score out to 24-14 with 13:43 remaining. SDSU answered with a six-play, 59-yard drive culminating in a four-yard TD catch by fullback Brandon Sullivan.

The Aztec offense got the ball back with 3:26 left in the game, but the possession stalled at the 20-yard line with three consecutive incompletions. SDSU then elected to punt, hoping for a defensive stop which it never ended up getting, as the Cougars converted a pair of third downs, including one via penalty, to run out the clock and secure the 24-21 victory.

 **Air Force 25**

 **San Diego State 27**

Oct. 16, 2010 | Qualcomm Stadium | San Diego, Calif. | CBS Sports

SAN DIEGO – The San Diego State football team held on despite a furious final few minutes, knocking off its first ranked opponent in 14 years with a 27-25 victory over 23rd-ranked Air Force at Qualcomm Stadium. The Aztecs never trailed in the game, improving to 4-2 overall, including 3-0 at home, for the program's best start since the 1996 squad posted an identical record.

Following a scoreless first quarter that saw both teams throw an interception, SDSU got on the board first when freshman running back Ronnie Hillman utilized good blocking up front to scamper 65 yards for a touchdown and the 7-0 lead.

The Falcons got to within a single point with a pair of Erik Soderberg field goals, the latter of which came with only 44 seconds left until the half.

The Aztecs could have run out the clock after the ensuing kickoff, but put together three-straight 20-plus yard gains with the final one coming on a shovel pass from Ryan Lindley to fullback Brandon Sullivan, which got them all the way down to the Air Force 1-yard line. A false start penalty and an incomplete followed, as SDSU settled for a 23-yard field goal to head into the locker room up 10-6.

After punting on its first possession of the third quarter, the Aztecs converted three consecutive third-down plays on their next drive with a 32-yard reception by Vincent Brown, a 36-yard catch by DeMarco Sampson and a nifty one-handed grab in the end zone by Gavin Escobar for the 17-6 advantage.

The 11-point lead was short-lived, however, as the Falcons answered back with their first offensive touchdown against SDSU since 2008, scoring on a 20-yard run by Asher Clark to put the visitors back to within five after a failed two-point conversion.

The fourth quarter proved to be an interesting one, as the Aztecs went up by eight points on a 27-yard field goal and were looking to move it to a two possession game, but place-kicker Abel Perez missed a 19-yard attempt, breathing life into the Air Force attack.

The Falcons took advantage with a 16-play, 80-yard drive that resulted in a touchdown. Now trailing 20-18 with only two minutes left, Air Force tried its second two-point conversion of the night and looked to be successful in tying the game, but the play on the field ended up being overturned by instant replay to preserve the 20-18 SDSU lead.

Hoping to just get a first down and run out the clock, the Aztecs instead scored just eight seconds later on a 44-yard touchdown run by Hillman.

The Falcons would convert a successful two-minute drill with another seven points, but SDSU recovered the ensuing on-side kick to persevere the 27-25 victory for the over 28,000 fans in attendance for the annual Homecoming game.

GAME STATISTICS

San Diego St.	0	7	7	7	-	21
BYU	14	0	3	7	-	24

BYU – Di Luigi 3-yd run (Payne kick) – 19 plays, 78 yards, 8:28 (4:57, 1st)

BYU – Kariya 2-yd run (Payne kick) – 5 plays, 24 yards, 2:40 (2:02, 1st)

SDSU – V. Brown 36-yd pass from Lindley (A. Perez kick) – 2 plays, 52 yards, 0:31 (5:00, 2nd)

BYU – Payne 29-yd FG – 8 plays, 38 yards, 4:13 (6:21, 3rd)

SDSU – Escobar 1-yd pass from Lindley (A. Perez kick) – 8 plays, 83 yards, 2:29 (3:43, 3rd)

BYU – Kariya 1-yd run (Payne kick) – 9 plays, 67 yards, 4:51 (13:43, 4th)

SDSU – Sullivan 4-yd pass from Lindley (A. Perez kick) – 6 plays, 59 yards, 2:31 (6:27, 4th)

	SDSU	BYU
First Downs	12	24
Rushes-Yards	12-53	62-271
Passing Yards	220	142
C-A-I	20-36-1	16-23-1
Total Offense	273	413
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	1-1
Penalties-Yards	4-37	5-25
Possession Time	14:59	45:01
Turnovers	1	2
Average Field Pos.	SDSU 26	BYU 34

INDIVIDUAL STATS

Rushing (Atts.-Yards-TDs): SDSU: Hillman 11-62; Lindley 1(-9); BYU: Di Luigi 22-134-1; Kariya 22-85-2; Quezada 11-50; Heaps 6-4-0; Team 1(-2)-0.

Passing (Att.-Comp.-Int., Yards, TDs): SDSU: Lindley 34-20-1, 220, 3; BYU: Heaps 22-15-1, 126, 0; Marshall 1-1-0, 16, 0.

Receiving (No.-Yards-TDs): SDSU: V. Brown 6-101-1; Sampson 4-47; Sandifer 3-25; Sullivan 3-6-1; Ougley 1-19; Denso 1-12; D. Brown 1-9; Escobar 1-1-1. BYU: Jacobson 4-29; Mathews 3-43; Di Luigi 3-23; Kariya 2-13; Muehlmann 1-16; Hague 1-10; Mahina 1-5; Hoffman 1-3.

GAME STATISTICS

Air Force	0	6	6	13	-	25
San Diego St.	0	10	7	10	-	27

SDSU – Hillman 65-yd run (A. Perez kick) – 3 plays, 77 yards, 1:08 (8:39, 2nd)

AFA – Soderberg 25-yd FG – 11 plays, 62 yards, 4:47 (3:52, 2nd)

AFA – Soderberg 30-yd FG – 9 plays, 54 yards, 2:09 (0:44, 2nd)

SDSU – A. Perez 23-yd FG – 7 plays, 69 yards, 0:44 (0:00, 2nd)

SDSU – Escobar 8-yd pass from Lindley (A. Perez kick) – 9 plays, 66 yards, 4:03 (7:49, 3rd)

AFA – Clark 20-yd run (Clark rush failed) – 10 plays, 73 yards, 4:25 (3:24, 3rd)

SDSU – A. Perez 27-yd FG – 12 plays, 60 yards, 5:36 (12:48, 4th)

AFA – Walker 4-yd run (Jefferson pass failed) – 16 plays, 80 yards, 6:51 (2:08, 4th)

SDSU – Hillman 44-yd run (A. Perez kick) – 1 plays, 44 yards, 0:08 (2:00, 4th)

AFA – Demerath 7-yd pass from Jefferson (Soderberg kick) – 11 plays, 65 yards, 1:42 (0:18, 4th)

	AFA	SDSU
First Downs	29	16
Rushes-Yards	62-312	31-205
Passing Yards	175	247
C-A-I	13-30-1	14-27-1
Total Offense	487	452
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	5-30	5-50
Possession Time	35:18	24:42
Turnovers	1	1
Average Field Pos.	AFA 25	SDSU 35

INDIVIDUAL STATS

Rushing (Atts.-Yards-TDs): AFA: Clark 19-116-1; Jefferson 15-88; Walker 9-29-1; Halderman 3-24; Getz 5-22; Warzeka 6-17; Tew 5-16. SDSU: Hillman 24-191-2; Lindley 5-18; Team 2(-4).

Passing (Att.-Comp.-Int., Yards, TDs): AFA: Jefferson 30-13-1, 175, 1; SDSU: San Diego State 26-14-1, 247, 1; Team 1-0-0, 0, 0.

Receiving (No.-Yards-TDs): AFA: Warzeka 5-55; Demerath 4-52-1; Halderman 2-41; Hirneise 1-18; Freeman 1-9. SDSU: Sampson 4-106; Sullivan 4-43; V. Brown 3-60; Sandifer 1-22; Hillman 1-8; Escobar 1-8-1.

 **San Diego State 30**
 **New Mexico 20**

Oct. 23, 2010 | University Stadium | Albuquerque, N.M. | The Mtn.

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. – San Diego State got two touchdowns from DeMarco Sampson and three field goals from Abel Perez to help keep New Mexico winless on the year, as the Aztecs moved to 5-2 overall and 2-1 in league play with a 30-20 victory at University Stadium.

The win was SDSU's first in Albuquerque since the 2000 campaign, and marked the first time the Aztecs have claimed consecutive victories over the Lobos in Mountain West Conference history.

The visitors spotted New Mexico an early lead when junior Larry Parker fumbled a punt return and the Lobos recovered at the SDSU 30-yard line just a minute and 10 seconds into the game. UNM only advanced one yard, but place-kicker James Aho put a 46-yard field goal through the uprights for a 3-0 lead.

The Aztec offense finally got the ball for the first time in the game at the 12:52 mark and utilized six consecutive draw plays by running back Ronnie Hillman, including one on fourth down, to get into Lobo territory. SDSU quarterback Ryan Lindley then completed three straight passes to set up Hillman's 11-yard touchdown run for the 7-3 advantage.

The two sides swapped second-quarter field goals and it looked to be a 10-6 game heading into the locker room, but an 11-yard New Mexico punt gave the Aztecs the ball back on the Lobo 40-yard line with five seconds remaining in the first half.

GAME STATISTICS

San Diego St.	7	10	10	3	- 30
New Mexico	3	3	7	7	- 20

UNM – Aho 46-yd FG – 4 plays, 1 yard, 0:46 (13:04, 1st)
SDSU – Hillman 11-yd run (A.Perez kick) – 10 plays, 64 yards, 4:29 (8:23, 1st)
SDSU – A. Perez 36-yd FG – 9 plays, 42 yards, 3:16 (14:52, 2nd)
UNM – Aho 25-yd FG – 10 plays, 72 yards, 4:02 (10:50, 2nd)
SDSU – Sampson 40-yd pass from Lindley (A.Perez kick) – 1 plays, 40 yards, 0:05 (0:00, 2nd)
SDSU – A. Perez 30-yd FG – 9 plays, 48 yards, 3:22 (11:32, 3rd)
UNM – Reed 25-yd pass from Holbrook (Aho kick) – 9 plays, 80 yards, 3:23 (8:09, 3rd)
SDSU – Sampson 32-yd pass from Lindley (A.Perez kick) – 6 plays, 63 yards, 2:26 (5:35, 3rd)
SDSU – A. Perez 31-yd FG – 9 plays, 24 yards, 4:00 (2:54, 4th)
UNM – Reed 18-yd pass from Gruner (Aho kick) – 10 plays, 81 yards, 2:33 (0:14, 4th)

	SDSU	UNM
First Downs	22	16
Rushes-Yards	41-135	31-109
Passing Yards	249	193
C-A-I	18-37-1	15-26-1
Total Offense	384	302
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	1-1
Penalties-Yards	5-66	10-87
Possession Time	34:07	25:53
Turnovers	2	2
Average Field Pos.	SDSU 41	UNM 23

INDIVIDUAL STATS

Rushing (Atts.-Yards-TDs): **SDSU:** Sullivan 18-69; Hillman 18-64; Lindley 1-3; D. Brown 3-5; Team 1-(-1). **UNM:** Wright 11-60; Godfrey 4-17; Holbrook 4-11; Carrier 6-11; Dennis 4-9; Gruner 1-7; Fussell 1-(-6).

Passing (Att.-Comp.-Int., Yards, TDs): **SDSU:** Lindley 37-18-1, 249, 2. **UNM:** Holbrook 27-11-1, 124, 1; Gruner 9-4-0, 69, 1.

Receiving (No.-Yards-TDs): **SDSU:** Sampson 7-127-2; V. Brown 7-85; Escobar 2-11; Quigley 1-13; Sandifer 1-13. **UNM:** Reed 5-95-2; Hernandez 4-49; Williams 2-33; Dennis 2-(-11); Carrier 1-17; Kirk 1-10.

SDSU utilized its one final play, as Lindley threw a jump ball into the end zone, which senior wideout DeMarco Sampson managed to pull down for a touchdown as time expired.

The Aztecs used that momentum to add three more points to their total on another field goal to start the third quarter, but the Lobos made it a one-possession game at 20-13 on a 25-yard TD pass from quarterback B.R. Holbrook to Lucas Reed.

SDSU quickly moved its lead back up to 14 points just two and a half minutes later when Lindley and Sampson connected for the second time on a 32-yard pass play to move the score out to 27-13.

The Aztecs got the ball right back on an interception by Josh Wade, but failed to turn it into any points as the two sides combined for seven consecutive punts from the end of third quarter through most of the fourth quarter.

SDSU's Abel Perez tallied his third field goal of the night following a Lobo fumble and UNM notched a last-second touchdown to round out scoring in the 30-20 Aztec victory.

 **San Diego State 48**
 **Wyoming 38**

Oct. 30, 2010 | War Memorial Stadium | Laramie, Wyo. | The Mtn.

LARAMIE, Wyo. – San Diego State became bowl eligible for the first time in 12 years, as the Aztecs held on in an offensive shootout at Wyoming with a 48-38 victory to move to 6-2 on the season, including a 3-1 mark in MWC play.

Ahead 6-0 following a pair of field goals, the SDSU special teams unit had three miscues in the second quarter alone, as a fumble on a punt return, a blocked punt and a 59-yard Cowboy kick return all led to points and a 17-13 Wyoming advantage with just over 3:30 left until halftime.

Luckily for the Aztecs, that was just enough time for quarterback Ryan Lindley, who completed three consecutive third-down pass plays, including a 14-yard TD toss to tight end D.J. Shields with 20 seconds left to send the visitors into the locker room up, 20-17.

GAME STATISTICS

San Diego St.	3	17	7	21	- 48
Wyoming	0	17	7	14	- 38

SDSU – A. Perez 21-yd FG – 7 plays, 40 yards, 2:44 (4:23, 1st)
SDSU – A. Perez 28-yd FG – 7 plays, 69 yards, 1:47 (14:44, 2nd)
WYO – Bolger 11-yd pass from Carta-Samuels (Watts kick) – 2 plays, 13 yards, 0:49 (11:28, 2nd)
WYO – Watts 30-yd FG – 6 plays, 2 yards, 2:04 (8:05, 2nd)
SDSU – Sampson 56-yd pass from Lindley (A.Perez kick) – 5 plays, 80 yards, 1:39 (6:26, 2nd)
WYO – Leonard 13-yd pass from Carta-Samuels (Watts kick) – 8 plays, 41 yards, 2:55 (3:31, 2nd)
SDSU – D.J. Shields 14-yd pass from Lindley (A.Perez kick) – 9 plays, 80 yards, 3:11 (0:20, 2nd)
SDSU – Sullivan 1-yd run (A.Perez kick) – 6 plays, 20 yards, 2:07 (7:35, 3rd)
WYO – Leonard 20-yd pass from Carta-Samuels (Watts kick) – 7 plays, 80 yards, 3:54 (3:41, 3rd)
SDSU – Sullivan 1-yd run (A.Perez kick) – 10 plays, 71 yards, 4:26 (14:15, 4th)
SDSU – Sullivan 1-yd run (A.Perez kick) – 3 plays, 4 yards, 0:51 (12:26, 4th)
WYO – Carta-Samuels 20-yd run (Watts kick) – 5 plays, 78 yards, 2:27 (9:59, 4th)
WYO – Alexander 20-yd run (Watts kick) – 3 plays, 35 yards, 1:24 (7:32, 4th)
SDSU – Sampson 59-yd pass from Lindley (A.Perez kick) – 5 plays, 80 yards, 2:36 (4:56, 4th)

	SDSU	WYO
First Downs	20	21
Rushes-Yards	37-76	34-152
Passing Yards	365	186
C-A-I	16-31-2	20-40-1
Total Offense	441	338
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	0-0
Penalties-Yards	5-40	10-72
Possession Time	28:10	31:50
Turnovers	3	1
Average Field Pos.	SDSU 40	UNM 34

INDIVIDUAL STATS

Rushing (Atts.-Yards-TDs): **SDSU:** Hillman 21-44; Kazee 7-23; Sullivan 6-15-3; D. Brown 1-(-1); Lindley 2-(-5). **WYO:** Alexander 11-89-1; Carta-Samuels 14-51-1; Herron 8-14; Team 1-(-1).

Passing (Att.-Comp.-Int., Yards, TDs): **SDSU:** Lindley 32-16-2, 365, 3. **WYO:** Carta-Samuels 40-20-1, 186, 3.

Receiving (No.-Yards-TDs): **SDSU:** Sampson 7-175-2; V. Brown 5-144; D.J. Shields 2-29-1; Sandifer 1-9; Escobar 1-8. **WYO:** Leonard 7-75-2; Bolger 4-40-1; McNeill 4-21; Ogbonna 3-28; Alexander 1-15; Aiken 1-7.

After the two sides combined for 34, second-quarter points, they only managed a touchdown apiece in the third quarter with San Diego State maintaining its three-point lead heading into the final 15 minutes.

Fullback Brandon Sullivan kicked off the fourth quarter with his second and third 1-yard touchdown runs of the game in a span of only 1:49, with the latter set up by a 29-yard interception return by Andrew Preston, to give the Aztecs their largest lead at 41-24.

While a 17-point deficit would seem daunting to any squad, Wyoming stayed in the game by scoring two touchdowns on consecutive drives with the second one following a Lindley interception to get back to within a field goal.

Unlike the 2009 contest when it lost after being outscored 24-0 in the fourth quarter, SDSU stopped the Cowboy rally, answering back with a 59-yard touchdown reception by DeMarco Sampson to move the advantage back out to 10 points at 48-38.

The Aztec defense then held strong for the final 4:56, logging its fifth sack of Wyoming quarterback Austyn Carta-Samuels on a fourth-and-12 to get the turnover on downs and preserve the win.

Lindley finished the afternoon with his fourth 300-yard passing effort in 2010, throwing for a season-best 365 yards passing and three touchdowns. Senior wideouts Sampson (175 yards) and Vincent Brown (144 yards) each surpassed the 100-yard receiving mark, the first time two Aztecs have accomplished that feat in the same game since 2008.

2010 Game Recaps



Colorado State 19



San Diego State 24

Nov. 6, 2010 | Qualcomm Stadium | San Diego, Calif. | The Mtn.

SAN DIEGO – Behind a 151-yard rushing effort by Ronnie Hillman, San Diego State overcame a season-high five turnovers in a 24-19 victory over Colorado State at Qualcomm Stadium. The Aztecs won their fourth consecutive game to improve to 7-2 overall and 4-1 in the Mountain West Conference.

The Rams' Ben DeLine made two of his first three field goal attempts to give the visitors the early 6-0 lead. The first, a 27-yarder, came after an impressive 13-play, 68-yard drive to open the game.

San Diego State hardly threatened on the offensive end as it went punt, punt, fumble, interception on its first four drives. The Aztec defense, however, led by Miles Burris, came up with some big plays to keep the damage to a minimum.

Burris sacked CSU quarterback Pete Thomas on a third-and-13 play on the SDSU 21-yard line, which moved Colorado State out of field goal range to begin the second quarter. After the Rams regained possession on a Walter Kazee fumble, Jerome Long blocked DeLine's 33-yard attempt, keeping the score at 3-0.

CSU got the ball right back again when Mychal Sisson picked off Ryan Lindley, which set up a 33-yard DeLine field goal.

After DeLine kicked the ball out of bounds, San Diego State marched 60 yards on 11 plays before Brandon Sullivan's 1-yard touchdown rush with 34 seconds left gave the home team its first lead at 7-6 heading into halftime.

The Aztecs took a 10-6 advantage to begin the second half when Abel Perez converted on a 31-yard field goal.

It appeared SDSU would take a commanding lead midway through the third quarter when Andrew Preston picked off Thomas and returned it 22 yards to the Colorado State 33. San Diego State got all the way down to the 2-yard line, but Sisson sacked Lindley on third down and returned the fumble 88 yards untouched for a touchdown and 13-10 Ram lead.

Undeterred, the Aztecs responded with a score of their own when Hillman's 26-yard touchdown put the hosts back up, 17-13.

On its next possession to begin the fourth quarter, SDSU took 6:49 off the clock on a 12-play, 80-yard drive, that culminated in a 9-yard scoring strike from Lindley to Sullivan.

A Hillman fumble on the team's next drive gave CSU hope and Thomas' 28-yard pass to Zac Pauga brought the visitors to within five at 24-19. The 2-point conversion attempt failed and San Diego State recovered the subsequent sideside kick. Colorado State got the ball back with 1:42 left, but went 4-and-out, losing three yards in the process, and allowing the Aztecs to end the game in victory formation.

Hillman closed the game with 151 yards on 31 carries, while Lindley overcame a sloppy start to throw for 171 yards. Burris, meanwhile, had 10 tackles (nine solo), including four tackles for a loss, two sacks and two forced fumbles.



San Diego State 35



TCU 40

Nov. 13, 2010 | Amon Carter Stadium | Fort Worth, Texas | Versus

FORT WORTH, Texas – San Diego State gave No. 3 TCU all it could handle but couldn't overcome a bad second quarter in a 40-35 loss at Amon Carter Stadium in Fort Worth, Texas. The loss snapped the Aztecs' (7-3, 4-2 Mountain West) four-game winning streak as the Horned Frogs (11-0, 7-0 MWC) won their 24th consecutive regular season game.

SDSU's 35 points were 12 more than TCU had allowed (23) in its previous six MWC games (3.83/g) and the most allowed by the top-ranked defensive team in the nation.

San Diego State came out of the gate with two quick first-quarter scores. The first score, a 1-yard touchdown run by Brandon Sullivan, was set up by a long 49-yard flea-flicker pass from Ryan Lindley to Vincent Brown. Minutes later, after Brian Stahovich's punt pinned the Horned Frogs inside their own 10-yard line, Rob Andrews sacked TCU quarterback Andy Dalton and Jerome Long pounced on the loose ball to give the Aztecs the 14-0 advantage, their largest ever against a top-10 opponent and the most the Horned Frogs have been down in nearly two years.

TCU, however, scored on five of its next six possessions to open up a commanding 34-14 lead at the half. Dalton tossed three touchdown strikes to Jeremy Kerley (38, 9 and 4 yards) and another to Logan Brock (15 yards), and Waymon James added a 9-yard touchdown run to account for the Horned Frogs' scoring in the first half.

A 36-yard field goal by Ross Evans early in the third quarter gave TCU its largest lead of the game at 37-14 before SDSU finally answered when Sullivan finished off a 6-play, 76-yard drive with another 1-yard touchdown run. It was his sixth, 1-yard touchdown run over the past three games and seventh touchdown overall.

Tejay Johnson picked off Ryan Lindley to begin the fourth, which led to another Evans field goal, giving the Horned Frogs a 40-21 lead with 13:06 remaining.

Following a three and out by San Diego State, TCU seemed poised to score again after Curtis Clay's 33-yard punt return gave it the ball at the 29-yard line. But four plays later, Gabe Lemon picked off Dalton at the Aztec 12 to give SDSU some hope.

San Diego State responded with two quick touchdown strikes from Lindley to Brown to bring the visitors to within five points at 40-35.

TCU, however, ran eight straight rushing plays to end the game and stay in the national championship hunt.

Lindley threw for 262 yards and two touchdowns for the Aztecs, who outscored the Horned Frogs, 21-6, in the second half, while Brown caught four balls for 167 yards and two scores. Andrew Preston made a season-high 12 tackles, while Miles Burris had nine stops, two for a loss, and an 11-yard sack.

GAME STATISTICS

San Diego St.	14	0	7	14	-	35
TCU	13	21	3	3	-	40

SDSU - Sullivan 1-yd run (A. Perez kick) - 3 plays, 54 yards, 0:59 (12:05, 1st)

SDSU - Long 0-yd fumble recovery (A. Perez kick) (9:16, 1st)

TCU - Kerley 38-yd pass from Dalton (Evans kick) - 11 plays, 80 yards, 5:33 (3:43, 1st)

TCU - Brock 15-yd pass from Dalton (Evans kick failed) - 5 plays, 40 yards, 2:01 (0:32, 1st)

TCU - James 9-yd run (Evans kick) - 6 plays, 63 yards, 2:54 (6:39, 2nd)

TCU - Kerley 9-yd pass from Dalton (Evans kick) - 7 plays, 73 yards, 2:59 (2:10, 2nd)

TCU - Kerley 4-yd pass from Dalton (Evans kick) - 6 plays, 60 yards, 0:55 (0:24, 2nd)

TCU - Evans 36-yd field goal - 8 plays, 33 yards, 3:45 (9:32, 3rd)

SDSU - Sullivan 1-yd run (A. Perez kick) - 6 plays, 76 yards, 2:12 (1:01, 3rd)

TCU - Evans 31-yd field goal - 5 plays, -2 yards, 1:01 (13:06, 4th)

SDSU - V. Brown 33-yd pass from Linley (A. Perez kick) - 6 plays, 88 yards, 2:22 (6:43, 4th)

SDSU - V. Brown 35-yd pass from Lindley (A. Perez kick) - 1 play, 35 yards, 0:08 (4:50, 4th)

	SDSU	TCU
First Downs	7	27
Rushes-Yards	21-38	54-226
Passing Yards	262	240
C-A-I	11-26-2	21-36-1
Total Offense	300	466
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	2-1
Penalties-Yards	6-46	6-45
Possession Time	19:09	40:51
Turnovers	2	2
Average Field Pos.	SDSU 25	TCU 33

INDIVIDUAL STATS

Rushing (Atts.-Yards-TDs): SDSU: Hillman 13-54; Kazee 1-6; Sullivan 3-2-2; Team 1-(-1); Lindley 3-(-23). TCU: Tucker 22-131; James 23-102-1; Wesley 1-0; Team 1-(-2); Kerley 1-(-2); Dalton 6-(-3).

Passing (Att.-Comp.-Int., Yards, TDs): SDSU: Lindley 26-11-2, 262, 2. TCU: Dalton 36-21-1, 240, 4.

Receiving (No.-Yards-TDs): SDSU: V. Brown 4-167-2; Sampson 4-42; Sullivan 2-53; Johnson 1-0. TCU: Kerley 8-85-3; Johnson 4-54; Young 4-44; Boyce 2-31; Brock 1-15-1; Dawson 1-7; James 1-4.

GAME STATISTICS

Colorado St.	3	3	7	6	-	19
San Diego St.	0	7	10	7	-	24

CSU - DeLine 27-yd FG - 13 plays, 68 yards, 6:26 (8:34, 1st)

CSU - DeLine 33-yd FG - 7 plays, 22 yards, 2:42 (5:00, 2nd)

SDSU - Sullivan 1-yd run (A. Perez kick) - 11 plays, 60 yards, 4:26 (0:34, 2nd)

SDSU - A. Perez 31-yd FG - 7 plays, 58 yards, 3:04 (11:56, 3rd)

CSU - Sisson 88-yd fumble recovery (DeLine kick) (3:56, 3rd)

SDSU - Hillman 26-yd run (A. Perez kick) - 5 plays, 56 yards, 2:24 (1:32, 3rd)

SDSU - Sullivan 9-yd pass from Lindley (A. Perez kick) - 12 plays, 80 yards, 6:49 (8:05, 4th)

CSU - Pauga 28-yd pass from Thomas (DeLine kick) - 9 plays, 63 yards, 3:05 (2:43, 4th)

	CSU	SDSU
First Downs	19	19
Rushes-Yards	34-31	39-152
Passing Yards	266	171
C-A-I	22-41-1	14-23-2
Total Offense	297	323
Fumbles-Lost	2-0	3-3
Penalties-Yards	4-35	2-15
Possession Time	32:43	27:17
Turnovers	1	5
Average Field Pos.	CSU 30	SDSU 40

INDIVIDUAL STATS

Rushing (Atts.-Yards-TDs): CSU: Carter 11-34; Mason 10-11; Pauga 1-7; Mosure 3-2; Thomas 8-(-11); Greenwood 1-(-12). SDSU: Hillman 31-151-1; Kazee 2-10; Sullivan 2-3-1; Sampson 1-2; Team 2-(-4); Lindley 1-(-10).

Passing (Att.-Comp.-Int., Yards, TDs): CSU: Thomas 40-22-1, 266, 1; Greenwood 1-0-0, 0, 0. SDSU: Lindley 23-14-2, 171, 1.

Receiving (No.-Yards-TDs): CSU: Greenwood 7-68; Liggett 4-60; Pauga 3-47-1; Borcky 3-3; Law 2-30; Steele 1-31; Yemm 1-26; Carter 1-(-3).

Utah 38
San Diego State 34

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SAN DIEGO – Despite a record day by quarterback Ryan Lindley and receivers Vincent Brown and DeMarco Sampson, San Diego State fell to No. 25/24 Utah, 38-34, at Qualcomm Stadium. The Aztecs fell to 7-4 overall and 4-3 in the Mountain West, while the Utes improved to 9-2 and 6-1.

SDSU struck first on its opening drive when Lindley found Brown for a 10-yard touchdown pass. The touchdown less than two minutes into the game was its fastest score (field goal or touchdown) this season and the fifth time it scored on its opening drive.

Utah got on the scoreboard in its first drive when Joe Phillips nailed a 32-yard field goal.

It appeared it would stay that way a few drives later when Phillips' 38-yard punt was downed at the San Diego State 2-yard line. The Aztecs, however, put together a 11-play, 98-yard drive, its longest of the season, that culminated in Lindley's 11-yard touchdown pass to Brown.

After a quick three-and-out by the Utes, SDSU went 79 yards in just four plays. Sampson's 17 and 46-yard receptions got San Diego State to the Utah 16 and, two plays later, Ronnie Hillman scampered into the end zone with a five-yard rush. Even with Abel Perez' missed extra-point, the Aztecs still owned a 20-3 lead.

GAME STATISTICS

Utah	3	21	0	14	-	38
San Diego St.	14	13	7	0	-	34

SDSU - V. Brown 10-yd pass from Lindley (A. Perez kick) - 8 plays, 74 yards, 1:59 (13:01, 1st)

UTAH - Phillips 32-yd FG - 8 plays, 66 yards, 3:44 (9:17, 1st)

SDSU - V. Brown 11-yd pass from Lindley (A. Perez kick) - 11 plays, 98 yards, 5:51 (0:49, 1st)

SDSU - Hillman 5-yd run (A. Perez kick failed) - 4 plays, 79 yards, 1:17 (13:26, 2nd)

UTAH - Matthews 57-yd pass from Wynn (Phillips kick) - 3 plays, 63 yards, 1:39 (11:47, 2nd)

SDSU - Escobar 14-yd pass from Lindley (A. Perez kick) - 14 plays, 86 yards, 6:19 (5:28, 2nd)

UTAH - Wide 16-yd run (Phillips kick) - 3 plays, 68 yards, 1:06 (4:22, 2nd)

UTAH - Moeai 47-yd pass from Wynn (Phillips kick) - 5 plays, 85 yards, 0:37 (0:00, 2nd)

SDSU - V. Brown 90-yd pass from Lindley (A. Perez kick) - 3 plays, 90 yards, 0:49 (11:12, 3rd)

UTAH - Asiata 1-yd run (Phillips kick) - 14 plays, 79 yards, 6:23 (13:18, 4th)

UTAH - Wide 1-yd run (Phillips kick) - 4 plays, 3 yards, 1:32 (10:21, 4th)

	UTAH	SDSU
First Downs	22	29
Rushes-Yards	35-138	21-59
Passing Yards	362	528
C-A-I	21-34-0	36-54-3
Total Offense	500	587
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-0
Penalties-Yards	8-75	8-64
Possession Time	31:15	28:45
Turnovers	0	3
Average Field Pos.	UTAH 30	SDSU 18

INDIVIDUAL STATS

Rushing (Atts.-Yards-TDs): UTAH: Asiata 19-87-1; Wide 10-66-1; Wynn 2-3; Brooks 1-(-8); Team 3 (-10). SDSU: Hillman 14-54-1; Sullivan 3-8; Kazee 2-7; Lindley 2-(-10).

Passing (Att.-Comp.-Int., Yards, TDs): UTAH: Wynn 33-21-0, 362, 2; Smithson 1-0-0, 0, 0. SDSU: Lindley 54-36-3, 528, 4.

Receiving (No.-Yards-TDs): UTAH: Rogers 4-49; Brooks 3-63; Asiata 3-32; Wide 2-29; Christopher 2-19; Moala 2-15; Matthews 1-57; Moeai 1-47; Dunn 1-42; Smithson 1-5; Asiata 1-4. SDSU: Sampson 12-154; V. Brown 8-184-3; Sandifer 6-81; Escobar 6-65-1; Hillman 2-26; Sullivan 2-18.

The Utes came right back with a quick drive of their own, as quarterback Jordan Wynn found Luke Matthews on a 57-yard touchdown pass on a third-and-4 play.

Lindley answered for SDSU with his third touchdown pass of the first half, this time a 14-yard strike to Gavin Escobar, to put San Diego State back up by 17 at 27-10.

Undeterred, Utah used a 39-yard rush by Eddie Wide, a 13-yard pass from Wynn to Dallin Rogers and a 16-yard touchdown rush by Wide to bring the visitors back to within 10 at 27-17.

Looking to add one last score before intermission, the Aztecs got deep into Ute territory, but Lindley had his pass intercepted by Brandon Burton at the Utah 3 and returned 12 yards. With only 37 seconds remaining, Utah got to the SDSU 47 and launched a hail mary pass that deflected off a San Diego State defender and into the hands of a waiting Kendrick Moeai, giving the Utes just a three-point deficit at the half.

The Aztecs' first possession of the second half, which started on their own 10-yard line, ended two plays later when Lindley's pass bounced off a Utah defender and into the hands of Brown, who ran it all the way back for the 90-yard score.

The score would remain 34-24 SDSU until a 1-yard rush by Utah's Matt Asiata early in the fourth quarter.

After a holding call wiped out Sampson's 52-yard catch and two incomplete passes later, San Diego State was forced to punt. Brian Stahovich bobbled the snap and Greg Bird blocked it, giving the Utes the ball on the Aztec 3-yard line. SDSU held Utah the first three plays, but Eddie Wide's 1-yard TD rush on 4th and goal gave the Utes their first lead of the game at 38-34.

San Diego State got into Utah territory on each of its final possessions, but two more interceptions by Lindley ended the game in favor of the visitors.

Starting his school record 29th consecutive game at quarterback, Lindley threw for 528 yards, the fourth most in school history and the most since David Lowery's school-record game of 568 in 1991, and four touchdowns in the loss. In addition, Lindley became the third Aztec with back-to-back 3,000-yard seasons and the first since Billy Blanton in 1995-96.

Sampson (12 catches, 154 yards) and Brown (8 catches, 184 yards, 3 touchdowns), meanwhile, became the 18th and 19th SDSU player to break 1,000 yards receiving in a season.

UNLV 14
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SAN DIEGO – Bowl-bound San Diego State scored on eight of its first nine possessions en route to a 48-14 win over UNLV at Qualcomm Stadium.

In their final regular-season home game, the Aztecs sent their 17 seniors out in style by winning their eighth game of the season, the first time an SDSU team had accomplished the feat since 1996.

UNLV returned the opening kickoff 60 yards into Aztec territory, but a Miles Burris sack on fourth-and-6 ended the drive. San Diego State wasted no time, marching 61 yards on just five plays. Quarterback Ryan Lindley connected with senior Brandon Sullivan on a 17-yard pass to give SDSU a quick 7-0 lead.

After UNLV missed a field goal, the Aztecs doubled their lead on a 1-yard Sullivan touchdown plunge. It was the fourth multiple touchdown game in the last five weeks for Sullivan, and the sixth of his career.

The Rebels went three and out on their ensuing drive, and San Diego State increased its lead on a 42-yard field goal by Abel Perez. Another big return by Marcus Sullivan set the Rebels up at the SDSU 27-yard line. One play later, they were on the board after a 27-yard touchdown pass from Omar Clayton to Kyle Watkins.

GAME STATISTICS

	1	2	3	4		
UNLV	7	0	0	7	-	14
San Diego St.	17	14	17	0	-	48

SDSU - Sullivan 17-yd pass from Lindley (A. Perez kick) - 5 plays, 61 yards, 1:38 (12:26, 1st)

SDSU - Sullivan 1-yd run (A. Perez kick) - 8 plays, 73 yards, 2:32 (5:30, 1st)

SDSU - A. Perez 42-yd FG - 8 plays, 33 yards, 3:03 (0:14, 1st)

UNLV - Watkins 27-yd pass from Clayton (Kohorst kick) - 1 play, 27 yards, 0:14 (0:00 1st)

SDSU - Sampson 41-yd pass from Lindley (A. Perez kick) - 7 plays, 80 yards, 3:16 (2:26, 2nd)

SDSU - Sampson 50-yd pass from Lindley (A. Perez kick) - 3 plays, 68 yards, 0:24 (1:12, 2nd)

SDSU - V. Brown 3-yd pass from Lindley (A. Perez kick) - 9 plays, 69 yards, 3:01 (11:59, 3rd)

SDSU - A. Perez 53-yd FG - 5 plays, 17 yards, 1:13 (7:07, 3rd)

SDSU - Hillman 10-yd run (B. Shields kick) - 7 plays, 60 yards, 3:39 (2:01, 3rd)

UNLV - Clausen 64-yd fumble recovery (Kohorst kick) - (1:07, 4th)

	UNLV	SDSU
First Downs	15	30
Rushes-Yards	28-67	51-250
Passing Yards	167	338
C-A-I	14-30-0	22-30-0
Total Offense	234	588
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-1
Penalties-Yards	3-31	7-50
Possession Time	23:41	36:19
Turnovers	0	1
Average Field Pos.	UNLV 27	SDSU 38

INDIVIDUAL STATS

Rushing (Atts.-Yards-TDs): UNLV: Cornett 16-61; Purvis 6-20; Randle 1-2; Trotter 1-2; Clayton 4-(-14). SDSU: Hillman 19-152-1; Kazee 16-63; Brown 10-30; Sullivan 3-7-1; Young 1-1.

Passing (Att.-Comp.-Int., Yards, TDs): NICH: Clayton 28-13-0, 167, 1; Herring 2-1-0, 0, 0. SDSU: Lindley 30-22, 0, 338, 4.

Receiving (No.-Yards-TDs): UNLV: Payne 5-91; Johnson 5-38; Watkins 2-27-1; Davis 1-7; Vidal 1-4. SDSU: Sampson 6-128-2; V. Brown 5-74-1; Escobar 4-42; Sullivan 3-61-1; Hillman 2-12; Sandifer 1-20; Quigley 1-1.

2010 Game Recaps



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SAN DIEGO - San Diego State recorded its first bowl game victory since 1969, as the Aztecs raced ahead of Navy early and never looked back, winning the 2010 Poinsettia Bowl, 35-14. The Red and Black finished the year with a 9-4 record, the school's most wins in a campaign since 1977.

Freshman All-American Ronnie Hillman once again led the charge for the Aztecs, tying a career high in rushing yards with 228 and scoring four touchdowns en-route to being named the Poinsettia Bowl Offensive MVP.

Hillman started the scoring on the Aztecs' second possession when he took a handoff left on a third down and cut through three Navy defenders on his way to a 22-yard touchdown run.

Senior receiver Vincent Brown got into the action on the very next possession when he caught a deep corner route and side stepped a defender before racing up the left sideline for a 51-yard score to put the Aztecs up 14-0 midway through the first quarter.

Brown would gain 165 yards on eight catches during the game, recording his school-record tying 13th career 100-yard receiving game.

After a 30-yard touchdown connection from Navy quarterback Ricky Dobbs to Greg Jones to begin the second quarter, Hillman followed a great block by pulling guard Nik Embernate and burst through the left side of the line for a 37-yard score, capping off a seven-play, 80-yard Aztec drive.

The visiting Midshipmen would not go away quietly, however, as they put together a 10-play, 73-yard drive behind their patient option rushing attack to close out the half. Dobbs punched it in himself at the Aztecs' 1-yard line with 10 seconds left on the clock to cut the SDSU's lead to 21-14 going into the locker room.

After a scoreless third quarter, the Aztecs went ahead 28-14 on what might have been the play of the day. On third-and-1, Ryan Lindley took the snap and faked a handoff to fullback Brandon Sullivan, who dove over the top of the Navy defense. Lindley patiently kept the ball behind his back and waited for the Navy defense to converge on the decoy before firing a 15-yard touchdown pass to a wheeling Hillman for the score. The catch marked the first receiving touchdown of Hillman's career.

The freshman from La Habra, Calif., would tack on another score on the Aztecs' next possession to secure the 35-14 victory.

Senior defensive back Andrew Preston, who picked off a Dobbs pass deep in SDSU territory with four minutes left in the game, was named the Poinsettia Bowl Defensive MVP.

San Diego State put up 555 yards of total offense in the game against Navy, the most by an Aztec team in the school's bowl history.

GAME STATISTICS

Navy	0	14	0	0	-	14
San Diego St.	14	7	0	14	-	35

SDSU - Hillman 22-yd run (A. Perez kick) - 5 plays, 59 yards, 2:18 (9:06, 1st)

SDSU - Brown 53-yd pass from Lindley (A. Perez kick) - 6 plays, 93 yards (4:08, 1st)

NAVY - Jones 30-yd pass from Dobbs (Buckley kick) - 11 plays, 68 yards, 4:58 (3:43, 2nd)

SDSU - Hillman 37-yd run (A. Perez kick) - 7 plays, 80 yards, 2:59 (3:15, 2nd)

NAVY - Dobbs 1-yd run (Buckley kick) - 10 plays, 73 yards, 3:08 (0:07, 2nd)

SDSU - Hillman 15-yd pass from Lindley (A. Perez kick) - 7 plays, 74 yards, 3:51 (14:56, 4th)

SDSU - Hillman 1-yd run (A. Perez kick) - 13 plays, 80 yards, 6:46 (6:07, 4th)

	NAVY	SDSU
First Downs	22	27
Rushes-Yards	51-235	41-279
Passing Yards	147	276
C-A-I	8-15-1	18-23-0
Total Offense	382	555
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	2-0
Penalties-Yards	3-29	3-18
Possession Time	29:41	30:19
Turnovers	1	0
Average Field Pos.	NAVY 23	SDSU 18

INDIVIDUAL STATS

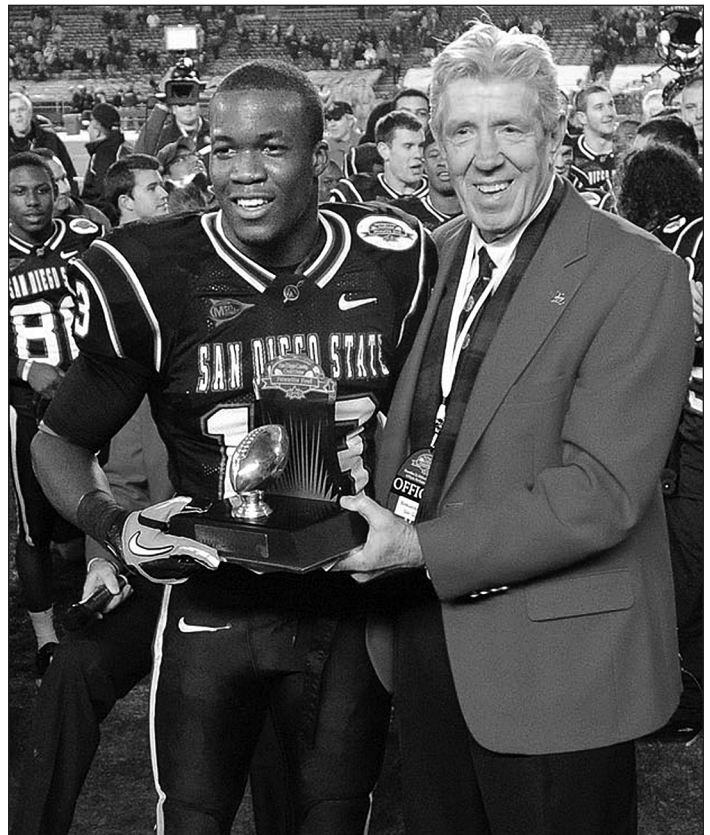
Rushing (Att.-Yards-TDs): **NAVY:** Dobbs 24-107-1; Teich 10-38; Greene 5-33; Santiago 4-27. **SDSU:** Hillman 28-228-3; Kazez 7-41; Sullivan 3-2-2; Sandifer 1-14; Team 1(-)-1; Lindley 1-8.

Passing (Att.-Comp.-Int., Yards, TDs): **NAVY:** Dobbs 8-15-1, 147, 1. **SDSU:** Lindley 18-23-0, 276, 2.

Receiving (No.-Yards-TDs): **NAVY:** Jones 3-85-1; Teich 2-9; Greene 1-30; Santiago 1-16. **SDSU:** Brown 8-165-1; Escobar 3-24; Sampson 2-45; Hillman 2-16; Sandifer 1-10.



Andrew Preston earned the Poinsettia Bowl Defensive MVP award after leading the Aztecs with 10 tackles (six unassisted), including a tackle-for-loss along with an interception.



Ronnie Hillman was named the Offensive MVP of the Poinsettia Bowl as he rushed for three touchdowns, scored another on a pass reception and rushed for a bowl-record 228 yards.