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Postgame Football Notes – San Diego State vs. Hawai'i

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Big Notes

- San Diego State recorded its third victory this season by at least 24 points (also: 28 vs. UNLV and 31 at Utah State)
- SDSU broke 200 rushing yards and now is 44-1 its last 45 games it has rushed for at least 200 yards
- **Greg Bell** recorded his fourth straight 100-yard game, extending his SDSU record for the most games to start an Aztec career with a 100-yard rushing game. He now has five career 100-yard rushing games in eight Division I games played.
- San Diego State is 3-1 after four games for the third consecutive season. The last five times SDSU opened with a 3-1 record it has gone on to advance to a bowl game. The last three times SDSU was 3-1 after three games (2016, 2018 and 2019), the Aztecs averaged 9.3 wins, won a league title (2016) and two bowl games (2016 and 2019).
- The Aztecs have avenged two of their three losses from last season (Utah State and Hawai'i). Next week, SDSU faces Nevada, the other team to defeat the Aztecs in 2019.
- This was the fifth consecutive time the Aztecs have responded from a defeat with a victory
- San Diego State improved to 8-1 the last nine times it has had exactly eight days off between games (the Aztecs previously played on Friday, Oct. 6)
- San Diego State had seven sacks, its most in a game since having seven vs. Houston in the 2016 Las Vegas Bowl. The seven sacks are tied for the second most in a game in FBS play this season (entering today).
- Through four games, SDSU is averaging 30.8 points per game. Last season, the Aztecs averaged 21.2 points per contest.
- Through four conference games last season, SDSU had 94 points. This season, through four games, the Aztecs have 123 points (gain of 29 points).

Series Notes

- The Aztecs improved to 22-11-2 all-time against Hawai'i
- San Diego State snapped a two-game losing streak to Hawai'i and defeated the Rainbow Warriors for the first time since 2017
- SDSU is now 11-4 all-time against the Rainbow Warriors at home

Team Notes

- San Diego State has won six straight games under Hoke when the winning margin has been at least 24 points.
- At 3-1, San Diego State will end the day as one of only five teams with a winning record in the Mountain West. Seven league teams have two losses or more
- Brady Hoke is 6-1 at San Diego State against teams that are led by a head coach in his first season at the school. He is 4-0 in those games after his first year at San Diego State (2009).

- SDSU has won 13 of its last 17 games (13-4), 31 of its last 44 (31-13), 38 of its last 53 (38-15), 51 of its last 67 (51-16) and 52 of its last 71 since the 2015 season (52-19)
- San Diego State won its fifth straight game played in the afternoon (prior to 6 p.m. local kickoff)
- The Aztecs are now outscoring the opposition, 31-0, in the first quarter
- SDSU had its largest lead at the half (28) since leading San Jose State, 35-0, at the half on Nov. 4, 2017
- The Aztecs had multiple turnovers for just the third time in the last 17 games
- SDSU picked up its first interception returned for a touchdown since Tariq Thompson had one against Northern Illinois on Sept. 30, 2017. It was San Diego State's 11th interception returned for a touchdown since 2015.

Trends

- San Diego State started with the ball for the 98th time over the last 114 games
- The Aztecs held their opponents scoreless on their opening possession for the fourth time this season and 53rd time since 2015 (71 games)
- SDSU improved to 3-1 on the season when scoring first and 10-4 in the Brady Hoke era
- San Diego State improved to 3-1 on the year when leading after the first quarter and 10-6 in the Brady Hoke era
- SDSU won its 14th straight game when leading by at least 14 points in the first quarter
- The Aztecs improved to 3-1 on the season when leading at the half and 15-4 in the Brady Hoke era
- SDSU improved to 19-1 the last 20 games it has held its opponent scoreless in the first quarter

Player Notes

*** Greg Bell, Sr., RB (19 att., 160 yds., 2 TD | 1 rec., 9 yds.)**

- Ran for a career-high 160 yards and two touchdowns on 19 attempts (8.4 avg.), while adding a 9-yard catch
- Extended his program record to four consecutive 100-yard rushing games to begin his Aztec career
- Became the first Aztec with four straight 100-yard rushing games since Rashaad Penny closed his collegiate career with five straight in the final five games of 2017
- Is now one of 10 Aztecs in program history with at least four straight 100-yard rushing games
- Now has five career 100-yard games (also vs. Colorado on Sept. 8, 2018 while with Nebraska) in eight career Division I games
- Had his first career game with multiple rushing touchdowns
- Now has five rushing touchdowns this season (and career) and six overall scores this year (and career)
- Had a career-long 62-yard run in the game

*** Jordan Byrd, Jr., RB (7 att., 61 yds., 1 TD)**

- Ran for 61 yards on seven attempts (8.7 avg.) with a touchdown
- Scored on a 51-yard rushing touchdown
- The touchdown was his second of the season and sixth of his career

*** Caden McDonald, Jr., LB (7 tackles, 3.0 TFL, 2.0 SCK, 1 FF)**

- Had seven tackles, including three tackles for loss and two sacks, with a forced fumble
- The forced fumble was the first of his career
- The three tackles for loss tied a career high
- Now has 6.5 tackles for loss and 4.5 sacks this season

* **Tariq Thompson, Sr., WAR (7 tackles, 1 FF)**

- Had seven tackles and a forced fumble
- The forced fumble was the first of the season and sixth of his career (T-6th in program history).

* **Seyddrick Lakalaka, Jr., LB (7 tackles, 1.5 TFL, 1 FF)**

- Had a career-high seven tackles, including 1.5 tackles for loss, and a forced fumble
- Led the team (tied) for the first time of his career
- Had the first forced fumble of his career

* **Segun Olubi, Sr., LB (3 tackles, 1 INT for TD)**

- Had three tackles and an interception
- Recorded his first career interception, which was returned 71 yards for a touchdown

Other Notes

- WAR Tariq Thompson started for the 43rd consecutive game, the longest streak on the team (offense/defense)
- WAR Tariq Thompson and LS Turner Bernard each played in their 43rd straight games, the longest streaks on the team
- LS Turner Bernard played in his 47th career game, the most on the team
- RG Chris Martinez made his first career start in his second career game played
- Kyron White forced his first career fumble
- Andrew Alves recovered his first career fumble
- Today's temperature was 68 degrees

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