

SAN DIEGO STATE FOOTBALL

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Live Stats: GoAztecs.com

THE SERIES (complete series info on pg. 8)

Series: Oregon State leads, 4-2

Home: 1-1; Away: 1-3

Snapdragon Stadium: 0-0

Longest SDSU Win Streak: 2 (1972-75)

Longest Oregon State Win Streak: 4 (2000-current)

2024 SCHEDULE / RESULTS

	Texas A&M - Commerce	W, 45-15
Sat., Aug. 31 5 p.m. PT San Diego, Calif. truTV/MAX		
	Oregon State	
Sat., Sept. 7 7:30 p.m. PT San Diego, Calif. CBSSN		
	at California	
Sat., Sept. 14 7:30 p.m. PT Berkeley, Calif. ESPN		
	at Central Michigan	
Sat., Sept. 28 TBA Mount Pleasant, Mich. TBA		
	Hawaii*	
Sat., Oct. 5 5 p.m. PT San Diego, Calif. CBSSN		
	at Wyoming*	
Sat., Oct. 12 1:30 p.m. MT Laramie, Wyo. CBSSN		
	Washington State	
Sat., Oct. 26 7:30 p.m. PT San Diego, Calif. CBSSN		
	at Boise State*	
Fri., Nov. 1 6 p.m. MT Boise, Idaho FS1		
	New Mexico*	
Fri., Nov. 8 7:30 p.m. PT San Diego, Calif. FS1		
	at UNLV*	
Sat., Nov. 16 7:30 p.m. PT Las Vegas, Nev. CBSSN		
	at Utah State*	
Sat., Nov. 23 1:30 p.m. MT Logan, Utah CBSSN		
	Air Force*	
Sat., Nov. 30 TBA San Diego, Calif. FOXSN		

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GAME 2

SAN DIEGO STATE (1-0, 0-0 MW) vs. OREGON STATE (1-0)

Saturday, Sept. 7, 2024 ■ 7:30 p.m. PT ■ San Diego, Calif. ■ Snapdragon Stadium (35,000)



AZTECS

Head Coach: Sean Lewis
Record at SDSU: 1-0 (first season)
Career Record: 25-31 (sixth season)
Lewis Record vs. OSU: 0-0

BEAVERS

Head Coach: Trent Bray
Record at OSU: 1-0 (first season)
Career Record: Same
Bray Record vs. SDSU: 0-0



SAN DIEGO STATE WELCOMES OREGON STATE ON SATURDAY NIGHT

- Fresh off a 42-point second half, a 223-yard rushing game by the FBS active rushing leader and a first career start for a true freshman quarterback, San Diego State plays host to Oregon State Saturday night at Snapdragon Stadium in the second game of the Sean Lewis era.
- The Aztecs overcame a slow start and a 6-3 deficit at halftime to Texas A&M-Commerce last Saturday night, before scoring six touchdowns in the second half to down the Lions, 45-14.
- Senior transfer running back **Marquez Cooper** proved to be as good as advertised as he ran for 223 yards and two touchdowns. The 223 yards were the second most in a SDSU season opener in its Division I history (since 1969) as he became the first Aztec with a 200-yard rushing game since Rashaad Penny in the 2017 Armed Forces Bowl. It was the 18th career 100-yard rushing game for the Gaithersburg, Md., native, who entered 2024 with three consecutive 1,000-yard rushing seasons with the most rushing yards among all active FBS players.
- **Danny O'Neil**, meanwhile, showed poise in the pocket as he became the first SDSU true freshman quarterback to start a season opener in its DI era. O'Neil was 11-for-12 for 130 yards and two touchdowns in the second half. For the game, the Indianapolis native threw for 214 yards, two touchdowns and no interceptions.
- The San Diego State defense forced three TAMUC turnovers with two of those returned for a touchdown. **Trey White** forced a fumble that was recovered by **Tano Letuli** in the end zone for the first score while later in the game **JD Coffey III** returned a 45-yard interception for a touchdown. It was the first time since Nov. 5, 2016 vs. Hawai'i that the Aztecs had two defensive touchdowns in the same game.
- SDSU outgained Texas A&M-Commerce, 468-180, including an eye-popping 321-58 advantage in the second half, where San Diego State outscored the Lions, 42-8.
- One of the most innovative minds in college football over the past decade, **Lewis** was named the 19th head coach in the history of the San Diego State football program, as announced on Nov. 29, 2023. Lewis, 38, brings an extensive résumé to The Mesa, serving as head coach at Kent State from 2018-22 before spending the 2023 campaign as offensive coordinator/quarterbacks coach at Colorado under head coach Deion Sanders. He has also witnessed great success as a coordinator/assistant coach in stops at Syracuse (2016-17), Bowling Green (2014-15) and Eastern Illinois (2012-13).
- Last season at Colorado, the Buffaloes were ranked sixth in the country in passing yards per game (330.0) and 39th in scoring (32.1) with Lewis calling the plays. When Lewis stopped calling plays, Colorado dropped to 59th in passing (224.0) and 100th in scoring (20.3).
- In 2021, Kent State set program records in plays (1,052), yards (6,907), first downs (364), rushing yards (3,482) and passing yards (3,425). Additionally, the Golden Flashes ranked third in the country that year in rushing (248.6) and first downs (364), fourth in total offense (495.2) and 30th in scoring (33.0).
- In the COVID-shortened 2020 season, Kent State led the country in scoring (49.8) and total offense (606.5), ranked second in pass efficiency rating (191.2) and third down conversion percentage (56.1), third in rushing (283.0) and fourth down conversion percentage (87.5), and 10th in passing (323.5).
- While at Syracuse, his 2016 offense set or tied 40 program records, including passing yards (3,855), while the 5,290 yards were the second most in school history.
- Lewis also had the fourth-ranked offense (546.8) at Bowling Green in 2015 and the sixth-ranked scoring offense (42.2).

COMBINED FB & MBB WINNING PCT. / SINCE 2010

Below is a list of the highest combined football and men's basketball winning pct. (through Sept. 1)

Rk.	School	Pct.
1.	San Diego State	.729
2.	Ohio State	.726
3.	Oregon	.712
4.	Duke	.705
5.	Alabama	.693
6.	Wisconsin	.690
7.	Arizona	.690
8.	Kentucky	.689
9.	Michigan State	.685
10.	Cincinnati	.682

MOST RUSHING YARDS IN SEASON OPENER / SDSU

Rk.	Player	Date	Yds.
1.	David Turner	9/12/76	239
2.	Marquez Cooper	8/31/24	223
3.	Marshall Faulk	9/5/92	220
4.	Rashaad Penny	9/2/17	197
5.	Ronnie Hillman	9/3/11	189
6.	Marshall Faulk	9/4/93	181
7.	Greg Bell	9/4/21	161

MOST NON-OFFENSIVE TOUCHDOWNS SINCE 2020

Rk.	School	TDs
1.	Alabama	18
	Notre Dame	18
	Ohio State	18
	Pittsburgh	18
5.	San Diego State	17
	Houston	17
	Iowa	17
	Kentucky	17
	Middle Tennessee	17
	Mississippi State	17

SAN DIEGO STATE MEDIA AVAILABILITY: OREGON STATE

1	SUN	2	MON	3	TUE	4	WED	5	THU	6	FRI	7	SAT
Closed Practice No media availability.	SDSU Media Luncheon 11:15 a.m. - Food arrives 11:30 p.m. - Coach Lewis No practice No student-athlete availability. <i>Game Notes</i> <i>News Conference Video</i> <i>News Conference Quotes</i>	FINAL MEDIA DAY FOR STUDENT-ATHLETES 8:45-9:15 a.m. - Open Practice Open to media who cover SDSU on a regular basis (must contact media relations office). 11 a.m. - Post-practice availability (only student-athlete request availability for the week; requests due by 9 a.m.): - Assistant coaches - Selected players <i>Media Scrum Video</i>	FINAL MEDIA DAY FOR COACHES 8:45-9:15 a.m. - Open Practice Open to media who cover SDSU on a regular basis (must contact media relations office). 11 a.m. - Post-practice availability (requests due by 9 a.m.): - Head Coach Sean Lewis - Assistant coaches not interviewed on Tuesday <i>Broadcast Flip Card</i>	Closed Practice No media availability. 6 p.m. - The Sean Lewis Show live on San Diego Sports 760.	Closed Practice No media availability.	San Diego State vs. Oregon State, 7:30 p.m. PT on CBS Sports Network and San Diego Sports 760 Postgame News Conference - San Diego State's locker room is closed. Coach Lewis and selected players will be available after a cooling off period. Contact the media relations office for details. <i>Live: Game</i> <i>Live: Stats</i> <i>Game Stats</i> <i>Postgame Notes</i> <i>Postgame Quotes</i> <i>News Conference Archive</i> <i>Highlights</i>							

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PRACTICE

All practices are closed to both the public and the media with the exception being the first 20 minutes of Tuesday and Wednesday's workouts (media only). Members of the media planning to attend Tuesday or Wednesday's practice will need to email the athletic communications office to be placed on a list to gain access to the practice fields.

Post-practice interview requests should be submitted to the San Diego State athletic communications office no later than 9 a.m. PT on the day of the potential interview. Other interview requests must be made at least 24 hours in advance.

MONDAY NEWS CONFERENCE

SDSU will hold its news conference on Monday's at 11:30 p.m. PT with the exception of the first week.

Contact the SDSU athletic communications office for more details.

A brief transcript of the weekly media luncheon will be posted on GoAztecs.com. Contact the athletic communications office for additional details.

THE SEAN LEWIS RADIO SHOW

This season, the Sean Lewis Show will air live weekly on Thursday evenings from 6-7 p.m. PT on San Diego Sports 760.

VIDEO FOOTAGE OF GAMES

Video highlights and interview footage will once again be available to the media for San Diego State road games (time permitting). For more information contact Jamie McConeghy at (619) 594-3023.

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- The Aztecs have posted a .500 or better overall record and a winning record in Mountain West action in 13 of the past 14 seasons, only failing to do so last year (4-8 overall, 2-6 in MW).
- San Diego State once again plays one of the toughest schedules in the country with seven of its 11 FBS games against teams that made a bowl game in 2023 and three against former Pac-12 teams (hosting Oregon State on Sept. 7, at California on Sept. 14 and hosting Washington State on Oct. 26).
- SDSU returns only two all-Mountain West players from a year ago in Mekhi Shaw (honorable mention at both wide receiver and punt returner) and Kenan Christian (honorable mention at kick returner).
- Gone from San Diego State are second-team honorees TE Mark Redman, OL Cade Bennett, CB Noah Tumblin and P Jack Browning, including the latter two which are vying for spots in NFL camps. Other all-conference performers gone from SDSU are QB Jalen Mayden, LB Zyrus Fiasou and CB Dez Malone. In all, 18 starters are gone from the 2023 squad.
- Joining first-year head coach Sean Lewis are 55 total newcomers (combining scholarships and walk-ons).
- The Aztecs have only player - DL Wyatt Draeger - in his final year of eligibility who began his career at San Diego State. Only Troy (zero) has fewer players in their final year of eligibility who began their career at their current school (see chart on right).
- Overall, the Aztecs have 15 players in their final year of eligibility, which is the fifth fewest in the country. Only Illinois (12), Troy (12), Iowa State (14) and San Jose State (14) have fewer (see chart on right).
- Additionally, SDSU returns only 54 players from a year ago, which ranks as the fourth fewest in the country.
- San Diego State has 44 scholarship newcomers, the sixth most in the nation. The 40 scholarship returnees are tied for the sixth fewest in the country.
- Lewis has brought along an impressive coaching staff to The Mesa, including six full-time coaches with previous coordinator experience. Three assistant coaches on the Aztec offensive staff have previous offensive coordinator experience, including pass game coordinator Laneous Sampson (2023 co-offensive coordinator/2022 pass game coordinator

FEWEST PLAYERS IN FINAL YEAR OF ELIGIBILITY / FBS

Rk.	Team	No.
1.	Illinois	12
	Troy	12
3.	Iowa State	14
	San Jose State	14
5.	San Diego State	15

MOST SCHOLARSHIP NEWCOMERS / FBS

Rk.	Team	No.
1.	North Texas	54
2.	Colorado	49
3.	Arizona State	49
	Indiana	49
	Troy	49
6.	San Diego State	44

FEWEST PLAYERS IN FINAL YEAR OF ELIGIBILITY WHO BEGAN CAREER AT CURRENT SCHOOL / FBS

Rk.	Team	No.
1.	Troy	0
2.	San Diego State	1
	Colorado	1
4.	Arizona State	3
	Old Dominion	3
6.	Six tied at	4

FEWEST SCHOLARSHIP PLAYERS RETURNING / FBS

Rk.	Team	No.
1.	Colorado	31
	North Texas	31
3.	Arizona State	38
	Indiana	38
	Troy	38
5.	San Diego State	40
	Temple	40

FEWEST RETURNING PLAYERS / FBS

Rk.	Team	No.
1.	North Texas	46
2.	Colorado	51
3.	San Jose State	53
4.	San Diego State	54
5.	Arizona State	58
	Middle Tennessee	58
	Old Dominion	58
	Temple	58

BEST FBS RECORD SINCE 2015

Below is a list of the highest winning percentages in the nation for FBS schools since the beginning of the 2015 season. (note: minimum 80 games played as an FBS school; through Sept. 1)













Rk.	Team	W	L	Pct.
1.	Alabama	116	12	.906
2.	Ohio State	102	14	.879
3.	Clemson	109	18	.858
4.	Georgia	105	19	.847
5.	Oklahoma	95	24	.798
6.	Michigan	90	25	.783
7.	Notre Dame	88	28	.759
8.	Appalachian State	89	30	.748
9.	Boise State	83	32	.722
10.	Washington	80	32	.714
11.	LSU	82	33	.713
	Penn State	82	33	.713
13.	Iowa	82	34	.707
14.	Oklahoma State	83	35	.703
15.	Wisconsin	80	35	.696
16.	Oregon	78	36	.684
	Utah	78	36	.684
18.	Memphis	79	38	.675
19.	San Diego State	77	38	.670
	Toledo	75	37	.670

CALIFORNIA FBS RECORDS SINCE 2015

Below is a look at the best records in the state of California since the beginning of the 2015 campaign (through Sept. 1). BG - indicates number of bowl games the team has participated in since 2015. AP Rk. - indicates current final team ranking in the Associated Press poll.

Rk.	Team	W	L	Pct.	BG	AP Rk.
1.	San Diego State	77	38	.670	7	-
2.	USC	70	41	.631	6	-
3.	Fresno State	62	49	.559	5	-
4.	Stanford	57	52	.523	4	-
5.	UCLA	54	54	.500	5	-
6.	California	50	55	.476	4	-
7.	San José State	45	63	.417	4	-

2024 SCHEDULE / RESULTS

Date	Opponent	Site	TV/Stream	Time/Result	Series	Notes
Aug. 31	 Texas A&M-Commerce Lions	San Diego, Calif. Snapdragon Stadium	truTV/MAX	W, 45-14	SDSU, 1-0	SDSU outscores TC, 42-8, in 2H in Lewis debut; Cooper: 223 yds., 2 TD; TR-Fr. O'Neil starts at QB
Sept. 7	 Oregon State Beavers	San Diego, Calif. Snapdragon Stadium	CBS Sports Network	7:30 p.m. PT	OSU, 4-2	Aztecs fell, 26-9, at Oregon State in 2023; SDSU in OSU territory 9/11 drives, but 9 pts.
Sept. 14	 at California Bears	Berkeley, Calif. California Memorial Stadium	ESPN	7:30 p.m. PT	Series tied, 4-4	SDSU won last meeting, 45-40, in 2016 in SD; Home team has never lost in series
Sept. 28	 at Central Michigan Chippewas	Mt. Pleasant, Mich. Kelly/Shorts Stadium	TBA	TBA	SDSU, 1-0	Aztecs beat CMU, 48-11, in 2019 NM Bowl; SDSU 16-1-1 all-time vs. current MAC teams
Oct. 5	 Hawai'i Rainbow Warriors	San Diego, Calif. Snapdragon Stadium	CBS Sports Network	5 p.m. PT	SDSU, 25-11-2	SDSU has won 10 of the last 12 in the series; Five of last six have been decided by 1 score
Oct. 12	 at Wyoming Cowboys	Laramie, Wyo. War Memorial Stadium	CBS Sports Network	1:30 p.m. MT	Series tied, 19-19	First meeting since 26-22 SDSU win in 2019; 1st trip to Laramie since winning '16 MW Champ
Oct. 26	 Washington State Cougars	San Diego, Calif. Snapdragon Stadium	CBS Sports Network	7:30 p.m. PT	Series tied, 1-1	Teams last met in 2011 (at SDSU 42, WSU 24); Other meeting was 2007 (at WSU 45, SDSU 17)
Nov. 1	 at Boise State Broncos	Boise, Idaho Snapdragon Stadium	Albertsons Stadium	6 p.m. MT	Boise State, 5-4	SDSU outgained, 85, 439-403, in '23 but lost, 34-31; Longest winning streak in series is two
Nov. 8	 New Mexico Lobos	San Diego, Calif. Snapdragon Stadium	FS1	7:30 p.m. PT	SDSU, 29-15	Aztecs have won nine straight in series; Last loss was Oct. 18, 2008 in Albuquerque
Nov. 16	 at UNLV Rebels	Las Vegas, Nev. Allegiant Stadium	CBS Sports Network	7:30 p.m. PT	SDSU, 22-10	SDSU has won 4 straight in series & 8 of last 9; UNLV made MW championship for 1st time in '23
Nov. 23	 at Utah State Aggies	Logan, Utah Maverik Stadium	CBS Sports Network	1:30 p.m. MT	SDSU, 13-4	SDSU lost, 32-24, in double-overtime in 2023; Aztecs are 5-0 all-time at Utah State
Nov. 30	 Air Force Falcons	San Diego, Calif. Snapdragon Stadium	Fox Sports Networks	TBA	Air Force, 21-18	SDSU won 9 of last 11, but AFA has won last 2; Aztecs have won 5 of last 6 meetings at home

RUSHING YARDS / ALL-TIME^ / FBS

Rk.	Player, Team	Years	Yards
1.	Donnel Pumphrey, San Diego State	2013-16	6,405
100.	Shock Linwood, Baylor	2013-16	4,213
114.	Byron Hanspard, Texas Tech	1994-96	4,135
115.	Lamar Jackson, Louisville	2015-17	4,132
119.	Aaron Jones, UTEP	2013-16	4,114
120.	Colin Kapernick, Nevada	2017-10	4,112
123.	Marquez Cooper, San Diego State*	2020-24	4,079

^ According to SportsReference.com; * Cooper spent 2020-22 at Kent State and 2023 at Ball State

RUSHING YARDS / ACTIVE / FBS

Rk.	Player, Team	Years	Yards
1.	Marquez Cooper, San Diego State*	2020-24	4,079
2.	Tahj Brooks, Texas Tech	2020-24	3,205
3.	Devin Neal, Kansas	2021-24	3,189
4.	Nate Noel, Missouri	2020-24	3,122
5.	Harrison Waylee, Wyoming	2020-24	2,876

* Cooper spent 2020-22 at Kent State and 2023 at Ball State

ALL-PURPOSE YARDS / ACTIVE / FBS

Rk.	Player, Team	Years	Yards
1.	Marquez Cooper, San Diego State*	2020-24	4,699
2.	Brian Battie, Auburn	2020-24	4,386
3.	Brennan Presley, Oklahoma State	2020-24	4,170
4.	LaJohntay Wester, Colorado	2020-24	3,896
5.	Devin Neal, Kansas	2021-24	3,646

* Cooper spent 2020-22 at Kent State and 2023 at Ball State

RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS / ACTIVE / FBS

Rk.	Player, Team	Years	TDs
1.	Marquez Cooper, San Diego State*	2020-24	35
	Devin Neal, Kansas	2021-24	35
3.	TreVeyon Henderson, Ohio State	2021-24	32
	Quinshon Judkins, Ohio State	2022-24	32
5.	Tahj Brooks, Texas Tech	2020-24	29

* Cooper spent 2020-22 at Kent State and 2023 at Ball State

RUSHING YARDS PER GAME / ACTIVE / FBS

Rk.	Player, Team	Years	YPG
1.	Quinshon Judkins, Ohio State	2022-24	103.0
2.	Marquez Cooper, San Diego State*	2020-24	94.9
3.	Jadyn Ott, California	2022-24	90.4
4.	Ashton Jeanty, Boise State	2022-24	90.2
5.	Harrison Waylee, Wyoming	2020-24	89.9

* Cooper spent 2020-22 at Kent State and 2023 at Ball State

RUSHING YARDS / 2024 / FBS

Rk.	Player, Team	G	Yards
1.	Ashton Jeanty, Boise State	1	267
2.	Marquez Cooper, San Diego State	1	223
3.	Anthony Tyus III, Ohio	1	203
4.	Brashard Smith, SMU	2	175
5.	Kyle Monangai, Rutgers	1	165

RUSHING YARDS PER GAME / 2024 / FBS

Rk.	Player, Team	G	Yards
1.	Ashton Jeanty, Boise State	1	267.0
2.	Marquez Cooper, San Diego State	1	223.0
3.	Anthony Tyus III, Ohio	1	203.0
4.	Kyle Monangai, Rutgers	1	165.0
5.	Terion Stewart, Bowling Green	1	161.0

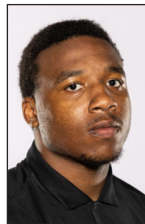
at Austin Peay), run game coordinator Mike Schmidt (2023 run game coordinator at Mississippi State, 2022 run game coordinator at Syracuse) and quarterbacks coach Matt Johnson (2023 offensive coordinator at Kent State). Additionally, senior offensive analyst Ryan Lindley was SDSU's offensive coordinator last season.

- Defensively, Eric Schmidt is in his first season as SDSU's defensive coordinator. Schmidt previously spent two seasons at Washington as its special teams coordinator and coach of the EDGE position on defense. Defensive edges coach Rob Aurich (2022-23 defensive coordinator at Idaho, 2018-21 special teams coordinator at South Dakota, 2015-17 defensive coordinator at Bemidji State) also has previous coordinator experience.
- Finally, associate head coach Zac Barton is in his first season as SDSU's special teams coordinator after spending last season at Kansas, where he served as the Jayhawks' special teams analyst. Prior to Kansas, Barton coached the special teams at Kent State from 2018-22 under Lewis.
- Saturday will be the seventh meeting between the Aztecs and the Beavers with OSU winning the last four games after SDSU won the first two.
- In the last meeting in 2023 in Corvallis, San Diego State got inside Oregon State's territory in nine of its 11 drives, but only came away with nine points in a 26-9 loss.
- Saturday will be the Aztecs' last home game until Oct. 5 when the open Mountain West play against Hawai'i. In between, SDSU travels to California on Sept. 14, is idle on Sept. 21 and travels to Central Michigan on Sept. 28.

PROGRAM-AT-A-GLANCE

- SDSU's 72.9 combined winning percentage in football and men's basketball since the fall of 2010 ranks first in the country. Rounding out the top five are Ohio State (.726), Oregon (.712), Duke (.705) and Alabama (.693).
- Since the start of the 2015 campaign, San Diego State ranks in a tie for 19th in the country with a 67.0 winning percentage (77-38)
- SDSU had five double-digit victory seasons from 2015-21. Only eight schools in the nation can say that - San Diego State, Alabama, Appalachian State, Clemson, Georgia, Notre Dame, Ohio State and Oklahoma.
- San Diego State posted 13 consecutive seasons with at least a .500 record until last year year. That was tied for the sixth-longest streak nationally and was the longest streak among Pacific Time Zone teams.
- The Aztecs have played in 12 bowl games since 2010, tied for the 13th most in the country. The only teams with more bowl appearances since 2010 other than SDSU are Alabama, Boise State, Clemson, Georgia, LSU, Mississippi State, Notre Dame, Ohio State, Oklahoma, Oklahoma State, Oregon and Wisconsin.
- Since the start of the 2019 campaign, San Diego State is 28-13 in games decided by seven or more points.
- The Aztecs are 26-14 in their last 40 games decided by one score.
- San Diego State is 49-23 (.681) in its last 72 regular-season games against Mountain West opponents.
- SDSU's defensive rankings since 2014: T-1st in interceptions (156), T-3rd in turnovers forced (227), 7th in total defense (320.4) and 9th in scoring (19.6)
- Since the start of the 2015 season, San Diego State has 14 kickoff returns for touchdowns, the most in the country over that span.
- The Aztecs also have five 100-yard kickoff return touchdowns since 2015, tied for the second most in the nation over that span.

MR. COOPER



San Diego State senior running back Marquez Cooper is making the most of his opportunity to be the featured back in the San Diego State offense.

- Cooper has three career 1,000-yard seasons, including 1,080 and 1,331 while at Kent State under Sean Lewis in 2021 and 2022, respectively, and 1,043 last year at Ball State.
- Cooper is the active leader in FBS play in both rushing yards (4,079) and all-purpose yards (4,699), and is tied for the most rushing touchdowns (35) and ranks in a tie for fourth in total touchdowns (35). <<< See Marquez Cooper rankings on the left on this page.
- Cooper's 4,079 rushing yards would rank third in SDSU program history, just ahead of Rashaad Penny (3,656 from 2014-17) and only behind Donnel Pumphrey (6,405 from 2013-16) and Marshall Faulk (4,589 from 1991-93).

Cooper

- Cooper has 18 career 100-yard rushing games, including 13 at Kent State (five in 2022, seven in 2021 and one in 2020), four at Ball State last year and one this season at San Diego State.
- This season, Cooper ranks second in FBS in rushing yards (223, 2nd in MW) and rushing yards per game (223.0, 2nd in MW), tied for third in rushing attempts per game (27.0, 1st in MW), fourth in all-purpose yards per game (233.0, 2nd in MW), fifth in total all-purpose yards (233, 2nd in MW), tied for fifth in rushing attempts (27, 2nd in MW), tied for sixth in total all-purpose plays (30, 2nd in MW), tied for 10th in rushing touchdowns (2, T-3rd in MW), 17th in rushing yards per carry (8.26, 3rd in MW) and tied for 27th in points per game (12.0, T-2nd in MW).
- Cooper rushed for 223 yards in the opener vs. Texas A&M-Commerce on Aug. 31, the first 200-yard game by an Aztec since Rashaad Penny had 221 vs. Army West Point in the 2017 Armed Forces Bowl on Dec. 23 and the most by an Aztec since Penny had a career-high 234 at San Jose State on Nov. 4, 2017. Cooper became the 84th different Aztec with a 100-yard rushing game. It was the 17th time in SDSU's Division I history that an Aztec broke 100 rushing yards in a season opener and only trailed David Turner's 239 yards in the 1976 opener vs. Arkansas State. Cooper's 223 yards were also Snapdragon Stadium record.

IN RAREFIED AIR

San Diego State true freshman quarterback Danny O'Neil has burst on the scene after joining the Aztecs in January for the spring semester. The Indianapolis native followed SDSU head coach Sean Lewis to The Mesa and was named the team's starting quarterback after practice on Aug. 19.

- Below are some notes on O'Neil.
- O'Neil became the first true freshman quarterback in SDSU's Division I era (since 1969) to earn a start in a season-opener when he



O'Neil

started against Texas A&M-Commerce on Aug. 31.

- He was the third true freshman quarterback in San Diego State's DI era to earn a start and is the second to pick up a win in his first start (also Spencer Brinton on Oct. 25, 1997 - SDSU 10, Hawai'i 3).
- The Aztecs scored 45 points in his first career start. In SDSU's two previous games that it started a true freshman quarterback for the first time, San Diego State combined for 23 points (10 vs. Hawai'i on Oct. 25, 1997 and 13 at Fresno State on Oct. 3, 2014).
- O'Neil was one of only two true freshmen in the country to start in the opening weekend (also Nebraska's Dylan Raiola).
- In the second half of the Texas A&M-Commerce game, O'Neil was 11-for-12 for 130 yards and two touchdowns for a 237.67 pass efficiency rating.

TRENDING

Searching for the formula to a San Diego State victory? Look no further.

OFFENSIVE KEYS

- San Diego State is 57-2 the last 59 times it has rushed for 200 yards. The Aztecs surpassed 200 in the opener against Texas A&M-Commerce.
- The Aztecs are 86-21 since 2011 when committing one turnover or less, something SDSU has done in 44 of its last 61 games.
- SDSU has an advantage in time of possession in 39 of the last 60 games. Since 2011, the Aztecs are 36-8 when possessing the football for at least 35 minutes.

DEFENSIVE KEYS

- The Aztecs are 72-5 since 2011 when holding the opposition to 17 points or less. SDSU has held 29 of its last 57 opponents to 17 points or less.
- San Diego State has won 24 of its last 28 games when forcing at least two turnovers (SDSU's 17-game winning streak came to an end on Sept. 3, 2022 vs. Arizona) and 34 straight games when forcing at least three turnovers (1-0 this season).
- San Diego State is 77-6 in its Division I history when owning at least a plus-3 turnover advantage, something it did in the opener on Aug. 31 vs. Texas A&M-Commerce.
- The Aztecs are 34-10 since 2011 when allowing less than 150 passing yards.
- San Diego State is 62-8 the last 70 times it has held the opposition to a 33.3 percent or less mark on third down.
- Since 2009, San Diego State's record broken down by opponent passing efficiency: less than 110: 69-11; between 110-150: 45-28; greater than 150: 8-31.
- Since the start of the 2015 campaign, SDSU is 47-5 when holding its opponent to a passing efficiency rating of below 110.

SPECIAL TEAMS / OVERALL TRENDS

- The Aztecs are 51-3 the last 54 times when owning a turnover advantage.
- San Diego State had won 17 straight games when committing fewer turnovers than its opponent before falling at No. 16/17 Oregon State on Sept. 16, 2023 with a plus-1 advantage (streak started on Nov. 30, 2019 vs. Brigham Young). The Aztecs have now won 26 of the last 29 games when winning the turnover battle.
- San Diego State is 34-8 the last 42 times it has an advantage in field position.
- Since the start of the 2015 season, San Diego State has 14 kickoff returns for touchdowns, the most in FBS play over that time. To put that stat into perspective, 10 other teams have played at least 60 games over that span and do not have a single kick return touchdown.
- Since the start of the 2020 season, San Diego State has 17 non-offensive touchdowns, tied with Houston, Iowa, Kentucky and Middle Tennessee, trailing only Alabama (18), Notre Dame (18), Ohio State (18) and Pittsburgh (18).
- The Aztecs have 13 non-offensive touchdowns since the start of the 2021 season. Only seven schools have more non-offensive touchdowns over that span, including Pittsburgh (16), Middle Tennessee (15), Notre Dame (15), Ohio State (15), Iowa (14) and Kentucky (14). Over that span, SDSU has four blocked punt returns for touchdowns, four interception returns for touchdowns, two kickoff returns for a touchdown, two fumble recoveries for a touchdown and one punt return for a touchdown.
- SDSU has won 37 of its last 39 games leading after three quarters (30-game winning streak was snapped at Fresno State on Oct. 29, 2022).

BULLET NOTES - OFFENSE

- **Sean Lewis** is in his first season at San Diego State. One of the most innovative minds in college football over the past decade, Lewis was named the 19th head coach in the history of the San Diego State football program on Nov. 29, 2023. Lewis, 38, brings an extensive résumé to The Mesa, serving as head coach at Kent State from 2018-22 before spending the 2023 campaign as offensive coordinator/quarterbacks coach at Colorado under head coach Deion Sanders. He has also witnessed great success as a coordinator/assistant coach in stops at Syracuse (2016-17), Bowling Green (2014-15) and Eastern Illinois (2012-13). Colorado ranked sixth in the country in passing offense (330.0) last season when Lewis was calling plays and 39th in scoring (32.1). In 2021, Kent State set program records in plays (1,052), yards (6,907), first downs (364), rushing yards (3,482) and passing yards (3,425). In 2020, Kent State ranked first in scoring (49.8) and total offense (606.5), second in pass efficiency rating (191.2) and third down conversion percentage (56.1), third in rushing (283.0) and fourth down conversion percentage (87.5), and 10th in passing (323.5).
- Three other assistant coaches on the Aztec offensive staff have previous offensive coordinator experience, including pass game coordinator **Lanear Sampson** (2023 co-offensive coordinator/2022 pass game coordinator at Austin Peay), run game coordinator **Mike Schmidt** (2023 run game coordinator at Mississippi State, 2022 run game coordinator at Syracuse) and quarterbacks coach **Matt Johnson** (2023 offensive coordinator at Kent State). Additionally, senior offensive analyst **Ryan Lindley** was SDSU's offensive coordinator last season.

OREGON STATE (1-0)

Aug. 31	Idaho State	W, 38-15
Sept. 7	at San Diego State	7:30 p.m. PT
Sept. 14	Oregon	12:30 p.m. PT
Sept. 21	Purdue	5:30 p.m. PT
Oct. 5	Colorado State	3:30 p.m. PT
Oct. 12	at Nevada	4:30 p.m. PT
Oct. 19	UNLV	TBA
Oct. 26	at California	TBA
Nov. 9	San Jose State	TBA
Nov. 16	at Air Force	1:30 p.m. MT
Nov. 23	Washington State	3:30 p.m. PT
Nov. 29	at Boise State	10 a.m. MT

TEAM COMPARISON (2023)

(National rankings (out of 126 in parentheses); through Aug. 31)

Category	San Diego State	Oregon State
Record	1-0	1-0
Conference	0-0	n/a
Scoring Offense	45.00 (32)	38.00 (54)
Scoring Defense	14.00 (55)	15.00 (61)
Scoring Differential [^]	n/a	n/a
[^] ranking and numbers only include only vs. FBS schools		
Rushing Offense	254.00 (23)	362.00 (4)
Passing Offense	214.00 (72)	148.00 (104)
Total Offense	468.00 (52)	510.00 (32)
Passing Efficiency	141.14 (74)	190.94 (25)
Rushing Defense	63.00 (31)	82.00 (42)
Passing Defense	117.00 (29)	229.00 (92)
Total Defense	180.00 (17)	311.00 (75)
Passing Eff. Defense	116.51 (73)	99.64 (46)
Net Punting	32.00 (109)	32.00 (109)
Punt Returns	1.50 (84)	0.00 (90)
Kickoff Returns	15.33 (81)	n/a
Punt Return Def.	14.00 (116)	0.00 (6)
Kick Return Def.	15.80 (51)	17.00 (60)
Interceptions Thrown	0 (1)	0 (1)
Fumbles Lost	0 (1)	1 (78)
Passes Intercepted	1 (32)	2 (2)
Fumbles Recovered	2 (5)	0 (47)
Turnovers Lost	0 (1)	1 (41)
Turnovers Gained	3 (6)	2 (20)
Turnover Margin	+3.00 (3)	+1.00 (19)
Sacks	4.00 (18)	2.00 (49)
Tackles for Loss	8.00 (30)	3.00 (105)
Sacks Allowed	2.00 (78)	2.00 (78)
TFL Allowed	7.00 (95)	5.00 (58)
First Downs Off.	23 (56)	29 (18)
First Downs Def.	17 (60)	22 (96)
3rd Down Conv. %	40.00 (76)	63.64 (13)
4th Down Conv. %	50.00 (47)	50.00 (47)
3D Conv. % Def.	33.33 (60)	50.00 (101)
4D Conv. % Def.	50.00 (73)	0.00 (1)
Fewest Penalties	16.00 (123)	5.00 (43)
Fewest Penalty Yds.	149.00 (123)	59.00 (80)
Red Zone Offense	66.67 (101)	80.00 (81)
Red Zone Defense	100.00 (71)	50.00 (27)
Time of Possession	28:32 (86)	37:29 (5)

SDSU IN THE RANKINGS (2024)

Category	Pct./No.	NCAA	MW
Rushing Offense	254.00	23	3
Passing Offense	214.00	72	7
Total Offense	468.00	52	3
Scoring Offense	45.00	32	2
Passing Efficiency	141.14	74	6
Rushing Defense	63.00	31	2
Passing Defense	117.00	29	2
Total Defense	180.00	17	1
Scoring Defense	14.00	55	3
Passing Efficiency Defense	116.51	73	6
Net Punting	32.00	109	12
Kickoff Returns	15.33	81	5
Punt Returns	1.50	84	10
Kickoff Return Yardage Def.	15.80	51	5
Punt Return Yardage Def.	14.00	116	11
Interceptions Thrown	0	1	1
Fumbles Lost	0	1	1
Passes Intercepted	1	32	4
Fumbles Recovered	2	5	4
Turnovers Lost	0	1	1
Turnovers Gained	3	6	3
Turnover Margin	+3.00	3	1
Sacks	4.00	18	2
Tackles for Loss	8.00	30	4
Sacks Allowed	2.00	78	8
Tackles for Loss Allowed	7.00	95	11
First Downs	23	56	5
Opponent First Downs	17	60	3
3rd Down Conversion Pct.	40.00	76	5
4th Down Conversion Pct.	50.00	47	4
3rd Down Defense	33.33	60	4
4th Down Defense	50.00	73	6
Fewest Penalties	16.00	123	12
Fewest Yards Penalized	149.00	123	12
Red Zone Offense	66.67	101	9
Red Zone Defense	100.00	71	7
Time of Possession	28:32	86	7
Field Goal Percentage	50.00	86	5
PAT Percentage	80.00	112	10
Winning Percentage	100.00	1	1

Red indicates top 25 in FBS or Mountain West leader

MOST STARTS / CONSECUTIVE STARTS

Most Starts	Starts
Tyler Pastula, P	46
Marquez Cooper, RB	43
Ryan Wintermeyer, LS	40
Nate Bennett, WR	32
Nate Williams, OL	28

Consecutive Starts	Streak
Tyler Pastula, P	46
Ryan Wintermeyer, LS	40
Marquez Cooper, RB	33
Nate Williams, OL	25
Bryce Phillips, CB	23

- San Diego State returns four starters on offense this season, including left guard Myles Murao, right guard Ross Ulugalu-Maseuli, running back Kenan Christon and wide receiver Mekhi Shaw.

OFFENSIVE NUMBERS

- San Diego State is 66-16 since 2015 when scoring just 20 or more points (1-0 this year).
- The Aztecs are 51-5 the last 56 times they have scored at least 30 points (1-0 this season). SDSU won 13 straight games when scoring at least 30 points before falling, 34-31, to Boise State on Sept. 22, 2023 (3-1 in 2023).
- SDSU has won 21 straight games when scoring 40 points (1-0 this year).
- SDSU is 29-6 since 2011 when having at least 36 minutes of time of possession.
- San Diego State has won 11 straight games when not committing a turnover (1-0 this season).
- Since the beginning of 2014, SDSU is 70-19 when committing one turnover or less (13 straight win streak was snapped at Boise State on Sept. 30, 2022) and 14-25 when having two or more turnovers in the game.
- San Diego State has one turnover or less in 44 of its last 61 games and in 62 of its last 88 games.
- SDSU is 58-16 in its last 74 games when owning an edge in time of possession (0-0 this season).
- San Diego State had its 17-game winning streak at No. 16/17 Oregon State on Sept. 16, 2023 snapped when winning the turnover battle. The Aztecs have won 20 of their last 22 games when committing fewer turnovers than their opponent.
- San Diego State (57) had more than twice as many points off turnover as its opponents (24) in 2023 with two fewer turnovers (17 for SDSU, 19 for SDSU opponents).
- This season, the Aztecs have 14 points off three turnovers and have yet to commit a turnover on offense.
- San Diego State scored 45 points in a 45-14 win over Texas A&M-Commerce on Aug. 31. The 45 points were its most in a game since scoring 48 vs. Towson on Sept. 25, 2021.
- The 45 points were SDSU's most in a game played in San Diego since scoring 55 vs. Hawai'i on Nov. 5, 2016 (also a Snapdragon Stadium record).
- SDSU's 45 points were its most in a season opener since scoring 49 vs. Cal Poly on Sept. 3, 2011.
- San Diego State's 42 points in the second half was its most in any half in a season opener in its Division I history.
- The 21 points in the fourth quarter were the Aztecs' most in a season opener in their DI history (since 1969).
- SDSU's 21 points in the fourth quarter are tied for its second most in a fourth quarter since at least 2000.
- San Diego State 21 points in the third quarter and fourth quarter were each the most in Snapdragon Stadium history.
- The Aztecs have been shut out just twice in the last 218 games (streak started on Nov. 25, 2006).
- The Aztecs started six different offensive line combinations in 12 games last season.

RUSHING OFFENSE

- San Diego State is 57-2 the last 59 times it has rushed for at least 200 yards (1-0 in 2024) and is 54-1 in its last 55 regular-season games when rushing for 200-plus yards.
- The Aztecs have won 16 straight games when rushing for at least 200 yards.
- San Diego State has a 100-yard rusher in 52 of the last 115 games since 2015 (64, 100-yard rushers total).
- San Diego State had two 100-yard rushers at New Mexico State (Jordan Byrd - 118 and Chance Bell - 116) on Sept. 14, 2019 for the 30th time in program history. The Aztecs are 29-1 in those occasions, including a 19-game win streak.
- SDSU is 33-1 in its Division I era (since 1969) when rushing for at least 300 yards in a game (0-0 this season).
- SDSU's rushing average this season by down - 1st: 7.6, 2nd: 4.4; 3rd: 10.2 and 4th: 1.7.
- San Diego State's rushing average this season by quarter - 1st: 2.1; 2nd: 3.5; 3rd: 20.6 and 4th: 6.8 - and by half - 1st: 2.9 and 2nd: 10.6.
- RB Marquez Cooper is the active leader in FBS play in both rushing yards (4,079) and all-purpose yards (4,699), and is tied for the most rushing touchdowns (35) and ranks in a tie for fourth in total touchdowns (35).
- Cooper's 4,079 rushing yards would rank third in SDSU program history, just ahead of Rashaad Penny (3,656 from 2014-17) and only behind Donnel Pumphrey (6,405 from 2013-16) and Marshall Faulk (4,589 from 1991-93).
- According to Sports-reference.com, Cooper ranks 123rd all-time in FBS history with 4,079 yards.
- Cooper's 35 rushing touchdowns, meanwhile, would rank sixth all-time at SDSU.
- Cooper has three career 1,000-yard seasons, including 1,080 and 1,331 while at Kent State in 2021 and 2022, respectively, and 1,043 last year at Ball State.
- Cooper's rushing yards per game ranks in FBS over the last three seasons: 42nd in 2021 (86.1), 17th in 2022 (110.5) and 36th in 2023 (86.9). This season, Cooper ranks second through one game with 223.0 yards per game.
- Cooper has 18 career 100-yard rushing games, including 13 at Kent State (five in 2022, seven in 2021 and one in 2020), four at Ball State last year and one this season at San Diego State.
- The 18 career 100-yard rushing games would rank third all-time at San Diego State, only trailing Pumphrey's 33 from 2013-16 and Faulk's 23 from 1991-93.
- Cooper's 35 overall touchdowns would rank seventh all-time at SDSU.
- Cooper has 11 career multi-touchdown games, including one this season.
- Cooper ranks second in FBS in rushing yards (223, 2nd in MW) and rushing yards per game (223.0, 2nd in MW), tied for third in rushing attempts per game (27.0, 1st in MW), fourth in all-purpose yards per game (223.0, 2nd in MW), fifth in total all-purpose yards (233, 2nd in MW), tied for fifth in rushing attempts (27, 2nd in MW), tied for sixth in total all-purpose plays (30, 2nd in MW), tied for 10th in rushing touchdowns (2, T-3rd in MW), 17th in rushing yards per carry (8.26, 3rd in MW) and tied for 27th in points per game (12.0, T-2nd in MW). Cooper also ranks in a tie for fourth in the MW total points (12, T-32nd in FBS), seventh in total offense per play (8.26, T-69th in FBS), eighth in total offense per game (223.0, 72nd in FBS), tied for eighth in points responsible for per game (12.0), and ninth in total offensive yards (223) and total offensive plays (27).

- **Cooper** rushed for 223 yards in the opener vs. Texas A&M-Commerce on Aug. 31, the first 200-yard game by an Aztec since Rashaad Penny had 221 vs. Army West Point in the 2017 Armed Forces Bowl on Dec. 23.
- The 223 rushing yards were the most by an Aztec since Penny had a career-high 234 at San Jose State on Nov. 4, 2017.
- **Cooper** became the 84th different Aztec with a 100-yard rushing game.
- It was the 17th time in SDSU's Division I history that an Aztec broke 100 rushing yards in a season opener and only trailed David Turner's 239 yards in the 1976 opener vs. Arkansas State.
- **Cooper's** 223 yards were a Snapdragon Stadium record.
- RB **Jaylon Armstead** broke 100 yards rushing with 134 yards and a touchdown on 21 carries (6.4 avg.) at San Jose State on Nov. 18, 2023. He became the 83rd Aztec in program history with a 100-yard rushing game (the No. is now 84).
- **Armstead** tied for eighth in the Mountain West last year in rushing touchdowns (8, T-75th in FBS).
- **Armstead** ranked fifth in the Mountain West in rushing yards per attempt (6.02, T-48th in MW) in 2022.
- **Armstead** ran for 96 yards against Idaho State on Sept. 10, 2022 on just five carries. The 19.2 average was the second-highest by an Aztec since at least 1996 (min. 5 att.), trailing only Rashaad Penny's 20.8 average at Nevada on Nov. 12, 2006.
- **Armstead's** 19.2 average against Idaho State in the 2022 meeting was also the eighth-highest average in a FBS game in 2022 (min. 5 att.).
- RB **Kenan Christon** ran for 102 yards and a touchdown on just 10 carries (10.2 avg.) at New Mexico on Nov. 18, 2022. It was his second career 100-yard rushing game and first since rushing for 103 in his first college game at USC against Arizona on Oct. 19, 2019. He became the 81st Aztec with a 100-yard rushing game (now that number is 84). He also became the first Aztec since Rashaad Penny against Army West Point on Dec. 23, 2017 and just the third Aztec overall since 2000 (has now happened eight times overall) to average at least 10 yards per carry on at least 10 attempts.

PASSING OFFENSE

- Since the start of the 2015 season, San Diego State has thrown 60 interceptions, tied with Army West Point for the third-fewest picks in the nation over that span behind option teams Navy's 48 (min. 80 GP) and Air Force's 52. In contrast, Hawai'i has thrown 124 interceptions over that span, which is the most since 2015.
- SDSU has won five of its last six games when throwing for at least 300 yards.
- **Danny O'Neil** became the first true freshman quarterback in SDSU's Division I era (since 1969) to earn a start in a season-opener when he started against Texas A&M-Commerce on Aug. 31.
- **O'Neil** was the third true freshman quarterback in San Diego State's DI era to earn a start and is the second to pick up a win in his first start (also Spencer Brinton on Oct. 25, 1997 - SDSU 10, Hawai'i 3).
- The Aztecs scored 45 points in his first career start. In SDSU's two previous games that it started a true freshman quarterback for the first time, San Diego State combined for 23 points (10 vs. Hawai'i on Oct. 25, 1997 and 13 at Fresno State on Oct. 3, 2014).
- **O'Neil** was one of only two true freshmen in the country to start in the opening weekend (also Nebraska's Dylan Raiola).
- In the second half of the Texas A&M-Commerce game, **O'Neil** was 11-for-12 for 130 yards and two touchdowns for a 237.67 pass efficiency rating.
- **O'Neil** is tied for first in the Mountain West in completions per game (22.0, T-23rd in FBS). He's also tied for third in completion percentage (66.7, T-44th in FBS), tied for fourth in completions (22, T-28th in FBS), fifth in total offensive plays (38, T-43rd in FBS), tied for fifth in passing touchdowns (2, T-43rd in FBS), sixth in pass attempts (33, T-34rd in FBS), passing yards per game (214.0, 62nd in FBS), total offense per game (232.0, T-65th in FBS), pass efficiency rating (141.14, 68th in FBS) and yards per attempt (6.48), seventh in passing yards (214, 65th in FBS), eighth in total offensive yards (232, T-71st in FBS) and yards per completion (9.73) and tied for eighth in points responsible for per game (12.0).
- WR **Louis Brown IV** is ranked second in the Mountain West in yards per reception (30.33, 25th in FBS), tied for fifth in receiving touchdowns (1, T-36th in FBS), seventh in receiving yards per game (91.0, 58th in FBS) and ninth in receiving yards (91, T-63rd in FBS).
- In the receiving game, WR **Ja'Shaun Poke** is fourth in the Mountain West in receptions per game (6.00, T-43rd in FBS) and tied for seventh in receptions (6, T-48th in FBS).
- WR **Jordan Napier** is tied for fifth in the Mountain West in receiving touchdowns (1, T-36th in FBS).
- WR **Mekhi Shaw** became the 90th different Aztec in program history with a 100-yard receiving game with then career highs of six catches, 120 yards and two touchdowns at New Mexico on Nov. 18, 2022.
- **Shaw** had another 100-yard game at Hawai'i on Oct. 14, 2023 at Hawai'i with career highs of seven catches and 126 receiving yards, while adding a touchdown. Also had a career-long 69-yard catch.
- WR **Baylin Brooks** had a breakout game against Boise State on Sept. 22, 2023, setting career highs in receptions (5) and receiving yards (117), while logging his first career touchdown. He became the first Aztec true freshman with at least 100 receiving yards in nearly 29 years since Az Hakim had 143 at Wyoming on Oct. 22, 1994 and just the fourth in SDSU's Division I history (since 1969). Brooks became SDSU's first 100-yard receiver since Mekhi Shaw had 120 at New Mexico on Nov. 18, 2022 and the 92nd different Aztec with a 100-yard receiving game. The 117 yards were tied for the sixth most in the country last year among true freshmen.
- RB **Kenan Christon** caught eight passes for 76 yards and a touchdown against Utah State on Nov. 4. The eight catches were the most by an Aztec running back since Brandon Sullivan had nine against Cal Poly on Aug. 30, 2008. The eight receptions were also tied for the fourth most in a game this season among running backs.

BULLET NOTES - DEFENSE

- **Eric Schmidt** is in his first season as SDSU's defensive coordinator. Schmidt previously spent two seasons at Washington as its special teams coordinator and coach of the EDGE position on defense. In 2023, Schmidt helped take the Huskies into the College Football Playoff semifinal as the No. 2 seed following a perfect 12-0 regular season and a PAC-12 Championship victory over Oregon. Sta-

SDSU INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS (2024)

(Current players only; Top 75 NCAA; Top 10 MW)

Player	Category	Pct./No.	NCAA Rk.	MW Rk.
Brady Anderson	Sacks PG	1.00	T-43	T-2
	Sacks	1	T-45	T-2
Louis Brown IV	Yds. per Rec.	30.33	25	2
	Receiving TDs	1	T-36	T-5
	Receiving YPG	91.00	58	7
	Receiving Yds.	91	T-63	9
Eric Butler	Solo Tck. PG	7.00	T-12	T-2
	Solo Tackles	7	T-22	T-9
	Passes Def. PG	1.00	--	T-10
JD Coffey III	INT TD	1	T-1	T-1
	Interceptions	1	T-3	T-2
	INT PG	1.00	T-3	T-2
	INT Yds.	45	14	1
Marquez Cooper	Passes Def. PG	1.00	--	T-10
	Rushing Yards	223	2	2
	Rushing YPG	223.00	2	2
	Rush Att. PG	27.00	T-3	1
	AP YPG	233.00	4	2
	Total AP Yds.	233	5	2
	Total Rush Att.	27	T-5	2
	Total AP Plays	30	T-6	2
	Rushing TD	2	T-10	T-3
	Rush YPC	8.26	17	3
	Total TD	2	T-17	T-3
	Points PG	12.00	T-27	T-2
	Total Points	12	T-32	T-4
	Total Off. PP	8.26	T-69	7
	Total Off. PG	223.00	72	8
Pts. Res. for PG	12.00	--	T-8	
Total Off. Yds.	223	--	9	
Total Off. Plays	27	--	9	
Ryan Henderson	Sacks PG	1.00	T-43	T-2
	Sacks	1	T-45	T-2
Josh Hunter	Solo Tck. PG	5.00	T-57	--
	Passes Def. PG	1.00	--	T-10
Chris Johnson	FF PG	1.00	T-5	T-3
	Forced Fumbles	1	T-5	T-3
Tano Letuli	Solo Tck. PG	5.00	T-57	--
Nick Lopez	PAT Pct.	100.00	T-1	T-1
	Kickoff Avg.	65.33	2	1
	KO TB Pct.	66.67	T-49	3
	KO Touchbacks 2	--	--	T-6
	Kickoffs	3	--	T-10
Marlem Louis	Sacks PG	1.00	T-43	T-2
	Sacks	1	T-45	T-2
Deshawn McCuin	Passes Def. PG	1.00	--	T-10
Jordan Napier	Receiving TDs	1	T-36	T-5
Danny O'Neil	Comp. PG	22.00	T-23	T-1
	Pass Comp.	22	T-28	T-4
	Pass Attempts	33	T-34	6
	Pass TD	2	T-43	T-5
	Total Off. Plays	38	T-43	5
	Comp. Pct.	66.67	T-44	T-3
	Passing YPG	214.00	62	6
	Total Off. PG	232.00	T-65	6
	Passing Yards	214	65	7
	Pass Eff. Rat.	141.14	68	6
	Total Off. Yds.	232	T-71	8
Yds. per Att.	6.48	--	6	
Yds. per Comp.	9.73	--	8	
Pts. Res. for PG	12.00	--	T-8	
Gabe Plascencia	FGA PG	2.00	T-29	T-3
	Total FGA	2	T-31	T-4
	FGM PG	1.00	T-53	T-3
	Total FGM	1	T-58	T-5
	FG Pct.	50.00	--	T-5
	Kickoffs	5	--	6
Ja'Shaun Poke	Total KR	3	T-9	T-2
	Total KR Yds.	46	43	4
	Receptions PG	6.00	T-43	4
	Receptions	6	T-48	T-7
	KR Avg.	15.33	48	3
Mikey Welsh	KR/PR Yds.	46	62	3
	Total PR	2	T-35	T-2
Trey White	PR Avg.	1.50	T-53	2
	Total TFL Yds.	27	T-3	3
	FF PG	1.00	T-5	T-3
	Forced Fumbles	1	T-5	T-3
TFL PG	1.50	--	T-6	

Red indicates top 25 in FBS or Mountain West leader



Texas A&M - Commerce
W, 45-14



Oregon State
Sept. 7
7:30 p.m. PT



at California
Sept. 14
7:30 p.m. PT



at Central Michigan
Sept. 28
TBA



Hawaii*
Oct. 5
5 p.m. PT



at Wyoming*
Oct. 12
1:30 p.m. MT



Washington State*
Oct. 26
7:30 p.m. PT



at Boise State*
Nov. 1
6 p.m. MT



New Mexico*
Nov. 8
7:30 p.m. PT



at UNLV*
Nov. 16
7:30 p.m. PT



at Utah St.*
Nov. 23
1:30 p.m. MT



Air Force*
Nov. 30
TBA

SAN DIEGO STATE-OREGON STATE SERIES

Series: Oregon State leads, 4-2

Home: 1-1; Away: 1-3

Snapdragon Stadium: 0-0

Longest SDSU Win Streak: 2 (1972-75)

Longest Oregon State Win Streak: 4 (2000-current)

Date	Location (Opp. NR)	Result	SDSU	OSU
S.8.72	H - San Diego Stadium	W	17	8
S.13.75	A - Parker (Reser) Stadium	W	25	0

Mountain West Era

S.23.00	A - Reser Stadium	L	3	35
S.21.13	H - Qualcomm Stadium	L	30	34
S.20.14	A - Reser Stadium	L	7	28
S.16.23	A - Reser Stadium	L	9	26
S.19.26	H - Snapdragon Stadium			

SERIES HISTORY

- San Diego State and Oregon State are meeting for the seventh time with the Beavers leading the series, 4-2.
- This is the back end of a home-and-home series between the teams. Last season, OSU downed the Aztecs, 26-9, in Corvallis on Sept. 16.
- The Beavers have won the last four games by a combined score of 89-19.
- In the last meeting in 2023 in Corvallis, SDSU got inside OSU's territory in nine of its 11 drives, but only came away with nine points.
- In 2014 in Corvallis, SDSU scored on its opening drive, but did not threaten the rest of the way in a 28-7 loss
- In 2013, San Diego State trailed for only 2 minutes, 50 seconds (2:50) of the game but still lost, 34-30. Oregon State scored three times in the fourth quarter in the game, rallying from a 27-14 deficit. After Mannion hit Terron Ward for a 10-yard score to pull Oregon State within 30-28, cornerback Steven Nelson intercepted Quinn Kaehler's pass and returned it 16 yards to give the Beavers the lead with 2:38 remaining in the game.
- In the 2000 meeting - a 35-3 loss in Corvallis - the Aztecs owned a minus-7 turnover margin (turnovers: SDSU 7, Oregon State 0), tying its Division I school record for worst turnover margin in a game. SDSU also had a minus-7 turnover margin at Colorado State in 1979 and against Long Beach State in 1970.
- San Diego State is 31-85-4 all-time against the final edition of the Pac-12.
- The Aztecs are 8-10 all-time against teams that were in the Pac-12/10/8 at the time of the game.
- SDSU snapped a 19-game losing streak against the Pac-12/10/8 by beating Washington State, 42-24, on Sept. 17, 2011.
- San Diego State is 7-6 against teams from the final Pac-12 Conference since the start of the 2016 season.
- Included in the seven wins is a win over back-to-back Pac-12 champion Utah in 2021, and victories over No. 19/19 Stanford in 2017 and No. 23/25 Arizona State in 2018.
- This is first of three games this season against teams who were in the Pac-12 last year, including Oregon State on Saturday, at California on Sept. 14 and vs. Washington State on Oct. 26.
- The Aztecs are looking to for a win over a former Pac-12 school for the sixth time in the last nine seasons (eight total victories). Heading into Saturday, SDSU has one win in 2016, two wins in 2017, one win in 2018, one in 2019 and two in 2021, including a 33-31, double-overtime victory over eventual Pac-12 champion Utah.
- SDSU-OREGON STATE TIDBITS:** This marks the fifth time this century the teams have met (2000, 2013, 2014 and 2023) after playing the other two games in the 1970s (1972 and 1975)... Only two of the six games in the series have been played in San Diego... In the six previous meetings, the losing team has scored in single-digits five times... In five of the six meetings, the combined point total has been 25 points (SDSU 17, OSU 8 in 1972), 25 points (SDSU 25, OSU 0 in 1975), 38 points (SDSU 35, OSU 3 in 2000), 35 points (OSU 28, SDSU 7 in 2014) and 35 points (OSU 26, SDSU 9 in 2023)... The lone exception was a 64-point shootout in 2013 where OSU won, 34-30.

SAN DIEGO STATE-OREGON STATE CONNECTIONS

- San Diego State defensive line coach David Lose was a defensive quality control analyst at Oregon State from 2019-21.
- Lose played for OSU in 2000, 2002 and 2003 as an offensive lineman.
- Aztecs running backs coach Darian Hagan held the same role at Colorado in 2022 when Beavers secondary coach Rod Chance coached the cornerbacks and Beavers offensive line coach Kyle DeVan had the same title for the Buffaloes.
- San Diego State safeties coach C.J. McGorisk was a graduate assistant at Fresno State in 2017 and 18 when Oregon State special teams coordinator Jamie Christian held the same position and running backs coach for the Bulldogs.
- SDSU defensive edge coach Rob Aurich was the defensive coordinator and linebackers coach at Idaho in 2022 and 2023 and SDSU defensive line coach David Lose was in the same position at Idaho while OSU running backs coach Thomas Ford held the same role and special teams coordinator for the Vandals.
- San Diego State offensive lineman Dean Abdullah and Oregon State kicker Logan McCreery both spent time at American River College in Sacramento, California.
- SDSU offensive lineman Joseph Borjon and OSU defensive back Jaydin Young played at the University of Arizona in Tucson, Arizona.
- Aztecs offensive lineman Ryan Dirksen and tight end Gabe Garretson and Beavers inside linebacker Aiden Sullivan all competed at Butte College in Oroville, California.
- San Diego State defensive lineman Tiumalu Afalava and Oregon State tight ends Andy Alfieri and Jermaine Terry II and defensive back Sailasa Vadrawale III all played football at the University of California in Berkeley, California.
- SDSU defensive edge Zone Wierenga and OSU tight end TJ Zimmermann spent time at City College of San Francisco in San Francisco, California.

SAN DIEGO STATE VS. FORMER PAC-12 CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	PF	PA	Last Game
Arizona	6	11	0	278	335	L, 20-38 (h, '22)
Arizona State	2	10	1	159	427	W, 28-21 (h, '18)
California	4	4	0	197	233	W, 45-40 (h, '16)
Colorado	0	2	0	24	54	L, 10-20 (a, '20)
Oregon	0	4	0	91	150	L, 21-42 (a, '90)
Oregon State	2	4	0	91	131	L, 9-26 (a, '23)
Stanford	2	4	0	131	159	L, 10-31 (a, '18)
UCLA	1	22	1	274	744	L, 10-35 (h, '23)
USC	0	2	1	58	90	L, 21-24 (a, '99)
Utah	13	18	1	758	920	L, 7-35 (a, '22)
Washington	0	3	0	40	103	L, 12-21 (a, '12)
Washington State	1	1	0	59	69	W, 42-24 (h, '11)
TOTAL	31	85	4	2,160	3,415	

- Aztecs defensive lineman Krishna Clay and kicker Gabriel Plascencia and Beavers wide receiver Jamari East, defensive backs Tyrice Ivy Jr. and Alton Julian and kicker Caleb Ojeda all played at the College of San Mateo in San Mateo, California.
- San Diego State safety Tayvion Beasley and tight end Michael Harrison and Oregon State running back Anthony Hankerson and offensive lineman Van Wells competed at the University of Colorado in Boulder, Colorado.
- SDSU quarterback AJ Duffy and OSU outside linebacker Josh Griffis both played football at Florida State in Tallahassee, Florida.
- Aztecs safety Tayvion Beasley and Beavers outside linebacker Josh Griffis attended school at Jackson State in Jackson, Mississippi.
- San Diego State defensive lineman Tupu Alualu and Oregon State defensive back Mason White both spent time at Mt. San Antonio College in Walnut, California.
- SDSU safety Deshawn McCuin and OSU defensive back Mason White played at Texas Christian in Fort Worth, Texas.
- Aztecs wide receiver Ben Scolari and Beavers long snapper Dylan Black both prepped at Bishop Manogue High in Reno, Nevada.
- San Diego State cornerback Tayten Beyer, safety Eric Butler and linebacker Owen Chambliss and Oregon State running back Cornell Hatcher Jr. competed at Centennial High in Corona, California.
- SDSU offensive lineman Ryan Dirksen and OSU inside linebacker Dexter Foster both played football at Central Catholic High in Portland, Oregon.
- Aztecs quarterback Javance Tupou'ata-Johnson and Beavers inside linebacker Isaiah Chisom went to high school at Chaminade College Prep in West Hills, California.
- San Diego State safety Jatavious Magee and Oregon State defensive back Andre Jordan Jr. both attended school at Federal Way High in Federal Way, Washington.
- SDSU offensive lineman Ryan Silver and OSU offensive lineman Nathan Elu spent time at Junipero Serra High in San Mateo, California.
- Aztecs wide receiver Bobby Shaw and Beavers wide receiver Zachary Card both played at Pittsburg High in Pittsburg, California.
- San Diego State wide receiver Mikey Welsh and Oregon State defensive back Jack Kane prepped at Servite High in Servite, California.
- SDSU safety Jakson Berman and edge defender Dominic Oliver and OSU defensive back Alton Julian all competed at Valley Christian High in San Jose, California.

100-YARD RUSHING PERFORMANCES VS. OSU

Rk.	Name	H/A	Date	Score	Yards
0 100-YARD RUSHING GAMES (SDSU is 0-0 in those games)					

300-YARD PASSING PERFORMANCES VS. OSU

Rk.	Name	H/A	Date	Score	Yards
0 300-YARD PASSING GAMES (SDSU is 0-0 in those games)					

100-YARD RECEIVING PERFORMANCES VS. OSU

Rk.	Name	H/A	Date	Score	Yards
1.	Isaac Curtis	A	9-8-72	W, 17-8	153
2.	Colin Lockett	H	9-21-13	L, 30-34	113

2 100-YARD RECEIVING GAMES (SDSU is 1-1 in those games)

CURRENT AZTECS VS. OREGON STATE

Rushing	Att.	Net	Avg.	TD	Long
Jaylon Armstead	11	48	4.4	1	10
Kenan Christon	7	14	2.0	0	9
Cam Davis	2	-1	-0.5	0	1

Passing	C-A-I	Yds.	TD	Long
n/a				

Receiving	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long
Kenan Christon	4	34	8.5	0	16
Baylin Brooks	2	34	17.0	0	24
Phillippe Wesley	2	22	11.0	0	17
Jude Wolfe	2	6	3.0	0	7
Jaylon Armstead	1	7	7.0	0	7
Cam Davis	1	5	5.0	0	5

Kickoff Returns	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long
Kenan Christon	3	64	21.3	0	33

Punt Returns	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long
n/a					

Kicking	FGM	FGA	PAT
n/a			

LAST GAME VS. OREGON STATE

SAN DIEGO STATE	0	3	0	6	-	9
(16/17) OREGON STATE	3	9	7	7	-	26



TEAM STATISTICS

	SDSU	OSU
FIRST DOWNS	18	20
Rushing	8	10
Passing	9	10
Penalty	1	0
NET YARDS RUSHING	70	191
Rushing Attempts	34	32
Average Per Rush	2.1	6.0
Rushing Touchdowns	1	2
Yards Gained Rushing	127	201
Yards Lost Rushing	57	10
NET YARDS PASSING	256	284
Completions-Attempts-Int	20-32-1	14-30-2
Average Per Attempt	8.0	9.5
Average Per Completion	12.8	20.3
Passing Touchdowns	0	1
TOTAL OFFENSE YARDS	326	475
Total offense plays	66	62
Average Gain Per Play	4.9	7.7
Fumbles: Number-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties: Number-Yards	1-5	4-40
PUNTS-YARDS	6-231	3-126
Average Yards Per Punt	38.5	42.0
Net Yards Per Punt	35.2	41.7
Inside 20	3	0
50+ Yards	1	1
Touchbacks	1	0
Fair catch	3	0
KICKOFFS-YARDS	3-180	6-277
Average Yards Per Kickoff	60.0	46.2
Net Yards Per Kickoff	40.0	37.3
Touchbacks	1	0
Fair Catch Yards	3	0
Punt returns: Number-Yards-TD	2-1-0	0-0-0
Average Per Return	0.0	0.0
Kickoff returns: Number-Yds-TD	3-64-0	1-10-0
Average Per Return	21.3	10.0
Interceptions: Number-Yds-TD	2-0-0	1-0-0
Fumble Returns: Number-Yds-TD	0-0-0	0-0-0
Miscellaneous Yards	0	0
Possession Time	33:21	26:39
1st Quarter	7:54	7:06
2nd Quarter	8:15	6:45
3rd Quarter	7:36	7:24
4th Quarter	9:36	5:24
Third-Down Conversions	5 of 15	4 of 11
Fourth-Down Conversions	1 of 1	0 of 0
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	1-2	2-2
Touchdowns	1-2	2-2
Field goals	0-2	0-2
Sacks By: Number-Yards	0-0	6-50
PAT Kicks	0-0	2-2
Field Goals	1-3	2-3
Points off turnovers	6	0

▶▶ GAME NOTES

Team Notes

- San Diego State fell to 7-6 against the Pac-12 since the start of the 2016 season.
- The Aztecs fell to 8-10 against teams that were in the Pac-12 at game time.
- The Aztecs recorded their seventh and eighth interceptions of the season. SDSU has forced 10 turnovers through its four games this year.
- SDSU gave Oregon State its first two turnovers of the year.
- San Diego State has scored 23 points off its 10 turnovers forced this season (opponents have just seven points off SDSU's eight turnovers).
- The Aztecs held Oregon State to 26 points today after entering the game averaging 48.5 points per game.
- SDSU had its 17-game winning streak snapped when winning the turnover battle. San Diego State is now 20-3 under Brady Hoke when committing fewer turnovers than its opponent.
- SDSU had its six-game winning streak snapped when committing one of less turnovers. San Diego State is now 29-8 when committing one or less turnovers.
- The Aztecs had their eight-game winning streak when starting on at least the 30-yard line (today was the SDSU 32). SDSU is now 30-6 under Brady Hoke when starting on at least the 30-yard line.
- San Diego State had its 13-game winning streak snapped when its opponent starts inside the 25-yard line (was OSU 22 today). The Aztecs are 18-2 under Brady Hoke when their opponents start inside the 25-yard line.
- SDSU had its 16-game winning streak snapped when having an advantage in turnovers (+1) and average field position (+10). San Diego State is now 18-2 under Brady Hoke when having both advantages in turnovers and average field position.

SDSU Falls at No. 16/17 Oregon State, 26-9

CORVALLIS, Ore. -- San Diego State battled in its first road game of the season at No. 16/17 Oregon State, but fell, 26-9, on Sept. 16, 2023 in Corvallis, Oregon.

Quarterback DJ Uiagalelei passed for 284 yards and a touchdown, ran for a touchdown, and the Beavers (3-0) sacked the Aztecs (2-2) six times in a sellout crowd of 35,591 at Reser Stadium.

In his third game as OSU's starting quarterback after transferring from Clemson, Uiagalelei completed 14 of 30 passes and had two interceptions. It was the first two turnovers of the season for Oregon State, which had combined to outscore its opponents, 97-24, over its first two games prior to playing SDSU.

Damien Martinez anchored the Beaver running game with 102 yards on 15 carries.

San Diego State running back Jaylon Armstead scored on a 6-yard run with 9:01 remaining for the first Aztec touchdown of the game. SDSU got the ball back when Cedarius Barfield picked off Uiagalelei on the San Diego State 43. The Aztecs then went 57 plays on nine plays, ending with the Armstead TD run. The 2-point conversion pass failed, however, and OSU maintained a two-score lead at 19-9.

Oregon State answered when Anthony Gould turned Uiagalelei's short pass into a 75-yard touchdown and a 26-9 advantage.

SDSU quarterback Jalen Mayden led a drive inside the Beavers' 10-yard line, but safety Akili Arnold's interception in the end zone at the 5:40 mark.

San Diego State got the ball back on Noah Tumblin's second interception of the season. The Aztecs got into OSU territory for the ninth and final time, but Jack Browning's 49-yard field goal attempt to cut the lead to two scores sailed left.

Oregon State then ran out the clock for its seventh consecutive victory, its longest streak since 2000. That team went 11-1, defeated Notre Dame in the Fiesta Bowl, and finished No. 4 in the final Associated Press poll.

Earlier, Beaver wide receiver Silas Bolden came up big on an 84-yard scoring drive that extended the OSU lead to 19-3 at 7:40 of the third quarter. He caught a 31-yard pass, ran 18 yards on the next play on a fly sweep to the 1, setting up Uiagalelei's 1-yard touchdown run.

A 31-yard pass to tight end Jack Velling and a 35-yard strike to wide receiver Rhewa Muniyagi Jr. set up the game's first touchdown midway through the second quarter. Uiagalelei tossed a backward pass to left tackle Joshua Gray, who scored untouched from the 3-yard line to make it 12-0. It was the first rushing touchdown by an Oregon State offensive lineman since 1996.

Browning kicked a 52-yard field goal for the Aztecs with 44 seconds left in the second quarter to make it 12-3 at halftime. Browning is now 3-for-4 on 50-yard field goal chances for his career.

The first two Beaver scores came on field goals (48 and 44 yards) by Atticus Sappington.

Mayden was 20 of 32 for 256 yards and an interception. Brionne Penny (six receptions) and Mark Redman (four receptions) each logged a career-high 77 receiving yards for SDSU, which was outgained, 475-326, for the game.

>>> SCORING SUMMARY

Qtr	Time	Team	Scoring Play	Plays	TOP	Score
1st	7:57	OSU	Sappington 48-yd field goal	10-60	4:48	0-3
2nd	13:36	OSU	Sappington 44-yd field goal	11-43	3:42	0-6
2nd	8:32	OSU	Gray 3-yd rush (2-pt attempt failed)	6-80	2:48	0-12
2nd	0:44	SDSU	Browning 52-yd field goal	8-31	1:21	3-12
3rd	7:40	OSU	Uiagalelei 1-yd rush (Sappington kick)	7-84	3:36	3-19
4th	9:01	SDSU	Armstead 6-yd rush (2-pt attempt failed)	9-57	5:08	9-19
4th	8:48	OSU	Gould 75-yd pass / Uiagalelei (Sappington kick)	1-75	0:13	9-26

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

>>> SAN DIEGO STATE

Rushing	Att	Yds	TD	Long	Avg
Armstead	11	48	1	10	4.4
Christon	7	14	0	9	2.0
Mayden	14	9	0	24	0.6
Davis	2	-1	0	1	-0.5
Totals	34	70	1	24	2.1

Passing	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack
Mayden	20-32-1	256	0	29	6
Totals	20-32-1	256	0	29	6

>>> OREGON STATE

Rushing	Att	Yds	TD	Long	Avg
Martinez	15	102	0	43	6.8
Fenwick	10	49	0	11	4.9
Bolden	1	18	0	18	18.0
Uiagalelei	3	17	1	14	5.7
Gould	1	4	0	4	4.0
Gray	1	3	1	3	3.0
TEAM	1	-2	0	0	-2.0
Totals	32	191	2	43	6.0

Passing	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack
Uiagalelei	14-30-2	284	1	75	0
Totals	14-30-2	284	1	75	0

Receiving	No.	Yds	TD	Long
Penny	6	77	0	24
Redman	4	77	0	29
Christon	4	19	0	16
Brooks	2	34	0	24
Wesley	2	22	0	17
Armstead	1	7	0	7
Davis	1	5	0	5
Totals	20	256	0	29

Receiving	No.	Yds	TD	Long
Gould	3	97	1	75
Bolden	3	41	0	31
Noga	3	32	0	19
Velling	2	51	0	31
Muniyagi Jr.	1	35	0	35
Walker	1	24	0	24
Martinez	1	4	0	4
Totals	14	284	1	75

tistically, the Huskies led the Pac-12 in interceptions (5) and punt return defense (1.83), ranked third in team passing efficiency defense (122.64), and fifth in turnovers gained (18).

- Defensive edges coach **Rob Aurich** (2022-23 defensive coordinator at Idaho, 2018-21 special teams coordinator at South Dakota, 2015-17 defensive coordinator at Bemidji State) also has previous coordinator experience.
- San Diego State returns two starters on defense in defensive tackle **Tupu Alualu** and weakside linebacker **Cody Moon**.

DEFENSIVE NUMBERS

- Since 2014, SDSU ranks in a tie for first in the country in interceptions (156), a tie for third in turnovers forced (227), seventh in total defense (320.4), and ninth in scoring defense (19.6).
- San Diego State has held its opponent to single digits 21 times since 2015 (115 games) and to 10 or less points 31 times over that span.
- The Aztecs have allowed just 1,108 points over the last 222 quarters (4.99 points per quarter) (does not include overtime periods).
- SDSU has allowed just 1,182 points over the last 61 games (19.4 ppg).
- San Diego State has now held its opponent scoreless on its opening possession 17 times in 26 games since 2022, 29 times in 39 games since 2021 and 83 times since 2015 (115 games).
- The Aztecs have not allowed a first-quarter touchdown in nine of the last 10 games.
- SDSU has gone 16 straight games without allowing more than seven points in the first quarter and has allowed seven or fewer points in 24 of the last 25 first quarters.
- San Diego State held an opponent without a first-half touchdown in three games last season (Aug. 26 vs. Ohio, Oct. 21 vs. Nevada and Nov. 4 vs. Utah State). SDSU has held seven of its last 23 opponents without a touchdown in the first half.
- This year, opponents have had 13 drives where they tried to score on SDSU (does not include kneeldowns) and the Aztecs have forced three-and-outs (or less) on seven of those drives (53.9 pct.). San Diego State averages 7.00 three-and-outs per game.
- This season, the Aztecs lead the league in turnover margin (+3.0, 3rd in FBS) and total defense (180.0, 17th in FBS), and are also third in turnovers gained (3, 6th in FBS) and scoring defense (14.00, 53rd in FBS), and fourth in fumbles recovered (2, 5th in FBS).
- SDSU had two defensive touchdowns in the opener against Texas A&M-Commerce on Aug. 31 (Tano Letuli fumble recovery in the end zone and JD Coffey III 45-yard interception return) in the same game for the first time since Nov. 5, 2016 vs. Hawaii.
- Ten of the 11 starters on defense in the opener against Texas A&M-Commerce were making their first career FBS start. The only player with a FBS start previously - EDGE **Trey White** - entered the game with one career start.
- S **Eric Butler** ranks in a tie for second in the Mountain West in solo tackles per game (7.0, T-12th in FBS) and a tie for ninth in solo tackles (7, T-22nd in FBS).
- CB **Chris Johnson** and EDGE **Trey White** rank in a tie for third in the Mountain West (T-5th in FBS) in both forced fumbles (1) and forced fumbles per game (1.00).
- **White** is also third in the league (T-3rd in FBS) in tackle for loss yards (27) and tied for sixth in tackles for loss per game (1.50).
- S **Josh Hunter** and LB **Tano Letuli** rank in a tie for 57th in FBS in solo tackles per game (5.0).
- **Hunter** had 15 tackles at Colorado State on Nov. 11, 2023, the most by an Aztec since **Kyahva Tezino** had 15 at Fresno State on Nov. 17, 2018 and matched the most since **Tezino** recorded 17 in the 2017 Armed Forces Bowl. **Hunter** entered the game with 17 tackles this season and 18 for his career.
- LB **Cody Moon** was named the Mountain West Defensive Player of the Week on Aug. 28, 2023 for his play in the Aug. 26 opener against Ohio. **Moon** had a team-high 12 tackles (seven solo) in his first game as an Aztec after playing at New Mexico the past two seasons. The 12 tackles were two more than the next two Aztecs combined. It was his fifth career double-digit tackle game (now has six) and third over a four-game stretch.
- LB **Kyle Moretti** led Central Michigan in tackles (65) and sacks (2.0) a year ago. In the Mid-American Conference, he ranked 10th in sacks and 12th in tackles.
- EDGE **Marlem Louis** ranked in a tie for fifth in FCS last year while at Richmond in forced fumbles (4) and 10th in forced fumbles per game (0.31).

RUSHING DEFENSE

- Opponents have rushed 34 times this season with no attempts longer than nine yards.
- Over the past three-plus seasons since 2021, opponents have rushed 1,286 times with only 34 attempts longer than 20 yards (1.6 pct.).
- Opponent rush average this year vs. SDSU by down: 1st - 2.1; 2nd - 1.7; 3rd - 1.5; 4th - 3.0.
- Opponent rush average this year vs. SDSU by quarter: 1st - 1.7; 2nd - 4.7; 3rd - (-)0.9; 4th - 1.3 - and by half: 1st - 3.6; 2nd - (-)0.1.

PASSING DEFENSE

- SDSU's 156 interceptions since the 2014 season are tied for the most in the country over that span while its 16 interceptions returned for a touchdown rank in a tie for 15th.
- The Aztecs are ranked second in the Mountain West in passing defense (117.0, 29th in FBS) and sacks per game (4.00, 18th in FBS), and fourth in interceptions (1, 32nd in FBS) and tackles for loss (8.0, 30th in FBS).
- S **JD Coffey III** returned an interception 45 yards for a touchdown against Texas A&M-Commerce on Aug. 31. **Coffey** is tied for first in FBS in interceptions returned for a touchdown, tied for third in interceptions (1, T-2nd in MW) and interceptions per game (1.0, T-2nd in MW) and 14th in interception yards (45, 1st in MW).
- **Coffey**, S **Eric Butler**, S **Josh Hunter** and S **Deshawn McCuin** are all tied for 10th in the Mountain West in passes defended per game

SDSU UNDER SEAN LEWIS

Category	SDSU		Lewis Era	Streak
	2024	Streak		
Overall Record	1-0	W2	1-0	W1
Mountain West Record	0-0	W1	0-0	n/a
Home Record	1-0	W2	1-0	W1
Road Record	0-0	L2	0-0	n/a
Neutral Record	0-0	L1	0-0	n/a
Overtime	0-0	L1	0-0	n/a
Gms Dec. by 3 Pts or Less	0-0	L2	0-0	n/a
Gms Dec. by 8 Pts or Less	0-0	L3	0-0	n/a

SCORING

Scoring - first to score	1-0	W1	1-0	W1
Leading - after 1 qtr	1-0	W1	1-0	W1
Leading - at halftime	0-0	W1	0-0	n/a
Leading - after 3 qtr	1-0	W4	1-0	W1
Scoring - 20 or more points	1-0	W2	1-0	W1
Scoring - 30 or more points	1-0	W3	1-0	W1
Scoring - 40 or more points	1-0	W21	1-0	W1

OFFENSE

Total Offense - 500+ yds	0-0	W5	0-0	n/a
Total Offense - 400+ yds	1-0	W2	1-0	W1
Passing - 300+ yds	0-0	L1	0-0	n/a
Rushing - 200+ yds	1-0	W15	1-0	W1
First Downs - 20+	1-0	W2	1-0	W1
3rd Down Conv. - 50 pct.+	0-0	L2	0-0	n/a
No Turnovers	1-0	W11	1-0	W1
Turnovers - 1 or fewer	1-0	W2	1-0	W1
Turnovers - 2 or fewer	1-0	W2	1-0	W1
Field Position - 30 or better	0-0	W1	0-0	n/a
Field Position - 25 or better	1-0	W2	1-0	W1
Play Call - 50 pct.+ rushing	1-0	W2	1-0	W1

DEFENSE

Allowing 24 points or less	1-0	W2	1-0	W1
Allowing 17 points or less	1-0	W1	1-0	W1
Total Offense - <=300 yds.	1-0	W1	1-0	W1
Passing - <= 150 yds.	1-0	W1	1-0	W1
Rushing - <= 100 yds	1-0	W3	1-0	W1
First Downs - <= 15	0-0	L2	0-0	n/a
3rd Down Conv. - <= 33 pct.	1-0	W2	1-0	W1
Turnovers - forced 2 or more	1-0	W1	1-0	W1
Turnovers - forced 3 or more	1-0	W34	1-0	W1
Field Position - <=25	0-0	W1	0-0	n/a
Field Position - <=20	0-0	W3	0-0	n/a
Defense Scores Points	1-0	W5	1-0	W1

COMPARISON

SDSU more rushing yards	1-0	W2	1-0	W1
SDSU more return yards	1-0	W1	1-0	W1
SDSU fewer turnovers	1-0	W2	1-0	W1
SDSU same turnovers	0-0	W3	0-0	n/a
SDSU more turnovers	0-0	L10	0-0	n/a
SDSU more Time of Poss.	0-0	W1	0-0	n/a
SDSU more 1st D. and ToP	0-0	W1	0-0	n/a
SDSU better Avg. Field Pos	0-0	W1	0-0	n/a
SDSU adv. in TO and AFP	0-0	W1	0-0	n/a
SDSU ST (KR/PR) Score	0-0	W6	0-0	n/a

INDIVIDUAL

Rusher - 100+ Yards	1-0	W1	11-0	W1
Multiple - 100+ Yards	0-0	W19	0-0	n/a
Passer - 300+ Yards	0-0	L1	0-0	n/a
Receiver - 100+ Yards	0-0	W1	0-0	n/a
100+ Rusher, 300+ Passer	0-0	W2	0-0	n/a

MOUNTAIN WEST STANDINGS / SINCE 2013

Below is a look at the best Mountain West records in league games since the current 12-team conference began in 2013 (includes championship & bowl games; through Sept. 1)

Rk.	Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
1.	Boise State	74	18	.804	--
2.	San Diego State	60	29	.674	12.5
3.	Utah State	53	35	.602	19.0
4.	Fresno State	53	38	.582	20.5
5.	Air Force	48	37	.565	22.5
6.	Colorado State	40	45	.471	30.5
7.	Wyoming	40	47	.460	31.5
8.	Nevada	40	48	.455	32.0
9.	San José State	38	48	.442	33.0
10.	UNLV	30	57	.345	41.5
11.	Hawai'i	30	59	.337	42.5
12.	New Mexico	21	66	.241	50.5

ACTIVE CAREER START CHART(OFF./DEF.)

Career Starts (Off/Def)	'19	'20	'21	'22	'23	'24	Total
Marquez Cooper, RB	-	4	13	12	12	1	42
Nate Bennett, WR	-	0	11	11	9	1	32
Marlem Louis, EDGE	RS	0	4	10	13		27
Nate Williams, OL	-	-	4	12	11	1	28
Kyle Moretti, LB	-	-	1	12	9		22
Bryce Phillips, CB	-	-	-	11	11	1	23
Ja'Shaun Poke, WR	0	4	8	5	0	1	18
Ross Ulugalu-Maseuli, OL	-	-	RS	6	10	1	17
Cody Moon, LB	-	RS	0	9	5		14
Kenan Christon, RB	3	0	0	0	10		13
Mekhi Shaw, WR	-	RS	1	5	7		13
Dalesean Staley, S	-	-	-	RS	11	1	12
Tupu Alualu, DL	-	-	-	-	12		12
Brayden Bryant, OL	-	-	-	10	0	1	11
Bennett Walker, CB	-	-	-	-	11		11
Louis Brown IV, WR	-	-	-	2	7	1	10
Dean Abdullah, OL	-	-	-	3	7		10
Christian Jones, OL	-	-	RS	0	6	1	7
Michael Harrison, TE	-	0	0	2	4		6
Myles Murao, OL	-	-	RS	0	6		6
Josh Hunter, S	-	-	-	RS	5		5
Joseph Borjon, OL	-	-	-	0	3	1	4
Jaylan Armstead, RB	-	RS	0	2	2		4
Baylin Brooks, WR	-	-	-	-	4		4
Ezekiel Larry, EDGE	-	-	-	RS	3		3
Deshawn McCuin, S	RS	0	1	0	2		3
Phillippe Wesley, WR	-	-	RS	0	3		3
Trey White, EDGE	-	-	-	RS	1	1	2
Krishna Clay, DL	-	-	-	-	1		1
Danny O'Neil, QB	-	-	-	-	1		1
Owen Chambliss, LB	-	-	-	-	RS	1	1
Tanu Letuli, LB	-	-	-	-	0	1	1
Brady Nassar, DL	-	-	-	-	0	1	1
Sam Benjamin, DL	-	-	-	0	0	1	1
Eric Butler, S	-	-	-	0	0	1	1
Chris Johnson, CB	-	-	-	0	0	1	1
Teivis Tuiofi, OL	-	RS	0	0	0	1	1
Jude Wolfe, TE	RS	0	0	0	0	1	1
Brady Anderson, LB	-	-	0	RS	1		1
JD Coffey II, S	-	-	0	0	1		1
Cam Davis, RB	-	-	RS	0	1		1
William Nimmo Jr., S	-	0	0	0	1		1

Cooper's first 30 starts came at Kent State; his 12 starts in '23 were at Ball State. Bennett's first 31 starts came at Portland St. Louis' first 27 starts came at Richmond. Williams' first 27 starts came at Akron. Moretti's first 22 starts came at Central Michigan. Phillips' first 22 starts came at Tennessee State. Poke's first 17 starts were at Kent State. Staley's first 11 starts were at Northern Iowa. Walker's first 11 starts were at Eastern Michigan. Bryant's first 10 starts came at North Dakota. Brown's first nine starts came at Colorado State. Nine of Moon's starts came at New Mexico. Harrison's first six starts came at Colorado. Borjon's first three starts were at Arizona. Larry's first three starts were at Yale. Nimmo's first start was at UCLA.

(INT + PBU) (1.0).

- LB Brady Anderson, EDGE Ryan Henderson and EDGE Marlem Louis are each tied for second in the Mountain West in sacks per game (1.0, T-43rd in MW) and sacks (1, T-45th in MW).
- Last season, McCuin tied for 11th in FBS in interceptions returned for a touchdown (1, T-2nd in MW) last year and tied for 55th in interception yards (70, 7th in MW).
- CB Bennett Walker had three interceptions last year at Eastern Michigan, which led the team and tied for fifth in the MAC.
- Newcomer EDGE Marlem Louis tied for 20th in FBS last year in solo sacks (7) while at Richmond, as well as tied for 21st in sack yards (54), tied for 27th in sacks (7.5) and 47th in sacks per game (0.58).
- EDGE Ezekiel Larry ranked 25th in FCS in sack yards (52) a year ago at Yale, while also tying for 29th in sacks per game (0.67) and tying for 30th in solo sacks (6).
- S Dalesean Staley (Northern Iowa) tied for 33rd in FCS in 2023 with three interceptions.
- Newcomer CB Bryce Phillips tied for 38th in FCS play last year in pass breakups (8) while at Tennessee State.

BULLET NOTES - SPECIAL TEAMS

- Associate head coach Zac Barton is in his first season as SDSU's special teams coordinator. Barton joined San Diego State after spending last season at Kansas, where he served as the Jayhawks' special teams analyst. In his lone season at KU, the Jayhawks ranked seventh in FBS in special teams grading according to Pro Football Focus, grading just behind CFP playoff teams Alabama, Texas, and Washington. Kansas would go on to earn a selection into the 2023 Guaranteed Rate Bowl to cap off an 8-4 regular season, their best regular season record since 2007. Prior to Kansas, Barton coached the special teams at Kent State from 2018-22 under head coach Sean Lewis and helped the Golden Flashes' special teams unit to new heights.
- Special teams have long been a key to San Diego State's success. **The Aztecs have won five of the nine Mountain West Special Teams Player of the Year awards issued since 2015. Those five include three kick returners (Rashaad Penny from 2015-17), two punters (Matt Araiza in 2021 and Jack Browning in 2022) and one kicker (also Araiza in 2021).**
- San Diego State returns a pair of all-conference honorable mention selections in the special teams unit in kick returner Kenan Christon and punt returner Mekhi Shaw.
- ESPN's special teams efficiency rating had San Diego State at 72.2 in 2022, which ranked second in FBS, trailing only South Carolina (79.8). The Aztecs were fifth in 2021 at 69.9. Last year, SDSU was ninth at 65.8.
- **Since the start of the 2015 season, San Diego State has 14 kickoff returns for touchdowns, the most in FBS play over that time. To put that stat into perspective, 10 other teams have played at least 100 games over that span and do not have a single kick return touchdown.**
- **The Aztecs also have five 100-yard kickoff return touchdowns since 2015, one behind Western Michigan for the most in FBS play over that span.**
- **SDSU has two non-offensive touchdowns this season - a Tano Letuli fumble recovery in the end zone and JD Coffey III 45-yard interception return, both against Texas A&M-Commerce on Aug. 31 - which are tied for the second most in the country, trailing only San Diego State's Sept. 28 opponent Central Michigan.**
- **The Aztecs have 13 non-offensive touchdowns since the start of the 2021 season. Only seven schools have more non-offensive touchdowns over that span, including Pittsburgh (16), Middle Tennessee (15), Notre Dame (15), Ohio State (15), Iowa (14) and Kentucky (14). Over that span, SDSU has four blocked punt returns for touchdowns, four interception returns for touchdowns, two kickoff returns for a touchdown, two fumble recoveries for a touchdown and one punt return for a touchdown.**
- **Since the start of the 2020 season, San Diego State has 17 non-offensive touchdowns, tied with Houston, Iowa, Kentucky and Middle Tennessee, trailing only Alabama (18), Notre Dame (18), Ohio State (18) and Pittsburgh (18).**
- K Nick Lopez is tied for the FBS lead in PAT percentage (100.0), and also ranks second in kickoff average (65.3, 1st in MW) and tied for 49th in kickoff touchback percentage (66.7, 3rd in MW). Lopez also is tied for sixth in the league in touchbacks (2) and tied for 10th in kickoffs (3).
- K Gabe Plascencia is tied for third in the Mountain West in field goal attempts per game (2.0, T-29th in FBS) and field goals made per game (1.0, T-53rd in FBS), tied for fourth in field goal attempts (2, T-31st in FBS), tied for fifth in field goals made (1, T-58th in FBS) and field goal percentage (50.0), and sixth in kickoffs (5).
- KR Ja'Shaun Poke is ranked in a tie for second in the Mountain West in total kick returns (3, T-9th in FBS), third in kick return average (15.3, 48th in FBS) and combined kick return/punt return yards (46, 62nd in FBS) and fourth in total kick return yards (46, 43rd in FBS).
- RB/KR Kenan Christon ranked second last year in the Mountain West in total kick returns (15, T-56th in FBS) and total kick return yards (331, 57th in FBS) and sixth in combined kick return/punt return yards (331, T-74th in FBS).
- Mekhi Shaw ranked third in the Mountain West last year in punt return average (7.21, 37th in FBS), fourth in punt returns (14, T-48th in FBS) and seventh in total punt return yards (101, T-61st in FBS).
- Eric Butler blocked two punts last year, tied for the second-most blocked kicks in SDSU single-season history. His two career blocked kicks are tied for the fifth most in school history.
- Butler's two blocked kicks were tied for the fourth most in the country last year, while his 0.18 blocked kicks per game were also fourth.
- Albany transfer Tyler Pastula ranked 11th in FCS last year in punt yards (2,602), and tied for 16th in total punts (61) and was 20th in punt average (42.7).

LAST TIME OUT

San Diego State 45, Texas A&M-Commerce 14
Aug. 31, 2024 | Snapdragon Stadium | San Diego, Calif.

SAN DIEGO -- Marquez Cooper rushed for 223 yards and two touchdowns to power San Diego State to a 45-14 victory over Texas A&M-Commerce on Saturday at Snapdragon Stadium, giving Sean Lewis a victory in his inaugural game as the Aztecs' head coach.

In addition, the SDSU defense scored a pair of touchdowns off turnovers in the second half to help erase a 6-3 deficit at intermission and thwart the Lions' upset bid.

Cooper, who carried 27 times in his SDSU debut after transferring from Ball State, posted the highest rushing total by an Aztec since Rashad Penny gained 253 yards at Hawai'i on Oct. 28, 2017.

Cooper's 47-yard scoring run on SDSU's first drive of the third quarter was the first of three touchdowns in a five-minute span, igniting a 42-8 blitz to give the Scarlet and Black its highest point-total since a 48-21 triumph over Towson on Sept. 25, 2021, in Carson, California.

Just two plays later on the ensuing possession, Trey White blitzed and forced a fumble by TAMUC quarterback Eric Rodriguez before Tano Letuli fell on the loose ball in the end zone for six additional points. The conversion attempt was unsuccessful, but the Aztecs found themselves suddenly in control at 16-6.

After limiting the Lions to one first down, SDSU flashed its big-play capability once again when freshman quarterback Danny O'Neil threaded a 44-yard touchdown pass to Louis Brown IV on the third play of the subsequent drive, while Michael Harrison swept around right end moments later for a two-point conversion, increasing the Aztecs' advantage to 24-6.

TAMUC responded with an eight-play, 65-yard scoring march, capped by Rodriguez's touchdown pass to Drew Allison from six yards out. The Lions benefited from a roughing-the-passer penalty that negated an end zone interception by Dalesean Staley on a pass over the middle from the SDSU 12. JaSean McMillian hauled in another pass from Rodriguez for a two-point conversion, trimming the margin to 24-14.

On the first play of the fourth quarter, Cooper plowed seven yards up the middle for his second touchdown of the night to punctuate a seven-play, 95-yard advance. Pinned at their own five to start the drive, Cooper gave the Aztecs breathing room on the first snap with a 38-yard sweep around right end, while O'Neil found Jordan Napier for a 29-yard gain down to the Lion 10.

It didn't take long for another round of fireworks to ignite, as JD Coffey III picked off an errant Rodriguez pass on the third play of TAMUC's ensuing possession and rambled 45 yards for a touchdown to extend the lead to 38-14 with just 1:12 elapsed in the final period.

Following a punt, O'Neil quickly directed the Aztecs on their final scoring drive of the game, covering 79 yards on seven plays highlighted by an eight-yard touchdown strike to Napier with 6:57 left in the game.

Making his collegiate debut, O'Neil completed 22 of 33 passes for 214 yards and a pair of scores to go with 18 yards on five rushes. Ja'Shaun Poke led the Aztec receiving corps with six catches for 30 yards, while Brown, Napier, Harrison, Cooper and Jude Wolfe finished with three receptions apiece.

Overall, SDSU rushed for 254 yards in the contest, improving to 57-2 in its last 59 games when gaining 200 yards or more on the ground.

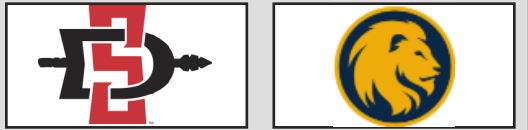
However, the Scarlet and Black started slowly, mustering a lone field goal in the first half, as Gabriel Plascencia split the uprights from 50 yards out with 28 seconds left in the opening period.

Late in the second quarter, the Lions drove 75 yards in 10 plays, with EJ Oakmon barreling in from a yard out to give the visitors their only lead of the game.

SDSU had a chance to knot the score before intermission, but Plascencia's 48-yard field goal was off target as time expired.

Despite trailing in time of possession (31:28 to 28:32), the Aztec defense holding TAMUC to just 180 yards in total offense in 59 plays.

Letuli and Eric Butler had seven tackles apiece to lead the Scarlet and Black, while Brady Anderson and Ryan Henderson finished with one sack each.



SDSU-TEXAS A&M-COMMERCE

Aug. 31, 2024 | Snapdragon Stadium | San Diego, Calif.
 Attendance: 25,180 | Weather: 79 degrees F, sunny, wind: N 4 mph

	1	2	3	4	Total
Texas A&M-Commerce	0	6	8	0	- 14
San Diego State	3	0	21	21	- 45

SCORING SUMMARY

SDSU — Plascencia 50-yd field goal	(0:28, 1st)
TAMC — Oakmon 1-yd run (Gallegos PAT failed)	(0:59, 2nd)
SDSU — Cooper 47-yd run (Lopez kick)	(11:34, 3rd)
SDSU — Letuli fumble recovery in end zone (Plascencia PAT failed)	(10:47, 3rd)
SDSU — Brown IV 44-yd pass f. O'Neil (Harrison rush for 2-pt. conv.)	(6:36, 3rd)
TAMC — Allison 6-yd pass f. Rodriguez (McMillian rec. for 2-pt. conv.)	(2:17, 3rd)
SDSU — Cooper 7-yd run (Lopez kick)	(14:55, 4th)
SDSU — Coffey III 45-yd interception return (Lopez kick)	(13:48, 4th)
SDSU — Napier 8-yd pass f. O'Neil (Lopez kick)	(6:57, 4th)

TEAM STATS

	Texas A&M-Commerce	San Diego State
First Downs	17	23
Rushes-Yards	34-63	40-254
Passing Yards	117	214
C-A-I	18-25-1	22-33-0
Total Offense	180	468
Fumbles-Lost	3-2	1-0
Penalties-Yards	15-124	16-149
Possession Time	31:28	28:32
Turnovers	3	0
Average Field Position	TAMC29	SDSU28

INDIVIDUAL STATS

Rushing (Atts.-Yards-TDs): TAMC: Oakmon 8-30-1; McMillian 6-22-0; Peace 6-21-0; Jackson 5-18-0; Frasch 1-2-0; Rodriguez 7-(-3)-0; TEAM 1-(-27)-0. SDSU: Cooper 27-223-2; O'Neil 5-18-0; Armstead 5-9-0; Tupou-ata-Johnson 1-7-0; Sutton 1-3-0; Poke 1-(-6)-0.

Passing (Comp.-Att.-Int., Yards, TDs): TAMC: Rodriguez 14-20-1, 105, 1; Peace 4-5-0, 12, 0. SDSU: O'Neil 22-33-0, 214, 2.

Receiving (No.-Yards-TDs): TAMC: Daniels 3-16-0; Wilson 3-10-0; Bilbo 2-35-0; Sallis 2-31-0; Proctor 2-9-0; Jackson 2-3-0; Jourdain 1-7-0; Allison 1-6-0; Sweeting 1-4-0; Garmon 1-(-4)-0. SDSU: Poke 6-30-0; Brown IV 3-91-1; Napier 3-40-1; Harrison 3-22-0; Wolfe 3-14-0; Cooper 3-10-0; Brooks 1-7-0.

TOP SCORING DEFENSES SINCE 2014

Best scoring defenses since start of 2014 (min. 100 GP)

Rk.	School	Pts. Allowed Per Game
1.	Georgia	16.6
2.	Alabama	17.0
3.	Clemson	17.4
4.	Wisconsin	17.7
5.	Michigan	17.9
6.	Iowa	17.9
7.	Ohio State	18.8
8.	Penn State	19.3
9.	San Diego State	19.6
10.	Washington	20.7

TOP TOTAL DEFENSES SINCE 2014

Best total defenses since start of 2014 (min. 100 GP)

Rk.	School	Total Yds. Allowed Per Game
1.	Michigan	292.5
2.	Wisconsin	293.6
3.	Clemson	300.1
4.	Georgia	301.0
5.	Alabama	304.0
6.	Iowa	318.3
7.	San Diego State	320.4
8.	Ohio State	323.7
9.	Penn State	324.7
10.	Air Force	332.5

MOST INTERCEPTIONS SINCE 2014

Below is a list of the most interceptions forced in the FBS since the beginning of the 2014 campaign.

Rk.	Team	INT
1.	San Diego State	156
	Iowa	156
3.	Clemson	148
4.	Alabama	144
5.	Wisconsin	141
6.	Appalachian State	139
	Oregon	139
8.	Western Kentucky	138
9.	Ohio State	136
10.	Utah	133

MOST TURNOVERS FORCED SINCE 2014

Below is a list of the most turnovers forced in the FBS since the beginning of the 2014 campaign.

Rk.	Team	TO Forced
1.	Clemson	242
2.	Memphis	233
3.	San Diego State	227
	Alabama	227
	Troy	227
6.	Louisiana Tech	226
7.	Iowa	225
	UCF	225
	Utah	225
10.	Ohio State	224

FEWEST INT. THROWN SINCE 2015

Fewest INT by an FBS team since 2015 (min. 80 GP)

Rk.	School	Int.
1.	Navy	48
2.	Air Force	52
3.	San Diego State	60
	Army	60
5.	Alabama/LSU	61

AZTECS IN THE NFL (AS OF AUG. 31, 2024)

(According to NFL.com; * - practice squad player; ^ - injured list)

Active Rosters: 9
Practice Rosters: 4
Injured List: 1
Total: 14

CURRENT NFL TEAM

SDSU LETTERS

ARIZONA CARDINALS

Aaron Brewer, LS	2008-09-10-11
Darren Hall, S	2018-19-20
*Keith Ismael, OL	2017-18-19

ATLANTA FALCONS

*Jesse Matthews, WR	2019-20-21-22
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BUFFALO BILLS

*Tyrrell Shavers, WR	2021-22
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INDIANAPOLIS COLTS

Segun Olubi, LB	2020-21
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KANSAS CITY CHIEFS

Matt Araiza, P	2019-20-21
Cameron Thomas, LB	2019-20-21

MIAMI DOLPHINS

^Patrick McMorris, S	2020-21-22
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NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS

Zachary Thomas, OL	2017-19-20-21
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NEW YORK GIANTS

Daniel Bellinger, TE	2018-19-20-21
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PITTSBURGH STEELERS

Damontae Kazee, S	2013-14-15-16
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SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS

*Alex Barrett, DL	2013-14-15-16
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TENNESSEE TITANS

Daniel Brunskill, OL	2013-14-15-16
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MOST GAMES / CONSECUTIVE GAMES

Most Games Played	Games
Tyler Pastula, P	46
Wyatt Draeger, DL	44
Marlem Louis, DL	44
Marquez Cooper, RB	43
Ryan Wintermeyer, LS	40

Consecutive Games Played	Streak
Tyler Pastula, P	46
Marquez Cooper, RB	43
Ryan Wintermeyer, LS	40
Michael Harrison, TE	37
Cody Moon, LB	37

2024 CAPTAINS

Name	SDSU Letters
Marquez Cooper, RB	n/a
Tano Letuli, LB	n/a
Trey White, Edge	2023

The mistake-riddled game featured a combined 31 penalties for 274 yards.

BIG NOTES

- Tonight was the first victory as San Diego State's head coach by Sean Lewis.
- **Danny O'Neil** became the first true freshman quarterback in SDSU's Division I era (since 1969) to earn a start in a season-opener.
- **O'Neil** is the third true freshman quarterback in San Diego State's DI era to earn a start and is the second to pick up a win in his first start (also Spencer Brinton on Oct. 25, 1997 - SDSU 10, Hawai'i 3).
- The Aztecs scored 45 points tonight. In SDSU's two previous games that it started a true freshman quarterback for the first time, San Diego State combined for 23 points (10 vs. Hawai'i on Oct. 25, 1997 and 13 at Fresno State on Oct. 3, 2014).
- **Marquez Cooper** rushed for 223 yards, the first 200-yard game since Rashaad Penny had 221 vs. Army West Point in the 2017 Armed Forces Bowl on Dec. 23.
- The 223 rushing yards were the most by an Aztec since Penny had a career-high 234 at San Jose State on Nov. 4, 2017.
- San Diego State's 45 points were its most in a game since scoring 48 vs. Towson on Sept. 25, 2021.
- The Aztecs' 45 points were their most in a game played in San Diego since scoring 55 vs. Hawai'i on Nov. 5, 2016 (also a Snapdragon Stadium record).
- SDSU improved to 57-2 the last 59 times it has rushed for at least 200 yards and is 54-1 in its last 55 regular-season games when rushing for 200-plus yards.
- SDSU had two defensive touchdowns in the same game for the first time since Nov. 5, 2016 vs. Hawai'i.
- San Diego State won its 34th straight game when forcing at least three turnovers.
- The Aztecs won their 11th consecutive game when not committing a turnover.
- The Aztecs are now 77-38 (.670) since the start of the 2015 campaign.

SEASON-OPENING NOTES

- San Diego State improved to 55-42-5 all-time in season openers.
- The Aztecs improved to 47-17-4 in home season openers.
- SDSU improved to 27-8 when opening up its season at home in its Division I era.
- San Diego State has won nine of its last 10 home season openers.
- SDSU's 45 points were its most in a season opener since scoring 49 vs. Cal Poly on Sept. 3, 2011.
- San Diego State's 42 points in the second half was its most in any half in a season opener in its Division I history.
- The 21 points in the fourth quarter were the Aztecs' most in a season opener in their DI history.

SERIES NOTES

- San Diego State improved to 1-0 all-time against Texas A&M-Commerce.
- The Aztecs are now 2-0 all-time against teams from the Southland Conference.

TEAM NOTES

- The Aztecs have not allowed a first-quarter touchdown in nine of the last 10 games.
- SDSU has gone 16 straight games without allowing more than seven points in the first quarter and has allowed seven or fewer points in 24 of the last 25 first quarters.
- San Diego State scored its 12th and 13th non-offensive touchdowns since 2021 and 16th and 17th since 2022.
- San Diego State improved to 66-16 since 2015 when scoring just 20 or more points.
- The Aztecs improved to 51-5 the last 56 times they have scored 30 points.
- SDSU won its 21st straight game when scoring at least 40 points.
- San Diego State improved to 72-5 since 2011 when holding its opponent to 17 points or less.
- The Aztecs have won 24 of their last 28 games when forcing two or more turnovers.
- SDSU is now 77-6 in its Division I history (since 1969) when owning a plus-3 turnover margin.
- San Diego State improved to 51-3 in its last 54 games when owning a turnover advantage.
- The Aztecs now have 17 non-offensive touchdowns since the start of the 2020 season.
- SDSU's 21 points in the fourth quarter are tied for its second most in a fourth quarter since at least 2000.
- San Diego State 21 points in the third quarter and fourth quarter were each the most in Snapdragon Stadium history.

TRENDS

- The Aztecs lost the coin toss for the first time this season.
- SDSU started with ball for the 114th time over the last 158 games.
- San Diego State held its opponent scoreless on its opening possession for the 17th time in 26 games since 2022, 29th time in 39 games since 2021 and 83rd time since 2015 (115 games).
- The Aztecs improved to 37-2 over their last 39 games when leading after three quarters.

PLAYER NOTES

* **Danny O'Neil, TR-Fr., QB (22-for-33, 214 yds., 2 TD, 0 INT)**

Became the first true freshman to start a season opener in SDSU's Division I history (since 1969) ... Also became the third true freshman quarterback in San Diego State's DI era to earn a start and is the second to pick up a win in his first start (also Spencer Brinton on Oct. 25, 1997 - SDSU 10, Hawai'i 3) ... The Aztecs scored 45 points tonight. In SDSU's two previous games that it started a true freshman quarterback for the first time, San Diego State combined for 23 points (10 vs. Hawai'i on Oct. 25, 1997 and 13 at Fresno State on Oct. 3, 2014) ... Threw his first two touchdown passes ... In the second half, he was 11-for-12 for 130 yards and two touchdowns for a 237.67 pass efficiency rating.

*** Marquez Cooper, Sr., RB (27 att., 223 yds., 2 TD | 3 rec., 10 yds.)**

Broke 100 yards rushing for the first time this season and 18th time of his career ... Is the 84th different Aztec with a 100-yard rushing game ... It was the 17th time in SDSU's Division I history that an Aztec broke 100 rushing yards in a season opener ... Rushed for 223 yards, the first 200-yard game since Rashaad Penny had 221 vs. Army West Point in the 2017 Armed Forces Bowl on Dec. 23, and the most since Penny had a career-high 234 at San Jose State on Nov. 4, 2017 ... His 223 yards were a Snapdragon Stadium history, while his two touchdowns matched a stadium record ... His 27 attempts and 233 all-purpose yards were the most by an Aztec at Snapdragon Stadium ... Scored his first and second touchdowns of the season, and now has 35 for his career ... Logged his 11th career multi-touchdown game.

*** Louis Brown IV, Jr., WR (3 rec., 91 yds., 1 TD)**

Scored his first touchdown of the season and sixth of his career.

*** Jordan Napier, RS-Fr., WR (3 rec., 40 yds., 1 TD)**

Set a career high with three receptions and 40 yards ... Also had his first career touchdown catch.

*** Tano Letuli, So., LB (7 tackles, 0.5 TFL, 1 FR, 1 TD)**

Scored his first career touchdown after recovering a fumble in the end zone ... It was his first career fumble recovery ... Tied for the team lead in tackles, the first time of his career ... The seven tackles were a career high.

*** Eric Butler, Jr., S (7 tackles (7 solo), 1 PBU)**

Tied for the team lead in tackles, the first time of his career ... The seven tackles were a career high.

OTHER NOTES

- RB Marquez Cooper started for the 33rd consecutive game, the longest streak among the Aztec offensive and defensive players.
- Cooper's 43 career starts are the most among any current Aztec offensive or defensive player.
- P Tyler Pastula played in his 46th consecutive game and 46th game overall, both the longest and most among any current Aztec.
- The following players earned their first career FBS start tonight (4 on offense, 10 on defense): QB Danny O'Neil, WR Nate Bennett, TE Jude Wolfe, C Brayden Bryant, DL Sam Benjamin, DL Krishna Clay, DL Brady Nassar, DL Teivis Tuioti, LB Owen Chambliss, LB Tano Letuli, CB Chris Johnson, CB Bryce Phillips, S Eric Butler, S Dalesean Staley
- The following players earned their first San Diego State tonight (9 on offense, 10 on defense): QB Danny O'Neil, WR Nate Bennett, WR Ja'Shaun Poke, WR Louis Brown IV, RB Marquez Cooper, TE Jude Wolfe, LT Joe Borjon, C Brayden Bryant, RT Nate Williams, DL Sam Benjamin, DL Krishna Clay, DL Brady Nassar, DL Teivis Tuioti, LB Owen Chambliss, LB Tano Letuli, CB Chris Johnson, CB Bryce Phillips, S Eric Butler, S Dalesean Staley
- CB Chris Johnson and DE Trey White each forced their first career fumble.
- DL Krishna Clay and LB Tano Letuli each recovered their first career fumble.
- K Gabe Plascencia tied a career long with a 50-yard field goal. It matched the longest field goal in Snapdragon Stadium history.
- Tonight's temperature was 79 degrees.
- Tonight's attendance was 25,180.
- Tonight's Aztec Honor Warrior was Lynell Hamilton (2003, 2005-07)
- The Aztec shield was carried out tonight by EDGE Trey White.

SDSU FOOTBALL PICKED EIGHTH IN MOUNTAIN WEST PRESEASON POLL

San Diego State was picked to finish in eighth place in the 2024 preseason Mountain West preseason poll, the league announced July 10. The preseason poll and all-conference team are voted on by media representatives who cover the conference.

The Aztecs, who are coming off a 4-8 season but are in the first year under new head coach Sean Lewis, garnered 251 points, easily ahead of Hawai'i (214), San José State (185), New Mexico (85) and Nevada (77) in the 12-team conference. Defending champion Boise State finished with 543 points and 38 of the 46 first-place votes, while UNLV (471) and Fresno State (460) logged four first-place votes apiece. Air Force is fourth with 384 points, and Colorado State (337), Wyoming (296) and Utah State (285) are also ahead of SDSU.

For just the third time in the 26-year history of the Mountain West, SDSU did not have a player earn preseason MW all-conference honors. Boise State's Ashton Jeanty was named the preseason offensive player of the year, while teammate Amed Hassanein and UNLV's Jackson Woodard shared co-defensive player of the year honors. UNLV's Jacob De Jesus, meanwhile, was chosen as the MW Special Teams Player of the Year.

Mountain West Football Preseason Players of the Year

- Offensive Player of the Year:** Ashton Jeanty, Jr., RB, Boise State
- Co-Defensive Player of the Year:** Ahmed Hassanein, Sr., DL, Boise State
- Co-Defensive Player of the Year:** Jackson Woodard, Sr., LB, UNLV
- Special Teams Player of the Year:** Jacob De Jesus, Sr., PR/KR, UNLV

DEFENSIVE SCORING PLAYS (SINCE 2009)

2024

Tano Letuli.....	0-yd FR after Trey White's FF
.....	vs. Texas A&M-Commerce (A.31)
JD Coffey.....	45-yd INT vs. Texas A&M-Commerce (A.31)

2023

Deshawn McQuin.....	70-yd INT at Hawai'i (0.14) (TD)
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2022

Jonah Tavai.....	Sacked QB in end zone vs. SJSU (N.12) (Safety)
Patrick McMorris.....	30-yd FR after Michael Shawcroft's FF
.....	at Nevada (0.22) (TD)

2021

Andrew Aleki.....	17-yd INT at UNLV (N.19) (TD)
Andrew Aleki.....	25-yd INT vs. New Mexico State (S.4) (TD)

2020

Darren Hall.....	57-yd INT at Colorado (N.28) (TD)
Segun Olubi.....	71-yd INT vs. Hawai'i (N.14) (TD)

2019

Darren Hall.....	20-yd FR after Tariq Thompson's FF
.....	vs. Central Michigan (D.21) (TD)

2017

Tariq Thompson.....	83-yd INT vs. Northern Illinois (S.30) (TD)
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2016

Ron Smith.....	54-yd INT vs. Houston (D.17) (TD)
Damontae Kazee.....	54-yd INT vs. Hawai'i (N.5) (TD)
Ron Smith.....	14-yd INT vs. Hawai'i (N.5) (TD)
Malik Smith.....	28-yd INT at Utah State (0.28) (TD)
Ronley Lakalaka.....	9-yd INT vs. California (S.10) (TD)

2015

Alex Barrett.....	43-yd INT vs. Cincinnati (D.24) (TD)
Damontae Kazee.....	55-yd INT at Colorado St. (0.31) (TD)
Calvin Munson.....	67-yd INT vs. San Diego (S.6) (TD)
.....	19-yd INT vs. San Diego (S.6) (TD)

2014

Calvin Munson.....	56-yd INT vs. Air Force (N.21) (TD)
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2013

J.J. Whittaker.....	18-yd INT vs. Boise State (N.23) (TD)
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2012

Everett Beed.....	52-yd FR vs. Air Force (N.10) (TD)
Leon McFadden.....	96-yd INT at Fresno State (S.29) (TD)
Eric Pinkins.....	32-yd INT at Fresno State (S.29) (TD)
Leon McFadden.....	28-yd INT vs. North Dakota (S.15) (TD)

2010

Jerome Long.....	FR in end zone after Rob Andrews' FF
.....	at TCU (N.13) (Safety)

2009

Luke Laolagi.....	55-yd INT at UNLV (N.28) (TD)
Dey Juan Hemmings.....	14-yd FR after Ernie Lawson's FF
.....	vs. New Mexico State (0.3) (TD)
Team.....	QB fell in end zone vs. So. Utah (S.12) (Safety)

SPECIAL TEAMS SCORING PLAYS SINCE 2011

2022

Jordan Byrd95-yard KR vs. San José State (N.12) (TD)
 Tyrell Shavers.....Punt block; Returned for touchdown (S.30) (TD)
 Jordan Byrd.....66-yard PR vs. Idaho State (S.10) (TD)
 Team.....Punt block; Jaylon Armstead returned for a
touchdown vs. Arizona (S.3) (TD)

2021

Tyrell ShaversPunt block; Trenton Thompson returned for
touchdown vs. Towson (S.25) (TD)
 Jordan Byrd100-yard KR vs. Utah (S.18) (TD)
 Kaegun Williams.....Punt block; Tyrell Shavers returned for
touchdown at Arizona (S.11) (TD)

2020

Jordan Byrd93-yard KR vs. Colorado State (D.5) (TD)
 BJ Busbee90-yard KR vs. Colorado State (D.5) (TD)

2019

Trenton ThompsonPunt block; Caden McDonald returned for
touchdown at UNLV (10.26) (TD)
 Kaegun Williams.....95-yard KR vs. San José State (O.19) (TD)

2018

Kaelin HimphillPunt block; Trenton Thompson returned for
touchdown vs. Air Force (O.12) (TD)

2017

Juwan Washington78-yd KR vs. Army West Point (D.23) (TD)
 Rashaad Penny100-yd KR vs. Nevada (N.18) (TD)
 Rashaad Penny70-yd PR vs. Nevada (N.18) (TD)
 Juwan Washington96-yd KR vs. Northern Illinois (S.30) (TD)
 Rashaad Penny99-yd KR at Arizona State (S.9) (TD)

2016

Juwan Washington92-yd KR at Wyoming (N.19) (TD)
 Rashaad Penny93-yd KR at Wyoming (N.19) (TD)
 Rashaad Penny100-yd KR vs. California (S.10) (TD)

2015

Rashaad Penny100-yd KR vs. Cincinnati (D.24) (TD)
 Damontae Kazee66-yd PR at UNLV (N.21) (TD)
 Rashaad Penny100-yd KR at Penn State (S.26) (TD)
 Rashaad Penny97-yd KR vs. San Diego (S.5) (TD)

2014

Lloyd Mills67-yd PR vs. Northern Arizona (A.30) (TD)

2013

Tim Vizzi71-yd PR at UNLV (N.30) (TD)
 Tim Vizzi41-yd PR vs. Boise State (N.23) (TD)
 TeamFumbled punt out of end zone (O.4) (Safety)
 Sam MeredithPAT block; David Lamar returned for
def. PAT at New Mexico State (S.28) (2 pts.)

2012

Colin Lockett100-yd KR at Boise State (N.3) (TD)
 Colin Lockett96-yd KR vs. Army (S.8) (TD)

2011

Brandon Davis98-yd KR at Air Force (O.13) (TD)
 Colin Lockett94-yd KR vs. Cal Poly (S.3) (TD)

2024 Mountain West Football Preseason All-Conference Team

Offense

QB Mikey Keene, Jr., Fresno State
 WR Tory Horton, Gr., Colorado State
 WR Ricky White III, Sr., UNLV
 WR Jalen Royals, Sr., Utah State
 RB Ashton Jeanty, Jr., Boise State
 RB Malik Sherrod, Sr., Fresno State
 OL Kage Casey, So., Boise State
 OL Jacob Gardner, Gr., Colorado State
 OL Mose Vavao, Sr., Fresno State
 OL Tiger Shanks, Sr., UNLV
 OL Jack Walsh, Jr., Wyoming
 TE John Gyllenborg, Jr., Wyoming

Defense

DL Ahmed Hassanein, Sr., Boise State
 DL Devo Bridges, Sr., Fresno State
 DL Soane Toia, Sr., San José State
 DL Jordan Bertagnole, Gr., Wyoming
 LB Andrew Simpson, Jr., Boise State
 LB Chase Wilson, Sr., Colorado State
 LB Jordan Pollard, Jr., San José State
 LB Jackson Woodard, Sr., UNLV
 DB A'Marion McCoy, Sr., Boise State
 DB Jack Howell, Sr., Colorado State
 DB Cameron Oliver, Sr., UNLV
 DB Ike Larsen, Jr., Utah State

Special Teams

P James Ferguson-Reynolds, Jr., Boise State
 PK Jonah Dalmás, Gr., Boise State
 PR Jacob De Jesus, Sr., UNLV
 KR Jacob De Jesus*, Sr., UNLV

Preseason All-Conference Notes: Preseason All-Conference Notes: San Diego State did not have a player make the all-conference team for just the third time in league history (since 1999) . . . An Aztec has not earned preseason all-league honors now in 2002, 2007 and 2024 . . . The Aztecs did not have a preseason all-MW performer on defense for first time since 2017 . . . SDSU did not have a preseason all-league offensive player for the first time since 2020 . . . The Aztecs had at least three all-MW preseason picks in nine straight years prior to this year after doing so just four times over the previous 10 years (2005-14).

2024 Mountain West Preseason Poll

Team (First-Place Votes)	Points
1. Boise State (38)	543
2. UNLV (4)	471
3. Fresno State (4)	460
4. Air Force	384
5. Colorado State	337
6. Wyoming	296
7. Utah State	285
8. San Diego State	251
9. Hawai'i	214
10. San José State	185
11. New Mexico	85
12. Nevada	77

Preseason All-Conference Team Notes: This is the second Mountain West preseason poll without divisions since 2012 when the Aztecs were picked fifth and captured the league title along with Boise State and Fresno State . . . SDSU's eighth-place prediction is its lowest since being picked eighth in 2009 (note that from 2013-22 the league was split in divisions and out of just six teams, although San Diego State never was picked worse than third) . . . The Aztecs, who averaged a predicted finish of 6.5 from 2005-12, have ended up at or better than their predicted finish in 10 of the last 15 seasons and 13 times over the past 19 years . . . SDSU has won two of the last nine MW titles (2015 and 2016) and three of the past 12 (also 2012).

2024 PRESEASON / SEASON ACCOLADES

Tupu Alualu | Sr. | Honolulu, Hawaii | Defensive Line

Polynesian Player of the Year Watch List (Polynesian ancestry that epitomizes great ability and integrity)
 All-Mountain West second team - *Lindy's Sports Annuals*
 All-Mountain West fourth team - *Athlon Sports*
 All-Mountain West fourth team - *Phil Steele Magazine*

Jaylon Armstead | Sr. | Los Angeles, Calif. | Running Back

Honorable Mention all-Mountain West - *College Football Network*

Joseph Borjon | Sr. | La Puente, Calif. | Offensive Line

All-Mountain West third team - *Phil Steele Magazine*

Louis Brown IV | Jr. | Los Angeles, Calif. | Wide Receiver

All-Mountain West third team - *Athlon Sports*

Eric Butler | Jr. | Corona, Calif. | Safety

MW Special Teamer of the Year - *College Football Network*
 All-Mountain West first team (ST) - *College Football Network*

Isaiah Buxton | Fr. | San Diego, Calif. | Cornerback

No. 9 Recruit in Mountain West - *Athlon Sports*

Owen Chambliss | Fr. | Corona, Calif. | Linebacker
 All-Mountain West fourth team - *Phil Steele Magazine*

Kenan Christon | Sr. | San Diego, Calif. | Running Back
 Paul Hornung Award Watch List (most versatile performer)
 All-Mountain West second team (KR) - *Athlon Sports*

Marquez Cooper | Sr. | Gaithersburg, Md. | Running Back
 Maxwell Award Watch List (best all-around player)
 Doak Walker Award Watch List (best running back)
 Nation's active leader in rushing and all-purpose yards
 Team captain
 All-Mountain West second team - *Athlon Sports*
 All-Mountain West second team - *College Football Network*
 All-Mountain West second team - *Phil Steele Magazine*

Chris Johnson | Jr. | Eastvale, Calif. | Cornerback
 All-Mountain West fourth team - *Phil Steele Magazine*

Michael Harrison | Sr. | San Francisco, Calif. | Tight End
 All-Mountain West second team - *College Football Network*

Tano Letuli | So. | San Diego | Linebacker
 Team captain

Marlem Louis | Sr. | Venice, Fla. | Defensive Line
 East-West Shrine Bowl 1000 Watch List
 All-Mountain West third team - *Athlon Sports*
 All-Mountain West third team - *College Football Network*

Jason Mitchell | Fr. | Los Angeles, Calif. | Cornerback
 No. 5 Recruit in MW - *Athlon Sports*

Kyle Moretti | Sr. | Arvada, Colo. | Linebacker
 All-Mountain West third team - *Athlon Sports*

Myles Murao | Sr. | Torrance, Calif. | Offensive Line
 Polynesian Player of the Year Watch List (Polynesian ancestry that epitomizes great ability and integrity)
 All-Mountain West third team - *Athlon Sports*

Danny O'Neil | Fr. | Indianapolis, Ind. | Quarterback
 No. 6 Recruit in Mountain West - *Athlon Sports*

Tyler Pastula | Sr. | Easton, Pa. | Punter
 Ray Guy Award Watch List (most outstanding punter)

Bryce Phillips | Sr. | Long Beach, Calif. | Cornerback
 East-West Shrine Bowl 1000 Watch List
 All-Mountain West First Team - *College Football Network*

Ja'Shaun Poke | Sr. | Hampton, Ga. | Wide Receiver
 All-Mountain West second team (KR) - *Phil Steele Magazine*

Mekhi Shaw | Sr. | San Diego, Calif. | Wide Receiver
 Wuerffel Trophy/Allstate AFCA Good Works Watch List
 No. 20 Draft Eligible Punt Returner - *Phil Steele Magazine*
 All-Mountain West fourth team - *Athlon Sports*
 All-Mountain West fourth team (WR) - *Phil Steele Magazine*
 All-Mountain West fourth team (PR) - *Phil Steele Magazine*

Ross Ulugalu-Maseuli | Jr. | San Diego, Calif. | Off. Line
 Polynesian Player of the Year Watch List (Polynesian ancestry that epitomizes great ability and integrity)
 All-Mountain West third team - *Athlon Sports*
 Honorable Mention all-Mountain West - *College Football Network*

SDSU MOUNTAIN WEST PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

San Diego State has not earned a Mountain West Player-of-the-Week award this season. Below is a list of the Aztec student-athletes that have received the honor this season. *No.* - indicates the number of honors that player has earned in his career.

Date	Player	Award	No.
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SDSU PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

(SDSU players of the week are announced post-practice each Sunday)

Game	Offensive	Defensive	Special Teams
TAMUC	Marquez Cooper	Chris Johnson	none
Scout	Parker Threatt	Malik Gucake	none
Oregon St.			
Cal			
CMU			
Hawai'i			
Wyoming			
WSU			
Boise St.			
UNM			
UNLV			
Utah St.			
AFA			

GEOLOGICAL BREAKDOWN

California (69)

Dean Abdullah, Tiimalu Afalava, Brady Anderson, Jaylon Armstead, Tayvion Beasley, Nate Bennett, Tayten Beyer, Jackson Berman, Joe Borjon, Baylin Brooks, Louis Brown IV, Eric Butler, Isaiah Buxton, Owen Chambliss, Tyson Chavez, Kenan Christon, Emanuel Chow, Krishna Clay, Kodi Cornelius, Kyle Crum, AJ Duffy, Gage Dutcher, Arnold Escano, Ryan Gaea, Nick Gardinera, Gabe Garretson, Max Garrison, Malik Gucake, Xavier Hamlet, Dean Harrington, Michael Harrison, Josh Hunter, Chris Johnson, Christian Jones, Nikolas Kattoula, Jayden Kendrick, Ezekiel Larry, Tano Letuli, Nick Lopez, Jerry McClure, Jason Mitchell, Myles Murao, Jordan Napier, Brady Nassar, William Nimmo Jr., Danny Niu, Dominic Oliver, Bryce Phillips, Gabriel Plascencia, Connor Poulson, Zechariah Ramirez, Cincere Rhanez, Kurt Rossner, Bobby Shaw, Mekhi Shaw, Ryan Silver, Jake Sinz, Derek Smith, Charlie Stewart, Lucky Sutton, Parker Threatt, Javance Tupou'ata-Johnson, Ross Ulugalu-Moseuli, Bennett Walker, Mikey Welsh, Trey White, Jelani Whitmore, Prince Williams, Jude Wolfe

Texas (9)

Briley Barron, Will Cranfrini, JD Coffey III, Cam Davis, Deshawn McQuin, Jelani McLaughlin, Tyler McMahan, Heath McRee, Logan Tanner

Arizona (6)

Sam Benjamin, Nick Clegg, Hudson Mitchell, Zone Wierenga, Ryan Wintermeyer, Ryan Wolfer

Nevada (5)

Wyatt Draeger, Joshua Goynes, Ryan Henderson, DJ Herman, Ben Solari

Washington (4)

Arthur Ban, Ryan Dirksen, Kai Holec, Jatavious Magee

Hawaii (2)

Tupu Alualu, Teivis Tuiofi

Missouri (2)

Dalesean Staley, Phillippe Wesley II

Colorado (1)

Kyle Moretti

Florida (1)

Marlem Louis

Georgia (1)

Ja'Shaun Poke

Illinois (1)

Jared Badie

Maryland (1)

Marquez Cooper

Massachusetts (1)

Keion Mitchell

Minnesota (1)

Darrion Dalton

New Mexico (1)

Cody Moon

Indiana (1)

Danny O'Neil

Pennsylvania (1)

Tyler Pastula

Ohio (1)

Nate Williams

Oklahoma (1)

Brayden Bryant

American Samoa (1)

Saipale Fuimaono

Finland (1)

Eemil Herranen

Bennett Walker | Sr. | San Diego, Calif. | Defensive Back

All-Mountain West third team - *College Football Network*

All-Mountain West fourth team - *Athlon Sports*

Trey White | So. | San Diego, Calif. | Edge

Team captain

Ryan Wintermeyer | Sr. | Scottsdale, Ariz. | Long Snapper

Patrick Mannelly Award Watch List (best long snapper)

All-Mountain West second team - *Phil Steele Magazine*

AZTECS NAME TEAM CAPTAINS

The San Diego State football team has named senior Marquez Cooper (Gaithersburg, Md.), and sophomore San Diego natives Tano Letuli (Cathedral Catholic High) and Trey White (Eastlake High) as its captains for the 2024 campaign.

The trio was chosen in a team vote on Aug. 23, Cooper as the offensive representative, Letuli at defense and White earning the special teams nod.

Cooper, who earlier this month was named to both the Maxwell Award Watch List (college football player of the year) and the Doak Walker Award Watch List (best running back), enters his final campaign as the active leading FBS leader in rushing yards (3,856), all-purpose yards (4,466) and rushing touchdowns by a running back (33). Cooper has three consecutive 1,000-yard rushing seasons, including 1,080 and 1,331 while at Kent State in 2021 and 2022, respectively, and 1,043 last year at Ball State.

Letuli, meanwhile, comes to The Mesa after one season at Army West Point. Letuli logged 12 tackles in 11 games for the Black Knights as a true freshman in 2023, one of just a few freshmen defensive players to make Army's opening-day travel squad. A three-year letter winner at powerhouse Cathedral Catholic High School in San Diego, Letuli played running back and safety for the Dons from 2019-21 before moving onto Army Prep in 2022.

White enters his third season at San Diego State, having moved to defensive edge from linebacker. Last season, White had 15 tackles, two tackles for loss, a fumble recovery and an interception in 12 games, including one start. White, the team's 2022 special teams scout player of the year, played in three games as a true freshman that year before utilizing his redshirt campaign. White was a three-time first-team all-league selection at nearby Eastlake High School and was named the Mesa League Defensive Player of the Year for the spring 2021 season.

SDSU FOOTBALL ANNOUNCES 2024 RADIO BROADCAST TEAM

San Diego State, JMI Sports and iHeartMedia announced April 18 that it has filled its radio broadcast lineup for the 2024 football season. Jon Schaeffer will be the play-by-play announcer while Rich Ohrnberger will continue in the booth as color analyst.

Schaeffer has been with iHeartMedia since July 2017 and is currently the co-host of "Jon and Jim" weekdays from 3-6 p.m. PT on San Diego Sports 760, the flagship radio station of San Diego State athletics. Schaeffer has handled pregame duties for Aztec football as well as pregame, halftime and postgame duties for SDSU men's basketball.

Schaeffer also has experience working play-by-play with the Phillies Radio Network, FOX College Sports, ESPN GamePlay, ESPN3, Mountain West Network and Big East Digital Network, and numerous schools in the northeast.

Schaeffer takes over the football play-by-play duties from longtime voice of the Aztecs, Ted Leitner, who has called SDSU football games for nearly three decades, including the past 19 seasons. Leitner will finish up his storied career by calling SDSU's men's basketball for his 30th and final season during the 2024-25 campaign.

Ohrnberger has been the color analyst for San Diego State football games for the past seven seasons. Ohrnberger, who played five years in the NFL, currently co-hosts the "Big Rich, TD & Fletch" weekday radio show from 6-9 a.m. PT on San Diego Sports 760. Ohrnberger also hosts "FOX Sports Saturday" and "FOX Sports Sunday," and also is an on-air personality on NBC 7 San Diego's "Football Night in San Diego" and "Sports Wrap."

Ohrnberger played 39 games across five seasons in the NFL, starting eight times on the offensive line. Ohrnberger, who played two years with New England, a year with Arizona and his final two with the Chargers, was a two-time all-Big Ten selection at Penn State, earning first-team honors as a senior in 2008.

MOUNTAIN WEST

2024 MW Standings

	MW	Pct.	Overall	Pct.
San Diego State	0-0	.000	1-0	1.000
Air Force	0-0	.000	1-0	1.000
Boise State	0-0	.000	1-0	1.000
San Jose State	0-0	.000	1-0	1.000
UNLV	0-0	.000	1-0	1.000
Utah State	0-0	.000	1-0	1.000
Hawai'i	0-0	.000	1-1	.500
Nevada	0-0	.000	1-1	.500
Colorado State	0-0	.000	0-1	.000
Fresno State	0-0	.000	0-1	.000
Wyoming	0-0	.000	0-1	.000
New Mexico	0-0	.000	0-2	.000

This Week in the Mountain West

Saturday, Sept. 7

Utah Tech at UNLV, noon PT	MWN
Idaho at Wyoming, 1:30 p.m. MT	truTV/Max
San Jose State at Air Force, 5 p.m. MT	CBSSN
Northern Colorado at Colorado State, 5 p.m. MT	MWN
Georgia Southern at Nevada, 4 p.m. PT	truTV/Max
Boise State at Oregon, 7 p.m. PT	Peacock
Sacramento State at Fresno State, 7 p.m. PT	MWN
Oregon State at San Diego State, 7:30 p.m. PT	CBSSN
Utah State at USC, 8 p.m. PT	B10NW

Last Week in the Mountain West

Thursday, Aug. 29

at San Jose State 42, Sacramento State 24

Saturday, Aug. 31

at Texas 52, Colorado State 0
at Air Force 21, Merrimack 6
Boise State 56, at Georgia Southern 45
UNLV 27, at Houston 7
Nevada 28, at Troy 26
UCLA 16, at Hawai'i 13
at Michigan 30, Fresno State 10
San Diego State 45, Texas A&M-Commerce 14
at Utah State 36, Robert Morris 14
at Arizona State 48, Wyoming 7
at Arizona 61, New Mexico 39

Charting the Regular-Season Opponents

Texas A&M - Commerce (0-1, 0-0 SLC)		
A.31	at San Diego State	L, 14-45
S.7	at UC Davis	7 p.m. PT
S.14	Grambling	6 p.m. CT
S.21	Sacramento State	6 p.m. CT
0.5	at Southeastern*	6 p.m. CT
0.12	at Northwestern State*	2 p.m. CT
0.19	Lamar*	3:30 p.m. CT
0.26	at Prairie View A&M	2 p.m. CT
N.2	at McNeese*	7 p.m. CT
N.9	Stephen F. Austin	3:30 p.m. CT
N.16	Houston Christian*	1 p.m. CT
N.23	UIW*	1 p.m. CT

Central Michigan (1-0, 0-0 MAC)		
A.29	Central Connecticut State	W, 66-10
S.7	at Florida International	6 p.m. ET
S.14	at Illinois	Noon ET
S.21	Ball State*	TBA
S.28	San Diego State	TBA
0.12	Ohio*	TBA
0.19	at Eastern Michigan*	TBA
0.26	at Miami (Ohio)*	TBA
N.5	Bowling Green*	TBA
N.12	at Toledo*	7 p.m. ET
N.19	Western Michigan*	TBA
N.30	Northern Illinois*	TBA

Washington State (1-0, 0-0 Pac-12)		
A.31	Portland State	W, 70-30
S.7	Texas Tech	7 p.m. PT
S.14	at Washington	12:30 p.m. PT
S.20	San Jose State	7 p.m. PT
S.28	at Boise State	TBA
0.12	at Fresno State	TBA
0.19	Hawaii	TBA
0.26	at San Diego State	7:30 p.m. PT
N.9	Utah State	TBA
N.16	at New Mexico	TBA
N.23	at Oregon State	3:30 p.m. PT
N.30	Wyoming	3:30 p.m. PT

UNLV (1-0, 0-0 MW)		
A.31	at Houston	W, 27-7
S.7	Utah Tech	Noon PT
S.13	at Kansas	6 p.m. CT
S.28	Fresno State*	12:30 p.m. PT
0.4	Syracuse	6 p.m. PT
0.11	at Utah State*	7 p.m. MT
0.19	at Oregon State	TBA
0.25	Boise State*	7:30 p.m. PT
N.9	at Hawai'i*	4 p.m. HT
N.16	at San Diego State*	7:30 p.m. PT
N.22	at San Jose State*	TBA
N.30	Nevada*	5 p.m. PT

Oregon State (1-0, 0-0 Pac-12)		
A.31	Idaho State	W, 38-15
S.7	at San Diego State	7:30 p.m. PT
S.14	Oregon	12:30 p.m. PT
S.21	Purdue	5:30 p.m. PT
0.5	Colorado State	3:30 p.m. PT
0.12	at Nevada	4:30 p.m. PT
0.19	UNLV	TBA
0.26	at California	TBA
N.9	San Jose State	TBA
N.16	at Air Force	1:30 p.m. MT
N.23	Washington State	3:30 p.m. PT
N.29	at Boise State	10 a.m. MT

Hawai'i (1-1, 0-0 MW)		
A.24	Delaware State	W, 35-14
A.31	UCLA	L, 13-16
S.14	at Sam Houston State	6 p.m. CT
S.21	Northern Iowa	6 p.m. HT
0.5	at San Diego State*	5 p.m. PT
0.12	Boise State*	5 p.m. HT
0.19	at Washington State	TBA
0.26	Nevada*	6 p.m. HT
N.2	at Fresno State*	4 p.m. PT
N.9	UNLV*	4 p.m. HT
N.16	at Utah State*	TBA
N.30	New Mexico*	6 p.m. HT

Boise State (1-0, 0-0 MW)		
A.31	at Georgia Southern	W, 56-45
S.7	at Oregon	7 p.m. PT
S.21	Portland State	7:45 p.m. MT
S.28	Washington State	TBA
0.5	Utah State*	TBA
0.12	at Hawai'i*	5 p.m. HT
0.25	at UNLV*	7:30 p.m. PT
N.1	San Diego State*	6 p.m. MT
N.9	Nevada*	TBA
N.16	at San Jose State*	4 p.m. PT
N.23	at Wyoming*	5 p.m. MT
N.29	Oregon State	10 a.m. MT

Utah State (1-0, 0-0 MW)		
A.31	Robert Morris	W, 36-14
S.7	at USC	8 p.m. PT
S.14	at Utah	2:30 p.m. MT
S.21	at Temple	TBA
0.5	at Boise State*	TBA
0.11	UNLV*	7 p.m. MT
0.19	New Mexico*	2 p.m. MT
0.26	at Wyoming*	5 p.m. MT
N.9	at Washington State	TBA
N.16	Hawai'i*	TBA
N.23	San Diego State*	1:30 p.m. MT
N.29	at Colorado State*	TBA

California (1-0, 0-0 ACC)		
A.31	UC Davis	W, 31-13
S.7	at Auburn	2:30 p.m. CT
S.14	San Diego State	7:30 p.m. PT
S.21	at Florida State*	TBA
0.5	Miami (Fla.)	TBA
0.12	at Pittsburgh*	TBA
0.19	NC State*	TBA
0.26	Oregon State	TBA
N.8	at Wake Forest*	5 p.m. PT
N.16	Syracuse*	TBA
N.23	Stanford*	TBA
N.30	at SMU*	TBA

Wyoming (0-1, 0-0 MW)		
A.31	at Arizona State	L, 7-48
S.7	Idaho	1:30 p.m. MT
S.14	BYU	7 p.m. MT
S.21	North Texas	TBA
S.28	Air Force*	6 p.m. MT
0.12	San Diego State*	1:30 p.m. MT
0.19	at San Jose State*	TBA
0.26	Utah State*	5 p.m. MT
N.2	at New Mexico*	2 p.m. MT
N.15	at Colorado State*	6 p.m. MT
N.23	Boise State*	5 p.m. MT
N.30	at Washington State	3:30 p.m. PT

New Mexico (0-2, 0-0 MW)		
A.24	Montana State	L, 31-35
A.31	at Arizona	L, 39-61
S.14	at Auburn	6:30 p.m. CT
S.21	Fresno State*	6:30 p.m. MT
S.28	at New Mexico State	6 p.m. MT
0.12	Air Force*	5 p.m. MT
0.19	at Utah State*	2 p.m. MT
0.26	at Colorado State*	3 p.m. MT
N.2	Wyoming*	2 p.m. MT
N.8	at San Diego State*	7:30 p.m. PT
N.16	Washington State	3:30 p.m. PT
N.30	at Hawai'i*	6 p.m. HT

Air Force (1-0, 0-0 MW)		
A.31	Merrimack	W, 21-6
S.7	San Jose State*	5 p.m. MT
S.14	at Baylor	6:30 p.m. CT
S.28	at Wyoming*	6 p.m. MT
0.5	Navy	10 a.m. MT
0.12	at New Mexico*	5 p.m. MT
0.19	Colorado State*	6 p.m. MT
N.2	at Army	Noon ET
N.9	Fresno State*	TBA
N.16	Oregon State*	1:30 p.m. MT
N.23	at Nevada*	TBA
N.30	at San Diego State*	TBA

LEWIS' SITUATIONAL RECORD

Overall	25-31
at San Diego State	1-0
at Kent State	24-31
Home	16-7
San Diego, Calif.	1-0
Kent, Ohio	15-7
Road	8-22
at San Diego State	0-0
at Kent State	8-22
Neutral	1-2
Scoring 50+ Points	8-0
Scoring 40+ Points	13-1
Scoring 30+ Points	21-8
Scoring 20+ Points	25-18
Allowing 20- Points	20-31
Conference Games	18-17
MW Games	0-0
MAC Games	18-17
3-Points or Closer	5-4
7-Points or Closer	12-9

BOWL GAMES AS A COACH

Kent State
 2021 Famous Idaho Potato Bowl
 2019 Frisco Bowl

NATIONAL OFFENSIVE RANKS

At Colorado (offensive coordinator)

2023
 When Lewis was offensive coordinator:
 - 6th in passing (330.0)
 - 39th in scoring (32.1)
 After Lewis was offensive coordinator:
 - 59th in passing (224.0)
 - 100th in scoring (20.3)

At Kent State (head coach/offensive coordinator)

2021
 - 3rd in rushing (248.6)
 - 3rd in first downs (364)
 - 4th in total offense (495.2)
 - 30th in scoring (33.0)

2020
 - 1st in scoring (49.8)
 - 1st in total offense (606.5)
 - 2nd in pass efficiency rating (191.2)
 - 2nd in third down conversion percentage (56.1)
 - 3rd in rushing (283.0)
 - 3rd in fourth down conversion percentage (87.5)
 - 10th in passing (323.5)

At Syracuse (co-offensive coordinator)

2017
 - 18th in passing (294.8)
 - 23rd in total offense (456.3)

2016
 - 11th in passing (321.3)

At Bowling Green (co-offensive coordinator)

2015
 - 4th in total offense (546.8)
 - 6th in scoring (42.2)



SEAN LEWIS

First Season As San Diego State Head Coach (0-0)
6th Season Overall As Head Coach (24-31)

COACHING HIGHLIGHTS

- Has amassed 13 years of coaching experience at the collegiate level with stops at Nebraska Omaha (2008), Akron (2011), Eastern Illinois (2012-13), Bowling Green (2014-15), Syracuse (2016-17), Kent State (2018-22) and Colorado (2023) prior to coming to The Mesa.
- One of the most innovative minds in college football over the past decade, he's seen his offenses consistently rank among the nation's leaders at each of his last four stops including the nation's highest scoring offense and best total offense at Kent State during the 2020 season - 49.8 points per game and 606.5 yards per game.
- Led Kent State to their first two bowl games in program history, appearing in the 2019 Tropical Smoothie Cafe Frisco Bowl and 2021 Famous Idaho Potato Bowl. The 2019 Frisco Bowl was also the program's first ever bowl victory, topping Utah State 51-41.
- Excluding Power 5 games, Lewis owns a 23-9 record as a head coach.

OTHER COACHING EXPERIENCE

- Served as the offensive coordinator/quarterbacks coach at Colorado under head coach Deion Sanders in 2023. While serving as the offensive coordinator, the Buffaloes ranked sixth in passing (330.0) and 39th in scoring (32.1).
- In five seasons at the Kent State helm, Lewis transformed a moribund program into an offensive juggernaut, with his 2021 team setting school records for plays (1,052), total yards (6,907), rushing yards (3,482), passing yards (3,425) and first downs (362). That season, the Golden Flashes boasted the third-best rushing attack in the nation while ranking fourth in total offense (495.2) ultimately clinching their second postseason berth under Lewis in the Famous Idaho Potato Bowl.
- During a shortened 2020 season, Lewis guided the Golden Flashes to a 3-1 mark, securing the program's first back-to-back winning records since 1976-77. The FlashFAST offense was on full display in those four games, leading the nation in total offense (606.5) and scoring offense (49.75) as well as ranking second in pass efficiency (191.2) and third down conversion (56.1), third in rushing (283.0) and fourth down conversion percentage (87.5), and 10th in passing (323.5).
- Lewis' 2019 season was tied for the eighth-best improvement in FBS with five additional wins from the previous year, finishing with a 7-6 overall record.
- Under Lewis' tutelage, 28 Golden Flash players earned all-conference honors and a MAC Player of the Year with quarterback Dustin Crum garnering the award in 2021.
- Prior to Kent State, Lewis spent two seasons at Syracuse where his Orange offense set or tied over 40 school records in 2017 including passing yards in a season (3,855), while its 5,290 total yards of total offense ranked second in program history.
- With Lewis on staff as the co-offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach, Bowling Green ranked fourth nationally in total offense (546.8) during the 2015 campaign while also ranking sixth in scoring offense (42.2 ppg).
- On an individual in 2015, Falcon quarterback, and current SDSU quarterbacks coach, Matt Johnson collected MAC Offensive Player of the Year honors after finishing second nationally in both passing yards (4,946) and touchdown passes (46).

PLAYING EXPERIENCE:

- Lewis played at Wisconsin under legendary head coach Barry Alvarez, competing at quarterback and tight end.
- He received a pair of Big Ten all-academic honors before graduating in 2007 with a degree in agricultural sciences.

PERSONAL:

- Lewis and his wife, Sarah, have been together since high school and have two children. Their son, Rory, is eight years old and daughter, Kiera, is four.

Sean Lewis Head Coaching Record

Year	Record	League	Finish	Home	Away	Neutral	Bowl Game
2018	Kent State	2-10	1-7	6th (East)	1-4	1-6	0-0
2019	Kent State	7-6	5-3	4th (East)	4-1	2-5	1-0 Tropical Smoothie Cafe Frisco Bowl
2020	Kent State	3-1	2-1	2nd (East)	2-0	1-1	0-0
2021	Kent State	7-7	6-2	1st (East)	5-0	2-5	0-2 Famous Idaho Potato Bowl
2022	Kent State	5-7	4-4	5th (East)	3-2	2-5	0-0
KSU TOTALS	24-31	18-17		15-7	8-22	1-2	2 Bowl Appearances
2024	San Diego State	1-0	0-0		1-0	0-0	0-0
SDSU TOTALS	1-0	0-0		1-0	0-0	0-0	
OVERALL TOTALS	25-31	18-17		16-7	8-22	1-2	2 Bowl Appearances

AZTEC COACHING STAFF



Zac Barton

FIELD

Special Teams Coord./TEs, 1st Year (Bloomsburg '06)

- In first season on The Mesa, joining Coach Lewis on Dec. 5, 2023.
- Spent last season at Kansas as a special team analyst, where the Jayhawks ranked seventh in FBS in special teams according to PFF.
- Worked alongside Coach Lewis at Kent State from 2018-22 as the special teams coordinator of the Golden Flashes.
- Also had coaching stops at Winona State (2007-09, 2012-17), Memphis (2011) and Nebraska Omaha (2010).



Eric Schmidt

BOX

Def. Coordinator/LBs, 1st Year (North Dakota '02)

- In first season at SDSU, joining the Aztecs on Dec. 15, 2023.
- Spent the last two seasons as the special teams coordinator and EDGE coach at the University of Washington, helping take the Huskies into the CFP Playoff as the No. 2 seed.
- A member of the Kalen DeBoer coaching tree, Schmidt coached the defensive line coach and special teams coordinator for two seasons at Fresno State.
- Has also coached at North Dakota (2006-07, 2014-19) and Southern Illinois (2010-13) with 2012 representing his first year as a coordinator.

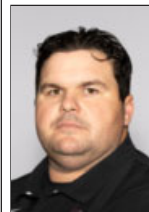


Lanear Sampson

FIELD

Pass Game Coordinator/WRs, 1st Year (Baylor '12)

- Is in his first season at SDSU, coming to The Mesa on Dec. 11, 2023.
- Spent two seasons as a coordinator at Austin Peay. Helped lead the Governors to a perfect 6-0 mark in ASUN play in 2023.
- Has coaching stops at Syracuse (2021, 2016-17), Central Florida (2020), McNeese State (2019) and Missouri State (2018).
- Finished fifth on Baylor's all-time receptions list and 10th in receiving yards before going pro and playing with the Colts, Cowboys and Steelers.



Mike Schmidt

FIELD

Run Game Coordinator/OL, 10th Year (SDSU '08)

- Enters the first year of his second stint as a full-time staffer at SDSU, also coaching from 2012-20. Was also a grad assistant from 2009-11.
- Coached at Syracuse and Mississippi State between stints.
- From 2012-19, Schmidt's offensive line helped the Aztecs to 10-straight bowl games and established it as one of the top rushing programs in the country, ranking top 25 in yards per carry, yards per game and touchdowns.
- A former walk-on at San Diego State from 2005-08, served as team captain as a senior.



Rob Aurich

FIELD

Defensive EDGEs, 1st Year (Minnesota Duluth '10)

- In his first year at SDSU, joining the Aztec staff on Dec. 15, 2023.
- Spent two seasons at the University of Idaho, helping the Vandals to a No. 4 ranking and their first ever FCS postseason victory in 2023.
- Coached at South Dakota for four seasons (2018-21), mentoring 12 all-MVFC selections and two all-Americans.
- Started his coaching career at Bemidji State (2014-17). As the defensive coordinator for his final three seasons, the Beavers went 24-10 and featured a top-25 defense.



Darian Hagan

FIELD

Running Backs, 1st Year (Colorado '91)

- In his first season at San Diego State, coming over with Coach Lewis from Colorado on Dec. 6, 2023.
- Spent 20 seasons on the CU staff, including 13 non-consecutive seasons as the school's running backs coach.
- Played his collegiate career with the Buffaloes as well, winning the 1989 Sporting News Player of the Year Award and the 1990 National Championship.
- Starring at quarterback, became the sixth player in NCAA history to run and pass for over 1,000 yards in the same season.



Matt Johnson

BOX

Quarterbacks, 1st Year (Bowling Green '16)

- In his first season at SDSU, joining the staff on Dec. 5, 2023.
- Reunites with Coach Lewis after playing for him at Bowling Green and coaching alongside him at both Syracuse and Kent State.
- Helped guide the KSU offense to school records and the program's first ever bowl victory at the Tropical Smoothie Cafe Frisco Bowl in 2019.
- Started at quarterback for three years at Bowling Green before signing an undrafted free agent contract with the Cincinnati Bengals.

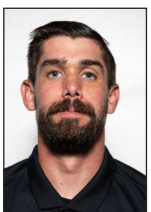


David Lose

FIELD

Defensive Line, 1st Year (Oregon State '04)

- Joined the Aztec coaching staff on Mar. 1, 2024.
- Coached two seasons (2022-23) at Idaho mentoring a defensive line that allowed just 306.8 yards of total offense, 14th best in all of FCS.
- Has also coached at Oregon State (2019-21), Portland State (2017-18), Washington State (2011-16) and Saint Paul College (2009-10).
- Played at Oregon State, starting 18 games and playing on the Beavers' co-PAC-12 title Fiesta Bowl championship team in 2001.

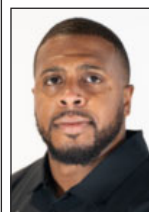


C.J. McGorisk

FIELD

Safeties, 1st Year (Michigan '16)

- In his first season at San Diego State (joined staff on Dec. 15, 2023).
- Served as a defensive quality control coach at Washington, helping UW earn a CFP berth as the No. 2 seed and PAC-12 Champions.
- Has also coached at Indiana, Wake Forest, Fresno State and his alma mater, Michigan.
- Has helped mentor eight all-conference recipients in his young coaching career, and coached in three bowl games and two conference championship games.



Demetrius Sumler

FIELD

Cornerbacks, 8th Year (Colorado '11)

- Was elevated to a full-time assistant coach in 2018 and will work with the Aztec cornerbacks for the seventh straight season after spending two years as a graduate assistant.
- Has mentored eight all-MW selections and had three of his defensive backs make NFL teams following their time on The Mesa.
- Earned all-conference honors at Central Washington in 2012 as a running back following three years at Colorado.

SAN DIEGO STATE ROSTER

^ Utilizing extra year of eligibility offered by the NCAA due to COVID-19

Alphabetical		
No.	Name	Pos.
76	Abdullah, Dean	OL
71	Afalava, Tuimalu	OL
99	Alualu, Tupu	DL
42	Anderson, Brady	LB
2	Armstead, Jaylon	RB
31	Badie, Jared	EDGE
90	• Ban, Arthur	TE
77	Barron, Briley	OL
15	• Beasley, Tayvion	CB
90	• Benjamin, Samuel	DL
11	• Bennett, Nate	WR
41	Berman, Jakson	CB
13	• Beyer, Tayten	CB
78	Barjon, Joe	OL
80	Brooks, Baylin	WR
4	Brown IV, Louis	WR
55	Brayden, Bryant	OL
6	• Butler, Eric	S
23	• Buxton, Isaiah	CB
5	• Chambliss, Owen	LB
64	Chavez, Tyson	LS
23	• Christon, Kenan	RB
61	Chow, Emanuel	DL
81	• Cianfrini, Will	WR
40	Clay, Krishna	DL
14	• Clegg, Nick	K
11	• Coffey III, JD	S
15	• Cooper, Marquez	RB
51	Cornelius, Kodi	DL
9	• Crum, Kyle	QB
97	Dalton, Darrion	DL
29	• Davis, Cam	RB
75	Dirksen, Ryan	OL
45	Draeger, Wyatt	DL
10	• Duffy, AJ	QB
69	Dutcher, Gage	EDGE
29	• Escano, Arnold	CB
57	Fuimaono, Saipale	OL
86	• Gaea, Ryan	DL
26	• Gardinera, Nick	RB
88	Garretson, Gabe	TE
22	Garrison, Max	S
26	• Goynes, Joshua	CB
92	Gucake, Malik	EDGE
35	Hamlet, Xavier	CB
34	Harrington, Dean	LB
87	Harrison, Mikey	TE
96	Henderson, Ryan	EDGE
56	Herman, DJ	LB
39	Herranen, Eemil	P
62	Holec, Kai	OL
24	Hunter, Josh	S
1	Johnson, Chris	CB
70	Jones, Christian	OL
71	Kattoula, Nikolas	OL
52	Kendricks, Jayden	LB
33	Larry, Ezekiel	EDGE
21	• Letuli, Tano	LB
20	• Lopez, Nick	K
32	Louis, Marlem	EDGE
12	Magee, Jatavious	S
85	McClure, Jerry	WR
17	McCuin, Deshawn	S
27	McLaughlin, Jelani	S
65	McMahan, Tyler	OL
21	• McRee, Heath	WR
48	Mitchell, Hudson	DE
37	Mitchell, Jason	CB
91	Mitchell, Keion	DL
58	Moon, Cody	LB

Numerical

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Exp.	Hometown (High School/College)
0	Bryce Phillips	CB	6-0	195	Sr.	TR	Long Beach, Calif. (La Habra High/Tennessee State)
1	Chris Johnson	CB	6-0	185	Jr.	2L	Eastvale, Calif. (Eleanor Roosevelt High)
2	Jaylon Armstead	RB	5-11	220	Sr.	3L	Los Angeles, Calif. (Serra High)
3	Ja'Shaun Poke^	WR	5-10	185	Sr.	TR	Hampton, Ga. (Dutchtown High/West Virginia)
4	Louis Brown IV	WR	6-2	195	Jr.	TR	South Los Angeles, Calif. (Inglewood High/Colorado State)
5	Danny O'Neil	QB	6-0	195	Fr.	HS	Indianapolis, Ind. (Cathedral High)
5	Owen Chambliss	LB	6-3	230	Fr.	TR	Corona, Calif. (Centennial High/Utah)
6	Javance Tupou'ata-Johnson	QB	6-4	220	Fr.	RS	Oakland, Calif. (Chaminade High)
6	Eric Butler	S	6-2	190	Jr.	2L	Corona, Calif. (Centennial High)
7	William Nimmo Jr.^	S	6-1	205	Sr.	TR	Corona, Calif. (Mater Dei High/UCLA)
7	Lucky Sutton	RB	6-1	210	So.	SQ	San Diego, Calif. (Cathedral Catholic High)
9	Kyle Crum	QB	6-3	195	So.	SQ	Norco, Calif. (Norco High)
9	Dalesean Staley	S	6-1	190	So.	TR	Kansas City, Mo. (Blue Springs High/Northern Iowa)
10	AJ Duffy	QB	6-2	220	So.	TR	Murrietta, Calif. (Rancho Verde High/Florida State)
10	Bennett Walker	CB	6-0	190	Sr.	TR	San Diego, Calif. (Patrick Henry High/Eastern Michigan)
11	JD Coffey III	S	6-0	195	Sr.	1L	Kennedale, Texas (Kennedale High/Texas)
11	Nate Bennett	WR	6-3	200	Sr.	TR	Simi Valley, Calif. (Grace Brethren High/Portland State)
12	Jatavious Magee	S	6-1	195	Jr.	2L	Federal Way, Wash. (Federal Way High)
13	Tayten Beyer	CB	5-11	180	Fr.	HS	Corona, Calif. (Centennial High)
13	Tyler Pastula^	P	6-3	220	Sr.	TR	Easton, Pa. (Easton Area High/UAlbany)
14	Nick Clegg	K	6-1	180	Fr.	HS	Gilbert, Ariz. (Williams Field High)
14	Phillippe Wesley II	WR	6-0	190	Jr.	1L	Grandview, Mo. (St. Bernard High (Calif.))
15	Tayvion Beasley	S	5-11	170	So.	RS	Inglewood, Calif. (St. John Bosco High/Jackson State)
15	Marquez Cooper	RB	5-8	200	Sr.	TR	Gaithersburg, Md. (Quince Orchard High/Ball State)
16	Parker Threatt	QB	6-2	190	Fr.	HS	San Jose, Calif. (Bellarmine College Prep)
16	Jelani Whitmore	CB	6-0	185	Jr.	1L	Rialto, Calif. (Carter High)
17	Deshawn McCuin^	S	6-0	200	Sr.	1L	Jacksonville, Texas (Jacksonville High/TCU)
18	Jude Wolfe	TE	6-6	245	Sr.	TR	Laguna Hills, Calif. (St. John Bosco High/USC)
19	Jordan Napier	WR	6-2	200	Fr.	RS	Fontana, Calif. (Jurupa Hills High)
20	Nick Lopez^	K	6-1	195	Sr.	TR	Huntington Beach, Calif. (Mater Dei High/Louisville)
20	Cincere Rhaney	RB	5-10	200	Fr.	HS	Gardena, Calif. (Junipero Serra High)
21	Tano Letuli	LB	6-2	240	So.	TR	San Diego, Calif. (Cathedral Catholic High/Army)
21	Heath McRee	WR	6-0	180	Fr.	HS	Austin, Texas (Westlake High)
22	Max Garrison	S	5-10	190	So.	1L	Pasadena, Calif. (St. Francis HS)
23	Isaiah Buxton	CB	6-0	180	Fr.	HS	San Diego, Calif. (Mater Dei High)
23	Kenan Christon^	RB	5-10	190	Sr.	2L	San Diego, Calif. (Madison High/USC)
24	Josh Hunter	S	5-9	180	So.	1L	Temecula, Calif. (Mater Dei High)
26	Nick Gardinera	RB	5-10	205	So.	SQ	San Diego, Calif. (Scripps Ranch High)
26	Joshua Goynes	S	5-11	185	Jr.	SQ	Las Vegas, Nev. (Faith Lutheran High)
27	Jelani McLaughlin	S	6-0	202	Fr.	RS	San Jacinto, Calif. (Citrus Valley High)
29	Cam Davis	RB	5-8	175	Jr.	2L	Dallas, Texas (South Oak Cliff High)
29	Arnold Escano	CB	5-9	180	Sr.	1L	San Diego, Calif. (Olympian High/Southwestern College)
30	Dominic Oliver	EDGE	6-3	250	Jr.	2L	San Jose, Calif. (Valley Christian High)
31	Jared Badie	EDGE	6-3	230	So.	TR	Aurora, Ill. (Oswego East High/Illinois)
32	Marlem Louis^	EDGE	6-3	255	Sr.	TR	Venice, Fla. (Venice High/Richmond)
33	Ezekiel Larry	EDGE	6-2	255	So.	TR	Palmdale, Calif. (Sierra Canyon High/Yale)
34	Dean Harrington	LB	6-2	225	Fr.	HS	Thousand Oaks, Calif. (Thousand Oaks High)
35	Xavier Hamlet	CB	5-10	175	Sr.	RS	San Diego, Calif. (Lincoln High/Grossmont College)
36	Prince Williams	CB	6-1	185	Fr.	HS	Westlake Village, Calif. (Oaks Christian High)
37	Jason Mitchell	CB	6-3	175	Fr.	HS	Los Angeles, Calif. (St. John Bosco High)
38	Kurt Rossner	WR	6-4	195	Fr.	HS	Littleton, Colo. (Heritage High)
39	Eemil Herranen	P	6-3	190	Jr.	TR	Helsinki, Finland (Del Norte High/Northern Arizona)
40	Krishna Clay	DL	6-2	280	So.	TR	Vacaville, Calif. (Wood High/College of San Mateo)
41	Jakson Berman	S	5-11	190	So.	TR	San Jose, Calif. (Valley Christian High/Washington)
42	Brady Anderson	LB	6-2	230	Jr.	2L	Bakersfield, Calif. (Liberty High)
43	Derek Smith	WR	6-0	170	Fr.	RS	Dana Point, Calif. (St. Margaret's Episcopal School)
44	Kyle Moretti	LB	6-2	240	Sr.	TR	Arvada, Colo. (Pomona High/Central Michigan)
45	Wyatt Draeger^	DL	6-4	285	Sr.	4L	Reno, Nev. (Reno High)
46	Gabriel Plascencia	K	6-0	230	Jr.	RS	Oakland, Calif. (Bishop O'Dowd High/College of San Mateo)
47	Trey White	EDGE	6-2	245	So.	1L	San Diego, Calif. (Eastlake High)
48	Hudson Mitchell	DL	6-4	280	Fr.	RS	Tucson, Ariz. (Ironridge High)
49	Zechariah Ramirez	P	5-10	175	So.	1L	Upland, Calif. (Upland High)
50	Ryan Wintermeyer	LS	6-1	220	Sr.	3L	Scottsdale, Ariz. (Cactus Shadows High)
51	Kodi Cornelius	DL	6-1	290	Fr.	HS	Petaluma, Calif. (Casa Grande High)
52	Jayden Kendricks	LB	6-2	225	So.	SQ	Chula Vista, Calif. (Eastlake High)
53	Myles Murao	OL	6-3	305	Jr.	1L	Torrance, Calif. (Mater Dei High/Washington)
54	Jake Sinz	LB	6-1	220	Fr.	RS	Temecula, Calif. (Temecula Valley High)
55	Brayden Bryant	OL	6-2	305	Sr.	TR	Ardmore, Okla. (Ardmore High/Norih Dakota)
56	DJ Herman	LB	6-2	235	Jr.	2L	Las Vegas, Nev. (Bishop Gorman High)
57	Saipale Fuimaono	OL	6-4	310	Jr.	TR	Auto, American Samoa (Fagaitua High/Allan Hancock College)

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Numerical

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Exp.	Hometown (High School/College)
58	Cody Moon	LB	6-4	225	Sr.	1L	Albuquerque, N.M. (Volcano Vista High/New Mexico)
59	Danny Niu	LB	5-11	225	Fr.	HS	East Palo Alto, Calif. (Serra High)
60	Connor Poulson	LS	5-11	190	Fr.	HS	Danville, Calif. (San Ramon Valley High)
61	Emanuel Chow	DL	6-1	280	Fr.	HS	Los Angeles, Calif. (King/Drew Magnet High)
62	Kai Halec	OL	6-7	315	Fr.	HS	Seattle, Wash. (O'Dea High)
63	Ross Ulugalu-Maseuli	OL	6-4	320	Jr.	2L	San Diego, Calif. (Mater Dei High)
64	Tyson Chavez	LS	6-2	235	Jr.	SQ	San Marcos, Calif. (Mission Hills High)
65	Tyler McMahan	OL	6-5	300	Jr.	TR	Sutter Creek, Calif. (Amador High/Modesto Junior College)
66	Charlie Stewart	EDGE	6-1	225	Jr.	TR	Los Angeles, Calif. (St. Francis High/Glendale Community College)
67	Tiumalu Afalava	DL	6-2	280	Fr.	TR	Baldwin Park, Calif. (Bishop Amat High/California)
68	Ryan Silver	OL	6-4	295	Fr.	RS	San Francisco, Calif. (Junipero Serra High)
69	Gage Dutcher	OL	6-2	285	Fr.	RS	Westlake Village, Calif. (Oaks Christian High)
70	Christian Jones	OL	6-8	330	Jr.	2L	San Luis Obispo, Calif. (San Luis Obispo High)
71	Nikolas Kattoula	OL	6-5	280	Fr.	HS	San Diego, Calif. (Francis Parker High)
74	Nate Williams^	OL	6-6	310	Sr.	TR	Utica, Ohio (Newark Catholic High/Akron)
75	Ryan Dirksen	OL	6-6	300	Jr.	SQ	Vancouver, Wash. (Central Catholic High/Butte College)
76	Dean Abdullah	OL	6-4	295	Sr.	2L	Antelope, Calif. (Antelope High/American River College)
77	Briley Barron	OL	6-4	310	Fr.	RS	Texarkana, Texas (Texas High)
78	Joe Borjon	OL	6-8	330	Jr.	TR	La Puente, Calif. (Nogales High/Arizona)
80	Baylin Brooks	WR	6-2	200	So.	1L	Pasadena, Calif. (Pasadena High)
81	Will Cianfrini	WR	6-4	190	Fr.	HS	Galveston, Texas (Carlsbad High (Calif.))
81	Mikey Welsh	WR	5-9	170	So.	1L	Servite, Calif. (Servite High)
82	Bobby Shaw	WR	6-2	180	Fr.	HS	Pittsburg, Calif. (Pittsburg High)
83	Mekhi Shaw	WR	5-11	185	Sr.	3L	San Diego, Calif. (Scripps Ranch High)
84	Ben Scolari	WR	6-3	185	Fr.	HS	Reno, Nev. (Bishop Manogue High)
85	Jerry McClure	WR	6-1	200	Fr.	TR	Coronado, Calif. (Mater Dei High/UCLA)
86	Ryan Gaea	DL	6-4	260	Fr.	HS	Stockton, Calif. (St. Mary's High)
87	Michael Harrison	TE	6-3	230	Sr.	TR	San Francisco, Calif. (St. Ignatius College Prep/Colorado)
88	Gabe Garretson	TE	6-4	240	So.	TR	Chico, Calif. (Pleasant Valley High/Butte College)
89	Logan Tanner	TE	6-3	235	So.	1L	Houston, Texas (St. Pius X High)
90	Arthur Ban	TE	6-5	220	Fr.	HS	Vancouver, Wash. (Evergreen High)
90	Sam Benjamin	DL	6-5	285	Jr.	TR	Oro Valley, Ariz. (Ironwood Ridge High/Arizona State)
91	Keion Mitchell	DL	6-4	275	Jr.	1L	Framingham, Mass. (Framingham High)
92	Malik Gucake	EDGE	6-3	240	Jr.	TR	Sacramento, Calif. (Sheldon High/Sacramento City College)
93	Brady Nassar	EDGE	6-5	265	So.	1L	Pleasanton, Calif. (Amador Valley High)
94	Teivis Tuoti	DL	6-4	290	Sr.	TR	Laei, Hawai'i (Southeast High (Neb.)/Colorado State)
95	Ryan Wolfer	TE	6-5	235	Fr.	HS	Peoria, Ariz. (Liberty High)
96	Ryan Henderson	EDGE	6-3	255	So.	1L	Las Vegas, Nev. (Canyon Springs High)
97	Darrion Dalton	DL	6-3	275	Jr.	SQ	Apple Valley, Minn. (Saguaro High (Ariz.))
98	Zone Wierenga	EDGE	6-3	230	Jr.	TR	Chandler, Ariz. (Chandler High/City College of San Francisco)
99	Tupu Alualu^	DL	6-1	280	Sr.	1L	Honolulu, Hawaii (Moanalua High/Mt. SAC)

Alphabetical

No.	Name	Pos.
44	Moretti, Kyle	LB
53	Muraa, Myles	OL
19	Napier, Jordan	WR
93	Nassar, Brady	EDGE
7	Nimmo Jr., William	S
59	Niu, Danny	LB
5	O'Neil, Danny	QB
30	Oliver, Dominic	EDGE
13	Pastula, Tyler	P
0	Phillips, Bryce	CB
46	Plascencia, Gabriel	K
3	Poke, Ja'Shaun	WR
60	Poulson, Connor	LS
49	Ramirez, Zechariah	K/P
20	Rhaneay, Cincere	RB
88	Rossner, KJ	WR
34	Scolari, Ben	WR
82	Shaw, Bobby	WR
83	Shaw, Mekhi	WR
68	Silver, Ryan	OL
54	Sinz, Jake	LB
43	Smith, Derek	WR
9	Staley, Dalesean	S
66	Stewart, Charlie	EDGE
7	Sutton, Lucky	RB
89	Tanner, Logan	TE
16	Threatt, Parker	QB
94	Tuoti, Teivis	DL
6	Tupou'ata-Johnson, Javance	QB
63	Ulugalu-Maseuli, Ross	OL
10	Walker, Bennett	DB
98	Wierenga, Zone	EDGE
81	Welsh, Mikey	WR
14	Wesley, Phillippe	WR
47	White, Trey	EDGE
16	Whitmore, Jelani	CB
74	Williams, Nate	OL
36	Williams, Prince	S
50	Wintermeyer, Ryan	LS
18	Wolfe, Jude	TE
95	Wolfer, Ryan	TE

* - Duplicate Number

COACHING STAFF

Sean Lewis (Wisconsin '07), Head Coach, 1st season; **Zac Barton** (Bloomsburg Univ. '06, Winona State '09), Associate Head Coach/Special Teams Coordinator; **Eric Schmidt** (North Dakota '02) Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers, 1st season; **Lanear Sampson** (Baylor '12, Syracuse '18) Pass Game Coordinator/Wide Receivers; **Mike Schmidt** (San Diego State '09), Run Game Coordinator/Offensive Line, 1st season in second stint/12th season overall at SDSU; **Rob Aurich** (Minnesota Duluth '10, Bemidji State '15) Defensive Edges, 1st season; **Darian Hagan** (Colorado '96) Running Backs, 1st season; **Matt Johnson** (Bowling Green '16) Quarterbacks, 1st season; **David Lose** (Oregon State '04, Washington State '14) Defensive Line, 1st season; **C.J. McGorisk** (Michigan '16) Safeties, 1st season; **Demetrius Sumler** (Colorado '11), Cornerbacks, 7th season/9th overall; **Ryan Lindley** (San Diego State '11) Senior Offensive Analyst, 1st season/3rd season overall at SDSU; **Steve Huber** (North Dakota, '98), Defensive Analyst, 1st season; **Tahj Capehart** (Arizona '20) Graduate Assistant, 1st season/2nd season overall at SDSU; **Jayden Dawson** (Idaho State '21) Graduate Assistant, 1st season; **Parker Houston** (San Diego State '19) Graduate Assistant, 2nd season; **Tyson Maeva** (FIU '20) Graduate Assistant, 1st season; **Ruben Pena** (Hawaii '15), Director of Operations, 6th season as director of operations/7th overall; **Jeff Sobol** (Eastern Illinois '08) Head of Football Performance, 1st season; **Chris Jurek** (Cincinnati, '09) Assistant Strength & Conditioning, 8th season

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

No. 3 Ja'Shaun Poke	jay-shawn pohk	No. 31 Jared Badie	bay-dee	No. 92 Malik Gucake	muh-leek goo-caw-key
No. 4 Louis Brown IV	lew-is	No. 53 Myles Murao	murr-ow	No. 94 Teivis Tuoti	tay-viss too-ee-ah-tee
No. 6 Javance Tupou'ata-Johnson	Too-poo-aw-tah	No. 57 Saipale Fuimaono	psy-paul-eh fwee-maw-oh-know	No. 99 Tupu Alualu	ah-loo-ah-loo
No. 7 William Nimmo	knee-mo	No. 59 Danny Niu	knee-oo		---
No. 9 Dalesean Staley	dayl-shawn	No. 63 Ross Ulugalu-Maseuli	oo-loo-gaw-loo mah-say-oo-lee	Lanear Sampson	luh-near
No. 14 Phillippe Wesley II	fuh-leap	No. 67 Tiumala Afalava	tee-u-mah-loo off-ah-lava	Rob Aurich	OAR-itch
No. 17 Deshawn McCuin	mc-queue-en	No. 76 Dean Abdullah	ab-dull-ah	David Lose	low-say
No. 21 Tano Letuli	taw-no leh-tool-ee	No. 78 Joe Borjon	bore-zhon		
No. 29 Arnold Escano	es-cawn-yo	No. 83 Mekhi Shaw	mah-KYE		

SDSU TWO-DEEP vs. OREGON STATE

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OFFENSE

LEFT TACKLE (LT)	GP	GS
78 Joseph Borjon, 6-8, 330, Jr.-TR	7	4
57 Saipale Fuimaono, 6-4, 310, Jr.-TR	1	0
LEFT GUARD (LG)	GP	GS
70 Christian Jones, 6-9, 315, Jr.**	26	7
53 Myles Murao, 6-3, 305, Jr.*	11	6
CENTER (C)	GP	GS
55 Brayden Bryant, 6-2, 305, Sr.-TR	15	11
68 Ryan Silver, 6-4, 290, Fr.-RS	1	0
RIGHT GUARD (RG)	GP	GS
63 Ross Ulugalu-Maseuli, 6-4, 315, Jr.**	20	17
76 Dean Abdullah, 6-4, 290, Sr.**	18	10
RIGHT TACKLE (RT)	GP	GS
74 Nate Williams, 6-6, 310, Sr.-TR^	35	28
65 Tyler McMahan, 6-5, 300, Jr.-TR	1	0
TIGHT END (Y)	GP	GS
18 Jude Wolfe, 6-6, 245, Sr.-TR^	34	1
or87 Michael Harrison, 6-3, 220, Sr.-TR	37	6
TIGHT END (U)	GP	GS
88 Gabe Garretson, 6-4, 240, So.-TR	1	0
89 Logan Tanner, 6-3, 235, So.*	8	1
QUARTERBACK (QB)	GP	GS
5 Danny O'Neil, 6-0, 195, Fr.	1	1
6 Javance Tupou'ata-Johnson, 6-4, 220, Fr.-RS	1	0
or10 AJ Duffy, 6-2, 220, So.-TR	4	0
RUNNING BACK (RB)	GP	GS
15 Marquez Cooper, 5-8, 200, Sr.-TR^	43	42
2 Jaylon Armstead, 5-11, 220, Sr.**	32	4
7 Lucky Sutton, 6-1, 210, So.-SQ	7	0
or29 Cam Davis, 5-8, 175, Jr.**	26	0
WIDE RECEIVER (1)	GP	GS
83 Mekhi Shaw, 5-11, 185, Sr.***	35	13
or85 Jerry McClure, 6-1, 200, Fr.-RS	2	0
11 Nate Bennett, 6-3, 200, Sr.-TR	34	32
WIDE RECEIVER (2)	GP	GS
19 Jordan Napier, 6-2, 200, Fr.-RS	5	0
WIDE RECEIVER (3)	GP	GS
3 Ja'Shaun Poke, 5-10, 185, Sr.-TR^	38	18
81 Mikey Welsh, 5-9, 170, So.*	9	0
WIDE RECEIVER (4)	GP	GS
4 Louis Brown IV, 6-2, 195, Jr.-TR	23	10
80 Baylin Brooks, 6-2, 200, So.*	13	4

SPECIAL TEAMS

PUNTER (P)	GP	GS
13 Tyler Pastula, 6-3, 220, Sr.-TR^	44	44
39 Emil Herranen, 6-4, 195, Jr.-TR	22	15
PLACEKICKER (PK)	GP	GS
46 Gabriel Plascencia, 6-0, 230, Jr.	5	3
20 Nick Lopez, 6-1, 195, Sr.-TR^	7	0
KICKOFFS (KO)	GP	GS
46 Gabriel Plascencia, 6-0, 230, Jr.	5	3
20 Nick Lopez, 6-1, 195, Sr.-TR^	7	0
HOLDER (H)	GP	GS
13 Tyler Pastula, 6-3, 220, Sr.-TR^	44	44

DEFENSE

FIELD EDGE (EDGE)	GP	GS
32 Marlem Louis, 6-3, 255, Sr.-TR^	44	27
or96 Ryan Henderson, 6-3, 255, So.*	10	0
NOSE TACKLE (NT)	GP	GS
90 Sam Benjamin, 6-5, 285, Jr.-TR	10	1
or94 Teivis Tuioti, 6-4, 300, Sr.-TR	16	1
DEFENSIVE TACKLE (DT)	GP	GS
40 Krishna Clay, 6-2, 280, So.-TR	1	1
or99 Tupu Alualu, 6-1, 280, Sr.*^	13	12
RUSH EDGE (EDGE)	GP	GS
47 Trey White, 6-2, 245, So.*	16	2
or30 Dominic Oliver, 6-3, 250, Jr.**	23	0
STRONGSIDE LINEBACKER (SAM)	GP	GS
21 Tano Letuli, 6-2, 240, So.-TR	12	1
44 Kyle Moretti, 6-2, 240, Sr.-TR	35	22
or56 DJ Herman, 6-2, 235, Jr.**	25	0
WEAKSIDE LINEBACKER (WILL)	GP	GS
5 Owen Chambliss, 6-3, 230, Fr.-TR	5	1
58 Cody Moon, 6-3, 210, Sr.*	37	14
or42 Brady Anderson, 6-2, 230, Jr.**	25	1
"STUD" (NICKEL/FORMER AZTEC)	GP	GS
17 Deshawn McCuin, 6-0, 200, Sr.*^	34	3
or24 Josh Hunter, 5-9, 180, So.*	14	5
LEFT CORNERBACK (LCB)	GP	GS
1 Chris Johnson, 6-0, 185, Jr.**	25	1
or16 Jelani Whitmore, 6-1, 185, Jr.*	13	0
FREE SAFETY (FS)	GP	GS
6 Eric Butler, 6-2, 190, Jr.**	24	1
or7 William Nimmo Jr., 6-1, 205, Sr.-TR^	37	1
ROVER (SS)	GP	GS
9 Dalesean Staley, 6-1, 190, So.-TR	15	12
or11 JD Coffey III, 6-0, 195, Sr.*	23	1
RIGHT CORNERBACK (RCB)	GP	GS
0 Bryce Phillips, 6-0, 195, Sr.-TR	23	23
or10 Bennett Walker, 6-0, 190, Sr.-TR	14	11

START CHART (OFF./DEF.)

Offense	2024	Streak	Career				
Marquez Cooper, RB	1	33	42				
Nate Bennett, WR	1	1	32				
Nate Williams, OL	1	25	28				
Ja'Shaun Poke, WR	1	1	18				
Ross Ulugalu-Maseuli, OL	1	1	17				
Kenan Christian, RB	0	0	13				
Mekhi Shaw, WR	0	0	13				
Brayden Bryant, OL	1	1	11				
Louis Brown IV, WR	1	1	10				
Dean Abdullah, OL	0	0	10				
Christian Jones, OL	1	1	7				
Michael Harrison, TE	0	0	6				
Myles Murao, OL	0	0	6				
Joseph Borjon, OL	1	2	4				
Jaylon Armstead, RB	0	0	4				
Baylin Brooks, WR	0	0	4				
Phillippe Wesley, WR	0	0	3				
Danny O'Neil, QB	1	1	1				
Jude Wolfe, TE	1	1	1				
Cam Davis, RB	0	0	1				
Defense	2024	Streak	Career				
Marlem Louis, EDGE	0	0	27				
Bryce Phillips, CB	0	23	23				
Kyle Moretti, LB	0	0	22				
Cody Moon, LB	0	0	14				
Dalesean Staley, S	1	12	12				
Tupu Alualu, DL	0	0	12				
Bennett Walker, CB	0	0	11				
Josh Hunter, S	0	0	5				
Ezekiel Larry, EDGE	0	0	3				
Deshawn McCuin, S	0	0	3				
Trey White, EDGE	1	2	2				
Sam Benjamin, DL	1	1	1				
Eric Butler, S	1	1	1				
Owen Chambliss, LB	1	1	1				
Krishna Clay, DL	1	1	1				
Chris Johnson, CB	1	1	1				
Tano Letuli, LB	1	1	1				
Brady Nassar, DL	1	1	1				
Teivis Tuioti, DL	1	1	1				
Brady Anderson, LB	0	0	1				
JD Coffey III, S	0	0	1				
William Nimmo Jr., S	0	0	1				
Career Starts (Off/Def)	'19	'20	'21	'22	'23	'24	Total
Marquez Cooper, RB	-	4	13	12	12	1	42
Nate Bennett, WR	-	0	11	11	9	1	32
Marlem Louis, EDGE	RS	0	4	10	13	27	27
Nate Williams, OL	-	-	4	12	11	1	28
Kyle Moretti, LB	-	-	-	12	9	1	22
Bryce Phillips, CB	-	-	-	11	11	1	23
Ja'Shaun Poke, WR	0	4	8	5	0	1	18
Ross Ulugalu-Maseuli, OL	-	-	RS	6	10	1	17
Cody Moon, LB	-	RS	0	9	5	1	14
Kenan Christian, RB	3	0	0	0	10	13	13
Mekhi Shaw, WR	-	RS	1	5	7	13	13
Dalesean Staley, S	-	-	-	RS	11	1	12
Tupu Alualu, DL	-	-	-	-	12	1	12
Brayden Bryant, OL	-	-	-	10	0	1	11
Bennett Walker, CB	-	-	-	-	11	1	11
Louis Brown IV, WR	-	-	-	2	7	1	10
Dean Abdullah, OL	-	-	-	-	3	7	10
Christian Jones, OL	-	-	RS	0	6	1	7
Michael Harrison, TE	-	0	0	2	4	6	6
Myles Murao, OL	-	-	RS	0	6	6	6
Josh Hunter, S	-	-	-	RS	5	5	5
Joseph Borjon, OL	-	RS	0	2	2	4	4
Jaylon Armstead, RB	-	RS	0	2	2	4	4
Baylin Brooks, WR	-	-	-	-	4	4	4
Ezekiel Larry, EDGE	-	-	-	RS	3	3	3
Deshawn McCuin, S	RS	0	1	0	2	3	3
Phillippe Wesley, WR	-	-	RS	0	3	3	3
Trey White, EDGE	-	-	-	RS	1	1	2
Krishna Clay, DL	-	-	-	-	1	1	1
Danny O'Neil, QB	-	-	-	-	1	1	1
Owen Chambliss, LB	-	-	-	-	RS	1	1
Tano Letuli, LB	-	-	-	-	0	1	1
Brady Nassar, DL	-	-	-	-	0	1	1
Sam Benjamin, DL	-	-	-	0	0	1	1
Eric Butler, S	-	-	-	0	0	1	1
Chris Johnson, CB	-	-	-	0	0	1	1
Teivis Tuioti, OL	-	RS	0	0	0	1	1
Jude Wolfe, TE	RS	0	0	0	0	1	1
Brady Anderson, LB	-	-	0	RS	1	1	1
JD Coffey III, S	-	-	0	0	1	1	1
Cam Davis, RB	-	-	RS	0	1	1	1
William Nimmo Jr., S	-	-	0	0	1	1	1

Cooper's first 30 starts came at Kent State; his 12 starts in '23 were at Ball State. Bennett's first 31 starts came at Portland St. Louis' first 27 starts came at Richmond. Williams' first 27 starts came at Akron. Moretti's first 22 starts came at Central Michigan. Phillips' first 22 starts came at Tennessee State. Poke's first 17 starts were at Kent State. Staley's first 11 starts were at Northern Iowa. Walker's first 11 starts were at Eastern Michigan. Bryant's first 10 starts came at North Dakota. Brown's first nine starts came at Colorado State. Nine of Moon's starts came at New Mexico. Harrison's first six starts came at Colorado. Borjon's first three starts were at Arizona. Larry's first three starts were at Yale. Nimmo's first start was at UCLA.

Game 1

A&M-COMMERCE	0	6	8	0	-	14
SAN DIEGO STATE	3	0	21	21	-	45

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TEAM STATISTICS

	OHIO	SDSU
FIRST DOWNS	17	23
Rushing	7	12
Passing	3	8
Penalty	7	3
NET YARDS RUSHING	63	254
Rushing Attempts	34	40
Average Per Rush	1.9	6.4
Rushing Touchdowns	1	2
Yards Gained Rushing	106	281
Yards Lost Rushing	43	27
NET YARDS PASSING	117	214
Completions-Attempts-Int	18-25-1	22-33-0
Average Per Attempt	4.7	6.5
Average Per Completion	6.5	9.7
Passing Touchdowns	1	2
TOTAL OFFENSE YARDS	180	468
Total offense plays	59	73
Average Gain Per Play	3.1	6.4
Fumbles: Number-Lost	3-2	1-0
Penalties: Number-Yards	15-124	16-149
PUNTS-YARDS	6-253	3-110
Average Yards Per Punt	42.2	36.7
Net Yards Per Punt	41.7	32
Inside 20	1	0
50+ Yards	0	0
Touchbacks	0	0
Fair catch	3	1
KICKOFF-YARDS	3-177	8-474
Average Yards Per Kickoff	59.0	59.2
Net Yards Per Kickoff	43.7	40.5
Touchbacks	0	2
Fair Catch Yards	0	0
Punt returns: Number-Yards-TD	1-14-0	2-3-0
Average Per Return	14.0	1.5
Kickoff returns: Number-Yds-TD	5-79-0	3-46-0
Average Per Return	15.8	15.3
Interceptions: Number-Yds-TD	0-0-0	1-45-1
Fumble Returns: Number-Yds-TD	0-0-0	1-0-1
Miscellaneous Yards	0	0
Possession Time	31:28	28:32
1st Quarter	06:13	08:47
2nd Quarter	09:08	05:52
3rd Quarter	10:05	04:55
4th Quarter	06:02	08:58
Third-Down Conversions	4-12	6-15
Fourth-Down Conversions	1-2	2-4
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	2-2	2-3
Touchdowns	2	2
Field goals	0	0
Sacks By: Number-Yards	2-17	4-13
PAT Kicks	0-1	4-5
2Pts Conversions	1-1	1-1
Field Goals	0-0	1-2
Points off Turnover	0	13

▶▶ GAME NOTES

Big Notes

- Tonight was the first victory as San Diego State's head coach by Sean Lewis.
 - Danny O'Neil became the first true freshman quarterback in SDSU's Division I era (since 1969) to earn a start in a season-opener.
 - O'Neil is the third true freshman quarterback in San Diego State's DI era to earn a start and is the second to pick up a win in his first start (also Spencer Brinton on Oct. 25, 1997 - SDSU 10, Hawai'i 3).
 - The Aztecs scored 45 points tonight. In SDSU's two previous games that it started a true freshman quarterback for the first time, San Diego State combined for 23 points (10 vs. Hawai'i on Oct. 25, 1997 and 13 at Fresno State on Oct. 3, 2014).
 - Marquez Cooper rushed for 223 yards, the first 200-yard game since Rashaad Penny had 221 vs. Army West Point in the 2017 Armed Forces Bowl on Dec. 23.
 - The 223 rushing yards were the most by an Aztec since Penny had a career-high 234 at San Jose State on Nov. 4, 2017.
 - San Diego State's 45 points were its most in a game since scoring 48 vs. Towson on Sept. 25, 2021.
 - The Aztecs' 45 points were their most in a game played in San Diego since scoring 55 vs. Hawai'i on Nov. 5, 2016 (also a Snapdragon Stadium record).
 - SDSU improved to 57-2 the last 59 times it has rushed for at least 200 yards and is 54-1 in its last 55 regular-season games when rushing for 200-plus yards.
 - SDSU had two defensive touchdowns in the same game for the first time since Nov. 5, 2016 vs. Hawai'i.
 - San Diego State won its 34th straight game when forcing at least three turnovers.
 - The Aztecs won their 11th consecutive game when not committing a turnover.
- Season-Opening Notes**
- San Diego State improved to 55-42-5 all-time in season openers.
 - The Aztecs improved to 47-17-4 in home season openers.
 - SDSU improved to 27-8 when opening up its season at home in its Division I era.

Second Half Surge Propels SDSU Past TAMC, 45-14

SAN DIEGO -- Marquez Cooper rushed for 223 yards and two touchdowns to power San Diego State to a 45-14 victory over Texas A&M-Commerce on Saturday at Snapdragon Stadium, giving Sean Lewis a victory in his inaugural game as the Aztecs' head coach.

In addition, the SDSU defense scored a pair of touchdowns off turnovers in the second half to help erase a 6-3 deficit at intermission and thwart the Lions' upset bid.

Cooper, who carried 27 times in his SDSU debut after transferring from Ball State, posted the highest rushing total by an Aztec since Rashad Penny gained 253 yards at Hawai'i on Oct. 28, 2017.

Cooper's 47-yard scoring run on SDSU's first drive of the third quarter was the first of three touchdowns in a five-minute span, igniting a 42-8 blitz to give the Scarlet and Black its highest point-total since a 48-21 triumph over Towson on Sept. 25, 2021, in Carson, California.

Just two plays later on the ensuing possession, Trey White blitzed and forced a fumble by TAMUC quarterback Eric Rodriguez before Tano Letuli fell on the loose ball in the end zone for six additional points. The conversion attempt was unsuccessful, but the Aztecs found themselves suddenly in control at 16-6.

After limiting the Lions to one first down, SDSU flashed its big-play capability once again when freshman quarterback Danny O'Neil threaded a 44-yard touchdown pass to Louis Brown IV on the third play of the subsequent drive, while Michael Harrison swept around right end moments later for a two-point conversion, increasing the advantage to 24-6.

TAMUC responded with an eight-play, 65-yard scoring march, capped by Rodriguez's touchdown pass to Drew Allison from six yards out. JaiSean McMillian hauled in the two-point conversion pass, trimming the margin to 24-14.

On the first play of the fourth quarter, Cooper plowed seven yards up the middle for his second touchdown of the night to punctuate a seven-play, 95-yard advance.

It didn't take long for another round of fireworks to ignite, as JD Coffey III picked off an errant Rodriguez pass on the third play of TAMUC's ensuing possession and rambled 45 yards for a touchdown to extend the lead to 38-14.

Following a punt, O'Neil quickly directed the Aztecs on their final scoring drive of the game, covering 79 yards on seven plays highlighted by an eight-yard touchdown strike to Jordan Napier with 6:57 left in the game.

Making his collegiate debut, O'Neil completed 22 of 33 passes for 214 yards.

Ja'Shaun Poke led the Aztec receiving corps with six catches for 30 yards, while Brown had three catches for 91 yards.

Overall, SDSU rushed for 254 yards in the contest, improving to 57-2 in its last 59 games when gaining 200 yards or more on the ground.

However, the Scarlet and Black started slowly, mustering a lone field goal in the first half, as Gabriel Plascencia split the uprights from 50 yards out with 28 seconds left in the opening period.

Late in the second quarter, the Lions drove 75 yards in 10 plays, with EJ Oakmon barreling in from a yard out to give the visitors their only lead of the game.

Despite trailing in time of possession (31:28 to 28:32), the Aztec defense holding TAMUC to just 180 yards in total offense in 59 plays.

>> SCORING SUMMARY

Qtr	Time	Team	Scoring Play	Plays	TOP	Score
1st	0:28	SDSU	Plascencia 50-yd field goal	16	5:27	3-0
2nd	0:59	AMC	Oakmon 1-yd run (PAT missed)	10	4:08	3-6
3rd	11:34	SDSU	Cooper 47-yd run (PAT good)	6	1:54	10-6
3rd	10:47	SDSU	Letuli fumble recovery in endzone (PAT missed)	-	-	16-6
3rd	6:36	SDSU	Brown IV 44-yd pass f/O'Neil (2-pt good)	3	4:18	24-6
3rd	2:17	AMC	Allison 6-yd pass f/Rodriguez (2-pt good)	8	4:18	24-14
4th	14:55	SDSU	Cooper 7-yd run (PAT good)	7	2:17	31-14
4th	13:48	SDSU	Coffey III 45-yd interception (PAT good)	-	-	38-14
4th	6:57	SDSU	Napier 8-yd pass f/O'Neil (PAT good)	7	4:28	45-14

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

>> TEXAS A&M-COMMERCE

Rushing	Att	Yds	TD	Long	Avg
Oakmon	8	30	1	8	3.8
McMillian	6	22	0	6	3.7
Peace	6	21	0	9	3.5
Jackson	5	18	0	8	3.6
Frasch	1	2	0	2	2.0
Rodriguez	7	-3	0	5	-0.4
TEAM	1	-27	0	0	-27.0
Totals	34	63	1	9	1.9

Passing	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack
Rodriguez	14-20-1	105	1	29	3
Peace	4-5-0	12	0	5	1
Totals	18-25-1	117	1	29	4

Receiving	No.	Yds	TD	Long
Daniels	3	16	0	8
Wilson	3	10	0	5
Bilbo	2	35	0	27
Sallis	2	31	0	29
Proctor	2	9	0	9
Jourdain	1	7	0	7
Allison	1	6	1	6
Sweeting	1	4	0	4
Garmon	1	-4	0	0
Totals	18	117	1	29

>> SAN DIEGO STATE

Rushing	Att	Yds	TD	Long	Avg
Cooper	27	223	2	47	8.3
O'Neil	5	18	0	28	3.6
Armstead	5	9	0	7	1.8
Tupou'ata-Johnson	1	7	0	7	7.0
Sutton	1	3	0	3	3.0
Poke	1	-6	0	0	-6.0
Totals	40	254	2	47	6.5

Passing	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack
O'Neil	22-33-0	214	2	44	2
Totals	22-33-0	214	2	44	2

Receiving	No.	Yds	TD	Long
Poke	6	30	0	9
Brown IV	3	91	1	44
Napier	3	40	1	29
Harrison	3	22	0	9
Wolfe	3	14	0	6
Cooper	3	10	0	9
Brooks	1	7	0	7
Totals	22	214	2	44