

SAN DIEGO STATE FOOTBALL

POSTGAME NOTES ♦ San Diego State 27, Hawai'i 24 ♦ Oct. 5, 2024 ♦ Snapdragon Stadium (San Diego, Calif.)



FINAL SCORE	27	24
Time Spent in the Lead (<i>Tied 22:06</i>)	35:20	2:34
Total Plays-Yards	67-323	73-356
Plus Territory: Plays-Yards	4.82	4.88
Drives with Plays in Plus Territory	6 of 10	5 of 10
First Down Plays-Yards	27-149	30-86
Average on First Down	5.52	2.87
Rushes-Yards (Avg.)	14-68 (4.9)	11-20 (1.8)
Passes-Yards (Avg.)	13-81 (6.2)	19-66 (3.5)
First Down Sacked (goes down as a rush)	0-0	0-0
First Down Penalties by Opponents-Yards	0-0	1-15
First Down Penalties by Offense-Yards	4-50	3-26
First Downs Made	6	2
First Down Turnovers	0	1
First Down Touchdowns	2	1
Third Down Efficiency (Pct.)	6-16 (37.5)	8-14 (57.1)
Rushing (Pct.)	2-6 (33.3)	3-3 (100.0)
Passing (Pct.)	4-8 (50.0)	5-11 (45.5)
Third Down Sacked (goes down as a rush)	2-(-14)	0-0
Conversion by Penalties	2	1
Third Down Penalties by Opponents-Yards	2-25	1-15
Third Down Penalties by Offense-Yards	1-5	1-5
Average Yards to Go (All)	8.0	10.4
Yards Gained	75	103
Average Yards Gained/Att.	4.69	7.36
3rd & Long (9 or more)	0-3	2-7
3rd & Short (4 or less)	2-4	1-1
Third Down Turnovers	0	0
Third Down Touchdowns	1	1
Fourth Down Efficiency (Yards)	3-3 (11)	1-2 (17)
Total Possessions/Average Field Position	11/SD36	10/UH17
First Half	6/SD34	5/UH15
Second Half	4/SD38	5/UH20
Drives Started Inside/At Own 25	1/2	8/2
Points Scored (Touchdowns/Field Goals)	14 (2/0)	24 (3/1)
Drives Started in Plus Territory/Attempted to Score	2/2	0/0
Points Scored (Touchdowns/Field Goals)	3 (0/1)	0 (0/0)
Three and Outs or Less (must not have earned 1st D or scored)	3	4
Opponent Turnovers (Points)	1 (7)	0 (0)
Scores-Times in the Red Zone (Points)	5-5 (27)	2-2 (10)
Plays-Yards	15-46	9-16
Third Down Efficiency	1-4	0-1
Scores-Times in the Goal to Go (Points)	3-3 (13)	2-2 (6)
Plays-Yards	5-13	9-(-3)
Explosive Plays (20-plus Yards)	3	3
Rushing	1	0
Passing	2	3
Yards by Quarter:		
First	76	84
Second	139	82
Third	23	79
Fourth	85	111

BIG NOTES

- San Diego State won its conference opener for the ninth time in the last 12 years.
- The Aztecs improved to 10-2 in their last 12 Mountain West home openers.
- SDSU is now 50-23 (.685) in its last 73 games regular season games against Mountain West opponents.
- San Diego State improved to 38-3 over its last 41 games when leading after three quarters.
- The Aztecs have played in consecutive games decided by three points or less for the first time since 2010 (lost at Brigham Young, 24-21, on Oct. 9 and won vs. No. 23 Air Force, 27-25, on Oct. 16).
- This was the fourth consecutive one-score game between SDSU and Hawai'i (San Diego State has won all four games by a combined 19 points). Six of the last seven games between the two teams have been decided by one score.
- SDSU improved to 52-4 over the last 56 games when winning the turnover battle.
- The Aztecs are now 78-41 (.655) since the start of the 2015 campaign.
- EDGE **Trey White** had three sacks and four tackles for loss for the second straight game. White is averaging 1.80 sacks per game (nine sacks in five games), which is just ahead NCAA record pace (Terrell Suggs averaged 1.71 while at Arizona State in 2002 (24 sacks in 14 games) and Washington's Zion Tupuola-Fetui averaged 1.75 during the 2020 COVID-19 pandemic season (seven sacks in four games).
- RB **Marquez Cooper** recorded his second straight 100-yard rushing game, third this season and 20th of his career with 109 yards and two touchdowns on 30 carries.

SERIES NOTES

- San Diego State improved to 26-11-2 all-time against Hawai'i.
- The Aztecs won their fifth consecutive game in the series and have now won 11 of the last 13 encounters.
- SDSU improved to 13-4 all-time against the Rainbow Warriors at home.
- San Diego State has won 11 of the last 12 home games vs. Hawai'i.
- Hawai'i is the first team the Aztecs have beaten twice at Snapdragon Stadium (also in 2022).

TEAM NOTES

- This was San Diego State's lone home game in a 48-day span (last home game was Sept. 7 and next is Oct. 26).
- The Aztecs did not allow a first-quarter touchdown for the 10th time in the last 14 games.
- SDSU has allowed seven or fewer points in 27 of the last 29 first quarters.
- San Diego State improved to 67-17 since 2015 when scoring just 20-plus points (2-1 this year).
- The Aztecs snapped a three-game losing streak in games decided by three points or less and a four-game losing streak in one-score games (eight points or less).
- SDSU owned a 19-yard advantage in starting field position for the first time since also starting with a 19-yard advantage at Hawai'i last season (Oct. 14).
- Since the 1999 season, San Diego State is 16-1 when owning at least advantage of 18 yards in starting field position.
- The Aztecs are now 35-10 over the last 45 games when winning the field position battle.
- SDSU had at least one turnover in 18 straight games until not committing one against Fresno State in the 2023 finale. Over the last six games (one last year and five this year), San Diego State has four turnover-free contests.

TRENDS

- The Aztecs lost the coin toss for the fourth time this season (1-4).
- SDSU started with the ball for the 116th time over the last 162 games.
- San Diego State did not allow its opponent to score on its opening possession for the third time this season in five games, 19th time in 30 games since 2022, 31st time in 43 games since 2021 and 85th time since 2015 (119 games).
- The Aztecs improved to 1-1 this season when leading at the half.

PLAYER NOTES

* **Danny O'Neil, Fr., QB (24-for-33, 224 yds., 1 TD, 0 INT)**

Threw his fifth touchdown pass of the season (and career) ... Completed his first 10 pass attempts

of the game and had a career-high 24 for the game ... Has started his collegiate career with 113 passes without an interception.

*** Marquez Cooper, Sr., RB (30 att., 109 yds., 2 TD | 4 rec., 28 yds.)**

Broke 100 yards rushing for the third time this season and 20th time of his career ... Ran for 109 yards and now has 583 on the season in five games (116.6 yards per game) ... Now has 4,439 yards for his career, which ranks 72nd in NCAA history (according to SportsReference.com) ... The two players ahead of Cooper are Earl Campbell (4,443 yards while at Texas from 1974-77) and Eric Dickerson (4,450 yards while at SMU from 1979-82) ... Scored his fourth and fifth touchdowns of the season, and now has 38 for his career ... It was his 12th career multi-touchdown game (second this season).

*** Louis Brown IV, Jr., WR (5 rec., 41 yds., 1 TD)**

Caught his second touchdown pass of the season and seventh of his career.

*** Trey White, So., EDGE (5 tackles (4 solo), 3.0 sacks, 4.0 TFL, 1 PBU)**

Had exactly three sacks and four tackles for loss for a second straight game ... Now has 8.5 sacks over the last three games and nine for the season in five games ... Is averaging 1.80 sacks per game, which is just ahead NCAA record pace (Terrell Suggs averaged 1.71 while at Arizona State in 2002 (24 sacks in 14 games) and Washington's Zion Tupuola-Fetui averaged 1.75 during the 2020 COVID-19 pandemic season (seven sacks in four games) ... His four tackles for loss were the most in Snapdragon Stadium history, while his three sacks tied a stadium best.

*** Marlem Louis, Sr., EDGE (3 tackles (3 solo), 2.0 sacks, 2.0 TFL)**

Logged a season-high two sacks, including on the final play of the game.

*** Tyler Pastula, Sr., P (5 P, 47.6 avg., 65 long, 2 I20)**

Punted five times for a 47.6 average with two going for 50-plus yards and two landing inside the 20-yard line ... Logged a net punt average of 45.4 yards per boot ... Off his five punts, Hawai'i average starting on its own 14.8-yard line and scored just seven points on one touchdown.

*** Gabe Plascencia, Jr., K (2-for-2 FG, 3-for-3 PATs | 6 KO, 60.7 avg., 1 TB)**

Made two field goals for the third time of his career ... Is now 3-for-4 in field goal attempts this season and 7-for-8 for his career.

OTHER NOTES

- RB Marquez Cooper started for the 37th consecutive game, the longest streak among the Aztec offensive and defensive players.
- Cooper's 47 career starts are the most among any current Aztec offensive or defensive player.
- EDGEs Dominic Oliver and Ryan Henderson each earned their first career starts, while LB Kyle Moretti earned his first start as an Aztec.
- P Tyler Pastula played in his 50th consecutive game and 50th game overall, both the longest and most among any current Aztec.
- CB Jelani Whitmore recorded his first career interception.
- Tonight's temperature was 71 degrees at kickoff.
- Tonight's attendance was 31,307.
- The Aztec shield was carried out tonight by CB Chris Johnson.
- Tonight's Honor Warrior was former Aztec quarterback Lon Sheriff (1999-02).