

SAN DIEGO STATE FOOTBALL

POSTGAME NOTES ♦ Washington State 29, San Diego State 26 ♦ Oct. 26, 2024 ♦ Snapdragon Stadium (San Diego, Calif.)



FINAL SCORE	26	29
Time Spent in the Lead (<i>Tied 2:34</i>)	17:02	40:24
Total Plays-Yards	71-414	67-371
Plus Territory: Plays-Yards	36-155	33-164
Drives with Plays in Plus Territory	8 of 11	7 of 11
First Down Plays-Yards	30-192	30-136
Average on First Down	6.40	4.53
Rushes-Yards (Avg.)	12-80 (6.7)	17-78 (4.6)
Passes-Yards (Avg.)	16-112 (7.0)	12-58 (4.8)
First Down Sacked (goes down as a rush)	2-(-13)	1-(-5)
First Down Penalties by Opponents-Yards	1-15	2-25
First Down Penalties by Offense-Yards	2-10	2-20
First Downs Made	6	6
First Down Turnovers	0	0
First Down Touchdowns	2	1
Third Down Efficiency (Pct.)	5-14 (35.7)	5-12 (41.7)
Rushing (Pct.)	1-2 (50.0)	3-9 (33.3)
Passing (Pct.)	4-12 (33.3)	2-2 (100.0)
Third Down Sacked (goes down as a rush)	0-0	1-(-9)
Conversion by Penalties	0	1
Third Down Penalties by Opponents-Yards	0-0	1-8
Third Down Penalties by Offense-Yards	0-0	0-0
Average Yards to Go (All)	7.5	6.2
Yards Gained	87	53
Average Yards Gained/Att.	6.21	4.42
3rd & Long (9 or more)	0-3	0-3
3rd & Short (4 or less)	0-5	3-6
Third Down Turnovers	1	0
Third Down Touchdowns	1	0
Fourth Down Efficiency (Yards)	1-2 (20)	1-3 (-1)
Total Possessions/Average Field Position	11/SDSU30	11/WSU30
First Half	5/SDSU26	5/WSU33
Second Half	6/SDSU32	6/WSU29
Drives Started Inside/At Own 25	3/2	2/1
Points Scored (Touchdowns/Field Goals)	3 (0/1)	7 (1/0)
Drives Started in Plus Territory/Attempted to Score	1/1	0/0
Points Scored (Touchdowns/Field Goals)	7 (1/0)	0 (0/0)
Three and Outs or Less (must not have earned 1st D or scored)	2	2
Opponent Turnovers (Points)	1 (7)	1 (7)
Scores-Times in the Red Zone (Points)	3-4 (17)	2-2 (14)
Plays-Yards	13-36	9-34
Third Down Efficiency	1-3	1-1
Scores-Times in the Goal to Go (Points)	2-2 (14)	2-2 (14)
Plays-Yards	4-11	5-5
Explosive Plays (20-plus Yards)	5	5
Rushing	2	1
Passing	3	4
Yards by Quarter:		
First	135	100
Second	80	89
Third	123	21
Fourth	76	161

BIG NOTES

- San Diego State has played in four consecutive games decided by three points or less for the first time in its Division I history (since 1969).
The Aztecs' last four games have been decided by a total of 10 points (SDSU is 2-2 in those games).
- San Diego State has played in three consecutive games decided by the same score (in this case, three points) for just the second time in its Division I history (the Aztecs played three straight seven-point games in 2013).
- SDSU fell to 7-8 against the Pac-12 since the start of the 2016 season.
- San Diego State fell to 38-4 over the last 42 games when leading at the end of the third quarter.
- On the season, the Aztecs are now outscoring the opposition, 45-14, in points off turnovers.
- SDSU is 79-42 (.653) since the start of the 2015 campaign, which is the 20th-best record in the country over that span.
- This was just the second home game for San Diego State a 49-day span (also Oct. 5 vs. Hawai'i).
- This was the first 29-26 final in the Aztecs' DI history.
- RB Marquez Cooper ran for 78 yards and now has 4,604 yards for his career, which ranks 49th in NCAA history (according to SportsReference.com). Some of the players he passed tonight include both Faulk brothers (Kevin - 4,557 and Marshall - 4,589), Darren McFadden (4,590) and Thurman Thomas (4,595).

SERIES NOTES

- San Diego State fell to 1-2 all-time against Washington State.
- The Aztecs are now 1-1 vs. the Cougars at home.

TEAM NOTES

- The Aztecs allowed a first-quarter touchdown for just the sixth time in the last 16 games.
- SDSU has allowed seven or fewer points in 29 of the last 31 first quarters.
- San Diego State fell to 68-18 since 2015 when scoring just 20-plus points (3-2 this year).
- The Aztecs threw for a season-high 284 yards.
- SDSU fell to 6-1 in its DI history when scoring

TRENDS

- The Aztecs lost the coin toss for the sixth time this season (1-6).
- SDSU started with the ball for the 118th time over the last 164 games.
- San Diego State allowed its opponent to score on its opening possession for the third time this season in seven games, 12th time in 32 games since 2022, 13th time in 45 games since 2021 and 35th time since 2015 (121 games).

PLAYER NOTES

*** Danny O'Neil, TR-Fr., QB (22-for-34, 195 yds., 0 TD, 1 INT)**

Fell to 3-3 as the team's starting quarterback ... Threw just his second interception of his career.

*** Marquez Cooper, Sr., RB (18 att., 78 yds., 2 TD | 1 rec., 6 yds.)**

Ran for 78 yards and now has 748 on the season in seven games (106.9 yards per game) ... Now has 4,604 yards for his career, which ranks 49th in NCAA history (according to SportsReference.com) ... Some of the players he passed tonight include both Faulk brothers (Kevin - 4,557 and Marshall - 4,589), Darren McFadden (4,590) and Thurman Thomas (4,595) ... Scored his seventh and eighth touchdowns of the season and now has 41 for his career ... It was his third game this season with multiple touchdowns and 13th of his career ... According to SportsReference.com, he became the 200th player with 40 career rushing touchdowns ... He's now tied for 178th with 41 career rushing scores.

*** Nate Bennett, Sr., WR (5 rec., 73 yds., 1 TD)**

Had a season-high five catches ... His 73 yards were one short of tying a season best ... Scored his first touchdown as an Aztec and fifth of his career.

*** Ja'Shaun Poke, Sr.^, WR (10 rec., 80 yds. | 1 att., 1 yd. | 3 KR, 61 yds. | 142 all-purpose yards)**

Caught a season-high 10 catches for a season-best 80 yards ... The 10 receptions are the most by an Aztec in Snapdragon history and tied for the most in a game in Snapdragon history ... Over the last two games, has 18 catches for 140 yards ... His 142 all-purpose yards were a season high and a game high.

*** Michael Harrison, Sr., TE (6 rec., 46 yds.)**

Recorded season highs in both receptions (6) and yards (46) ... Made his first start as an Aztec.

*** Jordan Napier, RS-Fr., WR (3 rec., 44 yds. | 1-for-1, 17 yds., 1 TD)**

Threw his first pass of his career, which was a 17-yard strike to Nate Bennett.

*** Tano Letuli, So., LB (10 tackles (4 solo), 0.5 TFL)**

Had a career-high 10 tackles ... He's the second Aztec with a 10-tackle game this season, trailing JD Coffey's 15 at Central Michigan on Sept. 28.

*** Trey White, So., EDGE (3 tackles (2 solo), 0.5 sacks, 0.5 TFL)**

Had 0.5 sacks ... Now has 11.0 sacks over the last five games and 11.5 for the season in seven games ... Is averaging 1.64 sacks per game, which is just behind NCAA record pace (NCAA defensive stats only tracked in record book since 2000) (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) ... Already has 11.5 sacks this year, is tied with Cameron Thomas (2021) for the sixth most in SDSU single-season history.... Below is San Diego State's single-season top-10 list for sacks:

Pl.	Player, Season	Sacks
1.	Mike Douglass, 1976	21.0
2.	Brett Faryniarz, 1987	13.0
3.	Andy Coviello, 1991	12.5
4.	Kabeer Gbaja-Biamila, 1999	12.0
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6.	Trey White, 2024	11.5 (in seven games)
	Cameron Thomas, 2021	11.5
8.	Jonah Tavai, 2022	10.5
	Levi Esene, 1986	10.5
10.	Calvin Munson, 2015	9.5
	Miles Burris, 2010	9.5
	Jack Eaton, 1985	9.5

*** Gabe Plascencia, Jr., K (2-for-2 FG, 2-for-2 PATs)**

Made two field goals for the fifth time of his career ... Is now 7-for-8 in field goal attempts this season and 11-for-12 for his career.

OTHER NOTES

- RB Marquez Cooper started for the 39th consecutive game, the longest streak among the Aztec offensive and defensive players.
- Cooper's 48 career starts are the most among any current Aztec offensive or defensive player.
- P Tyler Pastula played in his 52nd consecutive game and 52nd game overall, both the longest and most among any current Aztec.
- Tonight's temperature was 67 degrees at kickoff.
- Tonight's attendance was 26,937.
- The Aztec shield was carried out tonight by LB DJ Herman.
- Tonight's Honor Warrior was former Aztec linebacker Kyahva Tezino (2016-19).