# SAN DIEGO STATE FOOTBALL

POSTGAME NOTES + (rv/rv) UNLV 41, San Diego State 20 + Nov. 16, 2024 + Allegiant Stadium (Las Vegas, Nev.)

FINAL SCORE	20	41
Time Spent in the Lead (Tied 10:55)	0:00	49:05
Total Plays-Yards	58-270	79-515
Plus Territory: Plays-Yards	18-130	53-319
Drives with Plays in Plus Territory	4-14	10-14
First Down Plays-Yards	25-139	23-241
Average on First Down	5.56	7.09
Rushes-Yards (Avg.)	14-46 (3.3)	18-114 (6.3)
Passes-Yards (Avg.)	10-93 (9.3)	15-127 (8.5)
First Down Sacked (goes down as a rush)	1-(-7)	1-(-6)
First Down Penalties by Opponents-Yards	1-9	0-0
First Down Penalties by Offense-Yards	2-20	0-0
First Downs Made	6	7
First Down Turnovers	1	0
First Down Touchdowns	1	1
Third Down Efficiency (Pct.)	3-12 (25.0)	8-16 (50.0)
Rushing (Pct.)	1-5 (20.0)	4-8 (50.0)
Passing (Pct.)	2-6 (33.0)	4-8 (50.0)
Third Down Sacked (goes down as a rush)	1-(-8)	0-0
Conversion by Penalties	0	0
Third Down Penalties by Opponents-Yards	0-0	0-0
Third Down Penalties by Offense-Yards	1-10	1-10
Average Yards to Go (All)	8.3	5.3
Yards Gained	46	96
Average Yards Gained/Att.	3.83	6.00
3rd & Long (9 or more)	1-3	1-3
3rd & Short (4 or less)	2-4	4-9
Third Down Turnovers	0	0
Third Down Touchdowns	0	2
Fourth Down Efficiency (Yards)	1-3 (2)	1-2 (4)
Total Possessions/Average Field Position	14/SDSU30	14/UNLV35
First Half	8/SDSU23	8/UNLV43
Second Half	6/SDSU41	6/UNLV26
Drives Started Inside/At Own 25	4/6	2/4
Points Scored (Touchdowns/Field Goals)	7 (1/0)	6 (0/2)
Drives Started in Plus Territory/Attempted to Score	3/3	4/4
Points Scored (Touchdowns/Field Goals)	13 (2/0)	14 (2/0)
Three and Outs or Less (must not have earned 1st D a	or scored) 6	4
Opponent Turnovers (Points)	1 (0)	2 (7)
Scores-Times in the Red Zone (Points)	1-2 (7)	6-8 (38)
Plays-Yards	8-10	25-99
Third Down Efficiency	0-2	3-7
Scores-Times in the Goal to Go (Points)	1-1 (7)	5-6 (31)
Plays-Yards	6-9	17-32
Explosive Plays (20-plus Yards)	2	8
Rushing	0	3
Passing	2	5
Yards by Quarter: First	23	110
Second	110	156
Third <sub>.</sub>	115	124
<u>Fourth</u>	22	125

#### **BIG NOTES**

- RB Marquez Cooper became the first Aztec with a 1,000-yard rushing season since Greg Bell
  in 2021 (Bell had 1,091 yards in 14 games) and the 19th different Aztec with a 1,000-yard
  season (27 times overall).
- Cooper is the first player in NCAA FBS history with a 1,000-yard rushing season with three different teams. Cooper had 1,080 and 1,326 while at Kent State in 2021 and 2022, respectively, and 1,043 last year at Ball State.
- Cooper has tied an NCAA FBS record with four 1,000-yard rushing seasons. The other players
  to accomplish the feat are Tony Dorsett (Pittsburgh, 1973-76), Amos Lawrence (North Carolina,
  1977-80), Denvis Manns, New Mexico State (1995-98), Ron Dayne (Wisconsin, 1996-99);
  Cedric Benson (Texas, 2002-05), DonTrell Moore (New Mexico, 2002-05), Tyrell Fenroy
  (Louisiana, 2005-08), Damion Fletcher (Southern Miss., 2006-09), Justin Jackson (Northwestern, 2014-17) and Myles Gaskin (Washington, 2015-18).

#### **TEAM NOTES**

- San Diego State had its four-game winning streak against UNLV snapped. The four-game winning streak was tied for the longest in series history.
- The Aztecs fell to 79-45 (.637) since the start of the 2015 campaign, which is the 20th-best record in the country over that span.
- SDSU fell to 51-26 (.662) in its last 77 regular-season games against Mountain West opponents.

# **SERIES NOTES**

- San Diego State fell to 22-11 all-time against UNLV.
- The Aztecs had their four-game winning streak against UNLV snapped, which was the longest winning streak for either team in the series.
- SDSU is now 9-7 all-time at UNLV, including a 1-1 record at Allegiant Stadium.
- San Diego State has still won eight of the last 10 meetings (8-2), 11 of the last 14 (11-3) and 17 of the last 22 (17-5).

#### **TRENDS**

- The Aztecs won the coin toss for just the third time this season (3-7).
- SDSU did not start with the ball for just the 48th time over the last 167 games.
- San Diego State did not allow its opponent to score on its opening possession for the sixth time
  this season in 10 games, 22nd time in 35 games since 2022, 34th time in 48 games since
  2021 and 88th time since 2015 (124 games).
- The Aztecs allowed a first-quarter touchdown for just the ninth time in the last 19 games.
- SDSU has still allowed seven or fewer points in 30 of the last 34 first quarters.

# **PLAYER NOTES**

# \* Marquez Cooper, Sr., RB (26 att., 97 yds. | 2 rec., 14 yds.)

Now has 1,062 yards on the season in 10 games (106.2) ... Became the first Aztec with a 1,000-yard rushing season since Greg Bell in 2021 (Bell had 1,091 yards in 14 games) and the 19th different Aztec with a 1,000-yard season (27 times overall) ... Is the first player in NCAA FBS history with a 1,000-yard rushing season with three different teams. Cooper had 1,080 and 1,326 while at Kent State in 2021 and 2022, respectively, and 1,043 last year at Ball State ... Tied an NCAA FBS record with four 1,000-yard rushing seasons. The other players to accomplish the feat are Tony Dorsett (Pittsburgh, 1973-76), Amos Lawrence (North Carolina, 1977-80), Denvis Manns, New Mexico State (1995-98), Ron Dayne (Wisconsin, 1996-99); Cedric Benson (Texas, 2002-05), DonTrell Moore (New Mexico, 2002-05), Tyrell Fenroy (Louisiana, 2005-08), Damion Fletcher (Southern Miss., 2006-09), Justin Jackson (Northwestern, 2014-17) and Myles Gaskin (Washington, 2015-18) ... Now has 4,918 yards for his career, which ranks 32nd in NCAA history (according to SportsReference.com).

\* Danny O'Neil, TR-Fr., QB (13-for-22, 162 yds., 2 TD, 2 INT | 9 att., 10 yds., 1 TD) Fell to 3-6 as the team's starting quarterback ... Threw multiple touchdown passes for the fourth time this season ... Now has 11 touchdown passes this season (and career) ... Scored his first career rushing touchdown.

#### \* Ja'Shaun Poke, Sr., WR (3 rec., 79 yds., 1 TD | 2 KR, 54 yds.)

Caught his first touchdown pass of the season and sixth of his career ... Now has seven overall touchdowns for his career ... The touchdown was his first since scoring a rushing touchdown while at Kent State against Buffalo on Nov. 26, 2022 ... It was his first receiving touchdowns since Nov. 16, 2022 against Eastern Michigan.

# \* Louis Brown IV, Jr., WR (1 rec., 28 yds., 1 TD)

Caught his third touchdown pass of the season and eighth of his career . . . It was his first touchdown since Oct. 5 against Hawai'i.

# \* Eric Butler, Jr., S (8 tackles (5 solo), 1.5 TFL, 1 FF)

Tied for the team lead with eight tackles ... Had 1.5 tackles for loss ... Forced a fumble.

# \* Tyler Pastula, Sr., P (6 P, 48.2 avg., 1 I20, 58 long)

Punted six times for a 48.2 average ... Had a long of 58 yards.

# **OTHER NOTES**

- RB Marquez Cooper started for the 42nd consecutive game, the longest streak among the Aztec offensive and defensive players.
- Cooper's 51 career starts are the most among any current Aztec offensive or defensive player.
- P Tyler Pastula played in his 55th consecutive game and 55th game overall, both the longest and most among any current Aztec.
- Tonight's attendance was 30,386