

SAN DIEGO STATE FOOTBALL

POSTGAME NOTES ♦ Utah State 41, San Diego State 20 ♦ Nov. 23, 2024 ♦ Maverik Stadium (Logan, Utah)



FINAL SCORE	20	41
Time Spent in the Lead (<i>Tied 15:00</i>)	14:44	30:06
Total Plays-Yards	74-412	72-488
Plus Territory: Plays-Yards	41-148	27-195
Drives with Plays in Plus Territory	7-13	7-13
First Down Plays-Yards	33-166	34-280
Average on First Down	5.03	8.23
Rushes-Yards (Avg.)	13-79 (6.1)	26-203 (7.8)
Passes-Yards (Avg.)	18-87 (4.8)	7-77 (11.0)
First Down Sacked (goes down as a rush)	2-(-7)	1-(-7)
First Down Penalties by Opponents-Yards	0-0	2-20
First Down Penalties by Offense-Yards	5-36	1-15
First Downs Made	8	8
First Down Turnovers	0	0
First Down Touchdowns	1	2
Third Down Efficiency (Pct.)	6-16 (37.5)	7-13 (53.8)
Rushing (Pct.)	4-8 (50.0)	3-5 (60.0)
Passing (Pct.)	2-7 (28.6)	4-7 (57.1)
Third Down Sacked (goes down as a rush)	1-(-8)	1-(-7)
Conversion by Penalties	0	0
Third Down Penalties by Opponents-Yards	0-0	0-0
Third Down Penalties by Offense-Yards	2-10	0-0
Average Yards to Go (All)	8.8	4.1
Yards Gained	103	62
Average Yards Gained/Att.	6.44	4.77
3rd & Long (9 or more)	1-6	0-2
3rd & Short (4 or less)	3-8	5-9
Third Down Turnovers	0	0
Third Down Touchdowns	1	1
Fourth Down Efficiency (Yards)	0-2 (-5)	1-2 (0)
Total Possessions/Average Field Position	13/SDSU30	13/USU26
First Half	8/SDSU35	7/USU25
Second Half	5/SDSU22	6/USU28
Drives Started Inside/At Own 25	3/7	5/4
Points Scored (Touchdowns/Field Goals)	10 (1/1)	20 (3/0)
Drives Started in Plus Territory/Attempted to Score	2/2	1/1
Points Scored (Touchdowns/Field Goals)	10 (1/1)	7 (1/0)
Three and Outs or Less (must not have earned 1st D or scored)	5	3
Opponent Turnovers (Points)	1 (7)	0 (0)
Scores-Times in the Red Zone (Points)	4-5 (20)	6-6 (41)
Plays-Yards	18-47	16-96
Third Down Efficiency	2-5	2-2
Scores-Times in the Goal to Go (Points)	0-1 (0)	5-5 (34)
Plays-Yards	4-6	10-36
Explosive Plays (20-plus Yards)	3	5
Rushing	1	4
Passing	2	1
Yards by Quarter:		
First	144	19
Second	91	151
Third	59	121
Fourth	118	197

BIG NOTES

- RB Marquez Cooper became the 23rd player in NCAA FBS history with 5,000 rushing yards for his career and the first since Wisconsin's Jonathan Taylor in 2019.
- Cooper logged his fifth 100-yard rushing game of the season and 22nd of his career.
- Cooper became the first Aztec with 10 rushing touchdowns in a season since Juwan Washington in 2018.
- WR Louis Brown IV recorded his second 100-yard receiving game of the season and third of his career.
- EDGE Trey White had a solo sack, giving him 12.5 on the year, tied with Andy Coviello in 1991 for the third most in SDSU single-season history.
- SDSU had a 100-yard rusher and a 100-yard passer for the second game this season (also at Central Michigan on Sept. 28).

TEAM NOTES

- San Diego State fell to 3-5 on the season, but just 68-21 since 2015 when scoring at least 20 points.
- The Aztecs dropped to 37-6 since 2012 when not committing a turnover.
- SDSU fell to 53-6 over its last 59 games and 20-4 over its last 24 games when committing fewer turnovers than its opponent.

SERIES NOTES

- San Diego State fell to 13-5 all-time against Utah State.
- The Aztecs are now 5-1 against the Aggies in Logan, Utah.
- USU's three straight wins are its longest winning streak in the series.

TRENDS

- The Aztecs lost the coin toss for the eighth time this season (3-8).
- SDSU started with the ball for the 120th time over the last 168 games.
- San Diego State did not allow its opponent to score on its opening possession for the seventh time this season in 11 games, 23rd time in 36 games since 2022, 35th time in 49 games since 2021 and 89th time since 2015 (125 games).
- The Aztecs did not allow a first-quarter touchdown for the 11th time in the last 20 games.
- SDSU has allowed seven or fewer points in 31 of the last 35 first quarters.
- San Diego State fell to 3-2 on the season when scoring first.
- The Aztecs fell to 2-1 on the season when leading at the end of the first quarter.

PLAYER NOTES

*** Marquez Cooper, Sr., RB (23 att., 118 yds., 1 TD | 1 rec., 9 yds.)**

Became the 23rd player in NCAA FBS history with 5,000 rushing yards for his career and the first since Wisconsin's Jonathan Taylor in 2019 ... Now has 5,036 yards for his career, which ranks 22nd in NCAA history ... Now has 1,180 yards on the season in 11 games (107.3 RYPG) ... The 1,180 yards are the 16th most in SDSU single-season history ... Recorded his fifth 100-yard rushing game this season and 22nd of his career ... Scored his 10th rushing touchdown of the season and 43rd of his career ... Became the first Aztec with 10 rushing touchdowns in a season since Juwan Washington had 10 in 2018 ... Now has 11 overall touchdowns this season and 44 for his career.

*** Louis Brown IV, Jr., WR (7 rec., 114 yds.)**

Logged his second 100-yard receiving game this season and third of his career ... The seven catches were one off a career high.

*** Mekhi Shaw, Sr., WR (3 rec., 33 yds., 1 TD)**

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

*** Danny O'Neil, TR-Fr., QB (23-for-31, 199 yds., 0 TD, 0 INT | 8 att., 37 yds.)**

Fell to 3-7 as the team's starting quarterback ... Had a career-long 34-yard rushing attempt.

*** Javance Tupou'ata-Johnson, RS-Fr., QB (3-for-5, 25 yds., 1 TD, 0 INT | 4 att., 16 yds.)**

Made the most of his one drive, going 3-for-5 for 25 yards, including a 12-yard touchdown pass to Mekhi Shaw with 32 seconds remaining ... The touchdown pass was his second of the season (also at California on Sept. 14).

*** Trey White, So., EDGE (7 tackles (3 solo), 1.0 SCK, 2.0 TFL)**

Logged a sack and now has 12.5 sacks for the season, breaking a tie with Cameron Thomas (2021) and passing Kabeer Gbaja-Biamila (1997 and 1999) into a tie for third on SDSU's single-season sack list with 13.5 (also Andy Coviello, 1991).

*** Dalesean Staley, So., S (11 tackles (7 solo))**

Logged an Aztec and Division I-high 11 tackles ... Led the team in tackles for the first time of his career.

*** Gabe Plascencia, K (2-for-2 FG, 2-for-2 PAT | 5 KO, 62.0 avg., 4 TB)**

Made both of his field goal attempts and now has made 12 consecutive field goals ... Is now 13-for-14 (.929) on field goal attempts this season and 17-for-18 (.944) for his career ... The .929 field goal percentage this year is currently an Aztec single-season record, while the .944 career mark would be a program record if he had enough attempts (25) to qualify ... Now has five games this season with multiple field goals and seven for his career.

*** Tyler Pastula, Sr., P (6 P, 47.7 avg., 2 50+, 68 long)**

Punted six times for a 48.2 average ... Had a long punt of 68 yards, his fourth punt of at least that distance this season.

OTHER NOTES

- RB Marquez Cooper started for the 43rd consecutive game, the longest streak among the Aztec offensive and defensive players.
- Cooper's 52 career starts are the most among any current Aztec offensive or defensive player.
- P Tyler Pastula played in his 56th consecutive game and 56th game overall, both the longest and most among any current Aztec.
- DT Brady Nassar recorded his first career interception.
- Today's temperature was 59 degrees at kickoff.
- Today's attendance was 12,583.