

# SAN DIEGO STATE FOOTBALL

**POSTGAME NOTES** ♦ Air Force 31, San Diego State 20 ♦ Nov. 30, 2024 ♦ Snapdragon Stadium (San Diego, Calif.)



FINAL SCORE	20	31
Time Spent in the Lead ( <i>Tied 10:29</i> )	0:00	49:31
Total Plays-Yards	68-356	54-404
Plus Territory: Plays-Yards	30-158	24-97
Drives with Plays in Plus Territory	6 of 7	5 of 8
First Down Plays-Yards	28-170	26-139
Average on First Down	6.07	5.35
Rushes-Yards (Avg.)	14-62 (4.4)	26-139 (5.4)
Passes-Yards (Avg.)	12-108 (9.0)	0-0 (0.0)
First Down Sacked (goes down as a rush)	2-(-5)	0-0
First Down Penalties by Opponents-Yards	1-15	0-0
First Down Penalties by Offense-Yards	0-0	0-0
First Downs Made	7	4
First Down Turnovers	1	0
First Down Touchdowns	1	3
Third Down Efficiency (Pct.)	8-14 (57.1)	6-9 (66.7)
Rushing (Pct.)	3-5 (60.0)	5-8 (62.5)
Passing (Pct.)	5-9 (55.6)	1-1 (100.0)
Third Down Sacked (goes down as a rush)	0-0	0-0
Conversion by Penalties	0	0
Third Down Penalties by Opponents-Yards	0-0	0-0
Third Down Penalties by Offense-Yards	2-13	1-10
Average Yards to Go (All)	6.8	5.7
Yards Gained	88	104
Average Yards Gained/Att.	6.29	11.56
3rd & Long (9 or more)	1-4	0-1
3rd & Short (4 or less)	4-5	4-5
Third Down Turnovers	0	0
Third Down Touchdowns	1	0
Fourth Down Efficiency (Yards)	2-5 (1)	0-0 (0)
Total Possessions/Average Field Position	7/SDSU26	8/AFA27
First Half	3/SDSU21	4/AFA20
Second Half	4/SDSU30	4/AFA34
Drives Started Inside/At Own 25	4/0	3/3
Points Scored (Touchdowns/Field Goals)	14 (2/0)	24 (3/1)
Drives Started in Plus Territory/Attempted to Score	0/0	1/1
Points Scored (Touchdowns/Field Goals)	0 (0/0)	0 (0/0)
Three and Outs or Less (must not have earned 1st D or scored)	0	1
Opponent Turnovers (Points)	0 (0)	0 (0)
Scores-Times in the Red Zone (Points)	3-4 (20)	4-4 (24)
Plays-Yards	11-43	8-20
Third Down Efficiency	1-2	0-1
Scores-Times in the Goal to Go (Points)	3-4 (20)	2-2 (14)
Plays-Yards	6-21	2-2
Explosive Plays (20-plus Yards)	2	3
Rushing	0	1
Passing	2	2
Yards by Quarter:		
First	74	156
Second	108	63
Third	91	154
Fourth	83	31

## BIG NOTES

- The Aztecs finished the season with just one lost fumble (Danny O'Neil in third quarter vs. Oregon State on Sept. 7), which ties an NCAA FBS record (also Bowling Green in 1996, Miami (Ohio) in 1998, Northern Illinois in 2004 and Iowa State in 2017).
- San Diego State lost on Senior Night for just the second time in six years (4-2) and for the fourth time in 15 seasons (11-4).

## TEAM NOTES

- SDSU scored the exact number of points (in this occasion 20 points) in three straight games for the first time in its Division I history (since 1969).
- San Diego State fell to 3-6 on the season, but just 68-22 since 2015 when scoring at least 20 points.
- The Aztecs dropped to 37-7 since 2012 when not committing a turnover.
- SDSU did not commit a turnover for the sixth time this season.
- San Diego State's 75.8 completion percentage was a season high and highest since a 76.0 percent mark at Colorado State on Nov. 11, 2023.
- The Aztecs completed 8 of their 14 third-down attempts. The 57.1 third down conversion percentage was their highest since a 58.1 mark at No. 14/16 Brigham Young on Dec. 12, 2020.
- SDSU converted multiple fourth down chances for the fifth time this season.
- At 2 hours and 49 minutes, this was SDSU's shortest game since a 2 hour, 41-minute game vs. Weber State on Aug. 31, 2019.

## SERIES NOTES

- San Diego State fell to 18-22 all-time against Air Force.
- The Aztecs have still won nine of the last 12 games in the series.
- SDSU is now 10-9 all-time against the Falcons at home.

## TRENDS

- The Aztecs won the coin toss for just the fourth time this season (4-8).
- SDSU did not start with the ball for just the 49th time over the last 169 games.
- San Diego State allowed its opponent to score on its opening possession for the fifth time this season in 12 games, 14th time in 37 games since 2022, 15th time in 50 games since 2021 and 37th time since 2015 (126 games).
- The Aztecs allowed a first-quarter touchdown for just the 10th time in the last 21 games.
- SDSU has still allowed seven or fewer points in 31 of the last 36 first quarters.

## PLAYER NOTES

**\* Marquez Cooper, Sr., RB (23 att., 94 yds., 2 TD | 3 rec., 37 yds., 1 TD)**

Ran for 94 yards and finished with 5,130 for his career, which ranks 20th in NCAA FBS history ... Finished with 1,274 rushing yards on the season in 12 games (106.2 RYPG) ... The 1,274 yards are the 13th most in SDSU single-season history Scored his 11th and 12th rushing touchdowns of the season and now has 45 for his career ... Caught his second career touchdown of the season (and career) ... Now has 14 overall touchdowns this season and 47 for his career ... Now has four multiple touchdown games this season and 14 for his career.

**\* Danny O'Neil, TR-Fr., QB (24-for-32, 230 yds., 1 TD, 0 INT | 11 att., 25 yds.)**

Threw his 12th touchdown pass of the season (and career) ... His 75.0 completion percentage was a season high ... Finished with a 63.33 completion percentage for the season, which is the fourth-best percentage in SDSU single-season history.

**\* Kyle Moretti, Sr., LB (10 tackles (8 solo)**

Recorded his second straight game with double-digit tackles ... Led the team in tackles for the third time this season.

## OTHER NOTES

- RB Marquez Cooper started for the 44th consecutive game, the longest streak among the Aztec offensive and defensive players.
- Cooper's 53 career starts are the most among any current Aztec offensive or defensive player.

- P Tyler Pastula played in his 57th consecutive game and 57th game overall, both the longest and most among any current Aztec.
- RG Saipale Fuimaono earned his first career start.
- Tonight's temperature was 58 degrees at kickoff, tied for the third-coldest game in Snapdragon Stadium history.
- Tonight's attendance was 18,045.
- Tonight's Aztec Honor Warrior was Rico Curtis (1996-99).
- The Aztec shield was carried by RB Marquez Cooper.