

SAN DIEGO STATE FOOTBALL

POSTGAME NOTES ♦ San Diego State 45, Colorado State 24 ♦ Oct. 3, 2025 ♦ Snapdragon Stadium (San Diego, Calif.)



FINAL SCORE	45	24
Time Spent in the Lead (<i>Tied 5:56</i>)	54:04	0:00
Total Plays-Yards	66-540	65-355
Plus Territory: Plays-Yards	37-257	14-77
Drives with Plays in Plus Territory	9 of 10	6 of 10
First Down Plays-Yards	30-156	26-165
Average on First Down	5.20	6.35
Rushes-Yards (Avg.)	25-126 (5.0)	16-87 (5.4)
Passes-Yards (Avg.)	5-30 (6.0)	6-78 (13.0)
First Down Sacked (goes down as a rush)	0-0	4-31
First Down Penalties by Opponents-Yards	0-0	5-54
First Down Penalties by Offense-Yards	1-10	0-0
First Downs Made	5	8
First Down Turnovers	0	0
First Down Touchdowns	2	2
Third Down Efficiency (Pct.)	7-11 (63.6)	4-14 (28.6)
Rushing (Pct.)	3-6 (50.0)	2-7 (28.6)
Passing (Pct.)	4-5 (80.0)	2-7 (28.6)
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	1-15	0-0
Average Yards to Go (All)	5.5	8.6
Yards Gained	75	52
Average Yards Gained/Att.	6.82	3.71
3rd & Long (9 or more)	1-2	2-6
3rd & Short (4 or less)	4-5	1-4
Third Down Turnovers	0	0
Third Down Touchdowns	1	1
Fourth Down Efficiency (Yards)	1-1 (2)	3-4 (15)
Total Possessions/Average Field Position	10/SDSU30	10/CSU22
First Half	6/SDSU28	6/CSU22
Second Half	4/SDSU32	4/CSU22
Drives Started Inside/At Own 25	1/3	2/7
Points Scored (Touchdowns/Field Goals)	21 (3/0)	17 (2/1)
Drives Started in Plus Territory/Attempted to Score	0/0	0/0
Points Scored (Touchdowns/Field Goals)	0 (0/0)	0 (0/0)
Three and Outs or Less (must not have earned 1st D or scored)	1	4
Opponent Turnovers (Points)	0 (0)	0 (0)
Scores-Times in the Red Zone (Points)	4-4 (28)	3-3 (16)
Plays-Yards	10-57	13-33
Third Down Efficiency	2-2	1-3
Scores-Times in the Goal to Go (Points)	2-2 (14)	1-1 (7)
Plays-Yards	6-15	3-6
Explosive Plays (20-plus Yards)	6	4
Rushing	3	2
Passing	3	2
Yards by Quarter:		
First	151	48
Second	162	124
Third	125	61
Fourth	102	122

BIG NOTES

- San Diego State improved to 4-1 on the season, already bettering the win total for Sean Lewis in his first season with the Aztecs in 2024 (3-9).
- The Aztecs were one of 20 teams last year with three or fewer wins and are now one of only two schools who have already reached four victories in 2025, joining Mississippi State (2-10 last season and 4-1 this year entering its game at No. 6 Texas A&M on Saturday). No. 18 Florida State is the only other team who started with three or fewer wins a year ago and could get to four this weekend (2-10 last year and 3-1 this season entering its game vs. No. 3 Miami on Saturday).
- SDSU is 4-1, its best five-game start to a season since starting 7-0 in 2021. That 2021 team set a program record with 12 victories (12-2) and finished 25th in the final Associated Press Top 25 Poll.
- This is the sixth time San Diego State has started a season with at least a 4-1 record through five games over the last 10 years:
 - 4-1 in 2025
 - 5-0 in 2021
 - 4-1 in 2019
 - 4-1 in 2018
 - 5-0 in 2017
 - 4-1 in 2016
- The Aztecs won their 18th straight game when rushing for at least 200 yards, improving to 59-2 over their last 61 200-yard rushing games.
- SDSU had multiple 100-yard rushers (**Byron Cardwell Jr.** - 129 and **Lucky Sutton** - 113) for the first time since Sept. 14, 2019 at New Mexico State when Jordan Byrd (118) and Chance Bell (116) accomplished the feat.
- San Diego State is now 30-1 in its Division I history when having multiple 100-yard rushers in the same game, including wins in 20 straight games.
- QB **Jayden Denegal** finished with a pass efficiency rating of 256.90, the third-best mark in SDSU's DI history (since 1969) and best since Kevin McKechnie's school-record mark of 291.81 vs. Navy on Sept. 5, 1997.
- WR **Jordan Napier** had a career-high 153 yards and a touchdown on seven catches.
- K **Gabe Plascencia** made a career-long 53-yard field goal and now has made 19 consecutive field goals, the longest streak in program history.

SERIES NOTES

- San Diego State improved to 23-15 all-time against Colorado State.
- The Aztecs are 11-8 against the Rams at home.
- SDSU has won eight of the last 10 (8-2) in the series.
- San Diego State is now 13-7 vs. CSU in Mountain West games (both teams will play in the Pac-12 next year).
- The 45 points scored by the Aztecs are their second most in the series and most since scoring 48 on Sept. 28, 1985 (W, 48-23).

TEAM NOTES

- The Aztecs won their conference opener for the 10th time in the last 13 years.
- SDSU improved to 11-2 in its last 13 Mountain West home openers.
- San Diego State is now 52-28 (.650) in its last 80 games regular season games against Mountain West opponents.
- The Aztecs are outscoring the opposition, 121-24, in three home games this season.
- SDSU's 580 total yards of offense are its most since gaining 570 at Utah State on Oct. 31, 2020.
- San Diego State's 235.31 pass efficiency rating was the fourth-highest mark in its Division I history (since 1969) and its highest since recording a 245.66 mark at San Jose State on Nov. 4, 2017.
- The Aztecs ran for 281 yards, their most against an FBS opponent since running for 326 vs. Hawai'i on Nov. 14, 2020.
- SDSU lost only two yards rushing on the night, its fewest since losing one yard at UNLV on Nov. 21, 2015.

- San Diego State's 45 points were its most against a FBS opponent since 48 against Central Michigan in the 2019 New Mexico Bowl.
- San Diego State's four first half touchdowns were its most since scoring five at Arizona on Sept. 11, 2021
- San Diego State improved to 2-0 on the season when scoring just 14 points.
- The Aztecs improved to 71-22 since 2015 when scoring just 20 or more points (3-0 this season).
- The Aztecs improved to 54-5 over its last 59 games when scoring at least 30 points.
- SDSU won its 23rd straight game when scoring at least 40 points (2-0 this year).
- San Diego State won its sixth straight game when gaining for at least 500 yards of offense.
- The Aztecs averaged 8.18 yards per offensive play, their highest mark since averaging 9.03 yards per play vs. Army West Point in the 2017 Armed Forces Bowl.
- SDSU did not commit a turnover for the sixth time in the last seven games.
- San Diego State was 7-for-11 on third down, its best percentage (63.6) since going 11-for-13 (84.6 pct.) at San Jose State on Nov. 4, 2017.
- The Aztecs had a 100-yard rusher (Byron Cardwell Jr. and Lucky Sutton) and a 100-yard receiver (Jordan Napier) for the third time in 17 games under Sean Lewis.
- SDSU improved to 40-8 since 2012 when not committing a turnover.
- San Diego State is now 62-18 in its last 80 games and 4-0 this season when winning the field position battle.
- The Aztecs haven't trailed in three of their four wins this season.
- This was SDSU's first 45-24 win in its DI history.

SNAPDRAGON STADIUM RECORDS

Team (10)

- Points - 45 (tied)
- Points (Second Quarter) - 21
- Points (First Half) - 28
- Touchdowns - 6 (tied)
- Touchdowns (Both Teams) - 9 (tied)
- Total Yards - 540
- Total Yards (Both Teams) — 895
- Yards Per Play - 8.18
- Rushing Touchdowns - 4 (tied)
- Passing Efficiency Rating - 235.31

Individual (4)

- Lucky Sutton
 - Rushing Touchdowns - 2 (tied)
- Jayden Denegal
 - Pass Efficiency Rating - 256.90
- Jordan Napier
 - Receiving Yards - 153
- Gabe Plascencia
 - Longest Field Goal - 53

TRENDS

- The Aztecs won the coin toss for the second time this season (second straight game).
- SDSU did not start with the ball for just the 51st time over the last 174 games.
- San Diego State held its opponent scoreless on its opening possession for the fourth time in five games this year, 11 times in 17 games since last season, 27 times in 42 games since 2022, 39 times in 55 games since 2021 and 93 times since 2015 (131 games).
- The Aztecs did allow a first quarter touchdown for the 15th time over the last 26 games.
- SDSU has allowed seven or fewer points in 36 of the last 41 first quarters.
- San Diego State improved to 3-1 on the season and 6-3 in the Sean Lewis era when scoring first.
- The Aztecs improved to 2-0 on the year and 4-1 in the Sean Lewis era when leading at the end of the first quarter.
- SDSU won its fifth straight game when leading at the half, and is now 3-0 this season and 5-1 under Sean Lewis.
- San Diego State improved to 3-0 on the year and 5-3 under Sean Lewis when leading after three quarters.
- The Aztecs have now won 41 of their last 46 games (41-5) when leading after three quarters.

PLAYER NOTES

* Jayden Denegal, Jr., QB (13-for-16, 256 yds., 2 TD, 0 INT)

Improved to 4-1 as the team's starting quarterback ... Threw for a career-high 256 yards ... His finished 256.90 pass efficiency rating is the third-best mark in SDSU's DI history (since 1969) and best since Kevin McKechnie's school-record mark of 291.81 vs. Navy on Sept. 5, 1997 ... Had multiple touchdown passes in a game for the first time of his career ... Threw his fourth and fifth touchdown passes of the season, and now has six for his career.

* Jordan Napier, So., WR (7 rec., 153 yds., 1 TD)

Had a career-high 153 receiving yards ... Had his second receiving touchdown of the season and seventh of his career ... Now has 22 catches for 356 yards (16.2 avg.) and two touchdowns over his last three games.

* Byron Cardwell Jr., Sr., RB (15 att., 129 yds., 1 TD)

Ran for a career-high 129 yards ... Had his second career 100-yard rushing game and first since 127 against Colorado while playing for Oregon on Oct. 30, 2021 ... Became the 86th different Aztec with a 100-yard rushing game ... Scored his first touchdown as an Aztec and his fifth overall ... His last touchdown was on Sept. 10, 2022 against Eastern Washington while playing for Oregon.

* Lucky Sutton, Jr., RB (21 att., 113 yds., 2 TD)

Finished with a career-high 113 rushing yards ... Logged his second career 100-yard rushing touchdown (also 100 vs. Stony Brook in the 2025 opener (Aug. 28)) ... Scored his fourth and fifth rushing touchdowns of the season, and now has seven for his career ... Matched a career high with two touchdowns (third time).

* Donovan Brown, Jr., WR (2 rec., 55 yds., 1 TD)

Caught his first touchdown as an Aztec and second of his career.

* Christian Washington, Jr., RB (8 att., 28 yds., 1 TD)

Scored his second rushing touchdown of the season and seventh of his career.

* Gabe Plascencia, Sr., K (1-for-1 FG, 53 LG | 4 KO, 260 yds., 65.0 avg., 4 TB)

Made a career-long 53-yard field goal ... The field goal was his 19th consecutive made field goal, breaking Chris O'Brien's school record for the longest streak in program history, set from 1984-85 ... His 18 consecutive makes were tied for the longest active streak in the country entering the weekend ... It's been 398 days (Aug. 31, 2024-Oct. 4, 2025) since he's missed a field goal ... Is now 24-for-25 for his career in field goal tries and his 96.0 percent mark is a program record now that he has enough attempts to qualify (25).

* Trey White, Jr., EDGE (3 tackles (2 solo), 2.0 sacks, 2.0 TFL, 2 QBH)

Had two sacks and now has 15.5 for his career (3.0 this season) ... Now has multiple sacks in five career games (one this year).

* Niles King, Sr., EDGE (4 tackles (3 solo), 2.0 sacks, 2.0 TFL)

Logged his first two sacks of the season and now has 22 for his career.

OTHER NOTES

- CB Bryce Phillips started for the 39th consecutive game, the longest streak on the team.
- Phillips' 39 career starts are also the most of any current Aztec.
- OL Christian Jones played in his 42nd straight game, the longest streak on the team.
- S Deshawn McQuin and LB Mister Williams each played in their 49th career game, the most of any current SDSU player.
- Tonight's temperature was 68 degrees at kickoff.
- Tonight's attendance was 29,019.
- The four captains who went out for the coin toss tonight were: CB Chris Johnson, LB Tano Letuli, EDGE Trey White and OL Ross Ulugalu-Maseuli.
- The Aztec shield was carried by QB Jayden Denegal.
- Tonight's Honor Warrior was WR Jemond Hazely (2012, 2014-15).