SAN DIEGO STATE FOOTBALL

POSTGAME NOTES • **James Madison 26, San Diego State 13 • Sept. 19, 2026 • Snapdragon Stadium (San Diego, Calif.)**

FINAL SCORE		13	26
Time Spent in the Lead *(Tied 2:46)*		0:00	57:14
Total Plays-Yards		77-401	74-417
Plus Territory: Plays-Yards		28-137	32-105
Drives with Plays in Plus Territory		6 of 13	7 of 13
First Down Plays-Yards		33-177	32-151
Average on First Down		5.36	4.72
Rushes-Yards (Avg.)		21-75 (3.6)	20-90 (4.5)
Passes-Yards (Avg.)		11-92 (8.4)	10-51 (5.1)
First Down Sacked (goes down as a rush)		1-(-10)	2-(-10)
First Down Penalties by Opponents-Yards		0-0	0-0
First Down Penalties by Offense-Yards		2-15	2-15
First Downs Made		7	3
First Down Turnovers		1	0
First Down Touchdowns		2	2
Third Down Efficiency (Pct.)		7-17 (41.2)	4-13 (30.8)
Rushing (Pct.)		5-8 (62.5)	3-8 (37.5)
Passing (Pct.)		2-9 (22.2)	1-5 (20.0)
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	1-10
Third Down Penalties by Offense-Yards		0-0	1-13
Average Yards to Go (All)		8.1	8.3
Yards Gained		127	55
Average Yards Gained/Att.		7.47	4.23
3rd & Long (9 or more)		0-5	0-4
3rd & Short (4 or less)		1-3	3-6
Third Down Turnovers		0	0
Third Down Touchdowns		0	0
Fourth Down Efficiency (Yards)		1-4 (9)	1-1 (20)
Total Possessions/Average Field Position		13/SDSU22	13/JMU33
First Half		7/SDSU21	7/JMU34
Second Half		6/SDSU23	6/JMU33
Drives Started Inside/At Own 25		8/3	3/3
Points Scored (Touchdowns/Field Goals)		13 (2/0)	10 (1/1)
Drives Started in Plus Territory/Attempted to Score		0/0	2/1
Points Scored (Touchdowns/Field Goals)		0 (0/0)	6 (1/0)
Three and Outs or Less (must not have earned 1st D or scored)		3	3
Opponent Turnovers (Points)		1 (0)	2 (9)
Scores-Times in the Red Zone (Points)		2-3 (13)	4-4 (23)
Plays-Yards		4-17	11-48
Third Down Efficiency		0-1	1-2
Scores-Times in the Goal to Go (Points)		1-1 (7)	2-2 (13)
Plays-Yards		1-3	5-18
Explosive Plays (20-plus Yards)		4	3
Rushing		1	0
Passing		3	3
Yards by Quarter:	First	70	188
	Second	93	93
	Third	109	55
	Fourth	129	81

BIG NOTES

- San Diego State had its seven-game home winning streak snapped. Coming into the weekend, the seven-game home winning streak was tied for the 14th-longest active streak in the country.
- It was the first home loss for the Aztecs since Nov. 30, 2024, against Air Force (L, 31-20).
- RB **Javion Kinnard** recorded his first career 100-yard rushing game. He became the 88th different Aztec with a 100-yard game.
- **Kinnard**'s 181 rushing yards were the most by an Aztec since Marquez Cooper had 223 vs. Texas A&M - Commerce in the 2024 opener on Aug. 31. The 181 yards are tied for the 69th most in program history.
- **Kinnard** finished with 251 all-purpose yards, the most by a SDSU player at Snapdragon Stadium history and second most in a game at Snapdragon Stadium (Boise State's Ashton Jeanty had 254 on Sept. 22, 2023, vs. San Diego State).
- **Kinnard**'s 251 all-purpose yards were the most by an Aztec since Rashaad Penny had 283 in the 2017 Armed Forces Bowl against Army West Point on Dec. 23, 2017.

SERIES HISTORY

- San Diego State fell to 0-1 all-time against James Madison.

TEAM NOTES

- This was the first 26-13 game in San Diego State's Division I history (since 1969).
- SDSU is now 9-5 at home under Sean Lewis.
- After being outgained, 281-163, in the first half, San Diego State outgained the Dukes, 238-136, in the second half.
- The Aztecs fell to 12-4 under Sean Lewis when outrushing their opponent.

TRENDS

- The Aztecs won the coin toss for the second time in three games.
- SDSU did not start with the ball for just 59th time over the last 185 games.
- San Diego State allowed its opponent to score on its opening possession for the second time this year, and just the sixth time in the last 16 games, 11th time in 28 games under Sean Lewis, 20 times in 53 games since 2022, 21 times in 66 games since 2021 and the 43rd time since 2015 (142 games).
- The Aztecs allowed a first-quarter touchdown for just the 15th time in the last 37 games.
- SDSU gave up 10 points in the first quarter. It is just the eighth time in the last 52 first quarters San Diego State allowed more than seven points.

PLAYER NOTES

*** Javion Kinnard, So., RB (33 att., 181 yds., 1 TD | 4 rec., 70 yds.)**

Recorded his first career 100-yard rushing game in his first start as an Aztec … Became the 88th different Aztec with a 100-yard rushing game … The 181 rushing yards were the most by an Aztec since Marquez Cooper had 223 vs. Texas A&M - Commerce in the 2024 opener on Aug. 31 and are tied for the 69th most in program history … Scored his first touchdown as an Aztec and first career rushing touchdown … Now has three career touchdowns … Finished with 251 all-purpose yards, the most by a SDSU player at Snapdragon Stadium history and second most in a game at Snapdragon Stadium (Boise State's Ashton Jeanty had 254 on Sept. 22, 2023, vs. San Diego State) … The 251 all-purpose yards were the most by an Aztec since Rashaad Penny had 283 in the 2017 Armed Forces Bowl against Army West Point on Dec. 23, 2017 … The four catches matched a career high, while the 70 yards are the second most of his career.

*** Jayden Denegal, Sr., QB (18-for-33, 209 yds., 1 TD, 2 INT)**

Dropped to 10-5 as the starting quarterback … With enough starts to qualify (15), is ranked sixth in SDSU's Division I history in quarterback win percentage (.667) … Threw his fourth touchdown pass of the season and now has 14 for his career … After completing 4 of 12 passes for 59 yards and two interceptions for a 41.3 pass efficiency rating in the first half, he was 14 of 21 for 150 yards, a touchdown and no interceptions for a 142.38 pass efficiency rating in the second half.

* **Nathan Acevedo, Sr., WR (6 rec., 66 yds., 1 TD)**
Had career highs of six receptions and 66 yards, all in the second half … Caught his second touchdown pass of the season and career … Now has two overall touchdowns this season and three for his career … Added four punt returns for 12 yards (3.0 avg.) and two rushes for 11 yards, finishing with 89 all-purpose yards.

* **Sione Hala, Sr., LB (10 tackles (9 solo), 1.0 SCK, 1.0 TFL, 1 PBU)**
Tied for the team lead with 10 tackles.

* **Tano Letuli, Sr., LB (10 tackles (8 solo), 1.0 TFL)**
Tied for the team lead with 10 tackles.

* **Djibril Rahman, Jr., EDGE (4 tackles (4 solo), 2.0 SCK, 2.0 TFL)**
Logged a pair of sacks for the first time of his career … Now has two this season and three for his career.

OTHER NOTES

- RT Dennis Jones started for the 25th consecutive game of his career (first as an Aztec), the longest active streak on the team.
- S Josh Hunter played in his 37th straight game, the longest streak on the team.
- Max Garrison played in his 45th career game, the most among current Aztecs.
- LG Evan Lawrence made his first career start.
- Tonight's temperature was 71 degrees at kickoff.
- Tonight's attendance was 26,487.
- The four captains who went out of the coin toss were RB Lucky Sutton, LB Tano Letuli, DT Malachi Finau and S Max Garrison.
- The Aztec shield was carried by QB Jayden Denegal.
- The American flag was carried by EDGE Brady Nassar.
- Tonight's Honor Warrior was Zachary Thomas (2016-21).