SAN DIEGO STATE FOOTBALL

POSTGAME NOTES • **San Diego State 26, Washington State 20 • Oct. 31, 2026 • Snapdragon Stadium (San Diego, Calif.)**

FINAL SCORE		26	20
Time Spent in the Lead *(Tied 16:51)*		43:09	0:00
Total Plays-Yards		59-306	72-367
Plus Territory: Plays-Yards		35-166	40-190
Drives with Plays in Plus Territory		6 of 9	7 of 9
First Down Plays-Yards		26-66	33-167
Average on First Down		2.64	5.06
Rushes-Yards (Avg.)		18-51 (2.8)	11-25 (2.3)
Passes-Yards (Avg.)		7-15 (2.1)	20-138 (6.9)
First Down Sacked (goes down as a rush)		0-0	2 (-4)
First Down Penalties by Opponents-Yards		0-0	1-15
First Down Penalties by Offense-Yards		0-0	0-0
First Downs Made		2	10
First Down Turnovers		0	0
First Down Touchdowns		0	1
Third Down Efficiency (Pct.)		5-11 (45.5)	9-14 (64.3)
Rushing (Pct.)		3-7 (42.9)	6-8 (75.0)
Passing (Pct.)		2-4 (50.0)	3-5 (60.0
Third Down Sacked (goes down as a rush)		0-0	1-(-14)
Conversion by Penalties		1	0
Third Down Penalties by Opponents-Yards		2-30	0-0
Third Down Penalties by Offense-Yards		0-0	0-0
Average Yards to Go (All)		6.0	5.6
Yards Gained		60	63
Average Yards Gained/Att.		5.45	4.50
3rd & Long (9 or more)		2-2	1-5
3rd & Short (4 or less)		2-5	6-7
Third Down Turnovers		1	1
Third Down Touchdowns		2	1
Fourth Down Efficiency (Yards)		1-1 (2)	0-3 (0)
Total Possessions/Average Field Position		9/SDSU33	9/WSU30
First Half		4/SDSU30	5/WSU26
Second Half		5/SDSU36	4/WSU34
Drives Started Inside/At Own 25		3/0	2/4
Points Scored (Touchdowns/Field Goals)		14 (2/0)	7 (1/0)
Drives Started in Plus Territory/Attempted to Score		1/0	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)		4	2
Opponent Turnovers (Points)		1 (0)	1 (0)
Scores-Times in the Red Zone (Points)		4-4 (23)	3-3 (20)
Plays-Yards		13-43	11-42
Third Down Efficiency		2-4	2-2
Scores-Times in the Goal to Go (Points)		3-3 (20)	3-3 (20)
Plays-Yards		6-27	6-14
Explosive Plays (20-plus Yards)		1	3
Rushing		1	0
Passing		0	3
Yards by Quarter:	First	114	129
	Second	80	86
	Third	62	46
	Fourth	50	106

BIG NOTES

- The Aztecs improved to 10-1 at home over the last two seasons (since 2025). Only six schools - Brigham Young, New Mexico, Ohio, Ohio State, Ole Miss and Texas Tech - are undefeated at home over that span.
- SDSU won its 11th consecutive game when leading after three quarters (led, 20-14, and won, 26-20).
- San Diego State is now 49-5 over its last 54 games when leading after three quarters.
- The Aztecs improved to 65-3 the last 68 times they rushed for at least 200 yards and 60-1 in their last 61 regular-season games when reaching 200 rushing yards.
- The Aztecs won their sixth straight game played on Halloween.
- SDSU is 7-1 in its Division I era (since 1969) in Halloween games and 9-4-2 in program history.
- RB **Lucky Sutton** recorded his second 100-yard rushing game of the season and eighth of his career. Sutton is now 16th all-time at SDSU with 1,970 rushing yards.

SERIES NOTES

- San Diego State improved to 2-3 all-time against Washington State.
- The Aztecs snapped a modest two-game losing streak against the Cougars, winning for the first time since Sept. 17, 2011 (W, 42-24).
- SDSU is now 2-1 all-time vs. WSU at home, including a 1-1 mark at Snapdragon Stadium.

TEAM NOTES

- The Aztecs scored a touchdown on their opening drive for the second straight game after not scoring one for the first seven games of the season (and just one field goal - Sept. 26 at Toledo).
- SDSU improved to 4-1 on the season and 14-8 under Sean Lewis when scoring at least 20 points.
- San Diego State is 80-24 since 2015 when scoring at least 20 points.
- The Aztecs improved to 47-15 the last 62 times they had an advantage in field position (4-0 this season).
- SDSU is 9-1 under Sean Lewis when rushing for at least 200 yards (3-0 this year).
- San Diego State won its 11th consecutive game when holding its opponent below 100 rushing yards (9-0 in Sean Lewis era).
- The Aztecs are 3-1 on the season and 14-4 under Sean Lewis when outrushing their opponent.
- This was the first 26-20 score in SDSU's Division I history.
- San Diego State did not trail in the game for the first time this season. Last year, the Aztecs did not trail in seven of their nine victories.
- SDSU has scored in nine consecutive quarters, its longest streak since a nine-quarter streak from Nov. 30, 2019-Oct. 24, 2020.
- San Diego State has averaged more than five yards per carry for the first time since the final five games of the 2017 season.
- The Aztecs allowed a season-low 2.27 yards per rush (includes sacks), their lowest since holding Fresno State to a 1.96 average on Nov. 1, 2025.

TRENDS

- The Aztecs won the coin toss and are now 6-3 on the season.
- SDSU did not start with the ball for just the 63rd time over the last 190 games.
- San Diego State did not allow its opponent to score in its opening possession for the fourth time in nine games this season and for the 20th time in 34 games under Sean Lewis (since 2024).
- The Aztecs allowed a first-quarter touchdown for just the 20th time in the last 43 games.
- SDSU allowed seven or less points for the 47th time in the last 58 first quarters.
- San Diego State improved to 2-1 on the season and 12-5 under Sean Lewis when scoring first.
- The Aztecs improved to 3-0 on the year and 13-2 under Sean Lewis when leading at the half.

PLAYER NOTES

*** Lucky Sutton, Sr., RB (18 att., 115 yds., 0 TD)**

Ran for a season-high 115 yards … Logged his second 100-yard game of the season and eighth of his career … The eight 100-yard games are tied for the 13th most in program history … Now has 1,970 yards for his career, which ranks 16th all-time at San Diego State … Extended

his streak to touches without a lost fumble for his career to 400 (394 rushes, six catches).

* **Javion Kinnard, So., RB (17 att., 87 yds., 2 TD)**
Recorded a multi-touchdown game for the second straight game … Now has five rushing touchdowns this season (and his career) … Has five overall touchdowns this year and seven for his career.

* **Stone Saunders, RS-FR., QB (12-for-21, 102 yds., 0 TD, 1 INT)**
Picked up his first career victory as the starting quarterback.

* **Bert Emanuel Jr., Sr., (1-for-1, 2 yds., 1 TD | 3 rec., 47 yds.)**
Threw his second touchdown pass of the season and seventh of his career … On the season, is now 2-for-2 for nine yards and two touchdown passes for a 302.80 pass efficiency rating.

* **Jackson Ford, Jr., TE (1 rec., 2 yds., 1 TD)**
Caught his second touchdown pass of the season and third of his career.

* **Cooper DiLeva, Sr., K (2-for-2 FGs, 2-for-2 PATs, 8 pts.)**
Made both of his field goal attempts and is now 12-for-13 on the season … The .923 field goal percentage ranks second in SDSU single-season history (min. 10 attempts), only trailing Gabe Plascencia's .929 mark set in 2024 (13-for-14) … It was his third consecutive game with multiple field goals (he had four total field goals through his first six games).

* **Tainoa Lave, TR-Fr., S (9 tackles (8 solo), 1 FF))**
Earned his first career start at safety … Became the first true freshman to start on defense for the Aztecs since S Marcus Ratcliffe started vs. Ohio on Aug. 26, 2023 … The other true freshmen to start on defense since 2009: CB Leon McFadden (2009), S Tariq Thompson (2017), CB Noah Avinger (2021), S CJ Baskerville (2021) and S Marcus Ratcliffe (2023) … Made a career-high nine tackles, leading the Aztecs in tackles for the first time of his career … Forced his first career fumble.

OTHER NOTES

- LT Joe Borjon started for the 22nd consecutive game, the longest active streak on the team.
- LG Kalan Ellis and DT Gavriel Lightfoot each started for the 35th time of their career, the most on the team.
- S Max Garrison played in his 50th career game, the most among any current Aztec.
- S Josh Hunter played in his 43rd straight game, the longest streak on the team.
- EDGE Kai Wallin recorded his second interception of the season (and career).
- Tonight's temperature was 71 degrees at kickoff.
- Tonight's attendance was 19,184.
- The Aztec shield was carried by WR Bert Emanuel Jr.
- The American flag was carried by EDGE Brady Nassar.
- The four captains who went out for the coin toss were LB Tano Letuli, DT Malachi Finau, S Max Garrison and RB Lucky Sutton.
- Tonight's Aztec Honor Warrior was former defensive end Alex Barrett (2013-16).