# Football Game Notes

*Arizona State 38, San Diego State 7*
*September 8, 2001*
*Sun Devil Stadium • Tempe, Ariz.*

***Arizona State (1-0, 0-0 Pac-10), San Diego State (0-2, 0-0 Mountain West)***
**Official Start Time: 7:00 p.m.** **Game Time Temp: 97°** **Attendance: 54,071**

- **Season Openers:** The Sun Devils opened their 89th year of football with a bang, recording an 38-7 victory over the San Diego State Aztecs. After taking last year's season opener vs. San Diego State 10-7 on the road, ASU won its third straight season opener tonight and its sixth in their last seventh home opener at Sun Devil Stadium. ASU is now 41-15-1 in season openers at home and 61-26-2 overall in season openers. ASU football now has an overall 491-291-24 record, just nine wins short of 500.

- **The All-Time Series:** Arizona State remained unbeaten against the SDSU Aztecs with the win tonight. ASU is now 8-0-1 in the series and a perfect 3-0 in games held in Tempe. Tonight's game marked only the second game between the two schools since 1957. The TD run by SDSU in the fourth quarter would have extended a streak of ASU shutting out the Aztecs in three of the last five meetings. (66-0 in 1957, 61-0 in 1956, and 46-0 in 1955.) Arizona State is now 98-27-2 vs. schools that are currently associated with the Mountain West Conference.

- **An Interception For The Annals:** The 100-yard interception return for a touchdown by redshirt freshman Emmanuel Franklin in the fourth quarter rewrote the record books for both Arizona State and San Diego State. With SDSU on the verge of scoring with the ball on the ASU six yard-line, Franklin intercepted the Adam Hall pass and returned it 100 yards to set an ASU school record. The previous longest interception return was 95 yards by Nathan LaDuke vs. Oregon State in 1990. Franklin also set an SDSU record for the longest interception return by an opponent, breaking the previous record of 97 yards by Troy Rettett of UTEP in 1988. The play also tied a Pac-10 record set by seven other players, last by Cal All-American Deltha O'Neal (current Denver Bronco) of Cal in 1991.

- **The Coach Koetter Era Begins:** Arizona State head coach Dirk Koetter became the ninth Sun Devil head coach to open a coaching career with a win. The last ASU head coach to open a career with a win was Larry Marmie who led the Devils to a 21-16 win over Illinois on Sept. 10, 1988 in Tempe. ASU Hall of Famer Dan Devine turned in the best record for a first-year head coach at ASU, leading the Sun Devils to an 8-2-1 record in 1955.

- **Krohn Catches Fire To Lead Devils To Victory:** Sophomore quarterback Jeff Krohn finished 27-of-35 for 271 yards and four touchdowns. He had three impressive streaks during the game that are of note. He strung together 11 consecutive completions combined between the first and second quarters in which he connected for one touchdown and 45 yards. He also had a string of 10 consecutive completions for 117 yards and one TD combined between the second and third quarters. He was also 8-for-9 for 94 yards and one touchdown in the third quarter.

- **Stingy Defense Dominates First Half… And Entire Game:** The Sun Devil defense gave up only one touchdown late in the fourth quarter to prevent the shutout. ASU has not shut out an opponent since 1996 when they handed Nebraska a 19-0 defeat. The Devil "D" allowed only 11 first downs, 35 total rushing yards 190 total offensive yards and did not allow them to cross midfield in the first half.

- **Koetter Third In Current Consecutive Victories by a Division I Coach:** Bob Stoops leads the nation with 16 straight wins after beating North Texas this evening 37-10. Rick Neuheisal and the No. 15 Washington Huskies beat Michigan today 23-18 extending his streak with UW to nine (9) straight wins. ASU's Dirk Koetter extended his streak to eight (8) games with seven coming last year at Boise State and one with ASU.

- **Suggs Takes Over Where 2000 Left Off:** Sophomore Terrell Suggs had three total tackles on defense, but two of them were sacks for a total of 13-yards lost… Suggs also had a forced fumble… his two sacks give him 12 for his career and with two more tackles for loss has 18 in his career. Suggs, who was a preseason All-Pac-10 pick and preseason third-team All-American, was named the Pac-10 Conference Freshman of the Year in 2000.

- **A Note On Defensive Stats:** When you look at your stat sheet, don't be confused because your addition doesn't add up with the defensive stats. New for 2001 are the NCAA's definition of defensive stats that record only one half of a tackle for an assisted tackle. So, in theory, while a player may have seven solo tackles and four assisted tackles in the game, his total tackles will only equal nine (9) total tackles.

- **Sun Devil Tidbits:** Sophomore fullback **Mike Karney** (Kent, Wash.) gave the Devils the early 7-0 lead with the first TD of his career… the 42-yard and 17-yard touchdown receptions by Donnie O'Neal in the 2nd and 4th quarter were the eighth and ninth TD's of his Sun Devil career… wide receiver Daryl Lightfoot and safety Jason Shivers were the only Sun Devils true freshmen to make their debuts.

- **SDSU Aztec Notes:** The 0-2 start is only the eighth time in school history and the fourth time in the last 12 years… SDSU also started 2000 and 1999 with an 0-2 record… next weekend SDSU travels to Columbus, Ohio to face its third new coach in as many weeks as they play Jim Tressel's Ohio State Buckeyes.