



## SAN DIEGO STATE AZTECS MEDIA RELATIONS

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### Postgame Football Notes – San Diego State vs. UNLV

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Dignity Health Sports Park | Carson, Calif.

#### Big Notes

- SDSU has gone 34 straight quarters without allowing more than one score. The last time San Diego State allowed multiple scores in a quarter was the second quarter vs. Wyoming on Oct. 12, 2019. The Aztecs have allowed just 100 points over the last 34 quarters (2.94 points per quarter).
- The six points allowed by the Aztecs were their fewest given up in a conference game since shutting out Hawai'i, 52-0, on Nov. 5, 2016.
- UNLV was just 1-for-15 on third down against SDSU tonight. The 6.7 third-down conversion percentage was the lowest since Sept. 24, 2005 against San Jose State (0-for-17).
- San Diego State improved to 45-2 over its last 47 games when rushing for at least 200 yards.
- SDSU has scored 82 points over its last two games, outscoring the opposition, 82-17.

#### Season Opener Notes

- San Diego State improved to 52-42-5 all-time in season-opening games, including a 27-24-1 mark in the Division I era (since 1969).
- The Aztecs improved to 11-11 in openers since joining the Mountain West in 1999.
- SDSU won its sixth consecutive opener that has been played at home. Over the six games, San Diego State has outscored its opponents, 184-33.
- The Aztecs are now 44-16-4 all-time when their season opener is at home, including a 24-7-1 mark in the Division I era and a 11-6 record in the MW era when the opener is at home.

#### Team Notes

- SDSU has won 29 of its last 41 (29-12) games, 36 of its last 50 (36-14), 49 of its last 64 (49-15) and 50 of its last 68 since the 2015 season (50-18).
- The Aztecs scored 27 points in the first half, their most in a first half since scoring 35 at San Jose State on Nov. 4, 2017.
- The Aztecs outgained the Rebels, 313-25, at the half, including a 100-0 advantage in the air and a 213-25 edge on the ground.
- SDSU lost a fumble on a punt return in the first quarter after losing just two last season in 13 games (one on special teams).
- The Aztecs' last nine turnovers have led to just 14 points for their opponents.
- San Diego State's 16 tackles for loss were its most since at least the 2012 season.
- SDSU's five sacks were its most since recording six at New Mexico State on Sept. 14, 2019.

#### Trends

- San Diego State started with the ball for the 97th time over the last 111 games.

- The Aztecs held their opponents scoreless on their opening possession for the first time this season and 50th time since 2015 (68 games).
- SDSU improved to 1-0 on the season and 8-3 in the Brady Hoke era when scoring first.
- San Diego State improved to 1-0 this year and 8-5 in the Brady Hoke era when leading after the first quarter.
- Since 2003, San Diego State has outscored UNLV, 141-54, in the first quarter (the last 18 games between the two teams).
- SDSU won its 10th consecutive game when leading at the half. The Aztecs are now 13-3 in the Brady Hoke era when leading at the half.
- San Diego State won its 15th straight game when leading after three quarters. SDSU is now 12-3 in the Brady Hoke era when leading after three quarters.

## Player Notes

### \* **Greg Bell, Sr., RB (19 att., 111 yds, 1 TD)**

- Ran for 111 yards and a touchdown on 19 carries (5.8 avg.)
- Became SDSU's 80th different 100-yard rusher in program history
- Set career highs in yards (111) and attempts (19)
- Recorded his second career 100-yard rushing game (also vs. Colorado on Sept. 8, 2018 while with Nebraska)
- Recorded his first career touchdown in his fifth career Division I game

### \* **Carson Baker, So., QB (12-for-25, 137 yards, 1 TD, 0 INT)**

- Was 12-for-25 for 137 yards and a touchdown without throwing an interception
- Improved to 2-0 as a starting quarterback
- Threw his second career touchdown pass

### \* **Chance Bell, Jr., RB (7 att., 40 yds., 2 TD)**

- Ran for 40 yards and a pair of touchdowns on seven carries
- Had multiple touchdowns for the first time of his career
- The touchdowns were his third and fourth of his career

### \* **Kaegun Williams, Jr., RB (10 att., 84 yds.)**

- Ran for a career-high 84 yards on 10 carries, averaging 8.4 yards per attempt
- Had 84 yards after entering the game with 150 yards in 20 games

### \* **Ethan Dedeaux, Jr., WR (2 rec., 16 yds., 1 TD)**

- Had two catches for 16 yards and a touchdown
- Recorded his second career touchdown and second vs. UNLV (also Oct. 26, 2019 in Las Vegas)

### \* **Dwayne Johnson Jr., S (10 tackles (8 solo), 1 PBU))**

- Had a team-high 10 tackles, including eight solo stops, and a pass breakup
- Led the team in tackles for the seventh time of his career (includes ties) despite starting just 15 times
- Recorded his second double-digit tackle game of his career

### \* **Caden McDonald, Jr., LB (8 tackles, 3.0 TFL, 2.5 SCK)**

- Had career highs of eight tackles, three tackles for loss and 2.5 sacks
- Entered the game with 36 career tackles, 5.5 tackles for loss and 2.5 sacks in 26 games

- His 2.5 sacks were the most by an Aztec since Kyahva Tezino had 2.5 at New Mexico on Nov. 3, 2018 and matched the most by an Aztec since Jay Henderson recorded three vs. Northern Illinois on Sept. 30, 2017
- \* **Matt Araiza, So., K/P (2-for-2 FG, 27 long, 4-for-4 PAT | 6 punts, 249 yds., 49.8 avg., 58 LG)**
  - Made both of his field goal attempts and all four PATs, while recording his first career six punts for 249 yards (49.8 avg.)
  - Is now 24-for-28 (.857) for his career, which ranks second in program history
  - Had multiple field goals for the ninth time of his career
  - Now has at least one field goal in all 14 games played

### **Other Notes**

- WAR Tariq Thompson started for the 40th consecutive game, the longest streak on the team (offense/defense)
- WAR Tariq Thompson and LS Turner Bernard each played in their 40th straight games, the longest streaks on the team
- Trenton Thompson blocked a punt for the second time of his career with the first one coming at the same UNLV team last season
- LB Garret Fountain forced his first career fumble
- LB Michael Shawcroft recovered his first career fumble
- The following players made their first career starts tonight: CB Cedarious Barfield, LB Seyddrick Lakalaka, DE Kahi Neves and C Alama Uluave. Tayler Hawkins also made his first career start at cornerback (has 10 starts at safety)
- The following players logged their first career Division I snaps tonight: Dallas Branch, Jalen Booth, Adonis Brown, Garret Fountain and Tanner Kuljian

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