

# SAN DIEGO STATE FOOTBALL

**POSTGAME NOTES** ♦ SAN DIEGO STATE 31, NEW MEXICO 7 ♦ Sat., Oct. 9, 2021 ♦ Dignity Health Sports Park (Carson, Calif.)



FINAL SCORE	31	7
Time Spent in the Lead ( <i>Tied 3:39</i> )	56:21	0:00
Total Plays-Yards	68-336	61-193
Plus Territory: Plays-Yards	36-166	12-16
Drives with Plays in Plus Territory	7 of 14	3 of 12
First Down Plays/Yards	30/131	23/127
Average on First Down	4.37	5.52
Rushes-Yards (Avg.)	20-89 (4.5)	16-54 (3.4)
Passes-Yards (Avg.)	10-42 (4.2)	6-73 (12.2)
First Down Sacked (goes down as a rush)	0-(0)	1-(-13)
First Down Penalties by Opponents-Yards	3-34	0-0
First Down Penalties by Offense-Yards	0-0	2-5
First Downs Made	5	4
First Down Turnovers	0	1
First Down Touchdowns	1	0
Third Down Efficiency (Pct.)	3-11 (27.3)	3-16 (18.8)
Rushing (Pct.)	2-7 (28.6)	1-4 (25.0)
Passing (Pct.)	1-4 (25.0)	2-12 (.167)
Third Down Sacked (goes down as a rush)	0-(0)	2-(-10)
Conversion by Penalties	1	1
Third Down Penalties by Opponents-Yards	1-15	1-15
Third Down Penalties by Offense-Yards	0-0	0-0
Average Yards to Go (All)	6.2	8.1
Yards Gained	55	31
Average Yards Gained/Att.	5.00	1.94
3rd & Long (9 or more)	0-2	0-5
3rd & Short (4 or less)	2-4	2-6
Third Down Turnovers	0	2
Third Down Touchdowns	0	0
Fourth Down Efficiency (Yards)	1-2 (50.0)	1-2 (50.0)
Total Possessions/Average Field Position	12/UNM25	14/SDSU28
First Half	6/UNM22	6/SDSU32
Second Half	6/UNM28	8/SDSU25
Drives Started Inside/At Own 25	9 (7/2)	6 (5/1)
Points Scored (Touchdowns/Field Goals)	0 (0/0)	0 (0/0)
Drives Started in Plus Territory/Attempted to Score	0/0	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)	6	7
Opponent Turnovers (Points)	2 (0)	1 (7)
Scores-Times in the Red Zone (Points)	4-4 (28)	0-1 (0)
Plays-Yards	12-69	1-0
Third Down Efficiency	0-0	0-0
Scores-Times in the Goal to Go (Points)	3-3 (21)	0-1 (0)
Plays-Yards	3-12	1-0
Explosive Plays (20-plus Yards)	4	2
Rushing	2	0
Passing	2	2
Yards by Quarter:		
First	120	17
Second	84	99
Third	91	30
Fourth	41	47

## BIG NOTES

- San Diego State improved to 5-0 for just the second time in the last 46 seasons (also: 2017).
- The Aztecs are 5-0 for just the fifth time in their Division I history (since 1969) (1969, 1970, 1975, 2017 and 2021).
- SDSU is 5-0 for just the ninth time in 99 seasons of program existence (1930, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1975, 2017 and 2021).
- San Diego State improved to 4-0 at home this season and runs its "home" win streak to six games. The Aztecs are 7-1 in games played at Dignity Health Sports Park with three more home games scheduled this season.
- SDSU defeated New Mexico for the eighth straight time overall and now leads the all-time series, 28-15.
- Brady Hoke is 3-0 all-time against the Lobos.
- San Diego State won its 13th straight game against team from the state of New Mexico (8-0 vs. New Mexico and 5-0 vs. New Mexico State).
- With their win today, the Aztecs, who defeated New Mexico State, 28-10 in the season opener, completes their sweep of the Division I teams from the "Land of Enchantment".
- SDSU, which entered the day as one of 17 undefeated teams nationally, is currently one of 13 teams with a perfect record. Teams that suffered their first loss of the season today: Alabama, Brigham Young, Penn State and Wyoming.
- San Diego State's five-game win streak is its longest contained inside a single-season since the Aztecs won six in a row in 2018.
- The Aztecs (5-0) already have one more win than last year's COVID shortened eight-game season (4-4).
- SDSU improved to 52-2 the last 54 times it has rushed for at least 200 yards in a game.
- SDSU has held six straight opponents to less than 100 yards rushing for the first time in its Division I era (since 1969).
- The Aztecs won their 18th straight game when leading after three quarters and are now 20-3 under head coach Brady Hoke when leading after three quarters.
- SDSU is outscoring the opposition, 69-7, in the third quarter this season.
- RB **Greg Bell** broke 100 yards rushing for the ninth time of his career in just 16 games and for the eighth time in 12 games as an Aztec.

## TEAM NOTES

- San Diego State cleared 200 yards rushing for the fifth consecutive week, posting 203 yards on 43 carries, for the first time since the final five games of the 2017 season.
- The Aztecs scored four rushing touchdowns for the second straight game for the first time since the 2015 season (Nov. 21 at UNLV and Nov. 28 vs. Nevada).
- SDSU held its opponent to single digits for the 18th time since 2015 (80 games).
- The Aztecs held New Mexico scoreless in the first half for just the second time this century in the series (also 2017).
- SDSU held New Mexico to its lowest rushing average (1.4 YPC) since Nov. 24, 2018 against Wyoming.
- Four of San Diego State's five wins this year are by at least 18 points.
- The Aztecs have one or less turnovers in four straight games for the first time. SDSU is 38-6 at home since Nov. 5, 2011 when committing one or less turnovers.
- SDSU opponents have just 17 rushing first downs this season against the Aztecs on 131 rushing attempts.
- Since Brady Hoke's return for the 2020 season, San Diego State is 5-2 in Mountain West games, outscoring the opposition, 204-101 (+103).

## TRENDS

- The Aztecs won the coin toss for the third time this season in five games.
- SDSU did not start with the ball for just the 22nd time over the last 123 games.
- San Diego State held its opponent scoreless on its opening possession for the fifth straight game (four, three-and-outs) and the 60th time since 2015 (80 games).
- The Aztecs improved to 2-0 this season and 13-4 in the Brady Hoke era when scoring first.
- SDSU has outscored the opposition, 97-44, in the first quarter since the start of the 2020 season.
- San Diego State improved to 2-0 on the season and 13-8 in the Brady Hoke era when leading after the first quarter.

- The Aztecs improved 38-2 the last 40 times they had a turnover advantage.
- SDSU improved to 44-1 the last 45 times they have led by at least 14 points in a game.
- San Diego State improved to 3-0 on the season and 19-5 in the Brady Hoke era when leading at the half.
- San Diego State improved to 51-8 the last 59 games it has scored at least 20 points in a game.
- SDSU improved to 43-4 the last 47 times it has scored at least 30 points.
- SDSU has won 10 straight games when rushing for 200 yards and 11 straight in the Brady Hoke era (14-2 overall).
- The Aztecs improved to 21-2 in the Brady Hoke era when allowing 24 points or less (4-0 this season).
- SDSU improved to 14-3 in the Brady Hoke era when holding the opposing offense to less than 300 yards.
- San Diego State improved to 50-5 the last 56 times it held its opponent to a third-down conversion percentage of 33.3 or less.
- SDSU has won 12 consecutive games when forcing two or more turnovers.
- The Aztecs improved to 17-3 in the Brady Hoke era when outrushing their opponent.
- SDSU improved to 10-2 in the Brady Hoke era when committing less turnovers than its opponent, including wins in six straight games.
- San Diego State improved to 14-3 in the Brady Hoke era when owning more time of possession, and 14-2 when having more first downs and time of possession.
- The Aztecs are now 18-2 in the Brady Hoke era when having better field position than their opponent.

## PLAYER NOTES

### \* **Greg Bell, Sr., RB (21 att., 111 yds., 1 TD | 1 rec., 7 yds.)**

Broke 100 yards rushing for the ninth time of his career in just 16 games and for the eighth time in 12 games as an Aztec ... His eight 100-yard rushing games as an Aztec are tied for the 12th most in program history ... Is now 31st in SDSU program history with 1,157 rushing yards (in just 12 SDSU games) ... Had 63 rushing yards on just five carries (12.6 avg.) on his first drive alone with one of attempts being a 1-yard touchdown ... Recorded his fifth rushing touchdown of the season and 11th of his career ... Now has five overall touchdowns this year and 12 for his career.

### \* **Jordon Brookshire, Sr., QB (11-for-24, 130 yds. | 5 att., 45 yds., 2 TD)**

Improved to 4-1 as SDSU's starting quarterback ... Threw a pass to nine different receivers ... Scored a career-high two rushing touchdowns and now has four in three games this season ... Became the first Aztec quarterback with two rushing touchdowns in a game since Ryan Katz had three against Hawai'i on Oct. 6, 2012.

### \* **Chance Bell, Sr., RB (3 att., 6 yds., 1 TD)**

Recorded his second straight game with a rushing touchdown for just the second time of his career ... It was his second rushing touchdown this year and seventh of his career.

## OTHER NOTES

- TE **Daniel Bellinger**, LB **Caden McDonald** and LT **Zachary Thomas** all started for the 22nd consecutive game, the longest streaks on the team (offense/defense).
- LB **Caden McDonald** played for the 39th straight game, the longest streak on the team.
- S **Trenton Thompson** and CB **Taylor Hawkins** each played in their 48th game of their career, the most played among current Aztecs.
- TE **Jay Rudolph** logged his first career start.
- S **Trenton Thompson** recorded his second interception of his career and first since Nov. 18, 2018 vs. UNLV.
- LB **Michael Shawcroft** forced his first fumble of the season and third of his career.
- CB **Dallas Branch** recovered the first fumble of his career in his first game this season.
- DE **Jalil Lecky** tied a career high with 1.5 sacks after entering with 2.5 in his first career 19 games played.
- Tonight's temperature: 69 degrees.
- Tonight's Aztec Honor Warrior was Kevin O'Connell (2004-07).