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Postgame Football Notes – San Diego State vs. Middle Tennessee State

Dec. 24, 2022 | EasyPost Hawai'i Bowl | Clarence T.C. Ching Athletics Complex | Honolulu, Hawaii

Final Score: Middle Tennessee State 25, San Diego State 23

Final Records: San Diego State (7-6); Middle Tennessee State (8-5)

Bowl Notes

- San Diego State fell to 10-10 all-time in bowl games and 7-9 in bowl games in its Division I era (since 1969).
- SDSU played in its 12th bowl game since 2010. Only seven schools have played in all 13 over that stretch - Alabama, Clemson, Georgia, Mississippi State, Oklahoma, Oklahoma State and Wisconsin.
- San Diego State fell to 1-1 all-time in the Hawai'i Bowl.
- San Diego State broke its bowl record with seven sacks, eclipsing its previous best of five against Iowa in the 1986 Holiday Bowl.
- The Aztecs held Middle Tennessee State to minus-66 rushing yards, the fewest in any bowl game since at least 1996.
- **K Jack Browning** broke the Hawai'i Bowl record with a 52-yard field goal.
- Browning's three field goals tied an Aztec bowl record.

Series Notes

- San Diego State fell to 0-1 all-time against Middle Tennessee State.
- The Aztecs are now 25-6 all-time against current Conference USA members.

Team Notes

- San Diego State held Middle Tennessee State to a Division I-era program-record minus-66 yards rushing, eclipsing a minus-44-yard effort against Cal State Los Angeles on Sept. 27, 1969.
- The minus-66 yards rushing were the fewest allowed in a FBS game since Michigan State held Tulsa to minus-73 yards on Oct. 30, 2019 and fewest in any bowl game since at least 1996.
- SDSU fell to 33-2 in its last 35 chances when leading at the end of the third quarter.
- The Aztecs fell to 34-5 under Brady Hoke when leading after three quarters.
- SDSU had a season-high 12 tackles for loss.
- The Aztecs tied a season with seven sacks.

Trends

- The Aztecs won the coin toss for the ninth time in 13 games this season.
- SDSU did not start with the ball for just the 39th time in the last 145 games.
- San Diego State held its opponent scoreless on its opening possession for eighth time this season in 13 games, 20th time since last season (27 games) and 74th time since 2015 (102 games).

- San Diego State fell to 5-2 this year and 22-6 under Brady Hoke when scoring first.
- The Aztecs fell to 2-3 this season and 18-11 under Brady Hoke when leading at the end of the first quarter.
- SDSU fell to 7-3 on the year and 32-8 under Brady Hoke when leading at the half.

Player Notes

*** Jalen Mayden, Sr., QB (19-for-43, 309 yds., 2 TD, 3 INT | 12 att., 36 yds.)**

Fell to 6-2 as SDSU's starting quarterback ... Had multiple touchdown passes for the fifth time this season, all over the last five games ... Now has 12 touchdown passes on the season and 13 for his career ... Had a career-long 73-yard pass for a touchdown to Kenan Christon ... Recorded his second career 100-yard passing game.

*** Kenan Christon, Jr., RB (2 rec., 111 yds., 1 TD)**

Recorded his first career 100-yard receiving game (91st different Aztec in program history) ... Had his second receiving touchdown of the season and fifth of his career ... Now has three overall touchdowns this year and eight for his career ... The 73-yard reception for a touchdown was a career long.

*** Mark Redman, Jr., TE (1 rec., 9 yds., 1 TD)**

Scored his second touchdown of the season (and of his career).

*** Jesse Matthews, Sr., WR (7 rec., 99 yds.)**

Recorded season highs of seven catches and 99 yards ... In his three career bowl games, he has totaled 21 receptions for 385 yards and four touchdowns ... Is now ranked eighth all-time at SDSU in catches (174), 13th in receiving yards (2,109) and tied for 14th in receiving touchdowns (15).

*** Keshawn Banks, Sr., DE (7 tackles, 2.0 sacks, 4.0 tackles for loss)**

Had a career-high four tackles for loss, giving him 11.5 for the season and 42 for his career ... The 42 tackles for loss rank sixth in program history ... Also tied a career high with two sacks (did it in the first half) ... Finished with 13 sacks for his career ... The seen tackles matched a career best.

*** Jonah Tavai, Sr., DE (3 tackles, 1.5 sacks, 1.5 tackles for loss)**

Had 1.5 sacks to finish with 10.5 for the season, tied for the seventh most in SDSU single-season history ... Finished his career with 24 sacks (third in program history).

*** Michael Shawcroft, Sr., LB (8 tackles, 1.0 sack, 1.0 tackles for loss, 1 PBU)**

Led the team in tackles ... Now has 6.5 sacks this season and 11 for his career ... Also has 13 tackles for loss on the year and 25.5 for his career.

*** Jack Browning, Sr., K/P (3-for-4 FG, 52 LG | 2-for-2 PAT | 4 P, 48.8 avg., 57 LG | 6 KO, 65.0 avg., 6 TB)**

Tied a career high with three field goals ... Recorded multiple field goals for the seventh time of the season ... Finished the season with 20 field goals, which ranks in a tie for third in SDSU single-season history ... His 52-yard field goal was a Hawai'i Bowl record and tied for the 11th longest in program history.

Other Notes

- LB Caden McDonald started for the 44th consecutive game, the longest streak on the team (offense/defense).
- LB Caden McDonald played for the 61st straight game, the longest streak on the team.
- LB Caden McDonald played in his 61st game, the most on the team.

- Today's temperature was 79 degrees at kickoff.
- Today's attendance was 6,605.

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