

WEEK Three
ARIZONA STATE AT SAN DIEGO STATE

Agnew, defense lead San Diego State to 28-21 upset of No. 23 Arizona State Aztecs quarterback Ryan Agnew (9) scrambles for a run in the second quarter as the ASU defense tries to make a tackle.
San Diego State quarterback Ryan Agnew scrambles in the second quarter against Arizona State.

An hour or so before kickoff of San Diego State's football game against Arizona State, an SUV was pulled to the side of the road just outside the main entrance to SDCCU Stadium.Four SDSU fans dressed in black were standing on the sidewalk and staring at a guy kneeling at the curb while trying to replace the rear right tire with the spare.
That's kind of how things began for the Aztecs, too.

Missing starting quarterback Christian Chapman for the first time in 32 games, it took SDSU the better part of two quarters before backup Ryan Agnew could get things back on the road.

The junior quarterback from Southlake, Texas, came into his own on a game-changing second-quarter drive, was supported by running back Juwan Washington's third straight 100-yard rushing game and bolstered by an inspired SDSU defense. It all added up to a 28-21 victory over No. 23 Arizona State before a crowd of 34,641.It was SDSU's second straight victory the past two years over ASU after going winless in the first 11 meetings between the teams. It did not come without having to sweat things out to the very end.

SDSU place-kicker John Baron II made the difference with a pair of field goals – a career-long 54-yarder in the third quarter followed by a 36-yarder in the final period – along with backup running back Chase Jasmin – who scored on a 3-yard run with 4:14 remaining to put the game away.The victory was not secured until one of the more bizarre fourth-down plays anyone could remember.

Arizona State quarterback Manny Wilkins heaved a fourth-and-10 throw from midfield that landed in the hands of wide receiver Frank Darby at the 2-yard line. SDSU safety Trenton Thompson hit Darby on the play and was called for targeting.

The targeting was confirmed on review and Thompson was ejected. However, the review also revealed that it was an incompletion. Since it was a defensive penalty, ASU (2-1) got one more play, and this time the ball was knocked away by safety Parker Baldwin to seal the victory for the Aztecs (2-1).

Washington finished with 27 carries for 138 yards and one touchdown. He was bidding to join former teammate Rashaad Penny as the only running backs in school history to rush for at least 150 yards in each of the season's first three games. Jasmin, taking over for Washington toward the end of the game, had 19 carries for 112 yards.

Agnew, making his first collegiate start, completed 12 of 24 passes for 129 yards and one touchdown. It didn't appear those would be winning numbers the way the game unfolded over most of the first half.

Wilkins, who completed 31 of 48 passes for 341 yards in the game, provided a contrast to Agnew early on, operating effectively while the SDSU offense sputtered.

Wilkins completed 18 of 23 passes over the first two periods for 235 yards while passing for one touchdown and rushing for another. He tossed passes to five different teammates. He had the time to stand in the pocket to complete a pair of 44- and 51-yard passes, which set up both of the Sun Devils' first-half scores.Meanwhile, Agnew, was flushed from the pocket as often as not, and couldn't find a wide receiver when he did have a moment to himself. He was fortunate that one pass wasn't picked off when he tried throwing over a blitz.

Through the first 29 minutes of the first half, Agnew had five completions, three to tight end Kahale Warring and two to running back Juwan Washington. ASU had a 14-7 lead midway through the second quarter when perhaps the game's most crucial moment arrived.

The Sun Devils could have assumed a 10-point lead with a field goal late in the second quarter, but wanted to make a statement. And so they went for it on fourth-and-1 from the SDSU 11.

SDSU stood up, instead.
Wilkins took the snap from the shotgun, but he couldn't find a receiver. He then tried to make something happen with his feet when he ran into SDSU's Myles Cheatum, who had replaced injured defensive tackle Noble Hall Jr. in the starting lineup.
Cheatum put Wilkins on the ground for a 4-yard loss, then stood up and took a bow as the Aztecs took over.SDSU's offense returned to the field with 1:41 remaining before halftime, 85 yards from the end zone.
And all the sudden Agnew was everything SDSU head coach Rocky Long hoped he would be coming into the game.
Agnew avoided a near sack on the first play of the drive by scrambling to his left and turning it into an 8-yard gain.
Completions to Warring and running Washington followed. But a funny thing happened on the way to the end zone – Agnew located his wide receivers.

On first-and-15 at his own 49-yard line, Agnew hit BJ Busbee for 12 yards. Then he found Ethan Dedeaux for 15-yard catches on back-to-back plays.That put the Aztecs at the ASU 9-yard line with 12 seconds remaining in the half. Agnew took the snap, saw Tim Wilson Jr. open in the right corner of the end zone and completed the first touchdown pass in either of their college careers. Agnew was 6-for-9 on the drive for 77 yards, his 8-yard rush accounting for the other yards on the drive.
That sent SDSU locker room with the score 14-14.

SDSU kicked off to ASU in the second half and fans watched over the next 30 minutes as Aztecs defenders made stop after stop. The Sun Devils did not manage a first down for most of the second half, going three-and-out on four straight drives before getting a first down with 3:41 to play.

Arizona State scored on a 7-yard touchdown pass from Wilkins to wide receiver N'Keal Harry with 1:40 remaining in the game to move ASU within a touchdown. It was the nine catch of the game for Harry, a potential first-round NFL Draft pick, although his impact was minimized most of the game.

SDSU's Parker Houston recovered the ensuing onside kick. On third-and-7, Jasmin earned a first down that could have iced the game, but he fumbled before being tackled. ASU recovered at its own 23-yard line with 43 seconds remaining. After further review, the ruling on the field stood.

The Aztecs defense had to make one more stop. They did – with everyone in the stands holding their breath.

SDSU fans had started the "I Believe That We Will Win" chant with 10:30 remaining in the game. It seemed more than a little premature at the time. It was not.

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| ASU | 7 | 7 | 0 | 7 | 21 |
| SDSU | 0 | 14 | 3 | 11 | 28 |

| Scoring Summary ----- | | | | | |
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| FIRST QUARTER | | | | | |
| | | | ASU | SDSU | |
| ASU TD 0:41 M. Wilkins pass,to B. Aiyuk for 12 yds for a TD, (B. Ruiz KICK) 9 plays, 60 yards, 2:16 | | | 7 | 0 | |
| Second Quarter | | | ASU | SDSU | |
| SDSU TD 10:28 J. Washington run for 13 yds for a TD, (J. Baron II KICK) | | | | | |
| 11 plays, 75 yards, 5:13 | | | 7 | 7 | |
| ASU TD 8:06 M. Wilkins run for 1 yd for a TD, (B. Ruiz KICK) | | | 14 | 7 | |
| 7 plays, 82 yards, 2:16 | | | | | |
| SDSU TD 0:08 R. Agnew pass,to T. Wilson Jr. for 9 yds for a TD, (J. Baron II KICK) 11 plays, 85 yards, 1:33 | | | 14 | 14 | |
| Third Quarter | | | ASU | SDSU | |
| FG 7:46 J. Baron II 54 yd FG GOOD | | | | | |
| 10 plays, 40 yards, 5:35 | | | 14 | 17 | |
| Fourth Quarter | | | ASU | SDSU | |
| SDSU FG 11:34 J. Baron II 36 yd FG GOOD | | | | | |
| 12 plays, 44 yards, 5:05 | | | 14 | 20 | |
| SDSU TD 4:14 C. Jasmin run for 3 yds for a TD, (R. Agnew pass to K. Warring for Two-Point Conversion) | | | | | |
| 13 plays, 62 yards, 6:16 | | | 14 | 28 | |
| ASU TD 1:40 Wilkins pass,to N. Harry for 7 yds for a TD, (B. Ruiz KICK)11 plays, 82 yards, 2:28 | | | 21 | 28 | |

| Team Stats | ASU | SDSU |
|-------------------|-------|-------|
| First Downs | 19 | 23 |
| Total Yards | 378 | 442 |
| Total Plays | 69 | 82 |
| Avg Gain Per Play | 5.5 | 5.4 |
| Net Yards Rushing | 36 | 313 |
| Rushes | 24 | 58 |
| Yards Per Rush | 1.5 | 5.4 |
| Net Yards Passing | 342 | 129 |
| Comp-Att | 31-45 | 12-24 |
| Yards Per Pass | 7.6 | 5.4 |
| Times Sacked | 1 | 3 |
| Yds Lost To Sacks | -7 | -13 |
| Interceptions | 0 | 0 |
| Punts | 6 | 5 |
| Punt Average | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Penalties | 8 | 10 |
| Penalty Yards | 39 | 85 |
| Fumbles | 1 | 2 |
| Fumbles Lost | 0 | 1 |
| Possession | 23:55 | 36:05 |
| Individual Stats | | |

| RUSHING | | | | | | |
|---------------------|------|-----|------|------|----|--|
| ASU | Rush | Yds | Avg | Long | TD | |
| 3 Eno Benjamin | 13 | 21 | 1.6 | 8 | 0 | |
| 5 Manny Wilkins | 7 | 16 | 2.3 | 15 | 1 | |
| 31 Isaiah Floyd | 2 | 6 | 3.0 | 4 | 0 | |
| SDSU | Rush | Yds | Avg | Long | TD | |
| 29 Juwan Washington | 27 | 139 | 5.1 | 17 | 1 | |
| 22 Chase Jasmin | 19 | 112 | 5.9 | 20 | 1 | |
| 9 Ryan Agnew | 9 | 36 | 4.0 | 13 | 0 | |
| 15 Jordan Byrd | 1 | 11 | 11.0 | 11 | 0 | |
| 41 BJ Busbee | 1 | 8 | 8.0 | 8 | 0 | |
| 81 Ethan Dedeaux | 1 | 6 | 6.0 | 6 | 0 | |
| 34 Isaac Lessard | 0 | 0 | - | - | 0 | |

| PASSING | | | | | | | |
|---------------|------|-----|-----|-----|----|-----|-------|
| ASU | Comp | Att | Yds | Y/A | TD | Int | QBRat |
| Manny Wilkins | 31 | 46 | 341 | 7.4 | 2 | 0 | 147.2 |
| SDSU | Comp | Att | Yds | Y/A | TD | Int | QBRat |
| Ryan Agnew | 12 | 24 | 129 | 5.4 | 1 | 0 | 108.6 |

| RECEIVING | | | | | | |
|---------------------|-----|-----|------|------|----|--|
| ASU | Rec | Yds | Avg | Long | TD | |
| 84 Frank Darby | 5 | 127 | 25.4 | 51 | 0 | |
| 1 N'Keal Harry | 9 | 86 | 9.6 | 21 | 1 | |
| 3 Eno Benjamin | 7 | 44 | 6.3 | 18 | 0 | |
| 10 Kyle Williams | 4 | 34 | 8.5 | 12 | 0 | |
| 2 Brandon Aiyuk | 3 | 33 | 11.0 | 12 | 1 | |
| 14 Ryan Jenkins | 2 | 11 | 5.5 | 6 | 0 | |
| 87 Tommy Hudson | 1 | 6 | 6.0 | 6 | 0 | |
| SDSU | Rec | Yds | Avg | Long | TD | |
| 81 Ethan Dedeaux | 2 | 30 | 15.0 | 15 | 0 | |
| 87 Kahale Warring | 4 | 29 | 7.3 | 12 | 0 | |
| 29 Juwan Washington | 2 | 26 | 13.0 | 14 | 0 | |
| 41 BJ Busbee | 1 | 12 | 12.0 | 12 | 0 | |
| 34 Isaac Lessard | 1 | 11 | 11.0 | 11 | 0 | |
| 82 Parker Houston | 1 | 11 | 11.0 | 11 | 0 | |
| 6 Tim Wilson Jr. | 1 | 9 | 9.0 | 9 | 1 | |