

WEEK FOUR
EASTERN MICHIGAN AT SAN DIEGO STATE

Aztecs beat Eastern Michigan in overtime 23-20

Ryan Agnew vs. Eastern Michigan
San Diego State quarterback Ryan Agnew passes in the first quarter against Eastern Michigan. (Bill Wechter photo)
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San Diego State football coach Rocky Long says the SDSU program lives in the moment.

It is a creative way to avoid discussion of SDSU's quarterback situation beyond the current game.

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For now, junior backup Ryan Agnew is the starter. He has performed ably in place of senior Christian Chapman, including a strong start in Saturday night's game against Eastern Michigan.

SDSU came into the season as healthy as the Aztecs have been in years. Suddenly, they have been hit with a series of injuries to key positions. Agnew is among several SDSU backups who have been pressed into service, testing the team's depth a third of the way into the season.

How difficult did that make the task against Eastern Michigan, which came into the game as an 11-point underdog?

Put it this way, SDSU needed a 50-yard field goal from John Baron II in the final two minutes to take Eastern Michigan to overtime. The Aztecs needed safety Darren Hall's goal-line interception on the Eagles' first OT possession. And they needed Baron's 38-yard field goal for a 23-20 victory before an announced crowd of 30,898 at SDCCU Stadium.

The Aztecs (3-1) have a bye week now before opening Mountain West play Oct. 6 at Boise State. The bye couldn't have come at a more welcome time.

Agnew was one of four backups who provided needed depth for the Aztecs in the game.

Sophomore running back Chase Jasmin, redshirt freshman BJ Busbee and junior defensive lineman Myles Cheatum also made a difference subbing in for Juwan Washington, Tim Wilson Jr. and Noble Hall, respectively.

Jasmin took over for Washington in the second half and was approaching 100 yards rushing for the second straight game. He finished with 94 yards on 16 carries. Washington did not practice until Thursday because of a turf toe injury suffered in last week's win over Arizona State. He did not return kicks against Eastern Michigan, but was in the SDSU backfield to start the game.

Washington carried 12 times for 61 yards in the first half - highlighted by a 36-yard run in the second quarter - but his streak of consecutive 100-yard rushing games ended at three when he did not return in the second half. It was not immediately known whether Washington suffered further injury or if he was held out to prevent it from getting worse.

Wilson sat out with a back injury that flared up in the middle of the week, and Busbee stepped in with two catches - including his first career touchdown. Cheatum, in at defensive tackle while Hall recovers from a dislocated wrist, had a crucial first-half fumble recovery. The teams traded field goals in the first quarter before SDSU took a 10-3 lead on a 25-yard touchdown pass from Agnew to junior tight end Parker Houston two plays into the second quarter.

Eastern Michigan was poised to tie the game on its next possession when it got the first of several big pass plays - a 50-yard pass from quarterback Tyler Wiegiers to wide receiver Mathew Sexton.

SDSU cornerback Tyree Woods was beaten on the play, but redeemed himself two plays later when he came on a blitz. He forced a Wiegiers fumble that Cheatum picked up for the Aztecs' second takeaway of the season. SDSU turned that into a 17-3 advantage with 9:03 left in the second quarter when Agnew found Busbee uncovered for a 24-yard touchdown.

Agnew, who was 9-for-13 passing for 134 yards and two TDs in the first half while rushing four times for 34 yards, was nearly perfect early on before throwing an interception with less than two minutes remaining in the first half. It proved costly. SDSU was nearing midfield with an eye on expanding its lead when Agnew had a miscommunication with one of his receivers. He threw a sideline pass right into the arms of Eastern Michigan's Kevin McGill, who returned the ball to the SDSU 34-yard line. The Eagles, with backup quarterback Mike Glass in the game, scored in just four plays. A 27-yard pass from Glass to Line Latu set up a 2-yard touchdown run by Glass that made it 17-10 at halftime.

Glass replaced Wiegiers in the second half and immediately guided Eastern Michigan to a touchdown with a 37-yard pass to Arthur Jackson III. The drive consumed nearly half the third quarter while tying the game 17-17.

SDSU had a chance to regain the lead, but Baron missed wide right on a 36-yard field goal attempt in the third quarter. Eastern Michigan kicker Chad Ryland, who kicked a 51-yard field goal in the first quarter, added a 24-yarder with 3:18 remaining to make it 20-17. Baron's 50-yard field goal with 1:16 to play knotted the score again, necessitating overtime.

| Final | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | OT | T |
|-------|---|----|---|---|----|----|
| EMU | 3 | 7 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 20 |
| SDSU | 3 | 14 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 23 |

Scoring Summary -----

| | EMU | SDSU |
|---|-----|------|
| FIRST QUARTER | | |
| SDSU FG 6:14 J. Baron II 34 yd FG GOOD | | 3 |
| 8 plays, 32 yards, 3:58 | 0 | |
| SDSU FG 3:12 C. Ryland 51 yd FG GOOD | | 3 |
| 6 plays, 16 yards, 3:00 | 3 | |
| Second Quarter | | |
| TD 14:21 R. Agnew pass, to P. Houston for 25 yds for a TD, (J. Baron II KICK) 7 plays, 69 yards, 3:44 | 3 | 10 |
| TD 9:03 R. Agnew pass, to B. Busbee for 24 yds for a TD, (J. Baron II KICK) 6 plays, 75 yards, 2:43 | 3 | 17 |
| EMU TD 0:26 M. Glass III run for 2 yds for a TD, (C. Ryland KICK) 4 plays, 34 yards, 1:14 | 10 | 17 |
| Third Quarter | | |
| EMU TD 8:15 M. Glass III pass, to A. Jackson III for 37 yds for a TD, (C. Ryland KICK) 12 plays, 75 yards, 6:45 | 17 | 17 |
| Fourth Quarter | | |
| EMU FG 3:18 C. Ryland 24 yd FG GOOD | 20 | 17 |
| 12 plays, 79 yards, 6:20 | | |
| SDSU FG 1:16 J. Baron II 50 yd FG GOOD | | 20 |
| 6 plays, 25 yards, 1:56 | 20 | 20 |
| Overtime | | |
| SDSU FG J. Baron II 38 yd FG GOOD 4 plays, 4 yards | 20 | 23 |

| Team Stats | EMU | SDSU |
|-------------------|--------------|--------------|
| First Downs | 15 | 15 |
| Total Yards | 356 | 349 |
| Total Plays | 66 | 59 |
| Avg Gain Per Play | 5.4 | 5.9 |
| Net Yards Rushing | 120 | 173 |
| Rushes | 39 | 37 |
| Yards Per Rush | 3.1 | 4.7 |
| Net Yards Passing | 236 | 176 |
| Comp-Att | 17-27 | 12-22 |
| Yards Per Pass | 8.7 | 8.0 |
| Times Sacked | 3 | 1 |
| Yds Lost To Sacks | -23 | -5 |
| Interceptions | 1 | 1 |
| Punts | 3 | 2 |
| Punt Average | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Penalties | 6 | 5 |
| Penalty Yards | 44 | 56 |
| Fumbles | 1 | 0 |
| Fumbles Lost | 1 | 0 |
| Possession | 32:05 | 27:55 |

Individual Stats

RUSHING

| Player | Rush | Yds | Avg | Long | TD |
|---------------------|------|-----|------|------|----|
| EMU | | | | | |
| 5 Shaq Vann | 21 | 75 | 3.6 | 10 | 0 |
| 9 Mike Glass III | 8 | 29 | 3.6 | 9 | 1 |
| 25 Ian Eriksen | 8 | 21 | 2.6 | 5 | 0 |
| 12 Tyler Wiegiers | 2 | -5 | -2.5 | 0 | 0 |
| SDSU | | | | | |
| 22 Chase Jasmin | 16 | 93 | 5.8 | 40 | 0 |
| 29 Juwan Washington | 12 | 61 | 5.1 | 36 | 0 |
| 9 Ryan Agnew | 7 | 29 | 4.1 | 22 | 0 |
| 26 Kaegun Williams | 1 | 1 | 1.0 | 1 | 0 |

PASSING

| Player | Comp | Att | Yds | Y/A | TD | Int | QBRat |
|----------------|------|-----|-----|-----|----|-----|-------|
| EMU | | | | | | | |
| Mike Glass III | 9 | 16 | 153 | 9.6 | 1 | 1 | 144.7 |
| Tyler Wiegiers | 8 | 11 | 83 | 7.5 | 0 | 0 | 136.1 |
| SDSU | | | | | | | |
| Ryan Agnew | 12 | 22 | 176 | 8.0 | 2 | 1 | 142.7 |

RECEIVING

| Player | Rec | Yds | Avg | Long | TD |
|--------------------|-----|-----|------|------|----|
| EMU | | | | | |
| 8 Line Latu | 3 | 86 | 28.7 | 54 | 0 |
| 87 Mathew Sexton | 5 | 64 | 12.8 | 50 | 0 |
| Arthur Jackson III | 3 | 45 | 15.0 | 37 | 1 |
| 80 Dylan Drummond | 3 | 24 | 8.0 | 14 | 0 |
| 82 Gunnar Oakes | 2 | 9 | 4.5 | 5 | 0 |
| 11 Isaac Holder | 1 | 8 | 8.0 | 8 | 0 |
| 2 Blake Banham | 0 | 0 | - | - | 0 |
| SDSU | | | | | |
| 7 Fred Trevillion | 2 | 40 | 20.0 | 26 | 0 |
| 41 BJ Busbee | 2 | 39 | 19.5 | 24 | 1 |
| 82 Parker Houston | 2 | 34 | 17.0 | 25 | 1 |
| 92 Kobe Smith | 2 | 27 | 13.5 | 16 | 0 |
| 96 Elijah Kothe | 2 | 16 | 8.0 | 9 | 0 |
| 81 Ethan Dedeaux | 1 | 11 | 11.0 | 11 | 0 |
| 81 Collin Andrews | 1 | 9 | 9.0 | 9 | 0 |