



Game Notes Utah State vs. San José State September 23, 2017



Utah State Postgame Notes

TEAM NOTES

- * Utah State's 61 points scored are its most since posting a 70-6 home win against Weber State in 2013 and the most in a conference game since winning at Idaho, 63-17, in 1997.
- * Utah State's 51 point margin of victory is the 17th largest in school history and the largest since its 64-point win against Weber State in 2013. It is also the third-largest road win in school history and largest since posting a 56-point win (62-6) at Montana in 1963.
- * Utah State ran 98 offensive plays, which are the second-most in school history behind the 99 plays ran against Arkansas State in 1995. USU finished the game with 589 yards of total offense, which are the 15th most in school history.
- * Utah State has now won its conference opener for the fourth time in its five years in the Mountain West and for the fifth time in the last six seasons. USU is now 20-13 all-time in Mountain West games, including an 8-9 road record. Overall, USU has now won 31 of its last 44 league games dating back to 2011.
- * Utah State is now 2-2 to start a season for the fifth-straight season under head coach Matt Wells.
- * Utah State has now won 24 of its last 26 games when it rushes at least 40 times in a game. Today, USU rushed for 318 yards on 57 carries.
- * Utah State has now won seven straight games in the series against San Jose State, which is its longest winning streak ever against the Spartans.
- * With its second quarter blocked punt, Utah State has now blocked three punts in its last three games and now has 13 blocked kicks in the last five years under head coach Matt Wells.
- * Utah State scored two touchdowns on fourth down plays today and is now 5-of-7 on fourth downs this season, including 2-of-2 today.
- * Utah State's defense has now scored two touchdowns this season after returning a fumble 38 yards for a touchdown in the second quarter. For USU, it has now scored 13 defensive touchdowns in its last 50 games.
- * With its five forced turnovers (four fumbles, one interception), Utah State has now forced nine turnovers this season (6 fumbles, 3 interceptions) and has now forced 118 turnovers in its last 66 games, including at least one turnover in 51 of its last 66 games. Overall, USU has now forced at least three turnovers in a game 13 times in its last 42 games. The last time USU forced four-plus turnovers in a game was in 2015 when they forced a school record eight turnovers against Boise State.
- * Utah State had two players make their first career start today in junior RB Eltoro Allen (22) and freshman LB Maika Magalei (39).
- * Utah State is 1-1 this season and 23-6 under head coach Matt Wells when scoring first, and 1-1 this season and 18-8 under Wells when leading after the first quarter. USU is also 1-0 this season and 25-5 under Wells when leading at the half.
- * Captains for today's game are junior S Gaje Ferguson (23), junior QB DJ Nelson (18), junior NG Gasetoto Schuster (56) and sophomore DE Jacoby Wildman (93).

OFFENSIVE PLAYER NOTES

- * Senior QB Kent Myers accounted for four touchdowns (2 passing, 2 rushing) to tie his career high. Overall, it is the fifth time in his career he has accounted for four touchdowns in a game, including his second time against San Jose State.
- * Senior QB Kent Myers (2) has two touchdown passes in the game (19, 43), giving him four touchdown passes this season and 35 in his career, as he moved ahead of Eric Hipple (1976-79, 34) and into a tie with Anthony Calvillo (1992-93) for sixth all-time in school history with 35 career touchdown passes. For Myers, it is his eighth career game with multiple touchdown passes.
- * Senior QB Kent Myers (2) was 18-of-24 passing and has now completed 487 passes in his career, moving ahead of Brent Snyder (1987-88, 472) and into fourth all-time in school history.
- * Senior QB Kent Myers (2) scored two rushing touchdowns (1, 68) and now has four rushing touchdowns this season and 18 in his career, as he moved ahead of Diondre Borel (2007-10) and is now tied with Roy Shivers (1964-65) for the ninth most in school history. In the game, Myers rushed for 84 yards, giving him 1,301 rushing yards in his career as he moved ahead of Devante Mays (2015-16, 1,225), Archie Gibson (1972-73, 1,235) and Demetrius Brown (1986-89, 1,252) and into 19th place all-time in school history. His 68-yard touchdown run is a career long.
- * Redshirt sophomore TE Dax Raymond (87) has already tied his career high with three receptions.
- * Sophomore WR Gerold Bright (25) scored on a 43-yard reception for his first touchdown reception of the season and second of his career.
- * Junior WR Ron'quavion Tarver had 23-yard touchdown catch in the second quarter for his second touchdown reception of the season and fifth of his career. Tarver also recovered a fumble on a kickoff prior to his touchdown reception.
- * Redshirt freshman QB Jordan Love (10) had a 23-yard touchdown pass for his second touchdown of the season.
- * Senior RB LaJuan Hunt (21) scored on 29-yard run in the first quarter for his second rushing touchdown of the season and the ninth of his career.
- * Senior WR Braelon Roberts (88) caught his first touchdown of the season and second of his career on a 19-yard reception.

DEFENSIVE PLAYER NOTES

- * Senior CB Jalen Davis (13) forced his first fumble of the season and fourth of his career in the second quarter. Davis also had a sack on the play, as he now has 2.0 sacks and tackles for loss this season and 6.0 sacks and 14.0 tackles for loss in his career.
- * Freshman LB Maika Magalei (39) scored his first career touchdown on a 38-yard fumble return, which is his first career fumble recovery.
- * Junior LB Chase Christiansen (48) forced his first career fumble in the first quarter.
- * Sophomore DE Jacoby Wildman (93) recovered his first career fumble in the first quarter. Wildman also had 1.0 sacks and 1.5 tackles for loss, his first of his career in both categories.
- * Junior NG Gasetoto Schuster (56) recorded his first career tackle for loss in the first quarter.
- * Sophomore CB Cameron Haney (6) has one pass breakup, giving him two pass breakups this season and five in his career.
- * Redshirt freshman S Baron Gajkowski forced his first career fumble in the first quarter. Gajkowski also recorded his first career sack and tackle for loss on the play. Gajkowski also recovered his first career fumble on a muffed punt in the third quarter and intercepted his first career pass in the third quarter.
- * Redshirt freshman CB Ja'Marcus Ingram (36) had one pass breakup, giving him two pass breakups this season.
- * Junior LB Louy Compton (44) blocked his second punt of the season in the second quarter.
- * Redshirt freshman DE Ritisoni Fata (90) recorded his first career tackle for loss in the second quarter.
- * Junior LB Suli Tamaivena (42) recorded his first career tackle for loss in the second quarter.
- * Junior LB Derek Larsen (49) had 1.5 tackles for loss, his first this season, and now has 5.5 tackles for loss in his career.

* Senior CB Wesley Bailey (8) had his first pass breakup of the season and the fifth of his career.

SPECIAL TEAM PLAYER NOTES

*Sophomore PK Dominik Eberle (62) tied the single-game school record for points by a kicker with 18 as he was 6-of-6 on extra points and 4-for-4 on field goals (23, 52, 20, 27). Brad Bohn set the record back in 1997. Those 18 points by a kicker are also tied for the second-most in Mountain West history. Eberle is now 8-of-8 on the season and 11-of-13 in his career on field goal attempts, including 5-of-5 this year and 7-of-7 in his career from 20-29 yards, and 1-of-1 in his career from 50-59 yards. That 52-yard field goal is tied for the 10th longest in school history.

* Junior P Aaron Dalton (89) had two punts downed inside the 20-yard line, giving him nine punts this year and 55 in his career downed inside the 20-yard line