

UTAH STATE FOOTBALL

Post-Game Notes vs. San Diego State (11/23/2024)

TEAM NOTES

- * Utah State has won back-to-back games for the first time this year and is 3-1 in its last four games after starting the year with a 1-6 record.
- * Utah State improved to 5-13 all-time against San Diego State, including a 1-5 record at home. USU has now won three straight and four of the last five games in the series.
- * Utah State improved to 55-37 all-time in Mountain West play, including a 30-18 home record.
- * Utah State is now 52-25 in its last 77 home games.
- * Utah State's defense had a season-high 13.0 tackles for loss, which is its most since it had 14.0 tackles for loss against Memphis in the 2022 SERVPRO First Responder Bowl.
- * Utah State's offense scored 41 unanswered points in the game after trailing 13-0 late in the second quarter. USU also scored 21 straight points during a 5:55 span between the second and third quarter.
- * Utah State had a season-high 322 rushing yards and has now rushed for 300-plus yards in back-to-back games for the first time since the end of the 2011 season when it accomplished the feat against New Mexico State in the regular season finale and Ohio in the Famous Idaho Potato Bowl.
- * Utah State had a season-low four penalties for a season-low-tying 55 yards.
- * Utah State improved to 21-7 in the month of November over the last seven seasons.
- * Utah State has now won 24 of its last 25 games when it has a lead heading into the fourth quarter.

OFFENSIVE NOTES

- * Junior QB Bryson Barnes came off the bench in the second quarter to set the single game school record for rushing yards by a quarterback with 193 on 15 carries and one touchdown (19). The previous record was 191 yards set by Kent Myers against Colorado State at home in 2015. Overall, Barnes now has four rushing touchdowns this season and seven in his career.
- * Barnes was also 13-of-15 passing for 139 yards and a season-high three touchdowns (9, 10, 6) to give him nine touchdown passes on the season and 26 in his career. Barnes finished the game with 332 yards of total offense.
- * Senior RB Rahsul Faison carried the ball nine times for 52 yards and now has 1,043 yards on the season to become the 16th player in school history to rush for 1,000 yards in a season. Overall, it is the 20th time in school history that USU has had a 1,000-yard rusher. His 1,043 rushing yards are the 19th most in a single season in school history.
- * Faison has now rushed for 1,779 yards in his Utah State career, which is the 14th most in school history.
- * Sophomore WR Grant Page had six receptions for a career-high 55 yards and a career-high two touchdowns (9, 6), which are his first touchdown catches of his career.
- * Graduate TE Josh Sterzer had two catches for 24 yards, including a 10-yard touchdown to give him four touchdown receptions this year and five in his career, including three in his last two games.
- * Freshman RB Herschel Turner Jr. had 12 carries for 52 yards and scored his fourth rushing touchdown of the season and his career on a 1-yard run.
- * Senior WR Kyrese White scored his first career rushing touchdown on a 5-yard run.

DEFENSIVE NOTES

- * Senior S Jordan Vincent had his eighth double-digit tackle outing of the season and the 12th of his career with his 10 tackles.
- * Graduate ILB Jadon Pearson had a career-high 10 tackles for his first career double-digit tackle outing. Pearson also had 0.5 tackles for loss to give him 2.0 tackles for loss this season and in his career and he had his first-career pass breakup.
- * Senior DE Cian Slone had a career-high nine tackles, which included 0.5 sacks and 1.5 tackles for loss to give him 7.5 sacks and 8.5 tackles for loss on the season, and 9.5 sacks and 15.0 tackles for loss in his career. Slone also tied his career high with three quarterback hurries.
- * Graduate CB Jaiden Francois tied his career-high with nine tackles, which included 1.0 tackles for loss to give him 2.5 tackles for loss on the season and 6.0 in his career.
- * Redshirt freshman CB Noah Flores had a career high six tackles, which included a career-high 2.0 tackles for loss.
- * Graduate ILB Cole Joyce had a season-high six tackles, which included a career-high-tying 1.0 sacks and a career-high 2.0 tackles for loss, to give him 1.0 sacks and 3.0 tackles for loss on the season, and 3.0 sacks and 5.0 tackles for loss in his career.
- * Junior DE Lawrence Falatea tied his career-high with six tackles, which included 0.5 sacks and a career-high 2.5 tackles for loss to give him 3.0 sacks and 5.5 tackles for loss on the season and 4.0 sacks and 7.0 tackles for loss in his career.
- * Redshirt junior CB DJ Graham II had five tackles, which included 1.0 tackles for loss to give him 2.5 tackles for loss on the season and 3.5 in his career.
- * Sophomore ILB Bronson Olevao Jr. had 0.5 tackles for loss to give him 4.0 tackles for loss on the season and 6.0 tackles for loss in his career.
- * Junior DE Marlin Dean had a career-high 1.5 sacks, the first of his career.
- * Junior DT Isaiah Bruce had 0.5 sacks to give him 1.0 sacks and 1.5 tackles for loss on the season and in his career. He also had one pass breakup to give him two pass breakups this season and in his career.

SPECIAL TEAMS NOTES

- * Graduate P Stephen Kotsanlee had a 53-yard punt in the first quarter to give him six 50-yard punts this year and 45 in his career. Kotsanlee also had two punts downed inside the 20-yard line to give him 12 punts this year and 80 in his career downed inside the 20-yard line.