

- *Saturday, September 7, 2013*

- *Ohio Stadium, Columbus, Ohio*

- *San Diego State at Ohio State*

- *3:30 p.m. ET*

- *TV: ABC (Regional) -*



The Aztecs of San Diego State visit the Horseshoe for Week Two of the 2013 season, as Ohio State (1-0) shoots for its 14th consecutive win to begin the Urban Meyer era in Columbus. The Buckeyes will be closer to full strength than they were in last week's opener, as several suspended or injured players will be back to bolster the Scarlet and Gray.

SDSU (0-1) dropped their opener to Eastern Illinois last week, 40-19, in a game Aztec fans surely had circled as a "W" prior to the season. That unexpectedly poor performance has some in Buckeye country suggesting the Aztecs must have been looking past the opener, and couldn't possibly be as bad as they looked, losing at home to EIU by three touchdowns. The prevailing view, however, seems to be that...well...yes they could.

Meyer will be expecting a more consistent performance out of his Buckeyes than the one they delivered last week. The Bucks executed nearly flawlessly in the first quarter while building a 23-0 lead, but then appeared to lose some focus and made some mental and physical mistakes, allowing Buffalo to climb back into the game at 23-13, and again at 30-20. Meyer and offensive coordinator Tom Herman kept the majority of their playbook under wraps while still managing to put 40 points on the scoreboard, but their 10-point second half left their fans (and some poll voters) unsatisfied.

Chief among the culprits cited by Meyer this week was the offensive line. He said that he expects them to be the best line in the Big Ten, but on Saturday they didn't play like it. Meyer also expects more sack opportunities for his defensive line this week than they had against Buffalo, because the Bulls concentrated on short drops and getting rid of the ball quickly.

This will be the fourth meeting between the two programs, with Ohio State holding a 3-0 advantage in the series, having prevailed in 2001 (27-12), 2003 (16-13) and 2005 (27-6). The Buckeyes are 28-point favorites in this year's game.

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