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San Diego State Postgame Notes vs. Air Force Steve Fisher Court at Viejas Arena | San Diego, Calif. Saturday, Feb. 12, 2022

Next Game: Tuesday, Feb. 15 | vs. Utah State, 7 p.m. PT | Steve Fisher Court at Viejas Arena | San Diego, Calif. | TV: CBSSN | Radio: 101.5 KGB, XTRA 1360

**Next Virtual News Conference:** Monday, Feb. 14 | 12:15 p.m. PT | Details will be distributed Sunday **Records:** San Diego State: 15-6 overall; 7-3 Mountain West; Air Force: 10-13 overall; 3-9 Mountain West

## FINAL EDITION: San Diego State 76, Air Force 64

#### **Big Notes**

- San Diego State shot 62.5 percent from the field, its highest field goal percentage in a game since shooting 68.2 percent against Wyoming on 2-19-13.
- San Diego State defeats Air Force for the 15th consecutive time at Viejas Arena. That is the longest current win streak for SDSU against any team in the building.
- SDSU defeats Air Force for the sixth time in a row, regardless of location. The Aztecs are 15-2 in their last 17 games against the Academy.
- San Diego State has won three straight games.
- The Aztecs have won 87 consecutive games at home when shooting 50 percent or better from the floor.
- San Diego State season highs: field goal percentage (62.5), field goal percentage in a half (63.6  $1^{st}$ ).

#### **Game Notes**

- San Diego State has won 28 straight games when shooting 50 percent or better from the field.
- The Aztecs have won 87 consecutive games at home when shooting 50 percent or better from the floor.
- San Diego State has won five straight games, is 14-1 this season and 28-1 the last 29 times it has led at halftime.
- San Diego State had was +11 rebound margin and has now won 31 of its last 32 games when leading in that category.
- San Diego State is a remarkable 27-6 during the month of February in the Brian Dutcher era.
- San Diego State has won 29 straight games when scoring 65 points and is 62-1 the last 63 times when reaching that point total.
- San Diego State had six players score nine or more points.

#### **Game Trends**

- San Diego State has a season-high seven dunks: Keshad Johnson 3, Nathan Mensah 3, Joshua Tomaic.
- Nathan Mensah scored the game's first point on a layup on SDSU's first possession (19:37).
- San Diego State first six points were scored in the paint and its first 12 points were scored in the paint or at the line after being fouled on a shot attempt in the paint.
- Air Force made its first seven field goal attempts of the game (15 points).
- San Diego State used a 12-0 run during the second half to build a 51-36 advantage.

#### **Player Notes**

#### Matt Bradley – 13 points, 2-4 3FGs, 5 rebounds, team-high 5 assists

Bradley's streak of 20-point games was snapped at three, denying him a new career record... Nonetheless, the senior reached double figures for the seventh straight game, the 18th time this season and the 89th time in his career... The senior has multiple treys for the fifth consecutive game (for the first time in his San Diego State career)... Now has 1,655 career points... Last 7 games: 22.0 points, 5.7 rebounds, 3.0 assists, 1.3 stelas, 0.4 blocked shots, 51-94 FG (54.3 percent), 20-35 3FG (57.1 percent), 32-40 FT (80.0 percent)... This marked the fourth time Bradley has led the Aztecs in assists this season... 11 of his 13 points came after intermission.

#### Nathan Mensah — team-high 14 points, 6-7 FGs, 6 rebounds, 3 blocked shots, 2 assists

Mensah produced his highest point output since scoring a career-high 19 points against UC San Diego (12-22-21)... It was his first double-digit scoring game since scoring 10 against Boise State (1-22-22)... This was his sixth double-digit scoring game of the season and the 26<sup>th</sup> of his career (SDSU is 22-4 in those games)... Mensah has shot above 50 percent from the field in consecutive games and has done it 58 times total in his career (SDSU is 46-12)... Led the team in scoring for fourth time this season and the fifth time in his career... Led the team in rebounding for the team-high 10<sup>th</sup> time this season and the 29<sup>th</sup> time in his career.

#### Keshad Johnson — 11 points, 4-4 FGs, 4 rebounds, 3 assists

Now has five double-figure scoring games in his last 11 outings after doing it just three times in his first 52 games... San Diego State improves to 8-0 when he reaches double figures... Last 11 games: 8.1 points, 6.0 rebounds, 53.8 field goal percentage.

#### **Series Notes**

- San Diego State leads the all-time series, 62-24 (SDSU has won the last six and is 15-2 in the last 17 encounters).
- The Aztecs improve to 19-3 playing the Academy in Viejas Arena (SDSU has won the last 14).
- Brian Dutcher improves to 8-1 lifetime against the Falcons.

#### **Entering Today**

- San Diego State was 52<sup>nd</sup> in NET
- San Diego State was 32<sup>nd</sup> in the RPI
- San Diego State was 41<sup>st</sup> in Sagarin
- San Diego State was 44<sup>th</sup> in KenPom
- San Diego State was 44<sup>th</sup> in BPI