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No. 4/4 San Diego State Postgame Notes vs. Utah State Steve Fisher Court at Viejas Arena | San Diego, Calif. Saturday, Feb. 1, 2020

# FINAL SCORE: No. 4/4 San Diego State 80, Utah State 68

Next Game: Saturday, Feb. 8 | vs. Air Force, 6 p.m. MT | Colorado Springs, Colo. | TV: CBS Sports Network | Radio: 101.5 KGB & XTRA 1360 Next Media Availability: Wednesday, Feb. 5 | Time and location to be announced

## **Big Notes**

- San Diego State improves to a nation-best 8-0 in NET Quadrant 1 and 2 games. All eight of those victories have come either on the road and neutral (5-0 away, 3-0 neutral).
- The Aztecs remain the only unbeaten team in the country at 23-0 (Auburn was the last school to lose its first game, falling on Jan. 15). There are currently two one-loss teams (Baylor and Gonzaga).
- SDSU extends its longest winning streak (23) in school history (99 seasons).
- San Diego State's 23-game winning streak is the longest in Division I since Gonzaga started out the 2016-17 campaign 29-0 (Gonzaga finished 37-2 and made the NCAA championship that season).
- SDSU's 23-0 start is the best for any team that did not advance to the NCAA tournament the year before since the 2011-12 Murray State team started 23-0.
- The Aztecs win their school-record 12th consecutive conference game.
- SDSU wins its 12th straight home game.
- San Diego State outscored Utah State, 49-29, in the second half.
- The Aztecs have 29 pointers over the last two games (15 at New Mexico on Wednesday, 14 vs. Utah State tonight), which are the most in the country since Wednesday (three teams have 28 three-pointers since Wednesday).
- Matt Mitchell scored 24 of his season-high 28 points in the second half.

#### Kawhi Leonard

- Kawhi Leonard entered the arena at the second media timeout (10:34 to play in the first half).
- Athletics Director John David Wicker presented a proclamation from the City of San Diego to Kawhi Leonard declaring yesterday was Kawhi Leonard Day in San Diego.
- San Diego State retired Kawhi Leonard's jersey in a halftime ceremony.

## **Home Notes**

- The Aztecs improve to 12-0 at home this season and 6-0 in conference home games.
- San Diego State is 53-7 in its last 60 conference home games.

- In its last 138 conference home games in Viejas Arena, the Aztecs are 122-16.
- In its last 239 home games, San Diego State is 210-29.
- Since the start of the 2010-11 season, San Diego State is 142-19 at home and 60-8 in conference games.

#### **Team Notes**

- The Aztecs outscored the Aggies, 49-29, in the second half.
- SDSU improves to 39-5 at home in the Brian Dutcher era (12-0 this season).
- San Diego State wins its 29th consecutive game when shooting better than its opponent (20-0 this season, 57-4 in the Brian Dutcher era).
- San Diego State wins its 16th straight game when outrebounding its apponent (15-0 this season, 47-8 in the Brian Dutcher erg).
- The Aztecs improve to 18-0 on the season when committing fewer turnovers than their opponent (46-6 in the Brian Dutcher era).
- San Diego State's 14 three-pointers were its second most in a game this season (15 at New Mexico on Jan. 29, 2020).
- SDSU starters scored 75 of its 80 points in the game.
- The Aztecs outscored Utah State, 21-4, in fast break chances.
- San Diego State outscored the Aggies, 14-11, off turnovers.

#### **Trends**

- San Diego State trailed at the half for just the third time this season (vs. Iowa & Nevada).
- San Diego State's 10-point deficit (41-31 with 19:21 to play in the second half) marks just the second time this season SDSU has trailed by double figures (lowa 37-21 with 3:05 to play in the first half).
- San Diego State used a 10-0 run in 1:27 in the second half, to turn a five-point deficit (44-49) into a 54-49 lead.

#### **Series Notes**

- San Diego State leads the all-time series, 13-5.
- San Diego State is 12-2 in the last 14 games in the series, regardless of location.
- The Aztecs are 7-1 against Utah State, and have won seven straight, in games played on SDSU's home floor.
- San Diego State has never lost a game to Utah State in Viejas Arena (7-0).

#### **Player Notes**

## Matt Mitchell (28 points (24 in second half), 9-14 FG, 4-6 3PFG, 4 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 steal)

Had a season-high 28 points (previous high was 19), three off his career high of 31 vs. Eastern Illinois on Nov. 20, 2017... The 28 points are tied with Malachi Flynn for the most by an Aztec in a game this season... Recorded 28 points after scoring a total of 20 his past two games... In the second half, he was 7-for-11 from the floor, including 4-for-6 from three-point range and a perfect 6-for-6 from the free-throw line... Scored in double figures for the 13th time this season and 50th time of his career (SDSU is 37-13 in those games)... Led the team in scoring for the third time this season and 14th time of his career (SDSU is 11-3)... His nine field goals were a season best... His four three-point field goals were a season high... Played a career-high 37 minutes.

## Malachi Flynn (15 points, 6 rebounds, 7 assists, 3 steals, 1 blocked shot)

Scored in double figures for the 22nd time this season (he had nine points in the other game) and 60th time of his career (first 38 came while he was at Washington State)... Became just the fifth Aztec since the 1996-97 season (sixth occasion overall) to record at least 15 points, 6 rebounds, 7 assists and 3 steals in the same game and one of just two with those numbers along with a blocked shot (also Brandon Heath at Utah on Jan. 11, 2006)... Led the team in assists for the 15th time this season and 47th time of his career.

## KJ Feagin (15 points, 4 rebounds, 4 assists)

Scored in double figures for the seventh time this season and 64th time of his career (first 57 came at Santa Clara)... Had 3 three-pointers and is now 9-for-17 from three-point range over the last games... Has multiple three-pointers in seven games this season and 47 for his career.

# Yanni Wetzell (11 points, 10 rebounds, 2 steals, 1 blocked shot)

Recorded his third double-double of the season and fifth of his career (his first two came at Vanderbilt last season)... Scored in double figures for the 16th time this season and 25th time of his career... Reached double-figures in rebounding for the third time this season and sixth time of his career... Led the team in rebounding for the ninth time this season and 13th time of his career.

## **Entering Today**

- San Diego State was 1st in NET.
- San Diego State was 2nd in strength of record.
- San Diego State was 6th in KenPom.
- San Diego State was 9th in the Sagarin Ratings.
- San Diego State was 10th in BPI.
- San Diego State was 13th in RPI.