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NO. 13/12 San Diego State Postgame Notes vs. Fresno State Steve Fisher Court at Viejas Arena | San Diego, Calif. January 1, 2020

FINAL SCORE: San Diego State 61, Fresno State 52

Next Game: Saturday, Jan. 4 | at Utah State, 8 p.m. MT | Logan, Utah | TV: CBS Sports Network | Radio: 101.5 KGB & XTRA 1360

Big Picture

- San Diego State remains one of two undefeated teams in the country.
- SDSU's 14-0 start is its second-best start in program history (20-0 in 2010-11).
- San Diego State's 14-game winning streak is the longest in the Brian Dutcher era and is the third longest in school history.
- Brian Dutcher has now been on the sideline in three of the four longest winning streaks in program history (also 2010-11 and 2013-14).
- The Aztecs improve to 63-56 all-time against Fresno State, including a 40-20 all-time mark in games played in San Diego.

Big Notes

- Junior guard Malachi Flynn scored his 1,000th career point at the 12:22 mark of the second half.
- San Diego State improves to 35-5 at home in the Brian Dutcher era and 91-14 in its last 105 home games.
- The Aztecs win their 20th straight game when leading at the half and are now 51-8 in the Brian Dutcher era when leading at intermission.
- San Diego State wins its 21st straight game and improves to 49-4 in the Brian Dutcher era when shooting better than its opponent.
- The Aztecs improve to 126-4 the last 130 times they have held the opposition to 60 points or less at home.
- SDSU improves to 11-0 this season and has 19 straight wins when the opponent shoots 40 percent or less from the floor.
- San Diego State improves to 11-0 this season and 39-6 in the Brian Dutcher era when committing fewer turnovers than its opponent.
- San Diego State held Fresno State to 17 points in the first half, it's the third time this season SDSU has held an opponent under 20 points in a half and each time it has been in the first period (13 for Texas Southern on Nov. 5 and 19 for Utah on Dec. 21).
- San Diego State ends a three-game slide against Fresno State in Viejas Arena.
- Matt Mitchell (13) and Malachi Flynn (12) combined to score 25 of San Diego State's 36 second-half points.

Game Notes

- Junior forward Matt Mitchell made his first start of the season.
- San Diego State started a different five players (Feagin, Flynn, Mitchell, Schakel & Wetzell) than its previous 13 games (Feagin, Flynn, N. Mensah, Schakel & Wetzell).
- San Diego State improves to 5-0 this season when playing on Wednesday and 27-9 in its last 36 games played on the day.
- The Aztecs handed Fresno State its worst loss (nine points) since a nine-point loss at Colorado State on Jan. 26, 2019.

Game Trends

- SDSU finished the first half on a 10-0 run.
- San Diego State led by as many as 16 points with 3:05 remaining in the game (56-40).
- The Aztecs outscored the Bulldogs, 32-22, in the paint.

Player Notes

Matt Mitchell – 15 points, 8-9 FT, 6 rebounds, 1 blocked shot, 1 assist, 1 steal

Scored 15 points, including 12 in the second half... Scored in double figures for the sixth time this season and 43rd time of his career (SDSU is 30-13 when he scores 10-plus points)... Snapped a three-game streak of not reaching double figures in scoring... Was 8-for-9 from the free-throw line and is now 22-for-25 (.880) from the charity stripe over his last seven games... The eight made free-throws were his most this season and tied a career high... Blocked his fourth shot of the season.

Malachi Flynn — 16 points, 5 rebounds, 1 assist

Scored in double-figures for the fourth straight game, 13th time in 14 games this season (other game was nine points) and 50th time of his career (includes his time at Washington State)... Led the team in scoring for the eighth time this season and 23rd time of his career... Had his streak of nine straight games with multiple 3-pointers snapped, but had one and has 25 over his last 10 games.

Joel Mensah – 8 points, 4-4 FG, 2 rebounds, 2 blocked shots, 2 steals

Scored a career-high eight points, making all four of his field goal attempts... Also had career highs in field goals (4), blocked shots (2) and steals (2).

Other Notes

- Trey Pulliam had six points, three assists and zero turnovers in a career-high 23 minutes off the bench... Led the team in assists for the first time of his career.
- KJ Feagin tied a season high with five rebounds, while playing a season-high 35 minutes.
- Yanni Wetzell led the team in rebounding for the seventh time this season and 11th time of his career (including his time at Vanderbilt).
- Adam Seiko tied a career high (and season high) with two assists.

Entering Today

- Entering the day, San Diego State was one of two unbeaten teams in the nation.
- San Diego State was 1st in NET.
- San Diego State was 2nd in strength of record.
- San Diego State was 7th in RPI.
- San Diego State was 8th in the Sagarin Ratings.
- San Diego State was 18th in BPI.
- San Diego State was 19th in KenPom.