



## SAN DIEGO STATE AZTECS MEDIA RELATIONS

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### San Diego State Postgame Notes vs. UC Riverside Steve Fisher Court at Viejas Arena | San Diego, Calif. Tuesday, November 9, 2021

## FINAL SCORE: San Diego State 66, UC Riverside 53

**Next Game:** Friday, Nov. 12 | at Brigham Young, 6 p.m. PT | Provo, Utah | **TV:** BYUtv | **Radio:** 101.5 KGB & XTRA 1360

**Ties:** 5 (at 5, 7, 10, 13, 20)

**Lead Changes:** 6

#### **Big Notes**

- San Diego State wins its season-opening game for a ninth straight year.
- San Diego State wins its 20<sup>th</sup> straight game against Big West Conference competition.
- San Diego State won its 16<sup>th</sup> straight game against teams from the state of California.
- **Matt Bradley's** 23-points were the most in an Aztec debut since Jerome Habel scored 23 points vs. California on Nov. 18, 2006.
- San Diego State improves to 12-0 lifetime against UC Riverside.
- The 12-game win streak against the Highlanders is the second longest active streak for the Aztecs against any opponent (LaVerne, 13).

#### **Team Notes**

- San Diego State is 23-2 since the beginning of last season with 15 straight wins when leading at the half.
- The Aztecs are 123-7 the last 130 times it has led at the half in Viejas Arena.
- San Diego State is 54-7 since the beginning of the 2019-20 season.
- Since the start of the 2009-10 campaign, the Aztecs are 171-23 at home.
- Since Feb. 22, 2012, San Diego State is 106-8 at home when shooting at least 38.9 percent from the field.
- San Diego State held UC Riverside to 39.2 percent field goal shooting. The Aztecs are 41-1 the last 42 times they have been held to 40 percent or less.
- San Diego State has won 17 straight games when leading with five minutes to play.
- Tonight, marked just the third time in the last 29 contest that San Diego State did not make at least three 3-pointers (vs. Utah State in the MW Championship, 3-13-21 and vs. Pepperdine on 12-6-20)

#### **Game Flow Notes**

- Dunks: San Diego State 2 (Mensah 2), UC Riverside 0.
- Shot Clock Violations Caused: San Diego State 2.
- Tip: Moorman (UCR) controls tip via back tip.
- San Diego State scored on its first offensive possession of the game on a straightaway three-pointer by Trey Pulliam at 19:29 of the first half.

- Matt Bradley's first points as an Aztec came on a layup in transition at 16:49.
- San Diego State used a 16-2 first half run to take control. The Aztecs trailed 20-16 when the run started and ended the spurt with a 32-22 lead. Matt Bradley had 12 of the 16 points during the stretch.

### **Player Notes**

#### **Matt Bradley – game-high 23 points, 8-13 FGs, +16**

Had a game-high 23 points... It is the most points in an Aztec debut since Jerome Habel scored 23 points vs. California on Nov. 18, 2020... Has scored in double figures in 14 straight games dating back to Jan. 23, 2021... During a 16-2 San Diego State run in the first half he scored 12 points.

#### **Nathan Mensah – 8 points, 4-4 FGs, game-high 10 rebounds, 2 assists**

His two blocked shots gave him 102 for his career and put him in an eighth-place tie on the program's career blocked shots list with 102... Recorded his 10<sup>th</sup> career double-digit rebound game... Recorded two dunks in the game.

#### **Trey Pulliam - 15 points, 4 rebounds**

Pulliam reached double figures for five of the last six games and six of the last 10 games.

### **Entering Today**

- San Diego State was 32<sup>nd</sup> in KenPom.

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