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No. 18/18 [5] San Diego State Postgame Notes vs. No. 25/No. 25 [9] Florida Atlantic *** **FINAL EDITION**
NCAA Final Four

NRG Stadium | Houston, Texas

Saturday, April 1, 2023

Next Game: vs. No. 10/12 [4] UConn / No. 16/15 Miami [5] | NCAA Championship, Monday, April 2 | TV: CBS | Radio: San Diego Sports 760

Records: San Diego State: 32-6 overall; Florida Atlantic: 35-4 overall

Final Score: [5] San Diego State 72, [9] Florida Atlantic 71

Big Notes

- San Diego State advances to the NCAA Championship for the first time in program history. Prior to this run in the NCAA Tournament, the Aztecs had made it as far as the Sweet 16 (twice).
- San Diego State wins its 32nd game of the season, the second most in program history. Only the 2010-11 squad led by Kawhi Leonard had more victories (34).
- San Diego State records the first buzzer beater in an NCAA Final Four game when trailing.
- San Diego State completes the third-largest comeback in a NCAA semifinal game and the fifth-largest comeback in any NCAA Final Four game (semifinal plus title game).
- San Diego State comes back from its largest deficit to win this season (14 points), besting a 13-point comeback at New Mexico on Feb. 25, 2023.
- San Diego State becomes just the third team ever to win back-to-back NCAA Tournament games by one point (also Loyola Chicago in 2018 and St. Joseph's in 1981).
- San Diego State improves to 7-0 on the season in games decided by three or less points.
- San Diego State improves to 23-6 on the season as an AP nationally ranked team.
- San Diego State improves to 11-14 all-time in NCAA Tournament games (5-0 this year).
- San Diego State improves to 10-5 in the NCAA Tournament as a higher seed.
- San Diego State improves to 5-0 as a No. 5 seed in the NCAA Tournament.
- San Diego State improves to 2-1 against a No. 9 seed in the NCAA Tournament.
- San Diego State wins its ninth consecutive game, which is the second-longest active streak in the country and longest among any team in the NCAA Tournament.
- After snapping College of Charleston's 10-game winning streak in the NCAA First Round, Furman's seven-game winning streak in the NCAA Second Round, No. 1/2 Alabama's five-game winning streak in the Sweet 16 and Creighton's three-game winning streak in the Elite Eight, San Diego State snaps No. 25/25 Florida Atlantic's 11-game winning streak today in the Final Four. The 11-game winning streak was tied for the longest active streak in the country heading into today.
- San Diego State has won 15 of its last 16 games (15-1) and 19 of its last 21 (19-2) with the two losses coming on the road against NCAA Tournament teams Nevada (14-2 at home) and Boise State (14-1 at home).
- San Diego State improves to 8-0 in postseason play with eight straight neutral wins.

- San Diego State improves to 151-46 (.766) under Brian Dutcher.
- San Diego State hands Florida Atlantic just its second loss when leading at the half (FAU is now 27-2 when leading at the half).
- San Diego State did not allow a fast break point for the third straight game.

Series Notes

- San Diego State improves to 3-0 all-time against Florida Atlantic.
- The Aztecs win their fifth consecutive game against current members of the Conference USA and improve to 24-38 all-time against current members of the league.

Team Notes

- San Diego State wins its sixth straight game when trailing at the half and improves to 8-2 on the season (21-27 under Brian Dutcher).
- San Diego State improves to 25-2 on the season with 11 straight wins when outrebounding its opponent (110-12 under Brian Dutcher).
- San Diego State improves to 21-3 on the season and 103-19 under Brian Dutcher when committing fewer turnovers than its opponent.
- San Diego State improves to 11-2 on the season in games played on Saturday and 44-20 under Brian Dutcher in Saturday games.
- San Diego State improves to 27-5 on the season (eight straight wins) and 100-23 under Brian Dutcher when its bench outscores the bench.
- San Diego State improves to 23-2 on the season when wearing its white uniforms.
- San Diego State improves to 9-0 in March this season and 72-25 in its last 97 March games.

Game Flow

- San Diego State won the tip.
- Florida Atlantic scored first on a Nick Boyd jumper 31 seconds into the game.
- SDSU scores on its third possession with a three-pointer by Matt Mitchell.
- San Diego State substituted four players - F Aguek Arop, F Jaedon LeDee, G Micah Parrish and G Adam Seiko - with 13:34 left in the first half. The only starter to stay in the game was G Darrion Trammell.
- San Diego State forced one turnover via shot clock violation.
- San Diego State led for only 6:34, its second fewest time in a win this season (5:46 vs. Brigham Young on Nov. 11).
- Scores at each media timeout:
 - 1st Half, 15:56: San Diego State 8, Florida Atlantic 5 (SDSU +3)
 - 1st Half, 11:24: San Diego State 16, Florida Atlantic 15 (SDSU +1)
 - 1st Half, 6:40: San Diego State 26, Florida Atlantic 26 (tied)
 - 1st Half, 3:30: Florida Atlantic 36, San Diego State 28 (SDSU -8)
 - 1st Half, 3:04: Florida Atlantic 36, San Diego State 28 (SDSU -8)
 - Halftime: Florida Atlantic 40, San Diego State 33 (SDSU -7)
 - 2nd Half, 15:56: Florida Atlantic 49, San Diego State 40 (SDSU -9)
 - 2nd Half, 11:11: Florida Atlantic 58, San Diego State 51 (SDSU -7)
 - 2nd Half, 7:15: Florida Atlantic 65, San Diego State 60 (SDSU -5)
 - 2nd Half, 3:14: Florida Atlantic 67, San Diego State 65 (SDSU -2)
 - 2nd Half, 0:57: Florida Atlantic 69, San Diego State 68 (SDSU -1)
 - Final: San Diego State 72, Florida Atlantic 71
- San Diego State's bench outscores Florida Atlantic, 27-15.

Entering Today

- San Diego State was 14th in KenPom
- San Diego State is 14th in NET
- San Diego State was 6th in KPI
- San Diego State was 9th in T-Rank
- San Diego State was 15th in Sagarin
- San Diego State was 15th in BPI

Player Notes

Matt Bradley – 21 points, 4-of-8 3PFG, 7-of-9 FT, 6 rebounds, 2 assists, +10 plus/minus ratio

Became just the seventh Aztec with a 20-point NCAA Tournament game and second this season (Darrion Trammell's 21 vs. Creighton in the Elite Eight)... Scored at least 20 points for the fourth time this season (SDSU is 3-1) and 39th time of his college career... Reached double figures in scoring for the 26th time this season (SDSU is 21-5) and 123rd time of his career... After scoring just eight combined points last weekend (at the Sweet 16 and Elite Eight in Louisville, Kentucky) in 39 minutes, he had 11 points on 4-of-4 shooting (3-of-3 3PFG) in the first six minutes of the game alone and 21 overall... Led the team in scoring for the 16th time this season and 78th time of his college career... Had a team-high +10 plus/minus ratio.

Jaedon LaDee – 12 points, 6 rebounds

Scored in double figures for the 11th time this season (SDSU is 11-0) and 19th time of his career.

Lamont Butler – 9 points, 2 rebounds, 3 assists

Made his second buzzer beater of the season (also Feb. 25 at New Mexico)... In the NCAA Tournament, is now averaging 10.0 points, 3.2 rebounds and 3.6 assists per game.

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