

San Diego State Postgame Notes vs. [8] Colorado State MWC Tournament Quarterfinals Thomas & Mack Center | Las Vegas, Nev. Thursday, March 9, 2023

Next Game: Friday, March 10 | vs. [4] Nevada / [5] San José State, 6:30 p.m. PT | MW Semifinals | Thomas & Mack Center | Las Vegas, Nev. | TV: CBSSN | Radio: San Diego Sports 760 Records: San Diego State: 25-6 overall; Colorado State: 15-18 overall

Final Edition

Big Notes

- San Diego State wins its 25th game of the season, marking the ninth time the Aztecs have won at least 25 games in a season (also 2019-20, 2015-16, 2014-15, 2013-14, 2011-12, 2010-11, 2009-10 and 2008-09).
- San Diego State wins its 16th consecutive conference tournament opening game, tied with New Mexico State for the third-longest active streak in the country (Gonzaga, 26; Akron, 17 entering tonight's MAC quarterfinal game).
- San Diego State wins its 43rd game at Thomas & Mack Center since the start of the 2008-09 campaign. That is the most victories by any team in the nation in any venue in which it has not played a home game (Villanova is second with 36 wins at Madison Square Garden).
- San Diego State improves to 40-17 in the Mountain West tournament for a winning percentage of 70.2 percent. The 40 wins are the most by any team current or former in league history (second currently is tournament host UNLV with 29).
- San Diego State defeats Colorado State for the third time this season and fourth straight time overall.
- San Diego State is 8-1 in its last nine games overall.
- SDSU improves to 144-46 (.758) under Brian Dutcher.
- Adam Seiko became the winningest player in Mountain West history (113 victories), passing former Brigham Young standout Jimmer Fredette.

Tournament Notes

- San Diego State advances to the semifinal round of the Mountain West tournament for the 16th consecutive season.
- San Diego State is 19-5 all-time in the quarterfinal round of this tournament. That is the most wins in this round of the event.
- The last time SDSU did not win its opening game of the conference tournament was 2007, when the third-seeded Aztecs fell to sixth-seeded Colorado State, 69-64.
- San Diego State improves to 15-4 as the No. 1 seed in the Mountain West tournament and 5-0 as the No. 1 seed against the No. 8 seed.
- San Diego State improves to 5-0 all-time against the No. 8 seed in the Mountain West tournament.
- San Diego State improves to 6-2 against Colorado State in the Mountain West tournament.

Series Notes

• San Diego State leads the all-time series with Colorado State, 51-43.

- The Aztecs have won four straight games in the series.
- SDSU is now 6-2 against the Rams on neutral courts, including a 5-2 mark at Thomas & Mack Center.
- San Diego State owns a 39-16 advantage against CSU in the Mountain West era.

Team Notes

- The Aztecs move to 21-2 this season and 131-10 in the Brian Dutcher era when leading with five minutes to play.
- San Diego State improves to 20-3 this season, 124-16 in the Brian Dutcher era and 187-24 in its last 211 games when it leads at the half.
- SDSU improves to 21-2 on the season when outrebounding its opponent and 106-12 under Brian Dutcher.
- San Diego State wins its 17th straight game when attempting more free-throw attempts than its opponent and improves to 19-1 on the season (and 94-8 under Brian Dutcher).
- The Aztecs win their 17th straight game when shooting better than their opponent, and are now 20-1 on the season and 121-8 under Brian Dutcher.
- SDSU holds Colorado State to 38.6 percent from the field and has 11 straight wins when holding its opponent to under 40 percent shooting (12-1 this season and 92-9 under Brian Dutcher).
- San Diego State had nine blocked shots for the second straight game, matching its most since recording 10 against Air Force on Feb. 3, 2018.
- The 18 blocked shots are SDSU's most in a two-game period since March 8-9, 2017 (10 at UNLV and nine against Boise State) in the Mountain West tournament.

Game Flow

- Scores at each media timeout:
 - 1st Half, 12:42: Colorado State 15, San Diego State 11 (SDSU -4)
 - 1st Half, 11:50: Colorado State 15, San Diego State 13 (SDSU -2)
 - 1st Half, 7:54: Colorado State 20, San Diego State 17 (SDSU -3)
 - 1st Half, 3:38: Colorado State 22, San Diego State 21 (SDSU -1)
 - Halftime: San Diego State 27, Colorado State 25 (SDSU +2)
 - 2nd Half, 15:15: Colorado State 33, San Diego State 31 (SDSU -2)
 - 2nd Half, 11:58: Colorado State 37, San Diego State 36 (SDSU -1)
 - 2nd Half, 8:59: San Diego State 43, Colorado State 39 (SDSU +4)
 - 2nd Half, 7:37: San Diego State 45, Colorado State 41 (SDSU +4)
 - 2nd Half, 3:37: San Diego State 54, Colorado State 53 (SDSU +1)
 - Final: San Diego State 64, Colorado State 61 (SDSU +3)
- San Diego State forced two Colorado State turnovers via shot clock violation.
- Colorado State scored the first eight points of the game before Keshad Johnson's layup with 17:29 remaining in the first half got the Aztecs on the scoreboard.
- Colorado State made its first three field goal attempts (and two free-throw attempts) in its 8-0 run to start the game over the first 2:15. The Aztecs held the Rams to just 17 points for the rest of the first half (17:45) as CSU finished 7-for-25 (28.0 pct.).
- San Diego State tied the game at 20-20 on a Matt Bradley three-pointer with 7:24 left in the first half, the first tie since a 0-0 game.
- San Diego State took its first lead of the game on a Lamont Butler free-throw with 3:27 remaining in the first half.
- San Diego State's bench outscores Colorado State, 23-5.
- San Diego State outscores CSU, 17-10, in second-chance opportunities.

Entering Today

- San Diego State was 15th in KenPom
- San Diego State is 16th in NET
- San Diego State was 9th in KPI
- San Diego State was 9th in T-Rank
- San Diego State was 33rd in Sagarin
- San Diego State was 23rd in BPI

Player Notes

Lamont Butler – 16 points, 5 rebounds, 1 assist

Reached double figures in scoring for the 11th time of the season (SDSU is 10-1) and 23rd time of his career (19-4)... Reached at least 15 points for the fifth time this season (5-0) and seventh time of his career (6-1)... Led the team in scoring for the third time this season (3-0) and fifth time of his career (4-1)... Had multiple three-pointers for the eighth time this season (8-0) and 15th time of his career (12-3).

Matt Bradley – 13 points, 2 rebounds, 2 assists

Reached double figures in scoring for the 22nd time this season (SDSU is 17-5) and 119th of his career... Extended his streak of scoring a point to 129 straight games... Has also drained at least one three-point field goal in nine consecutive outings.

Jaedon LeDee – 10 points, 8 rebounds, 3 blocked shots, 3 assists

Scored at least 10 points in a game for the eighth time this season (SDSU is 8-0) and 16th time of his career... Led the team in rebounds (tied) for the ninth time this season (7-2) and 15th time of his career... Recorded a season high with three blocked shots... Tied a season high with three assists... Became the first Aztec in Mountain West tournament history to record at least 10 points, 8 rebounds, 3 blocked shots and 3 assists in the same game.

Keshad Johnson – 8 points, 8 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 steal

Led (tied) the team in rebounding for the 11th time this season (SDSU is 9-2) and 21st time of his career (17-4).

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