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San Diego State vs. Utah State Postgame Notes

Steve Fisher Court at Viejas Arena | San Diego, Calif.

February 3, 2024

Final Score: San Diego State 81, No. 17/17 Utah State 67

Next Game: Tuesday, Feb 6 | 8:30 p.m. MT | at Air Force | Clune Arena | USAFA, Colo. | TV: FS1 | Radio: San Diego Sports 760

Lead Changes: 4 | Ties: 4

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Big Notes

- San Diego State improves to 13-9 (.591) under Brian Dutcher against AP Top-25 teams. The Aztecs were 29-98 (.228) against AP Top-25 teams prior to Dutcher taking over as head coach in 2017-18.
- SDSU's .591 winning percentage against AP Top-25 teams since the 2017-18 season ranks fourth in the country (min. 20 games) (as of 2:45 p.m. PT Saturday), trailing only Virginia (.619), Duke (.612), Kansas (.603) and Arizona (.594).
- San Diego State improves to 85-11 (.885) in Mountain West home games since the start of the 2013-14 season (since the current configuration of the league started), the best winning percentage in the league (No. 2 is Boise State at .789).
- San Diego State wins for the 26th time in the last 29 games immediately following a loss and has won 33 straight games when the loss is immediately followed by a home game.
- The Aztecs win their 22nd straight game when leading at the half.
- San Diego State wins its fifth consecutive game against Utah State and is now 19-6 all-time against the Aggies in their Mountain West era (since 2013-14).
- SDSU defeats Utah State for the 10th straight time at home in the Mountain West era with eight of those wins coming by double digits.
- The Aztecs hands Utah State just its third loss of the season.
- SDSU hands the Aggies their worst loss in a conference game in over a year (Jan. 13, 2023 at Nevada, L, 85-70).
- **F Jay Pal** becomes the fifth Aztec since at least the 1996-97 season to shoot perfect from the field (min. 5 FGM) with at least 15 points and 2 three-pointers. Four of the five occasions have happened with Brian

Dutcher as the head coach, including three current Aztecs (Lamont Butler vs. Georgetown on Nov. 25, 2021, Micah Parrish at Colorado State on Jan. 18, 2023 and Pal today).

Team Notes

- SDSU is now 94-10 under Brian Dutcher in games played at home, which includes a 54-6 record in Mountain West home games.
- With at least one of the teams ranked when they have played, SDSU moves to 9-1 against the Aggies (today was the first time Utah State was ranked when playing the Aztecs).
- San Diego State moves to 6-2 against the Aggies in day games, which includes two regular season games, both played in Viejas Arena, and both won by the Aztecs (also: 70-55 on Jan. 23, 2016).
- San Diego State (11-0) and Utah State (10-0) remain the only Mountain West programs who have yet to lose on its home floor this season.
- Since the start of the 2009-10 campaign, San Diego State's conference home record (112-15) is the best in the Mountain West and its .882 winning percentage is more than 100 percentage points better than its next closest rival (Boise State's 84-26; .764).
- San Diego State has won 11 straight, 20 of its last 21, and 30 of its last 32 Mountain West home games.
- SDSU's bench outscores its opponent's bench for the 14th consecutive game after achieving it in just three of its first eight contests.
- SDSU stands at 113-26 under Brian Dutcher and 239-51 in its last 290 games when outscoring the opponent's bench.
- San Diego State wins its 22nd straight game when leading at the half (16-0 this season) and is now 151-16 in the Brian Dutcher era when leading after 20 minutes.
- The Aztecs have won 159 of their last 167 home games (159-8) when leading at the half.
- The Aztecs win their 21st straight game and move to 15-0 this season when leading with five minutes to play. SDSU is now 151-10 in the Brian Dutcher era and has won 404 of its last 418 when leading with five minutes to play.
- SDSU is 122-14 under Brian Dutcher and 263-40 in its last 303 games when it outrebounds the opponent.
- Under Brian Dutcher, the Aztecs are 38-8 in games in February and as a program has won 65 of its last 86 (65-21) games in the second month of the year.
- As a program, SDSU is now 254-142 (.641) all-time in Mountain West games.
- San Diego State sells out Viejas Arena for the ninth time this year in nine Division I games.
- The Aztecs move to 102-46 in its last 148 games played on Saturday and under Brian Dutcher is 48-22 in games on the day.
- SDSU outscores Utah State in the following situations:
 - 23-6 off the bench
 - 13-8 in second chance points
 - 15-11 in points off turnovers
 - 7-3 in fast break opportunities

Series Notes

- San Diego State is now 19-9 all-time against Utah State.
- In the Mountain West era SDSU sit at 19-6 against the Aggies.
- Head coach Brian Dutcher's record against Utah State improves to 10-6 and sees his win streak against the Aggies, regardless of location, increase to five games.
- At Steve Fisher Court, the Aztecs are 10-1, having taken each of the last 10 meetings. SDSU has not lost to Utah State at home since a 63-60 decision on Nov. 24, 1998.

Game Flow

- San Diego State won the tip.
- Jaedon LeDee scored the first points of the game on a jumper in the paint at 19:08.
- Utah State's first bucket came at the 18:42 mark on a layup from Mason Falslev.
- In the first 12:48 of the first half, the teams combined to shoot 19-of-36 from the field (.528).
- San Diego State led 2-0 at the 19:08 mark and then trailed until it went ahead 31-29 with 5:13 to play in the first half on a Lamont Butler layup.
- Reese Waters hit a corner three with four seconds to play in the first to send the game to the half with SDSU up 42-36.
- The Aztecs opened up a 59-48 lead in the first 6:08 of the second half shooting 6-of-11 from the floor, 3-of-5 from the bonus distance and 2-of-2 from the line.
- Scores at each media timeout:
 - First Half, 15:56: Utah State 9, San Diego State 7 (-2)
 - First Half, 11:53: Utah State 16, San Diego State 14 (-2)
 - First Half, 7:23: Utah State 26, San Diego State 22 (-4)
 - First Half, 3:51: San Diego State 33, Utah State 32 (+1)
 - Halftime: San Diego State 42, Utah State 36 (+6)
 - Second Half, 13:52: San Diego State 59, Utah State 48 (+11)
 - Second Half, 11:29: San Diego State 59, Utah State 51 (+8)
 - Second Half, 7:38: San Diego State 63, Utah State 54 (+9)
 - Second Half, 5:36: San Diego State 70, Utah State 58 (+12)
 - Second Half, 2:47: San Diego State 74, Utah State 62 (+12)
 - Final: San Diego State 81, Utah State 67 (+14)

Player Notes

Jay Pal – 16 points, 5-5 FG, 2-2 3PFG, 7 rebounds, 2 blocks, 1 steal

Scored a season-high 16 points in his first start as an Aztec... Scored in double figures for the fourth time this season (SDSU is 4-0) and 31st time of his career... Tied Jaedon LeDee with 16 points, the second time this season he has led the team in scoring... Scored 16 points on 5-for-5 shooting from the floor after entering the game with 16 points total over the last four games on 4-for-13 shooting... His five field goals were a season high... Tied a season high with two blocks... Became the fifth Aztec since at least the 1996-97 season to shoot perfect from the field (min. 5 FGM) with at least 15 points and 2 three-pointers. Four of the five occasions have happened with Brian Dutcher as

the head coach, including three current Aztecs (Lamont Butler vs. Georgetown on Nov. 25, 2021, Micah Parrish at Colorado State on Jan. 18, 2023 and Pal today).

Jaedon LeDee – 16 points, 9 rebounds, 2 assists, 2 steals

Scored in double figures for the 21st time this season in 21 appearances... Now has 40 career double-figure scoring games, 32 of which have come in the 60 games he has played as an Aztec... Tied Jay Pal with 16 points and has now led SDSU in scoring 15 times this season... Led SDSU in rebounding for the 17th time this season and has led his team in rebounding 36 times for his career... Reached 600 career rebounds with his second board of the game... Had multiple steals for a third straight game.

Micah Parrish – 14 points, 2 rebounds, 2 blocks, 1 assist

Scored in double figures for the 12th time in 2023-24 and the 54th time in his career... It was his first double-digit scoring game since scoring 13 at San Jose State on Jan. 9... Had multiple 3-pointers for the eighth time this season (SDSU is 6-2) and 42nd time of his career... Matched a career and season with two blocks.

Darrion Trammell – 12 points, 3-5 FG, 2 rebounds, 3 assists, 1 steal

Scored in double figures for the eighth time this season (all over the last 13 games) and the 75th time in his career.

Other Notes

- **G Lamont Butler** reached 300 assists in his career and becomes the ninth Aztec to reach the milestone in the Dutcher/Fisher era... **G Reese Waters** had a game-high +14 plus/minus rating.

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