2018 MOUNTAIN WEST MEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP
CHAMPIONSHIP GAME (March 10, 2018)

GAME NOTES

Final Score: No. 5 Seed San Diego State 82, No. 3 Seed New Mexico 75

- The Aztecs earned their Mountain West record fifth tournament title and first since 2011. SDSU is now 5-5 all-time in the MW Championship final. New Mexico drops to 4-2 in tournament final appearances.
- The win was the first in three tries for SDSU over UNM in the championship game.
- San Diego State improved to 39-47 all-time versus New Mexico, including a 2-4 mark in the league tournament. The win halted the Lobos' three-game win streak overall versus the Aztecs.
- SDSU is now 6-1 all-time in the MW Tournament as a No. 5 seed and is 2-0 in the title game. Overall, San Diego State is a MW-best 30-14 (.682) in the tournament.
- The Aztecs extended its win streak to a season-best nine games. The last loss suffered by SDSU came on Feb. 10 at nationally-ranked Nevada.
- San Diego State will be making its first appearance in the NCAA Tournament since the 2014-15 season.
- New Mexico opened the game on a 12-4 spurt over the first 3:18. San Diego State responded with a 9-0 run to take the lead, at 13-12, at the 13:48 mark of the first half. Neither team led by more than six points for the remainder of the period.
- The Lobos held a 63-57 lead after a **Makuach Maluach** basket at the 7:39 mark of the second half. The Aztecs concluded the contest on a 25-12 run to secure the win.
- **Trey Kell** recorded a career-high 28 points on 10-of-16 shooting from the floor and 7-for-8 conversions from the charity stripe. Over the tournament, Kell averaged 18.3 points per game and was named MVP for his efforts.
- Kell was one of three Aztecs to reach double digits in points, as **Malik Pope** tallied 16 points and **Devin Watson** added 12. Pope tied for the game high in rebounds with five. SDSU's **Jalen McDaniels** matched Pope with five rebounds as did UNM's **Joe Furstinger** and **Sam Logwood**.
- Five players reached double figures in points for New Mexico. **Antino Jackson** paced the team with 17 points, followed by **Anthony Mathis**, **Joe Furstinger**, **Sam Logwood** and **Troy Simmons** with 13, 12, 11 and 11 points respectively.
- The New Mexico bench outscored the San Diego State reserves, 32-15.
- The 2018 Mountain West All-Tournament: **Jordan Caroline** (Nevada), **Joe Furstinger** (New Mexico), **Antino Jackson** (New Mexico), **Trey Kell** (MVP, San Diego State), **Devin Watson** (San Diego State)