



## SAN DIEGO STATE AZTECS MEDIA RELATIONS

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### Texas Southern at San Diego State Postgame Notes Steve Fisher Court at Viejas Arena | San Diego, Calif. November 5, 2019

## Final Score: San Diego State 77, Texas Southern 42

**Next Game:** Saturday, Nov. 9 | at BYU, 2 p.m. MT | Marriott Center

**Next MBB Media Availability:** Thursday, Nov. 7 | JAM Center (informal availability) | information on timing will be sent to media outlets tomorrow.

**Lead Changes:** 0 | **Ties:** 0

**Plus-Minus Leaders (min. 20 min.):** Malachi Flynn (SDSU), +36; Yahuza Rasas (TSU), -5

### Big Notes

- The Aztecs had 62 rebounds, its most in a game since at least 1996-97.
- The 62 rebounds were a Viejas Arena record (previous high was 57 by SDSU vs. St. Katherine College on Dec. 27, 2013).
- SDSU's 25 offensive rebounds matched its most in a game since at least 1996-97 (also at Colorado State on Jan. 24, 2004).
- San Diego State held Texas Southern to 22.6 percent shooting (14-for-62), the lowest since holding Cal State Bakersfield to 21.4 percent shooting (12-for-56) and the fourth-lowest mark since 1996-97.

### Team Notes

- San Diego State won its seventh straight season opener (last loss on Nov. 11 vs. No. 9/9 Syracuse on the USS Midway) and improved to 13-1 in its last 14 lid-lifters.
- The Aztecs won their 14<sup>th</sup> straight season opener against an unranked opponent (last loss on Nov. 19, 2004 against UC Santa Barbara).
- SDSU won its 15<sup>th</sup> straight home opener (regardless of if the game was the season opener).
- San Diego State improves to 4-0 all-time against Texas Southern (wins in 1991, 2012, 2018 and 2019).
- The Aztecs are 8-0 in Viejas Arena against members of the SWAC at the time of game.
- The Aztecs are 31-8 lifetime at Viejas in games against teams located in the Central Time Zone and have won their last eight contests against that group.
- San Diego State is 84-14 in its last 98 home games.
- This was the 350<sup>th</sup> San Diego State home game played at Viejas Arena.

## **Halftime Notes**

- The 35-point scoring margin is SDSU's largest first-half lead since leading Sacramento State by 35 (49-14) on Nov. 23, 2017. It is tied for the Aztecs' second-largest first-half lead since at least 1996-97.
- SDSU allowed only 13 points in the first half, its fewest allowed since also allowing 13 vs. Air Force on March 1, 2017. Since the 1996-97 season, San Diego State has only allowed less points in the first half three times.
- SDSU held Texas Southern to 18.5 percent shooting in the first half, the seventh-lowest percentage allowed in the first half since the 1996-97 campaign.

## **Game Notes**

- This marked the first time the Aztecs have not trailed in a game since a 66-51 victory over Air Force on Jan. 30, 2019. Last season SDSU had six wire-to-wire victories.
- SDSU led for 39:44 of the game (Aztecs broke a 0-0 tie just 16 seconds into the game on a Jordan Schakel three and never trailed the rest of the way).
- San Diego State had three players make their first career start for the Aztecs this evening – senior guard KJ Feagin, junior guard Malachi Flynn, senior Yann Wetzell
- Career starts: Feagin 82, Flynn 62, Nathan Mensah 21, Jordan Schakel 17, Wetzell 11.
- San Diego State's first substitutions of the game came at the 13:43 mark, when Matt Mitchell and Jordan Pulliam checked in the game.
- San Diego State had a 20-0 first half run in the game.
- SDSU led, 48-13, at the half. San Diego State was 18-4 last season when leading at the half.
- San Diego State improved to 19-2 over the past two seasons and 349-47 since the 1999-00 season when shooting better than its opponent.
- The Aztecs improved to 72-4 since the 1999-00 season when holding their opponent to less than 50 points.
- The Aztecs outrebounded Texas Southern, 62-41, in the game. SDSU was 15-2 last season when outrebounding its opponent.
- SDSU outscored TSU, 27-3, in second-chance points.
- San Diego State forced 20 turnovers, outscoring Texas Southern, 23-23, in points off turnovers.
- The Aztecs held a 32-16 advantage in points in the paint.
- San Diego State outscored Texas Southern, 29-22, in bench points.
- SDSU played 13 players in the game and 11 scored (all with at least two points).

## **Player Notes**

### **Jordan Schakel – 15 points, 5-7 FG, 4-5 3FG, 4 rebounds, 2 assists, 1 steal**

Recorded his 11th career double-figure scoring game (the Aztecs are 9-2 in those contests)... Led the team in scoring for the third time of his career (tied with Malachi Flynn tonight)... Made his first four field goal attempts from the field, including three from three-point range, and scored San Diego State's first eight points of the game... Schakel needed only 3:06 to reach eight points for the game... Finished with 14 points in the first half, just two shy from his career high of 16, ironically set last season against Texas Southern (Nov. 14, 2018)... In two games against Texas Southern for his career, Schakel has 31 points and 11 rebounds, shooting 72.7 percent (8-for-11) from the field, 87.5 percent (7-for-8) from three-point range and 88.9 percent (8-for-9) from the free-throw line in just 48 minutes.

### **Malachi Flynn – 15 points, 6-11 FG, 5 rebounds, 5 assists, 1 steal, 1 blocked shot**

Reached double-figures in scoring in his first career game as an Aztec... Now has 39 career double-figure scoring games... Led the Aztecs in scoring for the first time this season and led his DI team in scoring for the 16th time of his career.

**Yanni Wetzell – 8 points, 9 rebounds, 2 assists, 2 steals, 1 blocked shot**

Nearly had a double-double with eight points and nine rebounds in his first career game as an Aztec... Tied a career high two two assists.

**Keshad Johnson – 7 points, 10 rebounds (5 off.), 3 steals, 1 blocked shot**

Reached double-figures in rebounding in his first career game... Had 10 rebounds in just 15 minutes (26.7 rebounds per 40 minutes)... His five offensive rebounds were the most in the game.

**Nathan Mensah - 5 points, 11 rebounds, 1 blocked shot**

Reached double-figures in rebounding for the fifth time of his career (SDSU is 5-0 in those games)... Led the team in rebounding for the eighth time of his career.

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