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No. 18/18 [5] San Diego State Postgame Notes vs. No. 10/12 [4] Connecticut
NCAA National Championship Game
NRG Stadium | Houston, Texas
Monday, April 3, 2023

Records: San Diego State: 32-7 overall; Connecticut: 31-8 overall

Final Score: [4] Connecticut 76, [5] San Diego State 59

Big Notes

- San Diego State falls to 0-1 all-time in NCAA Championship games.
- San Diego State finished the season with 32 wins, the second most in program history. Only the 2010-11 squad led by Kawhi Leonard had more victories (34).
- San Diego State falls to 2-3 on the season against AP nationally ranked teams.
- San Diego State falls to 23-7 on the season as an AP nationally ranked team.
- San Diego State falls to 11-15 all-time in NCAA Tournament games (5-1 this year).
- San Diego State falls to 1-7 in the NCAA Tournament as the lower seed (1-1 this year).
- San Diego State falls to 5-1 as a No. 5 seed in the NCAA Tournament.
- San Diego State falls to 0-3 against a No. 4 seed in the NCAA Tournament.
- San Diego State has its nine-game winning streak snapped, which was the second-longest active streak in the country and longer than any team that made the NCAA Tournament.
- San Diego State's last loss prior to tonight was Feb. 28 at Boise State (33 days in between losses).
- San Diego State won 15 of its final 17 games (15-2) and 19 of its final 22 (19-3) with the three losses coming on the road against NCAA Tournament teams Nevada (14-2 at home) and Boise State (14-1 at home), and in the NCAA Championship tonight.
- San Diego State falls to 8-1 in postseason play (Mountain West Tournament and NCAA Tournament).
- San Diego State falls to 151-47 (.763) under Brian Dutcher.
- San Diego State falls to 0-2 all-time against Connecticut with both losses coming in the NCAA Tournament (2011 in Sweet 16 and tonight in the NCAA Championship game).

Team Notes

- San Diego State sees its six-game winning streak snapped when trailing at the half and falls to 8-3 on the season.
- San Diego State falls to 21-4 on the season and 103-20 under Brian Dutcher when committing fewer turnovers than its opponent.
- San Diego State sees its 10-game winning streak snapped in games played on Monday, and drops to 4-1 on the season and 11-2 under Brian Dutcher.
- San Diego State allowed its first fast-break points (5) since the NCAA Second Round against Furman. The Aztecs had played three straight NCAA Tournament games without allowing a fast-break point prior to tonight.

Game Flow

- Connecticut won the tip.
- Connecticut scored first on a Jordan Hawkins jumper 25 seconds into the game.
- San Diego State scored on its first possession on a three-pointer by Lamont Butler.
- The Aztecs made their first three field goal attempts.
- San Diego State's first substitution was F Aguek Arop for F Keshad Johnson at the first media timeout.
- Connecticut went on a 10-0 run over a 6:08 stretch in the first half to take a 16-10 lead until Keshad Johnson made a pair of free throws.
- San Diego State cut a 16-point deficit to five points at 60-55 with 5:19 remaining, but UConn closed the game on a 16-4 run.
- San Diego State led for only 4:35.
- Scores at each media timeout:
 - 1st Half, 15:47: San Diego State 10, Connecticut 8 (SDSU +2)
 - 1st Half, 11:00: Connecticut 14, San Diego State 10 (SDSU -4)
 - 1st Half, 8:50: Connecticut 20, San Diego State 12 (SDSU -8)
 - 1st Half, 7:21: Connecticut 22, San Diego State 12 (SDSU -10)
 - 1st Half, 2:55: Connecticut 36, San Diego State 20 (SDSU -16)
 - Halftime: Connecticut 36, San Diego State 24 (SDSU -12)
 - 2nd Half, 18:04: Connecticut 38, San Diego State 26 (SDSU -12)
 - 2nd Half, 15:19: Connecticut 43, San Diego State 32 (SDSU -11)
 - 2nd Half, 11:56: Connecticut 49, San Diego State 36 (SDSU -13)
 - 2nd Half, 6:58: Connecticut 58, San Diego State 50 (SDSU -8)
 - 2nd Half, 3:52: Connecticut 63, San Diego State 55 (SDSU -8)
 - Final: Connecticut 76, San Diego State 59

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

Keshad Johnson – 14 points, 4 rebounds, 1 assist

Scored in double figures for the 13th time this season (SDSU is 9-4) and 25th time of his career (SDSU is 21-4)... Led the team in scoring for the 13th time of his career (SDSU is 10-3) and 25th time of his career (21-4).

Lamont Butler – 13 points, 4 rebounds, 2 assists, 1 blocked shot, 1 steal

Made the 2023 NCAA All-Tournament Team... Scored in double figures for the 14th time this season (SDSU is 12-2) and 26th time of his career (SDSU is 21-5).

Darrion Trammell – 13 points, 3 rebounds, 1 assist, 3 steals

Scored in double figures for the 18th time this season (SDSU was 14-4) and 67th time of his career... Had multiple steals for the 14th time of the season (SDSU was 10-4).

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