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San Diego State Postgame Notes – vs. California

Final Score: California 63, [--/rv] San Diego State 62

Next Game: Thursday, Dec. 21, vs. Gonzaga, 7 p.m. PT | CBS Sports Network

Team Notes

- San Diego State overcame its largest deficit (14 points) of the season.
- The Aztecs lost their first game at home this season, dropping to 4-1 inside Viejas Arena.
- SDSU had its five-game home winning streak vs. non-conference foes snapped, dating back to last season.
- SDSU wins its fifth straight game vs. California and improves to 8-4 all-time vs. the Golden Bears.
- The Aztecs drop to 16-10 in their last 26 games vs. current members of the Pac-12 Conference.
- San Diego State had all 11 scholarship players available to play for the first time since the Arizona State game (Nov. 14; second game of the season) and for the third time overall in 2017-18. Trey Kell did not play in the second half because of a leg injury.
- The Aztecs were 16-for-19 from the free-throw line, posting their highest free-throw percentage of the season (84.2), highest with at least 19 attempts since also shooting 16-for-19 against New Mexico on Feb. 6, 2016 and matching their highest percentage with at least 19 attempts since going 25-for-29 (86.2 pct.) against Boise State on Feb. 1, 2012.
- SDSU's bench outscored California's bench, 24-16.

Player Notes

Malik Pope – 20 points, 8 rebounds, 2 blocked shots, 1 assist, 2 steals

Scored SDSU's first 13 points of the game (5-5 FG, 1-1 3FG, 2-2 FT)... Opened the game by making his first five shots from the field (missed 3FG with 11:55 left in the first half)... Recorded his second 20-point game of the season (5th career)... Tied a season high with 20 points... Posted his sixth double-figure scoring game of the season and the 35th of his career... Led the team in scoring for the second time this season and 16th time of his career... Led the team in rebounding for the fourth time this year and 26th time of his career... Became the first Aztec since Marcus Slaughter (Feb. 4, 2006 at Colorado State) and just the fourth since 1996 to record a game of at least 20 points, eight rebounds, 2 blocked shots, one assist, two steals and shoot at least 50 percent from the field... Also set season highs in both made free-throws (5) and free-throws attempted (6).

Matt Mitchell – 13 points, 3 rebounds, 6 assists, 2 steals

Posted his sixth double-digit scoring game of the season... Set a career high with six assists... Led the team in assists for the first time of his career... Made three three-pointers, the second most of his career.

Jeremy Hemsley – 13 points, 2 assists

Recorded his fifth double-figure scoring game of the season and the 52nd of his career... He posted his third straight double-digit scoring effort of the year.

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