



## SAN DIEGO STATE AZTECS MEDIA RELATIONS

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### San Diego State Postgame Notes vs. No. 22/21 UCLA Steve Fisher Court at Viejas Arena | San Diego, Calif. Wednesday, Nov. 25, 2020

#### FINAL EDITION

**Next Game:** Friday, Nov. 25 | vs. UC Irvine, 4 p.m. PT | Viejas Arena | TV: YurView (San Diego cable channel 4) | Radio: 101.5 KGB & XTRA 1360

#### Big Picture

- The Aztecs have won consecutive games against the Bruins (for the first time since 1940 (Dec. 6-7) and have won two straight in the series after dropping the previous eight games.
- This marks the first time in school history that San Diego State has defeated a UCLA team that was ranked in the AP Top 25 Poll at the time of the game.
- The 15-point margin of victory is the largest in series for the Aztecs since a 22-point win on Dec. 1, 1939.
- For the first time since 1940, San Diego State has defeated UCLA in consecutive meetings.
- SDSU handed UCLA its largest defeat since an 18-point loss at Arizona State on Feb. 6, 2020.
- San Diego State improves to 6-4 against AP Top 25 teams in the Brian Dutcher era.
- The Aztecs have won their last four games against AP Top 25 teams in Viejas Arena and are 9-2 in its last 11 encounters with ranked teams at home.
- San Diego State wins its season-opening game for an eighth straight year.
- San Diego State is 31-2 since the beginning of the 2019-20 season.
- Since the start of the 2009-10 campaign, the Aztecs are 158-21 at home.

#### Team Notes

- San Diego State improves to 1-0 on the season and 42-6 in the Brian Dutcher era at Viejas Arena.
- The Aztecs improve to 1-0 on the season and 62-9 in the Brian Dutcher era when leading at the half.
- The Aztecs are 111-6 the last 117 times they have led at the half in Viejas Arena.
- SDSU wins its 30th straight game when leading with 5:00 to go.
- San Diego State improves to 1-0 on the season and 51-9 in the Brian Dutcher era when outrebounding its opponent.
- The Aztecs improve to 1-0 on the season and 53-7 in the Brian Dutcher era when committing fewer turnovers than their opponent.
- SDSU's bench outscored UCLA, 21-6.
- The Aztecs outscored the Bruins, 24-12, in the paint and held a 12-9 advantage in second chance opportunities.

## **Player Notes**

### **Matt Mitchell (15 points, 2 rebounds, 2 assists, 2 steals)**

Played in his 100<sup>th</sup> career game today... Reached double figures for the 58<sup>th</sup> time in his career... He has scored in double figures in each of his last nine home games... Tied for the team lead in scoring and now has led the team in scoring 14 times in his career (SDSU is 11-3 in those games)... It was his 23<sup>rd</sup> career 15-point game (Aztecs are 22-1).

### **Jordan Schakel (15 points, 3 rebounds)**

Reached double figures in scoring for the 31<sup>st</sup> time of his career (SDSU is 28-3 in those games)... Tied for the team lead in scoring and now has led the team in scoring six times for his career (SDSU is 5-1 in those games)... Made multiple three-point field goals in a game for the 44<sup>th</sup> time in his career... He has made at least three treys in a game 15 times since the start of the 2019-20 season... Had a game-high +20 in the plus/minus rating.

### **Aguek Arop (10 points, 4 rebounds, 1 assist)**

Reached double figures in scoring for the third time of his career and first since also scoring 10 vs. New Mexico on Jan. 15, 2019... Had a plus/minus rating of +14.

### **Terrell Gomez (10 points, 1 rebound, 2 assists, 1 steal)**

Scored 10 points in his Aztec debut, including eight in the second half... It was his 82<sup>nd</sup> career double-digit scoring game.

### **Joshua Tomaic (9 points, 3 rebounds, 1 assists, 1 steal)**

Scored nine points on 4-for-5 shooting in his first game as an Aztec... Had nine points in 14+ minutes after scoring 18 all last season in 54 minutes at Maryland... Was just two points shy of a career high (11 at Ohio State on Nov. 1, 2018) and had his most point since also scoring nine vs. Gardner-Webb on Dec. 19, 2017.

### **Trey Pulliam (8 points, 4 rebounds, 6 assists)**

Started for the first time of his career... Was one rebound and one assist shy of career highs in each category, while his eight points were his third most in a game.

### **Nathan Mensah (4 points, 7 rebounds, 1 blocked shot, 1 assist, 1 steal)**

Scored San Diego State's first points of the game... It was his first points since Dec. 28, 2019 against Cal Poly... Led the team in rebounding for the 15<sup>th</sup> time of his career (SDSU is 12-3 in those games)... Recorded his seven rebounds in just under 19 minutes of action.

## **Entering Today**

- San Diego State was 22<sup>nd</sup> in the Sagarin Ratings.
- San Diego State was 30<sup>th</sup> in BPI.
- San Diego State was 44<sup>th</sup> in KenPom.

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