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San Diego State Postgame Notes vs. [12] UAB

NCAA First Round

Spokane Veterans Memorial Arena | Spokane, Wash.

Friday, March 22, 2024

Final Score: No. 24/25 [5] San Diego State 69, [12] UAB 65

Next Game: 2024 NCAA Second Round | vs. [4] Auburn / [13] Yale | Second Round, Sunday, March 24 | TV: TBA | Radio: San Diego Sports 760

Records: San Diego State: 25-10 overall; UAB: 23-12 overall

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Big Notes

- **Jaedon LeDee's 32 points are the most by an Aztec in NCAA Tournament history**, surpassing Xavier Thames' 30 vs. North Dakota State on March 22, 2014 in this same arena (Spokane Veterans Memorial Arena).
- **Jaedon LeDee's four 30-point games this season are the most by an Aztec since Tony Ross had four in the 1986-87 campaign and tied for the third most in SDSU single-season history.**
- **San Diego State has back-to-back 25-win seasons for the first time since a three-campaign stretch from 2014-16 (2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16).**
- The Aztecs record their 10th season with at least 25 victories (also 2022-23, 2019-20, 2015-16, 2014-15, 2013-14, 2011-12, 2010-11, 2009-10 and 2008-09).
- SDSU improves to 12-15 all-time in NCAA Tournament games (6-1 over the last two seasons).
- San Diego State improves to 11-5 in the NCAA Tournament with the higher (better) seed.
- The Aztecs improve to 4-0 in the Round of 64 when earning a No. 5 seed or better (2011, 2014, 2023 and 2024).
- SDSU improves to 6-1 as a No. 5 seed in the NCAA Tournament.
- San Diego State improves to 3-0 against a No. 12 seed in the NCAA Tournament.
- The Aztecs improve to 3-1 in postseason play (Mountain West Tournament and NCAA Tournament) and 11-2 over the last two seasons (6-1 in NCAA Tournament, 5-1 in Mountain West Tournament).
- SDSU improves to 3-0 all-time in the NCAA Tournament against current teams from the American Athletic Conference.
- San Diego State trails for a total of 4 minutes, 25 seconds (4:25) tonight. In three NCAA Tournament games for the Aztecs at Spokane Veterans Memorial Arena, SDSU has trailed for a total of 12:16. That's just 9.8 percent of its 125 minutes played in the arena.
- San Diego State improves to 176-57 (.755) under head coach Brian Dutcher, including a 28-11 (.718) mark in games played in March and a 6-4 record in the NCAA tournament (.600).
- The Aztecs win their 27th consecutive game when leading at the half (21-0 this year).

Series Notes

- San Diego State improves to 1-1 all-time against UAB, avenging a 96-41 loss on Dec. 23, 1989 in Birmingham, Ala.
- The Aztecs improve to 3-0 all-time in the NCAA Tournament against teams from the American Athletic Conference.
- SDSU improves to 13-19 all-time against current members of the American Athletic Conference.

Team Notes

- San Diego State improves to 5-1 this season and 34-15 under Brian Dutcher on neutral courts.
- The Aztecs improve to 11-2 this season and 115-22 under Brian Dutcher when scoring first.
- SDSU improves to 156-16 under Brian Dutcher when leading at the half, winning 27 straight games, 87 of its last 92 (87-5) and 125 of its last 133 (125-8).
- San Diego State snaps a seven-game losing streak when trailing with five minutes left in the game.
- The Aztecs improve to 19-4 on the season and 129-16 under Brian Dutcher when outrebounding their opponent.
- SDSU improves to 14-5 on the season and 121-30 under Brian Dutcher when committing fewer turnovers than its opponent.
- San Diego State improves to 19-3 this season and 142-11 under Brian Dutcher when shooting better than its opponent.
- The Aztecs improve to 13-3 this season and 111-12 under Brian Dutcher when holding their opponent to under 40 percent shooting.
- SDSU improves to 19-8 this season and 120-30 under Brian Dutcher when its bench outscored the opposition.
- San Diego State improves to 6-3 this season in games played on Friday and 25-8 under Brian Dutcher.
- After being outscored, 14-0, off turnovers last game against New Mexico in the Mountain West Championship, the Aztecs outscore the Blazers today, 17-5, off turnovers.
- SDSU also outscored UAB during the following situations:
 - 30-22 in the paint
 - 13-6 in fast-break chances
 - 12-9 in second-chance opportunities
 - 14-12 off the bench

Game Flow

- UAB won the tip.
- San Diego State's Jaedon LeDee made the first basket of the game, a layup just 28 seconds into the game.
- LeDee made his first four shots of the game.
- The first substitutions of the game for the Aztecs came at the first media (14:40 left in the first half) as Reese Waters, Elijah Saunders and Miles Byrd all came in.
- UAB tied the game at 11-11 with 14:16 remaining in the first half. San Diego State answered with a 16-5 run over the next 5:51 until UAB called a timeout with 8:33 left.
- The Aztecs trailed for the first time with 9:54 left in the second half (51-49) on a UAB jumper.
- The Blazers led by as many as three points on three different occasions, including for the last time with 6:02 left at 58-55.
- SDSU outscored UAB, 14-7, over the final 5:31.
- The game had two lead changes and four ties.
- San Diego State led for 32:28 of the 40 minutes. UAB led for 4:25 (the game was tied the other 3:07).
- Scores at each media timeout:
 - 1st Half, 14:40: San Diego State 11, UAB 9 (+2)
 - 1st Half, 11:45: San Diego State 16, UAB 13 (+3)
 - 1st Half, 8:33: San Diego State 27, UAB 16 (+11)
 - 1st Half, 7:50: San Diego State 27, UAB 16 (+11)
 - 1st Half, 3:26: San Diego State 31, UAB 24 (+7)
 - Halftime: San Diego State 35, UAB 29 (+6)
 - 2nd Half, 16:42: San Diego State 42, UAB 32 (+10)
 - 2nd Half, 15:48: San Diego State 44, UAB 34 (+10)
 - 2nd Half, 11:52: San Diego State 49, UAB 43 (+6)
 - 2nd Half, 6:02: UAB 56, San Diego State 55 (-1)

- 2nd Half, 4:03: San Diego State 61, UAB 58 (+3)
- Final: San Diego State 69, UAB 65 (+4)

Player Notes

Jaedon LeDee – 32 points, 11-18 FG, 9-10 FT, 8 rebounds, 1 block, 1 steal

Scored an SDSU NCAA Tournament-record 32 points, surpassing Xavier Thames' 30 vs. North Dakota State on March 22, 2014 in this same arena (Spokane Veterans Memorial Arena)... It was his fourth 30-point game of the season, the most by an Aztec since Tony Ross had four in the 1986-87 season and tied for the third most in SDSU single-season history... His four career 30-point games (all this season) are tied for the fifth most in program history... Extended his San Diego State record for points in a season and now has 728... Logged his 22nd 20-point game of the season and 25th of his career... Reached double figures in points just 6:39 into the game... Scored in double figures for the 34th time this season in 34 appearances... Now has 53 career double-figure scoring games, 45 of which have come in the 73 games he has played as an Aztec... Had 18 points in the first half and 14 in the second half... Led SDSU in scoring for the 26th time this season... Also had a SDSU NCAA Tournament record with 11 field goals... Was 9-for-10 from the free-throw line... Made his first two free-throw attempts, making it a stretch of 19 of 20 makes from the free-throw line dating back to the UNLV game in the Mountain West tournament last Thursday... Has now made 26 of his last 28 free-throw attempts (.929) since the UNLV game... Has set a SDSU single-season record with 219 free throws, passing Bob Brady's 213 set in 1952-53.

Lamont Butler – 15 points, 5-9 FG, 5-6 FT, 3 rebounds, 4 assists, 4 steals

Scored in double figures for the 17th time this season (SDSU is 14-3) and 43rd time of his career (SDSU is 35-8)... Is now eight points shy of scoring 1,000 for his career... The four steals were his most in a NCAA Tournament game... Joined Jamaal Franklin (March 24, 2013 vs. Florida Gulf Coast) as the only Aztecs with at least 15 points, 4 assists and 4 steals in an NCAA tournament game... Started his 100th career game.

Entering Today

- San Diego State was 16th in KPI
- San Diego State was 20th in NET
- San Diego State was 20th in KenPom
- San Diego State was 27th in T-Rank
- San Diego State was 31st in BPI

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