

# AZTEC BASKETBALL

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## Postgame Notes

San Diego State vs. Air Force ► March 13, 2008

**Final Score:** San Diego State 53, Air Force 49

**Records:** San Diego State 20-11; 9-7 MWC; Air Force 16-14; 8-8 MWC

**Next game:** vs. Brigham Young; Friday, March 14, 2008; **TV:** CBS College Sports/4SD; **Radio:** AM 600 KOGO

### Team Notes

- \* - San Diego State claims its 20th victory of the season. It marks the third consecutive campaign with at least 20 victories for the Aztecs, marking the first time that has occurred since 1938-39, 1939-40 and 1940-41 seasons.
- \* - Coupled with the women's quarterfinal victory over Wyoming last night, both of San Diego State's basketball programs have won a game in the conference tournament in the same season for the first time since 1996.
- \* - Today marked the third time SDSU has led wire-to-wire in an MWC Championships game. The other times occurred in 2002 vs. BYU and in 2006 vs. Colorado State. Both of those years the Aztecs won the title.
- \* - The Aztecs improve to 19-0 this season and have now won 32 games in a row when leading with five minutes to play.
- \* - This marks the third time in the last four seasons that the Aztecs have won their quarterfinal game.
- \* - San Diego State defeats Air Force for the fifth time in the last eight meetings. The Aztecs are 5-1 against the Academy in neutral-site games and 2-0 against the Falcons in the MWC tournament.
- \* - Steve Fisher improves to 59-37 in March/April games; 8-6 in MWC tournament games and 35-17 in NCAA, postseason NIT or MWC tournament games in his career.
- \* - SDSU shot 20-for-22 from the free-throw line (90.9 percent). It matched the second-best free-throw percentage of season.
- \* - Today's starting lineup of Ryan Amoroso, Lorenzo Wade, Richie Williams, D.J. Gay and Matt Thomas is the ninth this season utilized by head coach Steve Fisher.

### The Significance of 20 Wins

- \* - San Diego State reaches 20 wins for the third straight season, the fourth time under Steve Fisher; the sixth time in 38 Division I seasons and the 13th time in 87 seasons overall.
- \* - In the first eight seasons of the MWC (prior to this season), all 25 teams that have won at least 20 games have advanced to postseason play.
- \* - Steve Fisher has guided the Aztecs to four 20-win campaigns in the last seven seasons. SDSU reached 20 victories just twice in the previous 31 seasons before his arrival on The Mesa.

### Player Notes

#### \* - Lorenzo Wade

Wade finished with 12 points to post his 25th game this year with at least 10 points. ... Wade went 10-for-11 from the charity stripe to set a new career high for free throws made. ... The junior ended the game with five assists to log his fourth straight game with at least five helpers. He has 26 assists in his last four games.

#### \* - Ryan Amoroso

Amoroso logged his 16th double-figure scoring effort of the campaign with his game-high 15 points. He has led the team in scoring seven times this year. ... Made a career-high nine free throws.

#### \* - Richie Williams

Williams posted his eighth double-figure scoring game of the season with his 12 points. ... Williams connected on multiple three-pointers for just the third time this season. ... The Aztecs improve to 16-6 when Williams scores at least 10 points in a game during his two-plus year career. ... After dishing out six assists, his most since breaking his wrist, Williams responded with five more vs. Air Force.

#### \* - D.J. Gay

Gay extended his career-best streak of making at least one three-pointer to 10 games. ... He has made multiple three-pointers in 11 games this year. ... The freshman finished with six points in a winning effort.