



## SAN DIEGO STATE AZTECS MEDIA RELATIONS

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## San Diego State Postgame Notes vs. Alabama State

**Final Score:** San Diego State 73, Alabama State 41

**Next Game:** Thursday, Dec. 22, vs. Southern Miss (Hawaiian Airlines Diamond Head Classic), 2 p.m. HT, ESPN2

### Team Notes

- San Diego State made its first 11 two-point field-goal attempts... SDSU's first missed two-pointer came with 8:04 left in the half.
- The Aztecs' first 22 points were in the paint and Matt Shrigley's three-pointer with 9:24 left in the first half snapped the streak.
- SDSU held its opponent to 25 percent shooting, its lowest percentage allowed this season.
- San Diego State has won 55 straight games when shooting 50 percent or better from the field.
- The 32-point win was the Aztecs' second-largest margin of victory this year.
- The Aztecs outscored Alabama State, 38-10, in the paint.
- SDSU never trailed in the game, leading for 39:43 overall (game was tied for 0:17).

### Player Notes

#### **Malik Pope – 16 points, 7 rebounds, 2 assists**

Set a season high for points scored in a game with 16... Scored in double figures for the first time since his season debut vs. California in Sacramento... He has scored at least 10 points in two games this season and 18 in his career... Led the team in scoring for the first time this season for the eighth time in his career... Equalled his season high with six field goals made... His 6-for-10 shooting effort matched a season best (vs. California)... Matched his season high with seven rebounds... Led the team in rebounding for the second time this season and 12<sup>th</sup> time of his career.

#### **Zylan Cheatham – 11 points, 6 rebounds, 2 blocked shots, 3 assists, 1 steal**

Reached the double-figure scoring plateau for the fourth time this season (14<sup>th</sup> career)... Finished 5-for-5 from the field... Set a season high in assists, one off his career high of three.

#### **Montaque Gill-Caesar – 11 points, 2 rebounds, 2 assists, 1 steal**

Reached double-figures in scoring for the second time this season and 15<sup>th</sup> time of his career... Was 4-for-4 from the free-throw line, setting season bests in free-throws made and attempts.

#### **Dakarai Allen – 10 points, 3 rebounds, 1 blocked shot, 3 assists, 4 steals**

Posted his second double-digit scoring game of the season and the 14<sup>th</sup> of his career... Set a season high and tied a career high with three steals... Became the fourth Aztec since the 1996-97 season to record at least 10 points, three rebounds, one blocked shot, three assists and one steal, and finish with one or less turnovers, in the same game (other players - Randy Holcomb (Nov. 21, 2001 vs. Norfolk State), Tommie Johnson (Nov. 30, 2004 vs. Troy) and Kawhi Leonard (Dec. 4, 2010 vs. Wichita State).

#### **Max Hoetzel – 9 points, 2 rebounds**

Made all six of his free-throw attempts, tying a career high for free throws made.

#### **Valentine Izundu – 2 points, 3 rebounds, 3 blocked shots**

Recorded a season high in blocks.