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San Diego State vs. Boise State Postgame Notes Steve Fisher Court at Viejas Arena | San Diego, Calif. February 3, 2023

Final Score: San Diego State 72, Boise State 52

Next Game: Wed., February 8 | at Utah State, 8 p.m. MT | Dee Glen Smith Center | Logan, Utah | TV: CBS Sports Network | Radio: San Diego Sports 760

Records: San Diego State: 18-5 overall, 9-2 Mountain West; Boise State: 18-6 overall, 8-3 Mountain West

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Big Notes

- San Diego State returns to sole possession of first place of the Mountain West standings at 9-2, one game ahead of Boise State (8-3), and 1 ½ games ahead of Nevada (7-3) and Utah State (7-3).
- San Diego State hands Boise State its worst loss (20 points) against a Mountain West team (league game or MW tournament) since a 22-point setback (78-56) at Colorado State on Jan. 27, 2021 and tied for its second-worst loss against a MW team (league game or MW tournament) since the Broncos joined the league in the 2011-12 season.
- Seven of Boise State's 20-worst losses since joining the MW have come against San Diego State (league game or MW tournament).
- San Diego State improves to 19-3 in its last 22 games immediately following a loss. The Aztecs have won 25 consecutive games when playing a home game immediately following a loss.
- San Diego State moves to 53-5 in home games since the start of the 2019-20 season, which is the fifth-best record in the nation in that time frame.
- SDSU wins the 18th of its last 21 Mountain West games overall (18-3).
- San Diego State improves to 12-1 in Viejas Arena this season and is 62-6 in its last 68 home games.
- San Diego State improves to 30-4 in Mountain West games at Steve Fisher Court since the start of the 2019-20 season.
- San Diego State has won 22 of its last 24 Mountain West home games.
- SDSU improves to 137-45 (.753) under Brian Dutcher.

Team Notes

- The Aztecs move to 124-9 in the Brian Dutcher era when leading with five minutes to play.
- The Aztecs move to 13-2 on the season when they score first, 96-22 under Brian Dutcher and 213-56 in their last 269 games.
- For the 12th time this year, San Diego State never trailed in the second half.

- SDSU wins its 12th game in its last 13 when leading at the half, and improves to 15-2 on the season and 119-15 under Brian Dutcher.
- SDSU wins its 13th straight game when attempting more free throws than its opponent, and improves to 15-1 this season, 60-3 in its last 63 games and 90-8 under Brian Dutcher.
- San Diego State wins its 11th straight game when shooting better than its opponent and is now 14-1 this season and 115-8 under Brian Dutcher.
- SDSU improves to 15-2 on the season when outrebounding its opponent and 100-12 under Brian Dutcher.
- San Diego State improves to 17-5 under Brian Dutcher when playing on Friday.
- The Aztecs outscore Boise State, 31-16, off the bench. Over the last two games, SDSU's bench has outscored the opposition, 60-17.

Series Notes

- San Diego State moves to 18-10 in the all-time series against Boise State.
- The Aztecs improves to 9-3 against Boise State at Viejas Arena and 10-3 all-time at home in the series.
- SDSU snaps Boise State's three-game win streak, its longest in the series.
- Boise State won its three games against San Diego State last year by a total of seven points. SDSU won tonight by 20.
- San Diego State has won six of the last seven matchups played in Viejas Arena.
- San Diego State secures at least a split for the seventh time in nine home-and-home season series against the Broncos.

Game Flow

- Nathan Mensah won the opening tip.
- Lamont Butler scored the first basket of the game on a dunk at 19:22. He stole the ball at midcourt and scored going the other way.
- San Diego State used a 14-0 run, over 3:39 in the first to turn a 15-10 lead into a 29-10 advantage.
- Boise State's Tyson Degenhardt picked up his third foul of the first half at the 7:50 mark with the Aztecs up 21-10 and the teams finished the first period up 43-21.
- The 21 points scored in the first half by Boise State are its second fewest in a game this season.
- San Diego State enjoyed its seventh sellout (12,414) in 13 home games.

Entering Today

- San Diego State was 6th in NET Strength of Schedule
- San Diego State was 16th in T-Rank
- San Diego State was 20th in KPI
- San Diego State was 28th in Kenpom
- San Diego State was 28th in the NET
- San Diego State was 31st in BPI
- San Diego State was 36th in Sagarin.

Player Notes

Nathan Mensah – 17 points, 4-of-4 FG, 9-of-12 FT, 6 rebounds, 2 blocks, +15 plus-minus rating

Scored in double figures for the fifth time this season and the 32nd time in his career (SDSU is 27-5)... His 17 points are a career-high in a Mountain West game... The 17 points were his second highest this season, only trailing an 18-point effort vs. UC Irvine on Nov. 29, 2022... Scored in double-figures after doing so just once in his previous 15 games... Set career highs in both free throws (9) and free-throw attempts (12)... Drew a game-high 10 fouls... Tied Adam Seiko for the highest plus/minus rating in the game at +15.

Keshad Johnson – 10 points, 5-of-5 FG, 5 rebounds

Scored in double figures for the 10th time this season, sixth time in the last eight games, and 22nd time of his career... Was perfect from the floor (5-for-5) for the first time of his career (min. 5 FGA).

Lamont Butler – 7 points, 3 rebounds, 5 assists, 1 steal

Had exactly five assists for the third straight game... Over those three games (72 minutes), he has 15 assists and three turnovers for a 5.0 assist-to-turnover ratio... The five assists are one shy of tying a career high.

Darrion Trammell – 4 points, 2 rebounds, 7 assists, 1 steal

Had a season-high seven assists in his first season as an Aztec... The last time he had seven assists in a game was Feb. 26, 2022 against Dixie State while he played for Seattle Univ.

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