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Postgame Notes: at UNLV | San Diego, Calif. | Wednesday, March 3, 2021

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Records: San Diego State: 20-4, 14-3 MW (including the forfeits, 16-3 MW for conference standings/seeding purposes); UNLV: 11-13, 8-9 MW

Next Game: Thursday, March 11 | vs. 8/9-seed, noon PT | Thomas & Mack Center | [TV/Stream:](#) CBS Sports Network | [Radio:](#) 101.5 KGB & XTRA 1360

Win Streaks Extended

Category	Strk.	Note
Overall Win Streak	11	T-2 nd -longest active DI streak; T-5 th longest streak in school history
Conference Win Streak	11	T-2 nd longest streak in San Diego State history (Dutcher was HC for longest streak, 13)
Road Win Streak	5	T-8 th longest active road streak nationally
At UNLV	4	San Diego State is 11-1 in its last 12 games at UNLV

Big Notes

- San Diego State won its 11th straight game and has not trailed at any point of the second half in any game of the win streak.
- San Diego State clinches the outright Mountain West Conference regular-season title. This is the record eighth regular-season title for the Aztecs which have won at least a share of seven of the last 11 regular-season championships (Brigham Young is second on the list with six, among active members, New Mexico is second with four).
- For the first time in the school's Division I era, San Diego State has won consecutive outright regular-season conference championships.
- San Diego State has won Mountain West regular-season titles in **2006**, 2011, 2012, **2014**, 2015, **2016**, **2020** and **2021** (bold indicates outright titles).
- Including tournament titles, San Diego State has won a record 13 Mountain West men's basketball championships. New Mexico is second on that list with eight titles. Brian Dutcher has been on the sidelines for all 13 of the championships, with three of those coming as the head coach.
- San Diego State is 17-2 in the last 19 game splayed between the Aztecs and Rebels.
- Since the start of the 2008-09 campaign, San Diego State has 35 victories at Thomas & Mack Center. That is the most victories by any school in the nation in any venue in which they have not played a home game during that span. In second place is Villanova in Madison Square Garden with 30 victories.
- San Diego State wins its 20th game of the season. This is the fourth consecutive 20-win season (each of Brian Dutcher's four seasons as head coach), for the 15th time in the last 16 seasons (won 19 games the other season) and the 25th time in school history.
- Senior forward **Matt Mitchell** moved from a tie for 9th into 6th place on the school's all-time scoring list. Mitchell, who now has 1,408 points, passed Bob Brady, Jeremy Hemsley, Winston Shepard and Trey Kell tonight.
- Senior guard **Jordan Schakel** had 16 points on 4-of-6 shooting from three-point range. This marked the 20th time he has scored at least 15 points and the Aztecs are 19-1 in those games.
- **Trey Pulliam** had a career-high eight assists this evening. The senior's career-high 18 points came in the game at UNLV last season (he has scored 18 points in a game twice since).

Series

- San Diego State takes a 38-37 lead in the all-time series with UNLV. At one time, the Aztecs trailed 26-6 in the series, but is 32-11 in the last 43 meetings between the teams.
- San Diego State is 17-2 in the last 19 game splayed between the Aztecs and Rebels.
- San Diego State is 11-1 in its last 12 games at UNLV (games played at Thomas & Mack Center).
- Brian Dutcher has been on the sidelines for 34 of San Diego State's 38 victories in the series. While Dutcher has been on the Aztec sidelines for the 34 series wins, the victories have come against nine different UNLV head coaches (Bill Bayno, Max Good, Charlie Spoonhour, Jay Spoonhour, Lon Kruger, Dave Rice, Todd Simon, Marvin Menzies and T.J. Otzelberger).
- San Diego State is 9-3 when playing UNLV as a nationally-ranked team.

Winning At The Thomas & Mack

- Since the start of the 2008-09 campaign, San Diego State has 35 victories at Thomas & Mack Center. That is the most victories by any school in the nation in any venue in which they have not played a home game during that span. In second place is Villanova in Madison Square Garden with 30 victories.
- San Diego State is 11-1 in its last 12 games at UNLV (games played at Thomas & Mack Center).

Team Notes

- The Aztecs owned a 38-36 rebound advantage and are 16-0 this season and have 18 straight wins when owning an advantage in the category.
- SDSU had 10 turnovers and forced 12 tonight. The Aztecs are 14-4 this season with nine straight victories when owning fewer turnovers than its opponent.
- San Diego State had a lower field goal percentage than its opponent (UNLV: 39.0, SDSU 36.4). The Aztecs are an impressive 5-3 this season and won for the 14th time in the Brian Dutcher era when having a lower field goal percentage than its opponent.
- This marked the 13th time this season that San Diego State has held its opponent to 40 percent or less from the field. The Aztecs are 38-1 the last 49 times it has held the opposition to 40 percent or less.
- San Diego State started its normal unit – Mitchell, Mensah, Gomez, Pulliam and Schakel – for the eighth time this season. The Aztecs are 8-0 in those games.
- UNLV's first two-point field goal of the game came at the 11:32 mark of the first half. The Rebels missed their first seven two-point field goal attempts.
- San Diego State enjoyed a halftime advantage for the 12th straight game.
- The Aztecs are 49-3 the last 52 times it has had an advantage at the half.

Player Notes

Matt Mitchell – team-high 19 points, 5-10 FGs, 2-3 3FGs, 7-9 FTs, 3 rebounds, 2 assists, 2 steals

He moved from a tie for 9th into 6th place on the school's all time scoring list, passing Bob Brady, Jeremy Hemsley, Winston Shepard and Trey Kell... He now has 1,408 career points... The senior reached double figures for the 19th time this season (SDSU 16-3 in those games) and 76th time in his career (59-17)... He had 15 points in a game for the 31st time in his career (29-2)... Mitchell entered the game 1-for-11 from three-point range in his last five games but snapped out of that going 2-for-3 from beyond the arc... He has 23 free throw attempts in his last three games.

Jordan Schakel – 16 points, career-high tying 9 rebounds, 5-8 FGs, 4-6 3FGs

Narrowly missed his first career double-double with 16 points and nine rebounds... The nine rebounds tied his career high (this marked his fourth nine-rebound game)... Once again tallied in double figures for the 18th time this season (SDSU is 16-2 in those games) and the 48th time in his career (43-5)... This is the 11th time in the last 12 games that Schakel has scored 10 or more points... Has 20 career games with at least 15 points (19-1 in those games)... This marked the 60th time in his career that he has made at least three three-point field goals (50-10).

Trey Pulliam – 4 points, career-high 8 assists, 2 steals

The senior posted a career-high eight assists... It was the most assists for an Aztec player since Malachi Flynn had eight assists against Air Force on March 5, 2020... In his last two games he has 12 assists and three turnovers... For the season, he has an assist-to-turnover ratio of 2.16.

Entering Today

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- San Diego State held the opposition to 35.2 percent from the field. San Diego State is 37-1 the last 38 times it has held its opponent to 40 percent or less from the floor.
- The Aztecs shot 39.7 percent from the field and is now 105-8 since Feb. 22, 2012 at home when shooting at least 38.9 percent.
- SDSU has won eight straight games when committing fewer turnovers than its opponent (tonight: SDSU 12, Boise 15).
- San Diego State enjoys a halftime advantage for the 11th straight games.
- During the 10-game win streak, San Diego State has not trailed at any point in the second half (200 minutes). That also applies to the overtime session on Thursday (205 minutes).
- In the last 10 games (405 minutes), San Diego State has trailed a total of 18:52 of a possible 405 minutes.
- As is tradition, San Diego State started its senior class today.

Player Notes

Jordan Schakel – game-high 17 points, 3-7 3FGs, 6-6 FTs, 2 rebounds, plus/minus: +9

Led the team in scoring for the 12th time this season and the 17th time in his career... Eclipsed 15 points for the 19th time in his career and the Aztecs are 18-1 in those games... Reached double-figures for the 17th time this season and the 47th time in his career... The Aztecs are 15-2 this season and 42-5 in his career when he scores 10+ points... Went 6-for-6 from the free throw line and is now 27-of-30 (90.0 percent) in his last nine games... Made three three-point field goals for the 34th time in his career (31-3)... Schakel's scored 12 points in the second half.

Joshua Tomaic – 7 points, 3-3 FGs, 4 rebounds (3 offensive), 2 blocked shots

Made his first start at San Diego State, his third career start and his first start since Dec. 29, 2018 (Radford at Maryland)... Scored seven points for the second consecutive game and was a perfect 3-for-3 from the field... He had six offensive rebounds in the two games against Boise State, including three today... His two blocked shots match his career-high (85career games)... Last nine games: 6.8 ppg, 4.1 rpg, 21-32 FGs (65.6 percent).

Matt Mitchell – 8 points, team-high 8 rebounds, season-high 4 steals, 2 assists, plus/minus: +9

Moved into a tie for 9th place on the San Diego State career scoring list with 1,389 points (tied with Bob Brady, 1952-53-54)... He is 14 points away from passing three individuals and moving into a tie for 6th place... Has five or more rebounds in eight consecutive games (the longest streak of his 119 game career)... Had four steals to match his season high and was one of his career best.

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