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### No. 5/5 San Diego State Postgame Notes vs. Air Force (MW Quarterfinal)

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## FINAL EDITION

**Next Game:** Friday, Mar. 6 | vs. winner of No. 4 UNLV/No. 5 Boise State (MW Semifinals), 6 p.m. PT | Thomas & Mack Center; Las Vegas, Nev. | TV: CBS Sports Network | Radio: 101.5 KGB & XTRA 1360

### Win Streaks Extended

- San Diego State wins its 15<sup>th</sup> straight road/neutral game. This is a school record and the longest active win streak.
- San Diego State wins the opening game of its 13<sup>th</sup> straight conference tournament, a school record. That is tied with Michigan for the fourth longest active streak nationally.
- San Diego State defeats Air Force for the third straight time and is 12-2 in its last 14 games against the Falcons.

### Big Picture

- San Diego State improves to 29-1, the best 30-game record in school history, and is the only team in the nation with only one loss.
- San Diego State is 15-0 in road/neutral games this season. The Aztecs are the only team in the nation to win every road/neutral contest in 2019-20 and leads the nation with 15 road/neutral victories.
- The 29 victories are tied for the third most in school history. The 2015-16 squad, that advanced to the NIT national semifinals in New York City ended the campaign 28-10. The only two teams with more victories, the 2010-11 (34) and 2013-14 (31), both advanced to the NCAA Sweet 16.
- San Diego State is now 28 games above .500. Only once have the Aztecs completed a season more games above the .500 mark (2010-11, +31).
- San Diego State wins its 33<sup>rd</sup> game at Thomas & Mack Center since the start of the 2008-09 campaign. That is the most victories in a venue in which a team has not played a home game in the nation.

### Series Notes

- San Diego State leads the all-time series, 59-24.
- The Aztecs are 5-1, with four straight wins, against the Falcons on neutral courts.
- San Diego State has won three straight, six of seven and 12 of the last 14 games between the teams.

### Tournament Notes

- San Diego State improves 33-15 in Mountain West tournament history (68.8 percent). Regardless of other outcomes today, the Aztecs own the highest winning percentage and have the most victories of any team – current or past – in league history.
- The Aztecs are now 16-5 in quarterfinal games and are 12-4 in semifinal round Mountain West Conference history.
- The Aztecs are 23-7 in the Mountain West tourney since 2010.

## Career Charts

- **Malachi Flynn** reached double figures for the 20<sup>th</sup> straight game. He becomes the sixth player in the Brian Dutcher/Steve Fisher era to reach double figures in at least 20 straight games (Brandon Heath (58), Jamaal Franklin (32), Marcus Slaughter (28), Mike Mackell (26) and Trey Kell (20)).
- **Matt Mitchell** played in his 72<sup>nd</sup> career victory. That moves him past Brandon Heath, the school's all-time leading scorer, into 19<sup>th</sup> place since the school started tracking the stat prior to the 1975-76 season.
- **Mitchell** started his 82<sup>nd</sup> career game moving him past Myron Epps into 18<sup>th</sup> place on the school's all-time chart (started 1978-79).

## Game Notes

- San Diego State scored the first bucket of the game and is 20-1 this season when they score first.
- San Diego State had a 9-0 run over 2:05 in the first half to turn a 13-7 deficit into a 16-13 lead.
- San Diego State trailed at the half for the seventh time this season and with today's victory improved to 6-1 in those games.
- Air Force shot 60.0 percent in the first half which is the best shooting percentage for an SDSU opponent in a half this season. (UNLV – 57.7 percent in the first half on Feb. 22).
- San Diego State used a 27-6 run to turn a 41-33 deficit with 18:45 to play in the second half in to a 60-47 lead with 7:02 to play.
- The Aztecs closed out the game on a 7-0 run after Air Force had pulled within six points with 1:57 remaining.
- Air Force scored 41 points in the first 21:15 of the game and was then limited to six points over the next 13:13.
- Dunks: Yanni Wetzell (2)

## Player Notes

### **Yanni Wetzell**

Reached double figures for 19<sup>th</sup> time this year and 28<sup>th</sup> time in his career.

### **Malachi Flynn**

Scored in double figures for the 29<sup>th</sup> time this season and 67<sup>th</sup> time in his career... Flynn scored just three of his 16 points in the first half.

### **Jordan Schakel**

Reached double figures for the 20<sup>th</sup> time this season and 30<sup>th</sup> time for his career... Schakel hit multiple threes for the 21<sup>st</sup> time this year and his five triples equals his season and career-high... After missing the first 18 three-pointers in his Mountain West Championships career, Schakel then hit five of his next seven.

## Entering Today

- San Diego State was 4<sup>th</sup> in NET.
- San Diego State was 3<sup>rd</sup> in strength of record.
- San Diego State was 4<sup>th</sup> in KenPom.
- San Diego State was 7<sup>th</sup> in BPI.
- San Diego State was 7<sup>th</sup> in the Sagarin Ratings.
- San Diego State was 11<sup>th</sup> in RPI.