

AZTEC BASKETBALL

DEFENDING MOUNTAIN WEST CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS | FIVE STRAIGHT POSTSEASON APPEARANCES | FIVE CONSECUTIVE 20-WIN SEASONS



Postgame Notes

Occidental at No. 7/7 San Diego State ► Dec. 31, 2010

Final Score: No. 7/7 San Diego State 93, Occidental 50

Records: San Diego State: 15-0; Occidental 5-4

Next Game: Wednesday, Jan. 5, at TCU | Daniel-Meyer Coliseum | 6:30 p.m. CT | The Mtn. | AM 600 KOGO

TEAM NOTES

- * No. 7 San Diego State improves to 15-0, its best start in 90 seasons of basketball.
- * SDSU remains one of seven undefeated teams in the nation (Cincinnati, Duke, Kansas, Ohio State, San Diego State, Syracuse, Central Florida).
- * The 15-game winning streak is the longest in program history.
- * San Diego State is the only 15-0 team in the country and the 15 victories are the most in Division I.
- * San Diego State continues the second-longest active winning streak in the nation behind Duke (22).
- * The Aztecs have won...
 - ...24 straight home games vs. unranked teams.
 - ...24 straight vs. unranked teams at any location.
 - ...22 straight non-conference home games.
 - ...21 straight December home games.
 - ...18 straight vs. non-conference opponents at any location, not including postseason games.
 - ...12 straight home games overall.
 - ...8 straight road/neutral games, which extends the school record.
- * This afternoon's decision is SDSU's 10th double-figure victory of the season.
- * The 43-point margin of victory is the largest since Nov. 27, 2001, when the Aztecs defeated UC San Diego by 45 points (98-53). The 43-point margin of victory is tied for the 10th-largest in school history.
- * San Diego State's 93 points are the team's most since scoring 119 against Campbell on Dec. 12, 2006. The 93 points are tied for the fifth most scored by the Aztecs at Viejas Arena and the most since the Campbell game.
- * SDSU's 36 field goals and 61.0 field goal percentage (36-for-59) are each the sixth best for an Aztec team at Viejas Arena.
- * The Aztecs enjoyed an 11-0 and a 13-0 run, which marks the 15th and 16th time this season the Aztecs have scored at least 10 consecutive unanswered points.
- * SDSU, which had been outrebounded in its three previous outings, reversed the trend and outrebounded Occidental, 42-13.
- * Today marks the third time this season the Aztecs have won a game in which it never trailed (also San Diego Christian and UC Santa Barbara). It marks the seventh time this season that the Aztecs have won a game in which they did not trail in the second half. The Aztecs have not trailed after intermission in the last four victories at Viejas Arena.
- * San Diego State used its the fourth different starting five of the season. It was the first time D.J. Gay, Chase Tapley, Brian Carlwell, Kawhi Leonard and Malcolm Thomas started together.
- * The game was played in front of a sold-out crowd (12,414), marking the fifth sellout of the season and 13th in the history of Viejas Arena. SDSU has sold out five of seven games this year.
- * SDSU was 21-of-24 (87.5 percent) from the floor in the second half.

PLAYER NOTES

- * **Chase Tapley (15 points, 4 rebounds, 4 assists, 3 steals)** - Reached double figures for the sixth time this season... Had three steals, which was one off his career high... Made both of this three-pointers, his fourth game with at least two makes this season.
- * **James Rahon (15 points, 5-of-8 3-pt FG's)** - Tied his career high with five three-pointers... Knocked down his first three-pointer with 14:05 remaining the first half. His last three-point field goal came with 8:54 left in the second half against UC Santa Barbara, meaning he went 94 minutes and 49 seconds between successful three-point attempts... Posted his sixth double-figure scoring effort of the season and first since the Cal Poly game
- * **Kawhi Leonard (14 points, 10 rebounds, 4 assists)** - Moved into a third-place tie with Joel Kramer for most career double-doubles (26)... Has nine double-doubles this season... Posted his team-best 12th double-digit scoring performance and his ninth double-figure rebounding effort of the season.

* **Malcolm Thomas (14 points, 9 rebounds, 6-of-6 FT's)** - Recorded his 10th double-figure scoring effort the season... Made all six of his free-throw attempts.

* **Alec Williams (9 points, 4 rebounds)** - Played in his career-high fourth straight game... Recorded a season high in points scored... Tied his season high with four rebounds... Blocked his first shot of the season, which tied his career high.

* **Brian Carlwell (7 points, 6 rebounds)** - Started for the injured Billy White... Made his fourth career start, his first of the season and his first since earning the nod on Nov. 19, 2009, against Santa Clara... It was his 49th consecutive game played, which is a career-long streak... The six rebounds matched a career high.

* **Jamaal Franklin (6 points, 3-of-3 FG's)** - Established a career high for points scored and field goals.

* **Billy White** - Did not dress for the game due to a sprained right ankle he suffered during Wednesday's practice... White entered the game having played in 32 consecutive games, including 31 consecutive starts... The 31 straight starts are a career-high for White, whose last non-start prior to today came on Jan. 13, 2010... White's streak of 32 straight games played was the third-longest active streak on the squad, trailing D.J. Gay (117, entering today) and Malcolm Thomas (48, entering today)... White is first among current San Diego State players in total starts, with 102.