

AZTEC BASKETBALL

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



Postgame Notes

*** Early Edition

No. 6/6 San Diego State at New Mexico ► Jan. 14, 2011

Final Score: San Diego State 87, New Mexico 77

Records: San Diego State: 19-0; 4-0 MWC; New Mexico: 13-5; 1-2 MWC

RPI Ratings Entering Today: San Diego State 2, New Mexico 60

Next Game: Wednesday, Jan. 19, vs. Air Force | Viejas Arena at Aztec Bowl | 7 p.m. PT | TV: 4SD | Radio: AM 600 KOGO

THE BIG NOTES

- ▶ San Diego State owns the nation's longest active win streak having won a school-record and Mountain West Conference record 19 consecutive games.
- ▶ San Diego State becomes the first team in the country to post a 19-0 record. No other team in the country entered today with an 18-0 record. Ohio State and Syracuse both entered today with a 17-0 record.
- ▶ The Aztecs are 4-0 in league play for just the second time since the 1984-85 season. In the last 26 seasons, the Aztecs have opened with a 4-0 league record twice - in 2008 and 2011.
- ▶ In 90 seasons of basketball, this is the first time San Diego State has opened league play 4-0 with at least three of those victories coming on the road. The Aztecs already have league road wins at TCU, Utah and New Mexico.
- ▶ San Diego State wins its 28th consecutive game against unranked teams. The streak dates back to a 76-66 loss at UNLV on Jan. 13, 2010.
- ▶ San Diego State improves to 7-0 in road games and 11-0 in road/neutral games this season. Last season, San Diego State, which won 25 games and advanced to the NCAA Tournament, won its seventh road game of the season on Feb. 16. Last season SDSU won its 11th road/neutral game on March 13th, defeating UNLV in the finals of the MWC Championship in Las Vegas.
- ▶ San Diego State is the only team in the country to play at least seven road games and own a perfect record (7-0).
- ▶ No team in the nation has more victories away from home this season than San Diego State (11).
- ▶ The 19-0 start is the best opening to a season by San Diego State (90 seasons), a Steve Fisher coached team (20 seasons) and by a Mountain West Conference history (12 seasons).
- ▶ San Diego State's 19-game winning streak is the longest in Steve Fisher's coaching career.
- ▶ San Diego State has won its last nine games against Mountain West Conference teams. Only two of those seven games has been at home (2-0 in home games, 5-0 in road games, 2-0 in neutral games).
- ▶ D.J. Gay becomes the 26th player in school history to reach 1,000 points and Malcolm Thomas also records his 1,000th career points. After his 30-point performance tonight, Gay has 1,002 points, while Thomas sits on exactly 1,000 points after scoring six points tonight. For Thomas, 599 of his 1,000 career points have been scored at San Diego State.

SERIES NOTES

- ▶ New Mexico leads the all-time series 38-30; however, the Aztecs have won nine of the last 12 encounters (9-3).
- ▶ San Diego State is 4-2 in its last six visits to The Pit. The rest of the country is 9-75 at New Mexico in that same time frame.
- ▶ Steve Fisher owns 13 victories over New Mexico. The 13 wins are the most by any Aztec coach, and equal the total number of wins SDSU had in the series in the 33 meetings prior to Fisher's arrival in San Diego.
- ▶ San Diego State has defeated New Mexico three times since Jan. 5, 2010. Since that date, the Aztecs have handed New Mexico three of their last nine losses.
- ▶ The Aztecs are responsible for four of New Mexico's most recent 13 home losses.
- ▶ The 10-point margin of victory for San Diego State was its third largest ever at The Pit, and the largest for SDSU since claiming a 78-65 decision on Feb. 2, 2002.

TEAM GAME NOTES

- ▶ The 13 three-point field goals ties the school-record for most treys in a Mountain West Conference game.
- ▶ San Diego State built an 18-point lead at one point, marking the largest deficit for a Lobo team at The Pit since Jan. 24, 2007.
- ▶ San Diego State made a season-high 13 three-point field goals, eclipsing the 12 made treys against UC Santa Barbara on Dec. 18.
- ▶ San Diego State tied a season-high with 19 assists. It marked the fourth time this year the Aztecs had 19 assists in a contest.
- ▶ For the fourth consecutive game - all MWC games - San Diego State held an opponent to less than 40 percent field goal shooting. The Aztecs improve to 12-0 this season and 101-13 under Steve Fisher when the opponent shoots 40 percent or less from the floor. San Diego State has been victorious the last 12 times that has occurred.
- ▶ San Diego State enjoyed runs of 12-0 and 9-0 today. The Aztecs now have 26 runs of 9-0 or more this season.
- ▶ San Diego State outscored New Mexico 28-16 in the paint.

INDIVIDUAL NOTES

- ▶ D.J. Gay (career-high 30 points, career-high 7 three-point field goals, 7-11 3FGs, 4 assists, 3 rebounds, 39 minutes): Gay becomes the 26th player in school history to record 1,000 career points (he has 1,002)... The senior scored a career-high 30 points, matching the highest scoring output by an Aztec player this season and becoming the 29th player in school history to record a 30-point game... His seven three-point field goals are a career-high, are the most by an Aztec player this season and are two off of Tony Ross' school record set on Dec. 27, 1986... The seven treys are the most by an Aztec player since John Sharper canned eight three-point field goals in a victory over South Dakota State on March 3, 2006... Gay now has a trey in three straight games, going 12-of-24 (50.0 percent) during that stretch... He had just one turnover, marking the sixth time in the last eight games that he has had one turnover or less in a game... Gay reached double-figures for the 11th time this season and the 48th time in his career... He reached the 20-point plateau for the second time this season and the seventh time in his career... Gay led the team in scoring for the third time this season and the 14th time in his career... He led the team in assists for the ninth time this season and the 42nd time in his career.
- ▶ Kawhi Leonard (19 points, game-high 15 rebounds, 4 assists, 1 steal, 7-13 FGs): Leonard posted his second consecutive double-double, the 12th of the season and the 29th of his career... The sophomore moves into a seventh-place tie on the school's single-season chart (Aerick Sanders, 2004) and pulls within one double-double of Marcus Slaughter (30) for second place on the career chart... This marked the fifth consecutive game the sophomore has reached double figures (82 points, 16.4 ppg)... He has 32 rebounds in his last two games (16.0 rpg)... He has 10 or more rebounds in four of his last five contests (62 rebounds, 12.4 rpg)... He made a three-point field goal, ending an 0-for-11 slump dating back to the game against San Francisco on Dec. 21... He recorded four assists for a second consecutive game marking the first time he has back-to-back games with at least four assists in his 52-game career.
- ▶ Chase Tapley (15 points, game-high 5 rebounds, 3 assists, 5-8 FGs, 2-4 3FGs): Tapley returned to double figures, scoring 15 points after scoring a combined seven points in the two previous games... This was the sophomore's eighth game this season with at least 10 points and the 21st time in his career that he has reached double figures... He entered the game shooting 51.8 percent from the field and added to that number by connecting on 5-of-8 attempts.