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# **San Diego State-Boise State Postgame Notes**

**Score:** [21/23] San Diego State 66, Boise State 53

**Records:** [21/23] San Diego State 23-6, 9-4 MW; Boise State 13-15, 3-10 MW

**Next Game:** Saturday, Mar. 3, 2012 | at TCU | 4 p.m. PT | The Mtn., 4SD

### **Themes**

- With the victory, San Diego State is guaranteed of going into Saturday's final day of the regular season tied with New Mexico for first place in the Mountain West Conference.
- San Diego State has won three consecutive games and answered the program's first three-game losing streak in more than four years with three straight victories.
- Tonight's victory guarantees (assuming that the Aztecs are not in the CBI and lose the best-of-three championship series) that San Diego State will end the season with a single-digit number in the loss column for a third consecutive year.

### **Game Notes**

- San Diego State records a 13-point win (and led late in the game by 22 points) against a team that entered the night 11-4 at home.
- The 13-point margin of victory is the largest for San Diego State in a road game this season. It is the biggest margin for an Aztec team on the road since an 85-58 victory at Wyoming on March 1, 2011.
- San Diego State shot 50 percent from the field, marking the 10<sup>th</sup> time this season the Aztecs have shot 50 percent or better from the floor. The Aztecs have now won 27 straight games when connecting on at least half of their field goal attempts.
- San Diego State held an edge in rebounds for the third straight game and the sixth time in the last seven games. The Aztecs are 19-2 this season when leading the category.
- The Aztecs owned a big edge in field goal percentage (50.0-40.8) and is now 57-1 in its last 58 games when owning an edge in the category.

### **March Madness**

- San Diego State wins its seventh consecutive regular-season game in the month of March.
- San Diego State has won its last 11 games against Mountain West Conference competition in the month of March.
- San Diego State is now 20-4 in its last 24 games played during the month of March. That figure includes NCAA, postseason NIT and Mountain West tournament games.

### **Counting Wins**

- San Diego State has now won 23 games this season, which is tied for the eighth most in the 91 seasons of Aztec Basketball.
- SDSU head coach Steve Fisher now has 10 seasons with at least 23 wins. Five of those campaigns have occurred at San Diego State.
- San Diego State had previously clinched the program's record seventh consecutive 20-win season.
- San Diego State closes to within two victories of extending its school record of consecutive seasons with at least 25 victories to four.

### **Winning the Month and the War**

- San Diego State ends the month of February with a 5-3 record, marking the 19<sup>th</sup> consecutive month in which the Aztecs have posted a winning record. The streak, which dates back to a 2-3 record in March, 2008, counts only months in which the Aztecs have played a game.
- The only five teams in the country that have a current streak of at least 19 consecutive winning months are Brigham Young, Duke, Kansas, Memphis and San Diego State.

### **Road Warriors**

- San Diego State improves to 6-4 in road games and has guaranteed of finishing .500 or better in road contests for the fourth consecutive season.
- San Diego State is now 20-5 in its last 25 road games.
- San Diego State is now 23-2 in its last 25 road games against non-top 25 teams.

### **Breaking The End of Season Road Jinx**

- This marks the 12<sup>th</sup> time in the Division I era that San Diego State is ending the regular season with two road games. The Aztecs have swept the trip once (1977), split the trip twice (1976 and 1972) and have been swept eight times.
- San Diego State entered tonight having been swept on the end of season two-game road swing the last seven times. The Aztecs had lost 14 consecutive games when facing that scenario.
- It is worth noting that Steve Fisher coached San Diego State teams only encountered the situation once. That was in 2003, when the Aztecs lost at Colorado State (which went on to win the MWC tournament) and at UNLV. Entering this season, that is the only time in Steve Fisher's head coaching career he has ended the regular season with consecutive road games.

### **Series Notes**

- San Diego State leads the all-time series with Boise State, 3-0.
- The Aztecs win on their first ever visit to Taco Bell Arena and Boise, Idaho.

### **Jamaal Franklin (18 points, 12 rebounds, 3 assists)**

The sophomore scored a game-high 18 points, led all players with 12 rebounds and a game-high three assists... Franklin reached double figures for a personal best 16<sup>th</sup> straight game... He has 24 double-figure scoring games this season and 25 in his career... He led the team in scoring for the 13<sup>th</sup> time this season, led the team in rebounding for the 14<sup>th</sup> time this season and led the team in assists for the fourth time this season... He recorded his 10<sup>th</sup> double-double of the season and the 11<sup>th</sup> of his career... He has double-doubles in consecutive games and seven times in his last 10 games... Made 2-of-4 from three-point range, for his 13<sup>th</sup> multiple trey game of the season.

### **Tim Shelton (11 points, 4 rebounds)**

The senior forward posted his fourth double-digit scoring game in his last five outings after going nearly three years (and 61 games played) without a double-digit effort... After connecting on 3-of-5 attempts from the field tonight, he has now made 29 of his last 50 field goal attempts... Drew his 30<sup>th</sup> charge of the season tonight.

### **Chase Tapley (11 points, 4 rebounds)**

The junior posted his 52<sup>nd</sup> career double-digit scoring game and reached 10 or more points for the 21<sup>st</sup> time in his last 23 games... He had a three-point field goal, marking the seventh time in the last eight games he has made a trey.

### **Xavier Thames (10 points)**

The sophomore guard reached double figures for the 11<sup>th</sup> time this season and the 15<sup>th</sup> time in his career... He has scored 10 or more points in consecutive games for the first time since doing so at UC Santa Barbara (Nov. 26) and against Creighton (Nov. 30)... He played 35 minutes tonight without a turnover, marking the third straight game he has had one turnover or less.