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**San Diego State Postgame Notes vs. No. 18/18 [1] Utah State
Mountain West Tournament Semifinals
Thomas & Mack Center | Las Vegas, Nev.
Friday, March 15, 2024**

***** FINAL EDITION**

Final Score: [5] San Diego State 86, No. 18/18 [1] Utah State 70

Records: San Diego State: 24-9 overall; Utah State: 27-6 overall

Next Game: Saturday, March 16 | vs. [7] Colorado State / [6] New Mexico, 3 p.m. PT | MW Championship | Thomas & Mack Center | Las Vegas, Nev. | TV: CBS | Radio: San Diego Sports 760

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Big Notes

- San Diego State overcomes a 17-point deficit to win, which is SDSU's sixth-largest deficit overcome in a victory since at least the 1996-97 season and largest since overcoming a 19-point deficit against CSUN on Jan. 1, 2019. SDSU turned a 17-point deficit into a 16-point win.
- San Diego State advances to the championship game of the Mountain West tournament for the seventh consecutive year and the record 16th time in league history (tournament host UNLV is second with eight appearances).
- San Diego State improves to 14-9 (.609) under Brian Dutcher against AP Top-25 teams. The Aztecs were 29-98 (.228) against AP Top-25 teams prior to Dutcher taking over as head coach in 2017-18.
- **SDSU's .609 winning percentage against AP Top-25 teams since the 2017-18 season is the highest in the country (min. 20 games).** Rounding out the top 5 are Kansas (.602), Virginia (.591), Duke (.588) and Gonzaga (.587).
- San Diego State is 16-4 all-time in the semifinal round of this tournament. That is the most wins in this round of the event.
- San Diego State wins its 47th game at Thomas & Mack Center since the start of the 2008-09 campaign. That is the most victories by any team in the nation in any venue in which it has not played a home game (Villanova is second with 37 wins).
- San Diego State improves to 44-17 in the Mountain West tournament for a winning percentage of 72.1 percent. The 44 wins are the most by any team – current or former – in league history (second currently is tournament host UNLV with 29).
- San Diego State improves to 17-3 in its last 20 Mountain West tournament games.
- San Diego State's 36 conference tournament wins since the 2008-09 season are the most in the country over that span (Gonzaga is second at 33).
- San Diego State improves to 8-1 as the No. 5 seed in the Mountain West tournament.
- San Diego State improves to 3-0 as the No. 5 seed against the No. 1 seed (previous wins: 70-69 over Wyoming in the 2002 tournament and 90-73 over No. 22/22 Nevada in the 2018 tournament). In both occasions the Aztecs beat the No. 1 seed as the No. 5 seed in the semifinal game they went onto win the championship game the next day.
- San Diego State eliminates Utah State from the Mountain West tournament for the second straight season and third time in four years.
- San Diego State improves to 175-56 (.762) under head coach Brian Dutcher.
- San Diego State improves to 58-3 under Brian Dutcher when scoring at least 80 points in a game.
- San Diego State's 86 points were its third most in a Mountain West tournament game and most since scoring 90 against No. 22 Nevada on March 9, 2018.
- San Diego State improves to 20-10 all-time against Utah State, including a 20-7 record in its Mountain West era and a 5-2 mark in MW tournament games.
- **Jaedon LeDee** logged his 20th game this season with at least 20 points, accounting for 22 points and eight rebounds in just 25 minutes.
- **Jaedon LeDee** has 56 points and 24 rebounds in two games of the Mountain West tournament so far, averaging 28.0 points and 12.0 rebounds per game.

Series Notes

- San Diego State improves to 20-10 all-time against Utah State, including a 20-7 record in its Mountain West era and a 5-2 mark in MW tournament games.
- The Aztecs have won six of the last seven games in the series with four of those SDSU wins coming by double-digits.
- San Diego State eliminates Utah State from the Mountain West tournament for the second straight season and third time in four years.

Team Notes

- The Aztecs overcame their largest deficit (win or loss) since a 20-point deficit at Colorado State on Feb. 4, 2022 (SDSU lost that game, 58-57).
- SDSU's 86 points were its most since scoring 91 vs. Saint Katherine on Dec. 19, most against a Division I team since scoring 100 in an overtime win over Washington on Nov. 19 and most in a non-overtime game since scoring 88 vs. Long Beach State on Nov. 14.
- The Aztecs had five double-digit scorers, tied for their most in a game this season (also vs. Long Beach State on Nov. 14).
- San Diego State wins its second straight game, improves to 4-9 on the season and 25-37 under Brian Dutcher when trailing at the half.
- The Aztecs improve to 4-0 this season and 33-14 under Brian Dutcher in neutral-site games.
- SDSU improves to 22-1 this season and 158-11 under Brian Dutcher when leading with five minutes to play. San Diego State has won 411 of its last 426 games when leading with five minutes to play.
- The Aztecs improve to 18-4 on the season and 128-16 under Brian Dutcher when outrebounding its opponent.
- SDSU improves to 14-4 on the season and 120-30 under Brian Dutcher when committing fewer turnovers than its opponent.
- San Diego State improves to 18-3 on the season and 141-11 under Brian Dutcher when shooting better than its opponent.
- The Aztecs improve to 18-7 this season and 119-29 when their bench shoots better than their opponent.
- SDSU improves to 5-3 this season and 24-8 under Brian Dutcher in games played on Friday.
- San Diego State improves to 27-10 in March under Brian Dutcher.
- After allowing Darius Brown II to average 19.0 points per game in the regular season against the Aztecs, while shooting 44.4 percent (12-for-27) from the field and 43.8 percent (7-for-16) from the three-point arc, SDSU held him to eight points tonight on 3-of-11 shooting (27.3 percent) and 0-for-4 from three-point range.
- SDSU outscores Utah State in the following situations:
 - 50-31 in the second half
 - 13-2 off turnovers
 - 69-60 from the starting five
 - 17-10 off the bench
 - 20-15 on second-chance opportunities
 - 8-7 in fast-break chances

Game Flow

- Utah State won the tip.
- Utah State's Great Osobor made his first free-throw attempt 22 seconds into the game for the first point.
- San Diego State's Darrion Trammell made the game's first field goal, a three-pointer 34 seconds in.
- San Diego State's first two substitutions were G Reese Waters and F Elijah Saunders with 16:52 left in the first half.
- The Aztecs led, 5-1, after a jumper by Micah Parrish with 18:39 remaining, but Utah State went on a 9-0 run over the next 2:15 of the game to take a 10-5 lead into the first media timeout.
- SDSU's Jaedon LeDee was whistled for two fouls within the first 3:58 of the game. The Aztecs responded by going on a 10-2 run over the next 2:56 to take a 15-12 lead.
- Utah State answered with a 22-2 run to take a 34-17 lead with 7:25 remaining in the first half.
- The Aztecs were whistled for six fouls in the first 8:17 of the game.
- Down, 34-17, SDSU went on a 9-0 run before Utah State called a timeout with 5:08 left in the first half.
- Altogether, San Diego State ended the first half on a 19-5 run over the final 6:52.
- After trailing Utah State, 34-17, over the first 13:08, the Aztecs outscored the Aggies, 69-36, over the final 26:52 of the game.
- The game had seven lead changes and seven ties.
- SDSU led for 19:01 of the game, while Utah State led for 17:42 (the game was tied for 3:17).
- Scores at each media timeout:
 - 1st Half, 15:50: Utah State 10, San Diego State 5 (-5)
 - 1st Half, 11:57: San Diego State 15, Utah State 14 (+1)
 - 1st Half, 6:22: Utah State 34, San Diego State 19 (-15)
 - 1st Half, 3:24: Utah State 36, San Diego State 29 (-7)
 - Halftime: Utah State 39, San Diego State 36 (-3)

- 2nd Half, 15:24: San Diego State 51, Utah State 48 (+3)
- 2nd Half, 11:28: San Diego State 60, Utah State 53 (+7)
- 2nd Half, 7:06: San Diego State 69, Utah State 61 (+8)
- 2nd Half, 5:22: San Diego State 73, Utah State 63 (+10)
- 2nd Half, 3:12: San Diego State 75, Utah State 67 (+8)
- Final: San Diego State 86, Utah State 70 (+16)

Player Notes

Jaedon LeDee – 22 points, 8-14 FG, 8 rebounds, 2 assists, 1 steal

Scored in double figures for the 32nd time this season in 32 appearances... Now has 51 career double-figure scoring games, 43 of which have come in the 71 games he has played as an Aztec... Logged his 20th 20-point game of the season and 23rd of his career... Led SDSU in scoring for the 24th time this season... Has 671 points this season, just 15 behind Michael Cage's school record of 686 set in the 1983-84 season... Is averaging 28.0 points and 12.0 rebounds per game in the Mountain West tournament this year (two games)... Led the team in rebounding for the 25th time this season and 44th time of his career... Now his 228 field goals, the fourth most in SDSU single-season history... Was 5-for-6 from the free-throw line after going 11-for-18 yesterday at UNLV... His 200 made free-throws are the most in SDSU's Division I history (passing Xavier Thames' 196 in 2013-14) and 13 shy of tying Bob Brady's 213 in the 1952-53 season.

Lamont Butler – 16 points, 3-5 3PFG, 5 rebounds, 3 assists, 1 steal

Scored in double figures for the fourth straight games, 16th time this season and 42nd time of his career (SDSU is 34-8)... Tied a season high with three 3-pointers (3-for-5) after having a combined three over his previous six games (3-for-17)... Now has nine games this season with multiple three-pointers and 26 for his career... Has 100 three pointers for his career.

Micah Parrish – 15 points, 6-12 FG, 7 rebounds, 1 block, 2 assists, 2 steals, +23 plus/minus ratio

After going 0-for-8 from the field with two points in a Mountain West quarterfinal game at UNLV on Thursday and shooting a combined 9-for-34 from the field over his last three games, he made his first four shots of the game and finished 6-for-12 with 15 points... Scored in double-figures for the 17th time this season (SDSU is 14-3) and 59th time of his career... The 15 points were his most since scoring 15 at UC San Diego on Dec. 1... His +23 plus/minus ratio was the highest in the game.

Reese Waters – 11 points, 5 rebounds, 1 block

Scored in double figures for the 18th time this season but first time since scoring 12 at Fresno State on Feb. 24... Numbers over his previous four games since the Fresno State game: 13 points (3.3 ppg), 13 rebounds (3.3 rpg). Tonight he had 11 points and five rebounds.

Darrion Trammell – 10 points, 2-4 3PFG, 5 assists, 1 steal

Scored in double figures for the 13th time this season and 80th time of his career... Is now 5-for-8 from the three-point range in the Mountain West tournament after entering the weekend making three of his last 19 attempts from beyond the 3-point arc... Recorded his seventh field goal over the final three seconds of the first half this season... Now has 36 assists over the last six games (6.0 apg)... Led the team in assists for the 16th time this season and 83rd time of his career.

Entering Today

- San Diego State is 20th in NET
- San Diego State was 20th in KPI
- San Diego State was 21st in KenPom
- San Diego State was 29th in T-Rank
- San Diego State was 34th in BPI

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