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# San Diego State Postgame Notes — at Fresno State

Final Score: Fresno State 79, San Diego State 61

Records: San Diego State (13-9; 5-6 MW), Fresno State (17-8; 7-5 MW)

Next Game: Saturday, Feb. 10, at Nevada, 5 p.m. PT | ESPN2 | 101.5 KGB, XTRA Sports 1360, Fox Sports IE 1350

\*\*Look-Ahead Notes: The first of two meetings this season; This is the only conference team the Aztecs have yet to face; Nevada has won 16 straight home games (tied for sixth-longest active streak nationally); Last season, the teams split the series with Nevada winning in Reno, 72-69.

#### **Team Notes**

- SDSU's freshman class of Jalen McDaniels, Matt Mitchell and Jordan Schakel combined for 22 points (9-16 FG), 19 rebounds, two assists, two blocked shots
  and one steal in 75 combined minutes.
- The freshman class was responsible for 59.4 percent of the team's rebounding total and 100 percent of the team's blocked shots.
- The Aztecs outrebounded Fresno State, 32-28, and lost for just the fifth time this season when outrebounding their foe (10-5).
- San Diego State's starting frontcourt of Jalen McDaniels, Matt Mitchell and Malik Pope combined for 23 rebounds or 71.9 percent of the team's total (23-of-32).

### **Player Notes**

#### Matt Mitchell - 16 points, 5 rebounds, 2 assists, 1 blocked shot, 1 steal

Scored in double figures for the 13th time this season and for the third time in his last four games... Led the team in scoring for the third time this season... His 16 points is his most since scoring 31 vs. Eastern Illinois... Had a team-high-tying two assists, marking the third time he has led the team in the category... Has 13 assists in his last four games, his highest four-game total this season.

#### Jeremy Hemsley — 13 points, 1 rebound, 1 assist

Reached double figures in scoring in four straight games for the first time this season... His double-figure scoring streak is a season long... Posted his 10<sup>th</sup> double-digit scoring game of the season and the 57<sup>th</sup> of his career... Played a season-high-tying 32 minutes... Was 5-for-7 from the field, marking the fourth straight game in which he has shot at least 50 percent (22-for-33; .667 FG).

#### Devin Watson – 14 points, 1 rebound, 1 assist, 1 steal

Recorded his  $17^{th}$  double-figure scoring game of the season ( $59^{th}$  career)... He has scored at least nine points in 12 straight games... Is averaging 13.5 points in his last two outings.

#### Malik Pope – 10 points, 10 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 steal

Posted his second double-double of the season and first since the Eastern Illinois game... Had a game-high 10 rebounds... Led the team in rebounding for the eighth time this season (30th career)... Grabbed a season-high seven offensive rebounds, which were four more than he has had in a game all season... Reached double figures in scoring for the 14th time this season (44th career)... Has scored at least nine points in 14 straight games.