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# San Diego State Postgame Notes

\*\*\* Final Edition

at San José State The Events Center; San Jose, Calif. Sunday, Feb. 21, 2016

Final Score: [rv/--] San Diego State 78, San José State 56

Next Game: Wednesday, Feb. 24 | at Wyoming | 8 p.m. MT | CBS Sports Network | The Mighty 1090

### **Big Individual Notes**

 Winston Shepard produced the first game with at least 17 points, 7 rebounds and 7 assists by an Aztec since Brandon Heath on Feb. 24, 2007.

Malik Pope produced the first double-double of his career, with a season-high 17 points (second highest total of his career and a career-high 11 rebounds.

#### **Conference Title Notes**

- San Diego State claims a share of its Mountain West Conference record 10th men's basketball championship (includes tournament).
- San Diego State has at least won a share of the Mountain West Conference regular season title in each of the last three seasons and in five of the last six seasons (2011, 2012, 2014, 2015 and 2016).
- San Diego State owns a four-game lead in the Mountain West Conference. That is the largest lead by any team in any conference in the country. The largest margin in games for a Mountain West Conference champion in league history is Utah (13-1) in 2004-05.

#### 20-Win Notes

- San Diego State wins its 20th game of the season. The Aztecs have won 20 or more games in each of the last 11 seasons. That is currently tied for the sixth longest active streak in the nation.
- This is San Diego State's 21st 20-win season in school history. Of those 21, 12 have occurred in the Steve Fisher era.
- Steve Fisher now has 18 seasons with at least 20 victories.

#### **Road Success**

- San Diego State improves to 7-2 in road games this season.
- The Aztecs are 6-1 in road conference games this season and the other 10 teams in the Mountain West are a combined 20-52.
- San Diego State is 47-20 in road games since the start of the 2010-11 campaign. That is the third best record in the nation during that span.
- The Aztecs are 48-14 in its last 62 road games against non-top 25 teams.

#### **Series Notes**

- San Diego State defeats San José State for a school-record sixth consecutive time and takes a 35-34 lead in the all-time series.
- San Diego State wins its school-record sixth consecutive game in the series.
- Steve Fisher is 5-0 lifetime against the Spartans.

#### **Game Notes**

- San Diego State hands San Jose State its widest margin of defeat in a home game this season.
- The Aztecs held the Spartans to 56 points (third-lowest scoring game of the season), 35.7 percent field goal shooting (third-lowest percentage of the season).
- The Aztecs did not trail in the final 38:55 of the contest.
- San Diego State shot 49.1 percent from the field. That matches the season high against a Division I opponent this season (vs. California).
- The 50.0 percent shooting from three-point range (8-of-16) is a season best for the Aztecs.
- SDSU had 17 assists today and now has 36 assists in its last two games.
- San Diego State snaps a four-game losing streak in games played on Sunday.

#### **Trends**

- San Diego State has won 163 straight games when leading with five minutes to play.
- The Aztecs are 37-2 in its last 39 games when leading at the half.
- SDSU has won nine straight games when attempting more free throws than its opponent (21-15).
- San Diego State is 11-1 in its last 12 games when outrebounding its opposition.
- The Aztecs are 141-7 the last 148 times it has owned a better field goal shooting percentage than its opponent.
- San Diego State is 28-1 when shooting at least 38.9 percent from the field since Jan. 31, 2015.
- The Aztecs are 109-11 the last 120 games when holding an opponent to less than 60 points.
- The Aztecs are 71-1 in the last 72 games in which it had at least a 10-point lead.

### **Player Notes**

## Winston Shepard – game-high tying 17 points, 7 rebounds, career-high tying 7 assists, 27 minutes

Produced the first 17-7-7 game by an Aztec since Brandon Heath on Feb. 24, 2007 against Brigham Young)... Shepard posted his fifth career game with at least 16 points, five rebounds and five assists (only Brandon Heath (7) and Jamaal Franklin (6) have more in the Steve Fisher era)... His seven assists match his career high set against Fresno State (1-9-13)... Reached double figures for the sixth time in seven games, the 15th time this season (14-1) and the 68th time in his career... Led the Aztecs in scoring for the seventh time this season (6-1) and the 26th time in his career... Moved past Tony Ross and into 10th place in the school's all-time scoring chart with 1,262 points... Aztecs improve to 47-7 when he attempts at least five free throws in a game... Has seven consecutive games with at least six rebounds (9.0 rpg)... Has 22 assists in his last four games (5.5 apg).

Malik Pope — season-high and game-high tying 17 points, career-high and game-high 11 rebounds, tied career-high 3 blocked shots

Produced the first double-double of his career... Had a season-high 17 points (second highest total of his career)... Tied a season-high with three three-point field goals (on just four attempts)... Set a career-high with 11 rebounds, three more than he had in any one of his 57 previous games... Matched a career-best effort with three blocked shots... Has five double-figure scoring games this season (5-0) and nine in his career... Reached double figures in scoring in consecutive games for the first time in his career (15.0 ppg)... Led San Diego State in scoring for the second time this season and the fourth time in his career... Led the team in rebounding for the fourth time this season and the seventh time in his career.

### Trey Kell – 15 points, 3 rebound, 2 assists, 0 turnovers

Reached double figures in scoring for the 14th straight game, which continues a career-long streak... He has 19 double-digit scoring games this season (16-3) and 26 double-digit scoring games in his career (21-5)... Has at least one three-pointer in 15 straight games... Has multiple treys in eight of his last nine games... Matched a career high with four three-pointers.

## Jeremy Hemsley — 13 points, 3 rebounds, 1 assist, 0 turnovers, 22 minutes

After not playing last Saturday and missing a majority of practice this week, Hemsley came off the bench to score 13 points... It marked the fifth straight game in which he has played that he reached double figures... He has 22 double-figure scoring games this season... He made his only three-point field goal attempts and now has a trey in four straight contests.