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San Diego State Postgame Notes vs. [6] New Mexico Mountain West Tournament Championship Thomas & Mack Center | Las Vegas, Nev. Saturday, March 16, 2024

Final Score: [6] New Mexico 68, [5] San Diego State 61

Records: San Diego State: 25-9 overall; New Mexico: 25-10 overall

Next Game: 2024 NCAA Tournament | vs. TBA | First Round | TV: TBA | Radio: San Diego Sports 760

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Big Notes

- San Diego State's seven consecutive Mountain West championship appearances and 16 overall championship appearances are a league record.
- Jaedon LeDee becomes San Diego State's single-season scoring leader with 696 points, passing Michael Cage's 686 set in the 1983-84 campaign.
- Jaedon LeDee becomes the 37th Aztec with 1,000 career points while playing at San Diego State.
- Jaedon LeDee's 13.2 points per game improvement (21.1 from 7.9) from last season is the second-highest improvement of any Aztec 1,000-point scorer (Jamaal Franklin, 14.5 (17.4 from 2.9 from 2010-11 to 2011-12)).
- Jaedon LeDee set an Aztec record with 81 points in a Mountain West tournament, easily passing the previous team record of 62 set by Chase Tapley in the 2012 tournament.
- Jaedon LeDee was named to the all-Mountain West tournament team after averaging 27.0 points and 10.0 rebounds per game.
- San Diego State falls to 175-57 (.754) under head coach Brian Dutcher, including a 27-11 (.711) mark in games played in March.

Mountain West Tournament Notes

- San Diego State falls to 7-9 all-time in Mountain West Championship games.
- San Diego State falls to 44-18 in the Mountain West tournament for a winning percentage of 71.0 percent. The 44 wins are still easily the most by any team current or former in league history (second currently is tournament host UNLV with 29).
- San Diego State fell to 17-4 in its last 21 Mountain West tournament games.
- San Diego State falls to 10-2 in its last 12 postseason games (5-1 in MW tournament, 5-1 in NCAA Tournament).
- San Diego State falls to 8-2 as the No. 5 seed in the Mountain West tournament. The rest of the No. 5 seeds in the Mountain West tournament are 7-21.

Series Notes

- San Diego State falls to 45-51 all-time against New Mexico, including a 28-25 mark in the Mountain West era (since 1999-00).
- The Aztecs have still won seven of the last 11 (7-4) in the series.
- San Diego State falls to 7-5 against UNM under Brian Dutcher.

Team Notes

- The Aztecs fall to 4-1 this season and 33-15 under Brian Dutcher in neutral-site games.
- SDSU falls to 21-2 this season and 157-12 under Brian Dutcher when leading with five minutes to play. San Diego State has still won 411 of its last 427 games when leading with five minutes to play.
- SDSU outscores New Mexico, 11-1, off the bench.

Game Flow

- New Mexico won the tip.
- New Mexico's Jamal Mashburn Jr. made the first basket 32 seconds into the game.
- Micah Parrish scores San Diego State's first points on a jumper 1:49 into the game.
- San Diego State's first substitution was Reese Waters in for Lamont Butler 4:21 into the game.
- Jaedon LeDee, SDSU's leading scorer, didn't score until there was 4:09 left in the first half.
- The Aztecs trailed New Mexico by as many as 14 points with 2:45 left at 34-20, but outscored the Lobos, 10-2, to cut the lead to six points at the break at 36-30.
- New Mexico scored 10 points off SDSU's five turnovers in the first half, while the Aztecs failed to score off three UNM turnovers.
- San Diego State assisted on nine of its 12 field goals in the first half.
- SDSU took its first lead of the game at 44-43 with 12:12 left in the second half on a Reese Waters jump shot.
- San Diego State was outscored, 9-2, over the final 2:30 of the game.
- The game had eight lead changes and seven ties.
- SDSU led for 6:38 of the game, while New Mexico led for 30:24 (the game was tied for the other 3:58).
- Scores at each media timeout:
 - 1st Half, 15:38: New Mexico 10, San Diego State 7 (-3)
 - 1st Half, 11:49: New Mexico 16, San Diego State 8 (-8)
 - 1st Half, 6:37: New Mexico 27, San Diego State 18 (-9)
 - 1st Half, 3:49: New Mexico 32, San Diego State 20 (-12)
 - Halftime: New Mexico 36, San Diego State 30 (-6)
 - 2nd Half, 15:51: New Mexico 41, San Diego State 33 (-8)
 - 2nd Half, 11:44: San Diego State 44, New Mexico 43 (+1)
 - 2nd Half, 7:35: San Diego State 54, New Mexico 51 (+3)
 - 2nd Half, 5:33: San Diego State 59, New Mexico 57 (+2)
 - 2nd Half, 3:51: San Diego State 59, New Mexico 59 (tied)

Player Notes

Jaedon LeDee - 25 points, 7-12 FG, 11-11 FT, 6 rebounds, 2 assists, 1 steal

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Entering Today

- San Diego State was 15th in KPI
- San Diego State was 18th in NET
- San Diego State was 18th in KenPom
- San Diego State was 29th in T-Rank
- San Diego State was 35th in BPI