

# Departed Letterwinners

2011 NCAA SWEET 16 ► BACK-TO-BACK MOUNTAIN WEST CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS



## Mehdi Cheriet

**Jersey No. 42**

**Forward, Ht. 6-9, Wt. 225**

**High School: Albert Thomas (Tarare, France)**

**Previous School: Arizona Western College (Yuma, Ariz.)**

**Birthdate: April 12, 1987 (Tarare, France)**

**SDSU Letters (2): 2008-09, 2010-11**

A member of what could be considered as the best frontcourt in San Diego State history in 2010-11... A perimeter threat and ultimate team player... An outstanding student.

### At San Diego State

Spent three seasons on Montezuma Mesa... Played in 56 games and made two starts... Played 35 games, starting twice, in 2008-09 when SDSU advanced to the national semifinals of the NIT and won a then school-record 26 games... Used his redshirt season in 2009-10 to focus on his studies... Played in 21 games as a senior for a team that won a school-record 34 games and reached the Sweet 16 of the NCAA Tournament... Produced four double-figure scoring games and scored in 39 career outings... Grabbed a rebound in 20 of his final 30 games played...

### As A Senior (2010-11 Season)

Played in 21 games... Scored six or more points three times... Shot 87.5 percent from the free-throw line (7-8)... Shot 50 percent or better from the field seven times... In 18 minutes vs. San Diego Christian (11-26-10), he scored seven points and grabbed three rebounds; also connected on his first three-point field goal of the season... Had an impressive line vs. Wichita State (12-4-10): six points, 3-of-4 shooting, two rebounds in five minutes... In just two minutes at California (12-8-10), he blocked a career-high two shots... Played 12 minutes off the bench vs. San Diego... Matched his season high for rebounds (3), steals (1) and minutes played (24), and tied his career high with two assists vs. Occidental (12-31-10)... Scored a season-high eight points, tied his season high with three rebounds and one steal, and connected on a career-high tying two three-point field goals against Wyoming (1-29-11)... Played 10 minutes at Wyoming (3-1-11) and scored five points, a season-high three of which came off free throws... On Senior Night vs. Colorado State (3-5-11), scored two points and grabbed a rebound off the bench.

### As A Redshirt (2009-10 Season)

Practiced with the team throughout his redshirt season... Worked on his inside and outside game, along with his strength... Saw action on the scout team...

Named to the NABC Honors Court, which recognizes collegiate basketball student-athletes who excel in academics.

### As A Junior (2008-09 Season)

Played in 35 games and made two starts, which resulted in SDSU victories... Following the season, he was named to the 2009-10 NABC Honors Court, which recognizes collegiate basketball student-athletes who excelled in academics during the 2009-10 season... Scored in double figures on four occasions... Averaged 4.6 points and 2.2 rebounds... Played 22 minutes and recorded four points and five rebounds in his debut vs. UCSD (11-15-08)... Had two rebounds and a steal vs. No. 15 Arizona State (11-18-08)... Set career highs in points (9) and assists (1), while establishing a season best in rebounds (3) vs. Fresno State (11-22-08)... Recorded one point and one assist vs. Western Carolina (11-28-08) in the quarterfinals of the Great Alaska Shootout... Had a career day vs. Seattle (11-28-08) in the semifinals of the Great Alaska Shootout with a personal-best 11 points, including four field goals and two three-pointers, one assist and one blocked shot... Made his third straight three-pointer and scored seven points vs. Hampton (11-29-08) in the championship game at the Great Alaska Shootout... Connected on his only shot attempt of the game, a three-point field goal, and had a career-high two assists at Northern Colorado (12-3-08)... Played seven minutes off the bench vs. San Diego (12-6-08)... Scored five points vs. Saint Mary's (12-13-08)... Tallied four points and four rebounds vs. UCSB (12-20-08)... Went for nine points and three rebounds vs. CS Northridge (12-22-08)... Scored a career-high 14 points on 4-of-5 shooting vs. Arkansas-Pine Bluff (12-29-08)... Scored for the sixth straight game, his longest streak of his career, at Air Force (1-3-09)... Posted career numbers in rebounds (6), field goals (4), three-pointers (2) and three-pointers attempted (3) and scored 12 points vs. New Mexico (1-21-09)... Tallied a career-high 14 points on a personal-best seven field goals at BYU (1-24-09)... Scored six points and stole two balls vs. TCU (1-28-09)... Had six points, three rebounds and an assist at Colorado State (1-31-09)... Started his first career game at UNLV (2-3-09) and had four points, three

rebounds, one assist, a career-high one blocked shot and one steal in a career-best 30 minutes... Started his second straight game and went for six points vs. Air Force (2-7-09)... Had three rebounds in 10 minutes at Utah (2-11-09)... Had a career-high two assists at New Mexico (2-21-09)... Matched his career high with two assists vs. BYU (2-24-09)... Collected a season-high six rebounds and scored eight points at TCU (2-28-09)... Connected on his first three-point attempt in nine games and finished with seven points vs. Colorado State (3-4-09)... Had four points and recorded four rebounds versus BYU in the MWC semifinals (3-13-09)... Pulled down three rebounds in 19 minutes vs. Utah in the MWC championship game (3-14-09)... Scored three points vs. Weber State (3-17-09) in the first round of the NIT... Had two points and two rebounds vs. Kansas State (3-20-09) in the second round of the NIT... Scored seven points and contributed one assist vs. Saint Mary's (3-25-09) in the NIT quarterfinal round... Played 11 minutes and posted two points and a rebound in the semifinals of the NIT vs. Baylor (3-31-09).

### As A Sophomore at Arizona Western College (2007-08 Season)

Was ranked as the 17th-best junior college player according to jucojunction.com's Top 200 list... Named an NJCCA Division I preseason honorable mention All-American prior to the campaign... Played for the under-20 French national team in the European Basketball Championships before starting his sophomore season... Guided Arizona Western to its first Arizona Community College Athletic Conference (ACCAC) regular season title since 2005, while being named to the All-Region I and All-ACCAC first teams... Selected to play in the NJCCA Men's Basketball Coaches Association's third annual National All-Star Game... AWC finished the year with a 26-3 overall record and a 20-2 in conference play... Earned ACCAC Division I player of the week and NJCCA Division I co-player of the week honors after leading the Matadors to a pair of wins with averages of 18.5 points and 7.0 rebounds... Ended his tenure at AWC averaging 12.1 points, while shooting 48.0 percent from the field and 40.2 percent from three-point distance in 27 games.

### As A Freshman at Arizona Western College (2006-07 Season)

Guided Arizona Western to its third straight JUCO Region I championship and an appearance in the NJCAA district finals where they lost to College of Southern Idaho... The Matadors finished the season with a 27-6 overall record... Was the lone freshman in the starting lineup and scored in double figures in 11 of the final 14 games... Averaged 11.0 points and

5.3 rebounds, while shooting 53.6 percent from the field.

### High School

Attended Albert Thomas in Roanne, France, prior to enrolling at Arizona Western College.

### Personal

Full name is Mehdi Cheriet... Born April 12, 1987, in Tarare, France... Son of Ali and Nathalie Cheriet... His uncle played professional basketball in France... A good student, he earned his way onto the Dean's List at Arizona Western with a GPA of 3.7... Studied biology at San Diego State.

### ► Mehdi Cheriet's Career Statistics

Year	G-GS	Min.-Avg.	FG-FGA	Pct.	3P-3PA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	OR	DR	Reb	Avg.	PF-D	AT	TO	BS	ST	Pts	Avg.
2008-09	35-2	494-14.1	62-130	.477	14-47	.298	23-35	.657	29	47	76	2.2	59-3	21	22	9	8	161	4.6
2010-11	21-0	150-7.1	14-36	.389	3-19	.158	7-8	.875	10	10	20	1.0	24-0	4	8	4	3	38	1.8
<b>Totals</b>	<b>56-2</b>	<b>644-11.5</b>	<b>76-166</b>	<b>.458</b>	<b>17-66</b>	<b>.258</b>	<b>30-43</b>	<b>.698</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>83-3</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>3.6</b>

**THE STAT CREW SYSTEM**  
**SAN DIEGO STATE Individual Game-by-Game (as of Apr 29, 2011)**  
**All games**

**#42 CHERIET, Mehdi**

Opponent	Date	gs	min	Total		3-Pointers		Free throws		Rebounds				pf	a	t/o	blk	stl	pts	avg
				fg-fga	pct	3fg-fga	pct	ft-fa	pct	off	def	tot	avg							
UC SAN DIEGO	11-15-08		22	0-3	.000	0-2	.000	4-6	.667	2	3	5	5.0	0	1	1	1	0	4	4.0
15/15 ARIZONA STATE	11-18-08		10	0-3	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1	1	2	3.5	2	1	0	0	1	0	2.0
FRESNO STATE	11-22-08		20	3-9	.333	1-3	.333	2-2	1.000	2	1	3	3.3	3	1	1	1	0	9	4.3
vs WESTERN CAROLINA	11-27-08		9	0-2	.000	0-1	.000	1-2	.500	0	1	1	2.8	0	0	1	1	0	1	3.5
vs SEATTLE	11-28-08		11	4-6	.667	2-2	1.000	1-3	.333	2	1	3	2.8	2	1	0	1	0	11	5.0
vs HAMPTON	11-29-08		14	3-6	.500	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	2	0	2	2.7	5	1	0	0	0	7	5.3
at NORTHERN COLORAD	12-03-08		13	1-1	1.000	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	2.4	1	2	1	0	0	3	5.0
SAN DIEGO	12-06-08		7	0-1	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	2.1	1	0	0	0	0	0	4.4
at ARIZONA	12-10-08		7	1-2	.500	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	2.0	1	0	1	0	0	3	4.2
vs SAINT MARY'S (CA)	12-13-08		13	2-4	.500	1-3	.333	0-0	.000	0	1	1	1.9	1	0	0	0	0	5	4.3
UC SANTA BARBARA	12-20-08		10	2-3	.667	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	4	4	2.1	1	1	1	0	1	4	4.3
CAL STATE NORTHRIDG	12-22-08		16	3-6	.500	0-1	.000	3-3	1.000	1	2	3	2.2	2	0	2	0	0	9	4.7
ARKANSAS-PINE BLUFF	12-29-08		16	4-5	.800	2-2	1.000	4-4	1.000	2	1	3	2.2	5	1	0	0	0	14	5.4
at AIR FORCE	01-03-09		11	1-4	.250	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	2.1	0	1	1	0	0	2	5.1
UTAH	01-10-09		5	1-2	.500	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	1	0	1	2.1	0	0	0	0	0	2	4.9
at WYOMING	01-14-09		6	1-2	.500	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	2	0	2	2.1	1	0	0	1	0	2	4.8
NEW MEXICO	01-21-09		13	4-6	.667	2-3	.667	2-3	.667	3	3	6	2.3	3	2	1	0	0	12	5.2
at BRIGHAM YOUNG	01-24-09		19	6-8	.750	1-3	.333	1-1	1.000	1	2	3	2.3	0	0	1	0	0	14	5.7
TCU	01-28-09		21	3-7	.429	0-3	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	2.2	2	0	0	0	2	6	5.7
at COLORADO STATE	01-31-09		19	3-5	.600	0-1	.000	0-2	.000	1	2	3	2.3	3	1	0	0	0	6	5.7
at UNLV	02-03-09	*	30	2-5	.400	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	0	3	3	2.3	4	1	2	1	1	4	5.6
AIR FORCE	02-07-09	*	24	2-5	.400	0-3	.000	2-3	.667	0	1	1	2.2	1	0	0	0	1	6	5.6
at UTAH	02-11-09		10	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	3	3	2.3	2	0	1	0	1	0	5.4
WYOMING	02-14-09		17	1-5	.200	0-3	.000	0-0	.000	1	0	1	2.2	2	0	1	1	0	2	5.3
at NEW MEXICO	02-21-09		20	2-4	.500	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1	1	2	2.2	1	2	1	0	0	4	5.2
BRIGHAM YOUNG	02-24-09		16	1-2	.500	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	2.1	0	2	1	0	0	2	5.1
at TCU	02-28-09		20	4-5	.800	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	2	4	6	2.3	5	0	1	0	0	8	5.2
COLORADO STATE	03-04-09		15	3-5	.600	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	1	1	2	2.3	1	1	1	1	1	7	5.3
UNLV	03-07-09		3	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	2.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	5.1
vs BRIGHAM YOUNG	03-13-09		12	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	2	2	4	2.3	4	0	0	0	0	0	4.9
vs UTAH	03-14-09		19	0-1	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	1	2	3	2.3	2	1	0	0	0	0	4.7
WEBER STATE	03-17-09		16	1-5	.200	0-1	.000	1-2	.500	1	1	2	2.3	2	0	1	1	0	3	4.7
KANSAS STATE	03-20-09		13	1-3	.333	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	2	2	2.3	2	0	0	0	0	2	4.6
SAINT MARY'S (CA)	03-25-09		6	2-2	1.000	1-1	1.000	2-2	1.000	0	0	0	2.2	0	1	0	0	0	7	4.7
vs BAYLOR	03-31-09		11	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	0-2	.000	0	1	1	2.2	0	0	2	0	0	2	4.6
Totals		2	494	62-130	.477	14-47	.298	23-35	.657	29	47	76	2.2	59	21	22	9	8	161	4.6

Games played: 35  
Minutes/game: 14.1  
Points/game: 4.6  
FG Pct: 47.7  
3FG Pct: 29.8  
FT Pct: 65.7

Rebounds/game: 2.2  
Assists/game: 0.6  
Turnovers/game: 0.6  
Assist/turnover ratio: 1.0  
Steals/game: 0.2  
Blocks/game: 0.3

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at LONG BEACH STATE	11/13/10	7		0-2	.000	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	1	0	1	1.0	2	1	1	0	1	0	0.0
at GONZAGA	11/16/10	2		0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1	0	1	1.0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.0
vs GREEN BAY	11/20/10	6		0-1	.000	0-1	.000	2-2	1.000	0	1	1	1.0	1	0	1	0	0	2	0.7
vs IUPUI	11/21/10	7		0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.8	1	0	1	0	0	0	0.5
at MIAMI (OH)	11/22/10	9		0-1	.000	0-0	.000	2-2	1.000	0	0	0	0.6	1	0	0	0	0	2	0.8
SAN DIEGO CHRISTIAN	11/26/10	18		3-4	.750	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	1	2	3	1.0	2	0	1	0	0	7	1.8
WICHITA STATE	12/04/10	5		3-4	.750	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	2	0	2	1.1	0	0	0	0	0	6	2.4
at CALIFORNIA	12/08/10	2		0-1	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	1.0	1	0	0	2	0	0	2.1
SAN DIEGO	12/11/10	12		1-2	.500	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.9	2	0	0	1	0	2	2.1
CAL POLY	12/13/10	4		0-1	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.8	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.9
UC SANTA BARBARA	12/18/10	5		0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.7	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.7
OCCIDENTAL	12/31/10	24		1-3	.333	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	1	2	3	0.9	3	2	1	0	1	2	1.8
at TCU	01/05/11	3		0-3	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	2	0	2	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1.6
at NEW MEXICO	01/15/11	4		0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.9	1	0	0	0	0	0	1.5
WYOMING	01/29/11	15		3-6	.500	2-5	.400	0-1	.000	0	3	3	1.1	2	1	1	1	1	8	1.9
at COLORADO STATE	02/02/11	6		0-1	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	1.1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1.8
TCU	02/05/11	2		0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1.7
UTAH	02/08/11	7		1-2	.500	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1	0	1	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	2	1.7
at UNLV	02/12/11	1		0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.9	1	0	0	0	0	0	1.6
at WYOMING	03/01/11	10		1-2	.500	0-1	.000	3-3	1.000	0	1	1	1.0	3	0	0	0	0	5	1.8
COLORADO STATE	03/05/11	1		1-2	.500	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1	0	1	1.0	0	0	1	0	0	2	1.8
<b>Totals</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>14-36</b>	<b>.389</b>	<b>3-19</b>	<b>.158</b>	<b>7-8</b>	<b>.875</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>1.8</b>

Games played: 21  
Minutes/game: 7.1  
Points/game: 1.8  
FG Pct: 38.9  
3FG Pct: 15.8  
FT Pct: 87.5

Rebounds/game: 1.0  
Assists/game: 0.2  
Turnovers/game: 0.4  
Assist/turnover ratio: 0.5  
Steals/game: 0.1  
Blocks/game: 0.2