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Postgame Softball Notes – rv/rv [3] San Diego State vs. [4] Cal State Fullerton **Game 5 of NCAA Tempe Regional | May 21, 2022 | Farrington Stadium | Tempe, Ariz.**

Records: San Diego State (39-15), Cal State Fullerton (37-22)

Up Next: [3] San Diego State vs. No. 8/5 [1] Arizona State at 3 p.m. PT Sunday in NCAA Regional final

Big Notes

- San Diego State advanced to the regional final for the sixth time out of its 12 NCAA tournament appearances (also 2001, 2006, 2011, 2012 and 2015).
- San Diego State won its 39th game of the season, its most since winning 40 games in 2014 and tied for the fifth-most wins in school history.
- The Aztecs improved to 39-15, currently the best winning percentage (.722) in school history (the 2008 team finished with a .721 winning percentage at 44-17)).
- SDSU rallied from a 5-0 deficit to win, its second-largest deficit overcome this season (San Diego State trailed, 7-0, and won, 9-8, in eight innings).
- **C Danielle Romanello** hit SDSU's second grand slam in a NCAA Regional, joining Patrice Jackson against San Jose State on May 18, 2013.

NCAA Tournament Notes

- The Aztecs improved to 18-23 all-time in the NCAA tournament.
- San Diego State advanced to the regional final for the sixth time out of its 12 NCAA tournament appearances (also 2001, 2006, 2011, 2012 and 2015).
- SDSU improved to 18-14 all-time in the NCAA tournament as a neutral team (SDSU is 0-9 as the road squad).
- The Aztecs improved to 6-9 all-time in Tempe, Arizona, in the NCAA tournament.
- SDSU improved to 10-11 all-time in the NCAA tournament when playing as the No. 3 seed.
- San Diego State has scored 26 runs in its three NCAA tournament games, which easily has broken its previous tournament record of 16 in 2014 (also three games).

Team Notes

- San Diego State now has three grand slams on the season, including two by Mac Barbara and one by Danielle Romanello.
- The Aztecs have scored 26 runs over the three NCAA Tempe Regional games, which is tied for their most this year over a three-game stretch (also vs. Army West Point (two games) and Southern Utah from Feb. 18-19).

Trends

- San Diego State improved to 37-4 on the year when leading at any point in the game.
- SDSU won its 21st consecutive game and improved to 27-3 on the season when leading after five innings.
- San Diego State won its 22nd straight game and improved to 24-1 on the year when leading after six innings.
- SDSU improved to 23-6 in night games (start times past 4:30 p.m. local).

- San Diego State improved to 8-14 when its opponent scores first.

Player Notes

* **Danielle Romanello, Sr., C (2-for-2, HR, 4 RBI, 1 R, 1 BB)**

Had her first career grand slam ... The grand slam was just SDSU's second in its NCAA tournament history (also Patrice Jackson against San Jose State on May 18, 2013 at the same Farrington Stadium) ... It was SDSU's third grand slam of the season (also Mac Barbara twice) ... The four RBIs tied a career high (third time of career, second time this season) ... Was 0-for-18 over her previous 18 at-bats before tonight.

* **Allie Light, So., P (5.0 IP, 0 R, 1 H, 1 BB, 7 K)**

Improved to 7-3 on the season ... Had a career-high seven strikeouts in a career-high five innings pitched ... Has tossed eight scoreless innings (career long is 10 innings) ... After entering the NCAA Tempe Regional with a 5-3 record and 3.83 ERA in 45 2/3 innings, she is 2-0 with a 0.64 ERA in 11 innings at the regional, striking out 13 with just two walks.

* **Bella Espinoza, Fr., RF (1-for-4, 2 SB)**

Recorded her 67th hit of the season, which extended her true freshman record for most in a season (second is 64) and is tied for the eighth most in SDSU single-season history ... Espinoza's 66 singles this year are also a school record (second is 64) ... Now has 15 stolen bases on the season, tied for the fourth most by a true freshman in program history.

Other Notes

- The game started at 8:25 p.m. PT, one hour and 20 minutes past its scheduled time of 7:05 p.m. PT because of previous games.
- With a single, DP **Mac Barbara** has reached base safely in 51 of the team's 54 games this year.
- 1B **Taylor Adams** had her career long streak of reaching base safely snapped at 17 games.
- 2B **Jillian Celis** recorded her sixth multi-run game of the season.

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