

AZTEC BASKETBALL

DEFENDING MOUNTAIN WEST CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS | FIVE STRAIGHT POSTSEASON APPEARANCES | FIVE CONSECUTIVE 20-WIN SEASONS



Postgame Notes

No. 4 San Diego State at No. 9 Brigham Young ▶ Jan. 26, 2011

Final Score: No. 9/9 Brigham Young 71, No. 4/4 San Diego State 58

Records: San Diego State: 20-1, 5-1 MWC; Brigham Young: 20-1, 6-0 MWC

Next Game: Saturday, Jan. 29, vs. Wyoming | Viejas Arena | 7 p.m. MT | The Mtn. | AM 600 KOGO

TEAM NOTES

* SDSU had its 20-game winning streak snapped with the defeat. The run was the second-longest active winning streak in the nation and the longest in school history.

* San Diego State, which entered the game as one of two undefeated teams in the nation, drops to 20-1.

* The 20 Aztec victories are the second-most in America.

* SDSU is 5-1 in conference play, which ties for the best six-game mark in the 12-year history of the Mountain West Conference. The 2005-06 team started MWC action 9-1 en route to the regular-season and tournament titles.

* At 20-1, San Diego State is one of four teams with only one loss (Kansas, Duke, BYU).

* No. 4 San Diego State, which is 20-1, is off to its best start in 90 seasons of basketball.

* The 20-game winning streak was the longest in history, which spans 90 seasons.

* The Aztecs had the following streaks snapped...

...20-game winning streak, which was the longest in school history.

...11-game road/neutral winning streak (7 road, 4 neutral), which was a school record.

...10-game winning streak over MWC foes, with just three of the 10 coming at home.

...9-game true-road-game winning streak (dating to last year), which was the second-longest in the nation (Ohio State - 11).

PLAYER NOTES

* **Kawhi Leonard (team-high 22 points, game-high 15 rebounds, 2 assists, 1 blocked shot, 1 steal)** - Produced his seventh 20-point performance of the season (10th career), all of which have come away from home... Moved into second place in San Diego State history with his 31st career double-double... He has 14 double-doubles this season... Posted his seventh career 15-rebound game and his third in his last four outings... Reached double-figures in scoring for the 18th time this season after reaching the plateau in the first half... Led the team in rebounding for the 15th time this year and he now has 15 double-digit rebounding games this year (34 career)... Led the team in scoring for the ninth time this season.

* **Malcolm Thomas (10 points, 6 rebounds, 1 assist, game-high 2 blocked shots)** - Logged his 14th career double-figure scoring game and his first since scoring 14 vs. UNLV on Jan. 12... Blocked a game-high two shots, marking the sixth straight game in which he has blocked multiple shots... The streak is a career best.

* **D.J. Gay (2 points, 2 rebounds, game-high 4 assists, 2 steals, 0 turnovers)** - Did not commit a turnover and now has seven turnover-free games this season and 12 with one turnover or less... Dished out a game-high four assists for the second time in his last three outings... He has led the team in assists 11 times this season and 45 times in his career... Has 11 assists and one turnover in his last three games.

* **Chase Tapley (8 points, 2 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 steals)** - Knocked down multiple three-point field goals for the third straight game and eighth time this year... Has scored eight points or more in three straight games, which marks the first time he has accomplished the feat this season.

* **James Rahon (7 points, 2 rebounds)** - Scored seven points, which is his most since scoring 15 vs. Occidental on Dec. 31... Made 1-of-2 three-point field goals, marking a season-high seventh consecutive game he has connected on a three-pointer... Made two two-point field goals, marking his first made field goal inside the arc since the Cal Poly game on Dec. 13, 2010.

GAME TIDBITS

* There were 15 lead changes and seven ties in the contest.

* San Diego State missed on four field-goal attempts while trailing by four points from the 7:23 to the 4:54 mark of the second half.

* The loss snapped San Diego State's 25-game winning streak when leading at the half.

* The Aztecs enjoyed a 42-35 rebound advantage and outscored Brigham Young 13-2 in second-chance points.

* San Diego State shot a season-low 31.3 percent in the second half of tonight's game. It was a season low for either half.