



## SAN DIEGO STATE AZTECS MEDIA RELATIONS

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**Postgame Notes: vs. [11] Syracuse | NCAA Championship, First Round | Friday, March 19, 2021  
Hinkle Fieldhouse | Indianapolis, Ind.**

### **FINAL EDITION: Syracuse 78, No. 16/18 San Diego State 62**

Records: No. 16/18 San Diego State (23-5 overall; 14-3 Mountain West); Syracuse (17-9 overall; 9-7 ACC)

#### **BIG NOTES**

- San Diego State's 14-game winning streak, the second longest active streak in the nation, was snapped in the defeat. It marked San Diego State's first loss since dropping a game at Utah State on Jan. 16.
- This snapped San Diego State's five-game winning streak against "power" conference schools. During the stretch, the Aztecs recorded victories over Creighton, Iowa, Utah, UCLA and Arizona State. Only the game against the Bruins was played at home.
- This game snapped a streak of 15 consecutive games in which the Aztecs trailed at the half, dating back to Jan. 14 at Utah State.
- San Diego State ends the season 18 games above .500. That is tied for the fifth best mark in school history.

#### **THE DECK WAS STACKED AGAINST US**

- This marked the 80<sup>th</sup> time this season a Division I team has made at least 15 three-point field goals and shot 50 percent or better from three-point range. Those teams are 72-8.
- San Diego State set season lows for free throws (3), free throw attempted (7), points in a half (18) and field goal percentage in a half (22.6).
- Syracuse set season highs for an Aztec opponent in points (78), field goals (26), field goal percentage (55.3), three-point field goals (15), three-point field goal percentage (55.6), blocked shots (8), points in a half (tied, 46) and field goal percentage in a half (71.4).
- The 55.3 percent field goal shooting is the highest for an Aztec opponent since Boise State shot 56.9 percent on Jan. 5, 2019.
- This is the first time an Aztec opponent has shot 55.3 percent from the field and 55.6 percent from three-point range in a game since 3-3-03 in a game against Colorado State.
- San Diego State falls to 0-5 lifetime when playing in the 6-11 NCAA tournament game. Twice the Aztecs have lost as a six-seed to the 11 and three times SDSU has lost as an 11-seed to the six.

#### **OTHER GAME NOTES**

- San Diego State committed just five turnovers. That is tied for the fewest in NCAA tournament play this season through the end of day Thursday. The five turnovers match a season low for the Aztecs (also: vs. San Jose State, 2-8-21). In its final five games of the season, the Aztecs had a total of 39 turnovers (7.8 topg).
- San Diego State scored first (Nathan Mensah), snapping a 16-game winning streak when the Aztecs had the first points (last loss: vs. UNLV, 2-22-20).
- This marked just the second time an SDSU opponent shot above 50 percent from the field in a game this season (at Air Force, 1-22-21). It is just the 12<sup>th</sup> time an opponent has hit that mark in the Dutcher era (SDSU is 2-10 in those games).

- San Diego State lost for the first time when wearing the throwback (Kawhi Leonard era) shorts (7-1).

## PLAYER NOTES

### **Jordan Schakel – 17 points, 5-13 3FGs, 5 rebounds**

Tied for team-high honors with 17 points... This marked the first time Schakel has scored 15 or more points this season and the Aztecs did not win the game... SDSU finished the season 14-1 this season and 21-2 in his career when he scores 15 or more points... Reached double figures for the 21<sup>st</sup> time this season and the 51<sup>st</sup> time in his career... He led or tied for the lead in scoring for a team-high 13<sup>th</sup> time this season and the 18<sup>th</sup> time in his career... He made five three-point field goals to move past Chase Tapley and into third-place on the school's all-time career list with 225... His 17 points give him 1,034 for his career, passing Leonard Allen and placing him in a tie for 30<sup>th</sup> place with Dave Miller on the school chart... Schakel ends his career having made at least one three-point field goal in each of his last 28 games (every game this season)... This marked the 38<sup>th</sup> time in his career that he has had at least three treys in a game (34-4)... Had five rebounds and pulled down 99 rebounds in his last 21 games (4.7 rpg).

### **Matt Mitchell – 17 points, 8 rebounds, 4 assists**

Tied for team-high scoring honors, something he did 11 times this season and 24 times in his career... Recorded his 22<sup>nd</sup> double-digit scoring game this season and the 79<sup>th</sup> in his career... Led the team in rebounding for the 10<sup>th</sup> time this season and the 24<sup>th</sup> time in his career... Had 15 or more points for the 33<sup>rd</sup> time in his career (SDSU went 30-3 in those games)... Ends his career with 1,471 (that is sixth in school history), 564 rebounds (21<sup>st</sup> in school history), 224 assists... With eight rebounds, Mitchell passed Malcolm Thomas and moved into 21<sup>st</sup> place in school history... Mitchell started his 108<sup>th</sup> game which is the ninth-highest total in school history... This is the first time this season a San Diego State player had a game with at least 17 points, eight rebounds and four assists (last time: Malachi Flynn vs. UNLV, 2-22-20)... Mitchell became the first Aztec to do that in an NCAA tourney game since Jamaal Franklin did it on Mar. 24, 2013.

### **Trey Pulliam – 8 points, 2-3 3FGs, 6 assists, 4 rebounds, 3 steals**

Led the team with six assists, the 20<sup>th</sup> time he did that this season... Pulliam led the team in assists in each of the last six games... He scored or assisted on nine of San Diego State's 24 made field goal attempts... He ends the season with a team-high 99 assists... Pulliam is the first Aztec player to post an 8-6-4-3 game since Malachi Flynn did it against Air Force on March. 5, 2020... It is the first time an Aztec player has posted those numbers in an NCAA tournament game since Richie Williams did it against Indiana on 3-16-06.

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