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San Diego State Postgame Notes – vs. No. 12/15 Gonzaga

Final Score: San Diego State 72, [12/15] Gonzaga 70

Next Game: Wednesday, Dec. 27, at Wyoming, 7 p.m. MT / 6 p.m. PT | ESPN3 | 101.5 KGB, XTRA Sports 1360, Fox Sports IE 1350

General Team Notes

- San Diego State improves to 8-3 on the season, matching its best record after 11 games since the 2013-14 squad opened 10-2.
- Brian Dutcher owns the best 11-game record of any SDSU first-year coach in the Division I era and the best record since Don Delauer and Dick Mitchell opened the 1942-43 season with an 8-3 mark.
- San Diego State is 12-1 in its first home game following its last 13 home losses (lone defeat was vs. No. 2 Kansas, 70-57, on Dec. 22, 2015).
- San Diego State is 70-7 in its last 77 home games dating back to Nov. 22, 2008.
- San Diego State handed Gonzaga its first true road loss since Feb. 13, 2016, when the Bulldogs lost at No. 16 SMU, 69-60. The Bulldogs had won 12 straight road games prior to tonight. This was the nation's longest active NCAA road win streak entering tonight.

Nationally Ranked Notes

- San Diego State defeats its first nationally ranked opponent since a 72-58 victory over No. 14 California on Nov. 26, 2015 in Las Vegas.
- This is the highest-ranked AP Top 25 team the Aztecs have defeated since Jan. 14, 2012, when SDSU defeated No. 12 UNLV, 69-67.
- This is the highest-ranked non-conference AP Top 25 win by the Aztecs since defeating No. 11 Gonzaga, 79-76, on Nov. 16, 2010.
- San Diego State is 6-2 in its last eight home games against AP Top 25 teams.
- San Diego State is 8-7 in its last 15 games against AP Top 25 teams regardless of the location.

Series Notes

- The all-time series between the teams is now tied, 2-2.
- SDSU has won two of the three meetings since the 2010-11 campaign.

WCC Notes

- The Aztecs have won 16 of their last 18 games vs. teams that were member of the West Coast Conference at game time.
- SDSU has won 11 of its last 13 games vs. current members of the West Coast Conference.
- San Diego State is 2-0 against the league this season – wins against Gonzaga and at San Diego.

Team Specific Game Notes

- San Diego State started Devin Watson, Jeremy Hemsley, Matt Mitchell, Malik Pope and Kameron Rooks. San Diego State improved to 3-0 on the season when starting this group.
- San Diego State scored the first 11 points of tonight's game.
- The Aztecs held the Bulldogs without a field goal on their first seven attempts of the game. SDSU held Gonzaga without a make on its first six three-point field goal attempts.
- San Diego State improves to 7-1 this season, 70-9 in its last 79 times and 78-4 in its last 82 home games when leading at the half.
- Gonzaga averages 91.8 points per game entering tonight and its lowest point total for a game this season was 72 points. The Bulldogs scored 23 first-half points and was held to a season-low 70 points (lowest since 71-65 loss to North Carolina in the NCAA Championships, April 3, 2017).
- Of San Diego State's 72 points tonight, 42 were scored by individuals that were not on the SDSU active roster last season.

- San Diego State was led in scoring by two freshmen – Matt Mitchell (15) and Jalen McDaniels (15).
- San Diego State shot only 36.1 percent from the field but made its last two attempts, three of its last four (3-of-4) and seven of its last nine (7-9) field goal attempts. Freshman Jalen McDaniels made three of SDSU's last seven attempts from the floor.
- This marks the first time SDSU has defeated a nationally ranked opponent shooting this low of a percentage from the field since defeating No. 25 Utah (32.7 percent) on Nov. 18, 2014.

Player Notes

Jalen McDaniels – 15 points, 10 rebounds, 5-8 FGs, 5-6 FTs, 28 minutes

Scored a career-high 15 points... Posted his second career double-double with 15 points and 10 rebounds... Reached double figures for the third time in his career (SDSU 3-0 in those games)... Had his second double-double (2-0)... In his last three games, McDaniels has 38 points, 26 rebounds and is 14-of-20 from the field (70.0 percent)... Led SDSU in scoring for the second time (2-0) and rebounding for the third time (3-0)... He had 10 points and five rebounds in the second half... Led the team in rebounding for the third time in his career (3-0) ... Led the team in scoring for the second time (2-0).

Matt Mitchell – 15 points, 5 rebounds, 36 minutes

Posted his seventh double-digit scoring game of the season... It is the seventh time in eight games he has scored 10+ points after failing to do so in his first three college games... Played a career-high 36 minutes in the game... Played 35 or more minutes in consecutive games for the first time in his career... Mitchell was a team-best +11 in the game... Led the team in scoring for the second time (2-0).

Trey Kell – 14 points, 4 rebounds, 4 assists, 23 minutes played

Returning from injury, recorded 14 points (most since Washington State, Nov. 26), four rebounds (most since Washington State, Nov. 26), four assists (most since Georgia, Nov. 24) in 23 minutes of action... Scored 12 points and had four assists in the second half... It was the seventh double-digit scoring game of the season and the 65th of his career... Led the team in assists for the third time this season (3-0) and the 33rd time in his career.

Devin Watson – 10 points, 3 assists, 28 minutes played

Reached double-figures in scoring for the seventh time this season and the 49th time in his career... Had seven points and two assists after intermission.

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