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San Diego State vs. New Mexico Postgame Notes Steve Fisher Court at Viejas Arena | San Diego, Calif. February 16, 2024

Final Score: San Diego State 81, New Mexico 70

Next Game: Tuesday, Feb. 20 | 7 p.m. MT/6 p.m. PT | at Utah State | Dee Glen Smith Spectrum | Logan, Utah | TV: CBS Sports Network
| Radio: San Diego Sports 760

Lead Changes: 1 | Ties: 1

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Big Notes

- The Aztecs win their 19th straight home game, the longest active winning streak in the country (through games of Feb. 16).
- The 19-game home winning streak is SDSU's third longest in program history.
- San Diego State has gone 398 days since its last home loss (Jan. 14, 2023 vs. New Mexico).
- The Aztecs improve to 87-11 (.888) in Mountain West home games since the start of the 2013-14 season (since the current configuration of the league started), the best winning percentage in the league (No. 2 is Boise State at .792).
- **F Jaedon LeDee** records his 14th 20-point game of the season.
- LeDee Became just the third player under Brian Dutcher to record at least 20 points and 4 steals in a game, joining Jalen McDaniels (Jan. 26, 2019 vs. UNLV) and Devin Watson (Nov. 30, 2017 at San Diego).
- **Brian Dutcher** now has at least 20 victories in all seven seasons as head coach. Dutcher extends his school record for most consecutive 20-win seasons to start his coaching career.
- **G Miles Byrd** became the first Aztec since at least the 1996-97 season to record at least 4 blocks and 6 assists in the same game.

Team Notes

- San Diego State moves to 35-1 in its last 36 games at Steve Fisher Court since Jan. 24, 2022, with its only loss coming against New Mexico (65-74 on Jan. 14, 2023).
- The Aztecs improve to 13-0 at Steve Fisher Court at Viejas Arena this season and are the only program in the Mountain West to have an undefeated home record this season.
- In the Brian Dutcher era, San Diego State is 96-10 (.906) at Steve Fisher Court at Viejas Arena, including a 77-6 mark (.928) over the team's last 83 home games.
- San Diego State is now 4-2 this season, 23-7 under Brian Dutcher, and 45-12 in its last 57 games which have been contested on a Friday.
- SDSU moves to 16-8 against New Mexico at Viejas Arena and is 28-24 against the Lobos, regardless of location, since the inception of the league in 1999-00.
- Head Coach Brian Dutcher improves his career record to 171-53 (.763), which is the sixth-best active winning percentage in the nation since he took the helm of the Aztecs program prior to the 2017-18 season.
- SDSU's bench outscores its opponent's bench for the 18th consecutive game after achieving it in just three of its first eight contests.
- SDSU stands at 116-27 under Brian Dutcher and 242-52 in its last 294 games when outscoring the opponent's bench.
- San Diego State halts New Mexico's four-game road win streak in Mountain West games, its longest since it won five straight in the 2016-17 season.
- Under Brian Dutcher, the Aztecs are 41-9 in games in February and as a program has won 68 of its last 90 (68-22) games in the second month of the year.
- As a program, SDSU is now 257-143 (.643) all-time in Mountain West games.
- SDSU outscores New Mexico in the following situations:
 - 25-15 off the bench
 - 12-10 in second-chance opportunities
- SDSU held New Mexico guard Jamal Mashburn Jr. to two points on 1-for-10 shooting from the floor with the basket coming with 13 seconds left in the game. It was the fewest points in a Mountain West game for Mashburn Jr. and matches his fewest in three seasons at New Mexico.

Series Notes

- San Diego State is now 45-50 in the all-time series with New Mexico and moves to 16-8 against the Lobos in Viejas Arena, including eight wins in the last 10 meetings on the Aztecs home floor.
- In the Mountain West era (since the start of the 1999-00 season), SDSU sits at 28-24 against the Lobos.
- Head coach Brian Dutcher's record against New Mexico improves to 7-4, including a 4-1 record against the Lobos at Steve Fisher Court.
- In games decided by 10 points or more at Viejas Arena, SDSU is 9-4 against New Mexico.

Game Flow

- New Mexico won the tip.
- Jalen House scored the first points of the game on a 3-pointer at the 19:45 mark.
- San Diego State scored its first points on a pair of free throws by Darrion Trammell at 19:15.

- Trailing, 12-9, at the 13:56 mark of the first half, SDSU went on a 20-6 run over 7:04 to take an 29-18 lead with 6:52 to play.
- New Mexico battled back in the game with an 8-0 run over 31 seconds to reduce a 56-43 deficit to 56-51 with 10:46 to play.
- Elijah Saunders went on a personal eight-point run to push the Aztecs lead to 70-59 with 4:21 to play.
- SDSU led for 33:09 out of the 40 minutes and only trailed for 5:28.
- Scores at each media timeout:
 - First Half, 15:55: San Diego State 7, New Mexico 7
 - First Half, 12:00: San Diego State 14, New Mexico 12 (+2)
 - First Half, 7:24: San Diego State 27, New Mexico 16 (+11)
 - First Half, 3:51: San Diego State 31, New Mexico 20 (+11)
 - Halftime: San Diego State 39, New Mexico 28 (+11)
 - Second Half, 15:10: San Diego State 47, New Mexico 38 (+9)
 - Second Half, 13:09: San Diego State 50, New Mexico 43 (+7)
 - Second Half, 11:18: San Diego State 54, New Mexico 43 (+11)
 - Second Half, 7:38: San Diego State 60, New Mexico 55 (+5)
 - Second Half, 4:21: San Diego State 70, New Mexico 50 (+11)
 - Final: San Diego State 81, New Mexico 70 (+11)

Player Notes

Jaedon LeDee – 23 points, 7-10 FG, 3 rebounds, 2 assists, 4 steals

Scored in double figures for the 25th time this season in 25 appearances... Now has 44 career double-figure scoring games, 36 of which have come in the 64 games he has played as an Aztec... Recorded his 14th 20-point game of the season... Led SDSU in scoring for the 18th time this season and 22nd time of his career... SDSU improved to 9-1 on the season when he goes to the line at least 10 times... Finished the week (two games) averaging 25.0 points, 4.5 rebounds and 2.5 steals per game, while drawing 21 fouls (10.5 per game)... Over the last three halves, has totaled 45 points... His four steals were a career high... Became just the third player under Brian Dutcher to record at least 20 points and 4 steals in a game, joining Jalen McDaniels (Jan. 26, 2019 vs. UNLV) and Devin Watson (Nov. 30, 2017 at San Diego).

Lamont Butler – 13 points, 2 rebounds, 1 assist, 3 steals

Reached double-figures in points for the 12th time this season and 38th time in his career... Had multiple steals for the eighth time this season (SDSU is 7-1) and 43rd time of his career (38-5).

Elijah Saunders – 12 points, 5-8 FG, 2-4 3PTFG, 3 rebounds

Scored in double figures for the fourth time this year (and career)... It was his most points since scoring 13 at UC San Diego on Dec. 1, 2023... Had multiple three-pointers for the fifth time this season (SDSU is 5-0) and sixth time of his career (6-0).

Jay Pal – 6 points, 7 rebounds, 2 assists, 3 steals

Made his second start as an Aztec... Had seven rebounds (and four offensive rebounds) for a second straight game... Set a season high with three steals, the same number he had combined over his last five games.

Miles Byrd – 3 points, 2 rebounds, 4 blocks, 6 assists, 1 steal, +14 plus/minus ratio

Had a career-high four blocks (previous high was two)... Matched a career high with six assists... Led the team in assists for the second time of his career... His +14 plus/minus ratio was the highest on the team... Became the first Aztecs since at least the 1996-97 season to record at least 4 blocks and 6 assists in the same game.

Entering Today

- San Diego State was one of five teams in the top 100 in the NET without a Quad 2, 3 or 4 loss.
- San Diego State was 18th in NET.
- San Diego State was 19th in KenPom.
- San Diego State was 17th in KPI.
- San Diego State was 26 in T-Rank.
- San Diego State was 35th in BPI.

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