

AZTEC BASKETBALL

FOUR CONSECUTIVE POSTSEASON APPEARANCES, FIVE STRAIGHT 20-WIN SEASONS



Postgame Notes

Final Edition

Colorado State at San Diego State ► March 3, 2010

Final Score: San Diego State 68, Colorado State 55

Records: San Diego State: 21-8; 10-5 MWC, Colorado State: 15-14; 6-9 MWC

RPI Entering Today's Games: San Diego State: 36, Colorado State: 118

Next Game: Sat., March 6, at Air Force | Colorado Springs, Colo. | 6 p.m. PT | **TV:** The Mtn. | **Radio:** AM 600 KOGO

GENERAL NOTES

- ▶ San Diego State is 7-1 this season in the game immediately following a loss. The Aztecs are 10-1 in their last 11 games following a defeat dating back to last season.
- ▶ San Diego State has won eight consecutive games against teams outside the AP Top 25 and has won 16 straight contests at home against teams that were unranked at game time.
- ▶ Overall, San Diego State has won five of its last six games and seven of its last nine contests.
- ▶ San Diego State ends the home portion of the 2009-10 regular season with a 14-1 home record. The Aztecs have won 19 of their last 20 home games (19-1), 29 of their last 31 home games (29-2) and 48 of their last 54 home games (48-6).
- ▶ With 21 victories on the season, the 2009-10 campaign is now tied for 10th on the school's all-time single-season win list.
- ▶ With 10 conference victories, the 2009-10 campaign now ties for the seventh-most conference victories on the single-season list. This is the second straight season and the fourth time in five years that SDSU has won at least 10 league games.

GAME NOTES

- ▶ SDSU used its seventh different starting lineup this season.
- ▶ San Diego State never trailed in the game this evening.
- ▶ San Diego State improves to 18-2 when ahead at the half.
- ▶ Colorado State did not score in the first 2:55 of tonight's game and did not have a field goal until the 15:48 mark of the first half.
- ▶ San Diego State was 14-for-18 (.778) from the free-throw line.

PLAYER NOTES

- ▶ **D.J. Gay (16 points, 4 assists):** Gay posted his 16th double-figure scoring game of the season and his 35th of his career... He knocked down multiple three-pointers for the 15th time this year... Gay had at least four assists for the 14th time this season.
- ▶ **Kawhi Leonard (14 points, 15 rebounds):** Leonard recorded his 14th double-double of the season, which extends his freshman school record... The freshman reached double figures in rebounding for the 16th time this season... His double-figure scoring effort is his 19th of the year... Leonard logged his third game with at least 15 rebounds
- ▶ **Kelvin Davis (8 points):** Davis made his fifth start of the season, 10th start as an Aztec and 11th start of his college career tonight. It marked the first time he has started since getting the nod against Northern Arizona on Nov. 28, 2009... The Aztecs are now 4-1 this season and 7-3 in his career when in the starting five... Davis knocked down multiple three-pointers for the eighth time this year
- ▶ **Malcolm Thomas (10 points, 8 rebounds, 5 assists, 2 blocks):** Thomas posted his third game this season with at least five assists... The junior blocked at least two shots for the 12th time this year and for the second straight game... Thomas grabbed at least seven rebounds for the 15th time in his last 19 games and for the 21st time this year.
- ▶ **Chase Tapley (6 points):** With Davis earning the starting nod on senior night, Tapley had his string of 15 consecutive starts come to an end.
- ▶ **Ben Kneller (1 point (1-for-2 FT):** San Diego State senior manager Ben Kneller dressed tonight for the first time in his career and entered with 1:09 remaining in the game when he subbed for Brian Carwell. Kneller was cleared by the NCAA Clearinghouse at 1:45 p.m. today, paperwork certifying his status was complete at 2:30 p.m. and he had a physical at 4 p.m. today. The paperwork was faxed to the conference office at 4:30 p.m. making him eligible for tonight's game. Kneller was not informed that he might dress for today's game until 2 p.m. today. He becomes the second student-manager to dress for the Aztecs during the Steve Fisher era following in the footsteps of David Velasquez (2006-07). That season, Velasquez played in four games, recording two missed three-point field-goal attempts and one steal in four minutes of action. Velasquez, who now serves as the director of player development, helped guide that Aztec team to a 22-11 record and to the second round of the NIT. Making his first appearance, Kneller went 1-for-2 from the free-throw line for one point in one minute of action.

