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**San Diego State Postgame Notes vs. [3] Utah State
Mountain West Tournament Championship
Thomas & Mack Center | Las Vegas, Nev.
Saturday, March 11, 2023**

Next Game: 2023 NCAA Tournament | vs. TBA | First Round | TV: TBA | Radio: San Diego Sports 760

Records: San Diego State: 27-6 overall; Utah State: 26-8 overall

Final Edition

Big Notes

- San Diego State extends its league record with its 16th Mountain West overall championship.
- San Diego State extends its league record with its seventh Mountain West tournament championship (also 2002, 2006, 2010, 2011, 2018 and 2021).
- San Diego State improves to 7-8 all-time in Mountain West Championship games.
- San Diego State now has more Mountain West Championship victories (7) than any other league team has MW Championship appearances except for UNLV (eight appearances, 3-5 record).
- San Diego State wins its third championship as a No. 1 seed (also 2006 and 2021).
- San Diego State wins its 45th game at Thomas & Mack Center since the start of the 2008-09 campaign. That is the most victories by any team in the nation in any venue in which it has not played a home game (Villanova is second with 37 wins at Madison Square Garden).
- San Diego State improves to 42-17 in the Mountain West tournament for a winning percentage of 71.2 percent. The 42 wins are the most by any team – current or former – in league history (second currently is tournament host UNLV with 29).
- San Diego State's 34 conference tournament wins since the 2008-09 season are the most in the country over that span (Gonzaga is second at 32).
- San Diego State improves to 17-4 as the No. 1 seed in the Mountain West tournament and 1-0 as the No. 1 seed against the No. 3 seed.
- San Diego State improves to 8-2 all-time against the No. 3 seed in the Mountain West tournament.
- San Diego State wins all three games against Utah State in the same season for the first time since 2015-16.
- San Diego State wins its fourth straight game against Utah State, and is now 18-9 all-time against USU and 18-6 since the Aggies joined the Mountain West in the 2013-14 season.
- The Aztecs claim their second straight Mountain West championship against Utah State (also 2021).
- San Diego State has won 10 of its last 11 games (10-1).
- SDSU improves to 146-46 (.760) under Brian Dutcher.

Series Notes

- San Diego State leads the all-time series with Utah State, 18-9.
- San Diego State is now 18-9 all-time against USU and 18-6 since the Aggies joined the Mountain West in the 2013-14 season.
- The Aztecs have won four consecutive games against the Utes, their longest streak since a series-long 11-game streak from Jan. 25, 2014-Feb. 9, 2019.

- SDSU is 4-3 against Utah State in neutral locations, including a 4-2 mark at the Thomas & Mack Center.

Team Notes

- SDSU wins its 10th straight game when scoring first, and is now 20-2 on the season and 102-22 under Brian Dutcher when scoring first.
- The Aztecs move to 23-2 this season and 133-10 in the Brian Dutcher era when leading with five minutes to play.
- SDSU won its eighth straight game when outrebounding its opponent and is now 22-2 on the season (107-12 under Brian Dutcher),
- San Diego State wins its 19th straight game when attempting more free-throws than its opponent and improves to 21-1 on the season (and 96-8 under Brian Dutcher).
- The Aztecs improve to 18-3 on the season when committing fewer turnovers than their opponent and 100-19 under Brian Dutcher.
- SDSU improves to 9-2 on the season in games played on Saturday and 42-20 under Brian Dutcher.

Game Flow

- San Diego State won the tip.
- The Aztecs scored on their opening possession, a dunk by Keshad Johnson 16 seconds into the game.
- SDSU's first substitutions were F Jaedon LeDee for Nathan Mensah and F Aguek Arop for F Keshad Johnson, and came 3:38 into the game.
- SDSU trailed by 11 points with 6:57 remaining in the first half (26-15), but ended the half on a 13-3 run.
- San Diego State forced one Utah State turnover via shot clock violation and forced five shot clock violations for the Mountain West tournament (also two vs. Colorado State and two vs. San Jose State).
- Scores at each media timeout:
 - 1st Half, 15:57: Utah State 6, San Diego State 4 (SDSU -2)
 - 1st Half, 10:57: Utah State 14, San Diego State 12 (SDSU -2)
 - 1st Half, 7:52: Utah State 23, San Diego State 15 (SDSU -8)
 - 1st Half, 3:54: Utah State 27, San Diego State 20 (SDSU -7)
 - Halftime: Utah State 29, San Diego State 28 (SDSU -1)
 - 2nd Half, 14:52: San Diego State 35, Utah State 34 (SDSU +1)
 - 2nd Half, 11:51: San Diego State 39, Utah State 34 (SDSU +5)
 - 2nd Half, 6:37: San Diego State 46, Utah State 44 (SDSU +2)
 - 2nd Half, 3:02: San Diego State 53, Utah State 46 (SDSU +7)
 - Final: San Diego State 62, Utah State 57 (SDSU +5)
- San Diego State outscored Utah State, 33-16, off the bench.
- The Aztecs outscored the Utes, 14-12, in second chance points.

Entering Today

- San Diego State was 15th in KenPom
- San Diego State is 15th in NET
- San Diego State was 8th in KPI
- San Diego State was 9th in T-Rank
- San Diego State was 30th in Sagarin
- San Diego State was 25th in BPI

Player Notes

Matt Bradley – 16 points, 2 rebounds, 1 steal

Was named the tournament's most valuable player... Also made the all-tournament team... Scored in double figures for the 23rd game of the season (SDSU is 18-5) and 120th time of his career... Led SDSU in scoring for the 14th time this season.

Jaedon LeDee – 13 points, 10 rebounds, 1 assist

Was named to the all-tournament team... Logged his second double-double of the season and third of his career... Recorded the first double-double by an Aztec in a Mountain West tourney game since Yanni Wetzell against Utah State on March 7, 2020... In three games against Utah State this year, LeDee is

averaging 12.0 points and 7.7 rebounds per game with two double-doubles... Reached double figures in scoring for the ninth time this season (SDSU is 9-0) and 17th time of his career... Reached double figures in rebounding for the third time this season... Led the team in rebounding for the 10th time this season and 16th time of his career.

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